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DEEKSHA DIVAS CELEBRATED GRANDLY AT TELANGANA BHAVAN

# CM Revanth trying to erase Telangana's identity: KTR

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

The Deeksha Divas programme commemorating KCR's historic Deeksha in 2009 was celebrated with grandeur at the Telangana Bhavan in Hyderabad.

The event saw the enthusiastic participation of MLAs, MLCs, former legislators, senior leaders and members of the BRS.

A rally led by BRS Working President KT Rama Rao (KTR) started from the Basavarakam Cancer Hospital in Banjara Hills and concluded at Telangana Bhavan, underscoring the significance of the day in Telangana's history.

Addressing the gathering, KTR urged the young to remember the struggles that paved the way for Telangana's formation.



"Three generations endured oppression for Telangana. Forgetting our past struggles would be a grave mistake. We

must teach future generations about self-respect and the sacrifices that achieved Telangana," he emphasised.

KTR launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing him of undermining Telangana's self-respect.

"Revanth's attempts to erase KCR's legacy is an assault on Telangana's history. Replacing Telangana Mother's statue with that of Rahul Gandhi's father and removing Kakatiya architectural elements from the state emblem is a betrayal of Telangana's aspirations," KTR said.

He hailed the suspension of land acquisition in Lagcharla as a victory for Telangana's tribals, Dalits, BCs and farmers.

"This triumph belongs to the people, not real estate mafias. We will continue resisting exploitation of Telangana's lands," he said, reiterating the BRS's commitment to protecting public interests.

## Jagadish recalls KCR's opposition to power tariff hike

PNS ■ NALGONDA

Telangana now proudly occupies a prominent place on the global map owing to the relentless efforts of K Chandrashekar Rao when he was chief minister, said BRS leader and former Minister G Jagadish Reddy on Friday.

Addressing a gathering of party leaders and functionaries at the Bharat Rashtra Samithi office, Jagadish Reddy highlighted that the KCR has left an indelible imprint on the state's history, a legacy that will forever be etched in the chronicles of Telangana's struggle and triumph in its journey to statehood.

He recalled how KCR, refusing to accept the World Bank's involvement in Telangana's agriculture sector and his opposition to increase the electricity charges, he made a brave decision to leave the TDP and form the TRS.

# KCR's family turned golden but not Telangana: Mahesh

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Declaring that KCR deceived people in the name of Golden Telangana, TPCC chief B. Mahesh Kumar Goud said that KCR's family became Golden Family but not Telangana. He said the KCR family looted Telangana left and right.

Moreover, KCR made Telangana debt-riddled by borrowing Rs 8 lakh crore, Mahesh said and added that the Congress government has been paying interest for KCR's loans.

Addressing the Panchayati

Raj Sangathan meeting held at the Gandhi Bhavan under the leadership of Sangathan Chairman Siddeshwar on Friday, Mahesh said the BRS government neglected Panchayats. Many Sarpanches committed suicide as the BRS government failed to pay their bills, he said.

Mahesh said the Congress came to power due to the hard work of its village activists. He said the Congress government took the caste census as an important one as it is an idea of Rahul Gandhi.

The TPCC chief said that caste census will do 'justice' to

the poor. Panchayati Raj Sangathan President Harshvardhan Sakpal said that the Rajiv Gandhi Panchayati Raj Sangathan has been working well in Telangana.

Telangana leaders have been implementing decisions taken at the national level effectively. He asked Telangana leaders to conduct a workshop with 100 senior Sarpanches.

Panchayati Raj Sangathan Telangana chairman Siddeshwar said that they have conducted all programmes given by the AICC in a big way in the state.

## CM to address Peddapalli Yuvasakti Sabha on Dec 4

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Chief Minister Revanth Reddy will attend the Yuvasakti Sabha in Peddapalli on December 4, where he will distribute appointment letters to approximately 9,000 individuals.

Industries and IT Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu revealed this during a high-level review meeting held at the Secretariat on Friday to discuss preparations for the event.

The meeting, chaired by Sridhar Babu, was attended by Chief Secretary Shanti Kumari, Roads and Buildings Department Special Chief Secretary Vikas Raj, Home Secretary Ravi Gupta, and other senior officials, including Principal Secretaries

Sridhar, Sandeep Sultania, and Christina Chongthu. Peddapalli Collector Harsha, Ramagundam Police Commissioner and officials from various departments also attended the meeting.

Sridhar outlined the highlights of the event, emphasizing that the programme is being organized to commemorate the completion of one year of the 'people's government'.

The Chief Minister will distribute appointment letters to 8,143 individuals selected for Group IV services, 442 Civil Assistant Surgeons and newly recruited SCCL employees.

The event will also witness the signing of agreements with seven agencies collaborating with the state's Skill University.

## Centre sanctions 2 TG eco-tourism projects

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

The Centre has sanctioned two eco-tourism projects in TG under the State/Union Territories for Capital Investment (SASCI) Scheme to develop iconic tourist destinations to global standards, Union Minister of Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy said in a social media post.

Rs 141.84 Crore has been sanctioned for the Ramappa Region Sustainable Tourism Circuit. Rs 73.74 crore for the Somasila Wellness & Spiritual Retreat and Rs 68.10 crore for Nallamala, Kishan said in his post.

## 'Younger generation needs to be taught about KCR, TG history'

PNS ■ SIDDIPET

Former Minister Harish Rao delivered a powerful address during the Diksha Divas programme held in Siddipet, reflecting on the sacrifices, struggles, and leadership that culminated in the formation of Telangana. He emphasised the pivotal role played by KCR in achieving statehood, stating, "Without KCR, there would be no November 29, no December 9,

no June 2—and no Telangana." Harish Rao shared how the Diksha Divas event evoked nostalgic memories of the Telangana movement. "The photo gallery and the stories of sacrifices reminded me of the grit and determination that defined our fight for Telangana," he said. He reiterated the responsibility to teach younger generations about the state's history, the role of KCR, and the sacrifices of martyrs.

In a scathing critique of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Harish Rao accused him of failing to honour Telangana's legacy. "Revanth Reddy never once said 'Jai Telangana' during the movement, nor did he place a flower for martyrs or face a single case. His only case is the infamous 'Cash for Vote' scandal," he remarked. Rao questioned the Congress leader's commitment, highlighting how he now speaks against KCR but never actively

participated in the struggle.

He also criticised leaders like Kishan Reddy and TDP MLAs for their lack of genuine support during the movement. "Revanth talks about erasing KCR's legacy, but he cannot erase the hunger strikes, the December 9 announcement, or the sacrifices that brought Telangana into existence," he said.

Harish Rao pointed to the recent Lagicherla incident, where tribals resisted the estab-

lishment of a pharma company. "Revanth surrendered under pressure and canceled the project. This is a pattern of his leadership—canceling Metro Rail expansion, shelving Pharma City, and now stalling progress in Lagicherla," Rao criticized.

Rao recounted the historic 1,531-day Diksha camp in Siddipet, which became a symbol of the movement's resilience.

## ED attaches Rs 5.34 cr worth assets of medical colleges

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

The Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Hyderabad Zonal Office, has provisionally attached assets worth Rs 5.34 crore belonging to private medical colleges under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. This action is part of an ongoing investigation into a seat-blocking scam for postgraduate (PG) medical admissions under the management quota.

The investigation was initiated based on an FIR registered by Matwada Police Station in Warangal following a complaint from the Registrar of Kalaji Narayana Rao University of Health Sciences (KNRUHS). The complaint alleged that certain students with high NEET PG ranks were being used to block seats under the management quota. The university's warnings of legal action prompted some students to claim they had never applied for registration under this quota, raising suspicion.

The ED's probe revealed that private medical colleges, in collusion with consultants and middlemen, engaged in seat-blocking practices using the credentials of high-ranking students. These stray vacancies, once released to the colleges, were treated as institutional quota seats, enabling the colleges to charge fees up to three times the standard amount for the MQ1 management quota.

## Cong to fight for upholding 'integrity of electoral process'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress Working Committee met here on Friday and adopted a resolution alleging the integrity of the entire electoral process was being severely compromised against which the party would soon launch a movement.

In the resolution of the top body of the Congress, the party said free and fair elections is a Constitutional mandate that was being called into "serious question by the partisan functioning of the Election Commission".

The CWC, which met amid the ongoing Winter Session of Parliament, said the session has been a washout so far because of the Narendra Modi government's "stubborn refusal" to have an immediate discussion on three pressing national issues -- "the recent revelations regarding corruption by a business group, and the violence in Manipur and Uttar Pradesh's Sambhal". Asked why the Congress Working Committee (CWC) resolution does not name the business group, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said, "The answer is the Adani group".

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## Govt okays science centres in Kodangal, Sultanpur

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

The Telangana Government has granted administrative approval for the establishment of two science centres under the Telangana Council of Science and Technology (TGCOST).

These centres will be located in Kodangal in Vikarabad district, and at the JNTU Campus in Sultanpur in Sangareddy district. The projects fall under Category III, Type "B", with funding to be jointly shared by the Central and state governments.

The GO issued by Principal Secretary Ahmad Nadeem said the decision was made after a proposal from the Member Secretary of TGCOST. The proposal emphasized the importance of these centres in promoting scientific knowledge and fostering innovation across Telangana.

The government asked the Member Secretary of TGCOST to take steps to implement the project efficiently. The order also received concurrence from the Finance Department to ensure seamless funding arrangements.

The science centres aim to enhance scientific awareness and education in their regions, serving as hubs for research and development. The centres are expected to play a significant role in inspiring students and professionals to explore the fields of science and technology.

## KTR, Praveen 'conspiring' on Gurukul issues

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Terming BRS Working President KT Rama Rao as 'Psycho Rao', Forests, Environment and Endowment Minister Konda Surekha said that KTR is conspiring about Gurukuls along with BRS leader RS Praveen Kumar.

She said that Praveen had a role in the campaign regarding food poisoning in gurukuls across the state and that the government knows everything about this. The government is conducting a comprehensive investigation into that, she added.

She said that Revanth would continue as the Chief Minister for at least 10 more years even if KTR conspires against him.

## TGEJAC asks Govt to waive agri loans of low-level staff

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

The Joint Action Committee of Telangana Employees, Gazetted Officers, Teachers, Workers & Pensioners (TGEJAC) has appealed to the government to consider low-income employees also for the farmers' loan waiver scheme and other assistance.

The leaders of the Joint Action Committee of Telangana Employees, Gazetted Officers, Teachers, Workers & Pensioners met the Agriculture Minister and Revenue Minister and the Advisor to the Chief Minister, Vem Narender Reddy, and submitted a memorandum regarding this.

They said in their memorandum that most employees are from rural areas and hailed from poor families. Their livelihood depends on agricultural income from small, marginal holdings. Most of them depend on loans for investments on farms as they are lowly paid

employees. It is pertinent to note that to meet the education expenses of their children and other requirements they take loans from banks and the government. Therefore, the loans taken for farming are an additional burden on them and it may not be possible to clear them with their meagre salaries. They said that parents are becoming ineligible for crop loan waivers as one of their children is a government employee resulting in disputes in families.

"Therefore, we request to waive the crop loans of lowly paid employees up to Junior Assistant cadre in all departments in Telangana including Class-IV employees," they said.

The TGEJAC also appealed to the government to exempt from tolls the vehicles of officers on official duty across the state as field officers of the government are facing inconvenience while travelling from one place to another.

## 5% IR for staff ...

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the benefits of these employees with those of government employees and pensioners. The move seeks to address disparities in pay and ensure parity across various sectors.

As per the guidelines, the IR is restricted to institutions that have adopted the 2020 Revised Pay Scales. The government has stressed financial viability, indicating that no deviations to increase the relief will be allowed. However, lower rates may be adopted if necessary.

The IR will be implemented only when dearness allowance and other applicable allowances are paid in accordance with government norms.

The financial commitment arising from the implementation of this interim relief must be met entirely through internally generated resources. The government has clarified that no additional budgetary support or increase in government subsidies will be provided. Public sector enterprises and cooperative societies are also required to ensure that paying this relief does not lead to financial losses.

## CPM: No ...

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is a result of the 'pressure' exerted by the Communist parties. He said the withdrawal of the notification to acquire 632 acres of land belonging to 580 farmers happened due to the efforts of Left parties and that it is a victory for the people. It may be recalled that there was violence in Lagacharla when officials went there to organise a public hearing on the move to acquire land. However, repre-

sentatives of Left parties visited Lagacharla on Nov 21 and enquired about the violence.

The Left leaders met the Chief Minister on November 23 and submitted a memorandum regarding the incident. The Chief Minister responded immediately and announced that the government is not setting up the Pharma Village and that it is thinking of setting up an Industrial Pa

## Pharma Village ...

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Farmers had been opposing land acquisition for the Pharma Village in Lagacharla and five other villages. Vikarabad Collector Pratheek Jain and other officials went to Lagacharla village recently to conduct a public hearing.

However, the villagers tried to attack the Collector, Additional Collector Lingya Naik, Sub-Collector Uma Shankar Prasad and Kodangal Area Development Authority (KADA) Special Officer Venkat

Reddy with sticks and stones. The Collector and Additional Collector managed to escape without injuries. However, KADA Special Officer Venkat Reddy was seriously injured. DSP Srinivas Reddy, who tried to protect Venkat Reddy, also was injured in the attack. The villagers destroyed the windshields of the cars of almost all the officials. The police filed cases against several villagers including former Kodangal MLA Patnam Narender Reddy and sent them to jail.

Opposition leaders from the BJP and Communist parties visited Lagacharla. The Communist leaders met the Chief Minister and appealed to him to withdraw the land acquisition notification.

It is learnt that the government is thinking of issuing a new notification to acquire lands for an industrial park thinking that farmers will give lands for that without any complaint. The government thinks that there would not be any pollution if non-pharma

companies are allowed and is also thinking of giving priority to textile companies which can provide more jobs. It is learnt that the government is going to release a new notification for land acquisition for the industrial park soon.

The government withdrew the Lagacharla land acquisition notification as per Section 93 of the Land Acquisition Act-2013. Vikarabad Collector Pratheek Jain announced that the move to acquire land has been cancelled after a public hearing.

## Israel ready to ...

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for a 200-acre AI City and requested Israel's help for training experts in AI, cybersecurity and in reusing wastewater. He said that Telangana's Young India Skill University can provide skilled workers for industries in Israel.

Sridhar requested Israeli startups to collaborate in defence and aerospace and suggested that partnerships could make Telangana a global hub for exports. Ambassador Reuven Azar welcomed the suggestions and proposed collaboration in infrastructure development. He also invited Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Sridhar Babu to Israel. Photo caption: Minister D. Sridhar Babu and Israeli Ambassador Reuven at the Secretariat on Friday.

## Priority for poorest ...

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areas under Integrated Tribal Development Agencies (ITDAs). He also approved allowing beneficiaries the freedom to construct additional rooms in the allotted houses.

The CM recommended strengthening the Housing Department by appointing adequate officers and staff to ensure the scheme's effective implementation. He warned against any lapses or mistakes at the departmental level and asked officials to take precautions to maintain transparency and efficiency.

Housing Minister P. Srinivasa Reddy, Chief Minister's Advisor Vem Narender Reddy, Principal Secretary Chandrasekhar Reddy, Housing Secretary Dr Jyoti Buddha Prakash, Special Secretary VP Gautam and other officials attended the meeting.

## 50 lakh families ...

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In August 2023, the state ranked eighth in the country, and within a year, it rose to the fifth slot. It has set a new record by efficiently supplying an all-time high peak demand of 15,623 MW.

The government speeded up work on the Yadadri Thermal Power Plant to speed up delayed projects. Two units of the first phase were recently completed and integrated with the grid on September 12. Commercial production from one of the 800 MW units will commence soon during Praja Vijayotsav celebrations.

In an innovative move, the government plans to produce 4,000 MW of solar power through women's self-help groups. Solar power plants will be set up on four-acre plots, generating a MW each. A pilot project has also been launched in five villages, aiming for 100% solar energy usage. Emergency Response Teams have been deployed to ensure continuous power supply and to set right technical problems. 244 new substations are being set up across the state to meet growing demand effectively.

"Telangana has made significant progress in reviving its

power sector which was left burdened with debts of Rs 83,000 crore and pledged assets under the BRS administration.

The new government prioritized reforms aimed at benefiting farmers and the economically disadvantaged while ensuring sustainable development of the power sector," the white paper said.

Focusing on efficiency and capacity building, the government has launched measures to reduce extravagance in Transco, Genco, and Discoms. Plans are underway to introduce a Renewable Energy Policy to meet future demand.



Many farmers are saying that the bonus is better than the Rythu Bandhu assistance; so, keep only the bonus as every farmer is getting Rs10,000-15,000. We will continue only those schemes that benefit you. We will not mislead you (farmers) and make false assurances by saying Rythu Bharosa, bonus and crop insurance will be offered. We will speak the truth and deliver what is committed to you

- Tummala Nageshwar Rao, Agriculture Minister

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**Tough decisions have to be taken:**  
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 CHARM OF DECCANI ACCENT AND CUISINE

Keerthy Suresh confirms December  
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**DON'T MISS...**

**Encroachments major problem of water bodies**

The problems water bodies experience in most of the states is encroachments and lack of technical expertise, opined experts at a National Conference on Urban Biodiversity in Hyderabad. Musi River's pollution and State governments wing Hyderabad Disaster Response Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) remained the focal points in the conference. It was hosted by the National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai, and ICLEI- Local Governments for Sustainability, South Asia. It has brought together mayors, municipal ...

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**Tiger mauls woman to death in Asifabad**

In a tragic incident in Kumaram Bheem Asifabad district, a tiger mauled a woman to death, while she, along with several workers, were plucking cotton on Friday. The incident happened in the Easgoan village under Kagaznagar mandal. The 21-year-old woman, Morle Lakshmi, a resident of Gannaram village in Bengal Camp 6, died while undergoing treatment in a hospital. She went to the cotton field to pluck the cotton. While she was working, the tiger suddenly strayed into the cotton field and attacked ...

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**Over 40 pleas on EVMs rejected by SC, HCs**

In all, 42 petitions have been filed in the Supreme Court and various high courts questioning the electronic voting machines (EVMs), with the higher judiciary repeatedly holding that the machines are credible, reliable and tamper-proof, the government said in Lok Sabha on Friday. Responding to a question on safeguards to prevent tampering or hacking of the machines, Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal said according to the Election Commission (EC), EVM is a standalone machine...

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**Gill returns to nets after thumb injury**

Shubman Gill returned to the India nets on Friday, showing enough signs of a full recovery from a thumb injury that ruled him out of the series opener against Australia in Perth. Gill's absence was not felt in Perth as India won the game by 295 runs but considering his impressive run on the previous tour, the visitors need him at his best over the course of the five-match series. The top-order batter was seen facing Yash Dayal and Akash Deep in the nets ahead of the pink-ball warm-up game against Australian...

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**Israel ready to provide tech for Musi Project**

IT Minister D. Sridhar Babu held a meeting with Israeli Ambassador Reuven on Friday at the Secretariat. Later, he said that Israel is ready to provide technical expertise for the Musi Project launched by the Telangana Government. He said that Telangana can cooperate with Israel in AI, cybersecurity, defence, agriculture and water management. Sridhar highlighted Israel's leadership in these areas and sought its support to access advanced technologies. He also shared plans

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**Pharma Village to make way for Industrial Park?**

Govt withdraws Lagacharla land acquisition notification



PNS ■ HYDERABAD

The Telangana Government has decided to withdraw the Lagacharla land acquisition notification. The

government issued orders on Friday withdrawing the notification for acquiring 632 acres from 580 farmers to establish Pharma Village in the Lagacharla village of Dudyala

mandal in Vikarabad district. The government issued the notification on August 1 and had also placed advertisements in the media. However, it is learnt that the government is going to issue a new notification for acquiring land to establish an industrial park at the same place. It may be recalled that Lagacharla witnessed violence when the Vikarabad Collector Pratheek Jain went to Lagacharla to conduct a public hearing in connection with acquiring land for the Pharma Village. The incident created a sensation as the village is located in Chief Minister Revanthy Reddy's constituency Kodangal.

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**CPM: No industries on farmlands**

Expressing satisfaction over the government withdrawing the Lagacharla land acquisition notification, the CPM's State Secretary, Thammineni Veerabhadram, appealed to Chief Minister Revanthy Reddy to give up moves to establish industries on farmlands. He also appealed to the CM to immediately withdraw the cases filed against farmers, remove the police camp in Lagacharla and allow the use of harvesting machines.

In a statement issued here on Friday, Veerabhadram said that the cancellation of the Lagacharla land acquisition notification

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**Priority for poorest in Indiramma Housing Scheme: CM**

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

The poorest of the poor, including physically challenged individuals, agricultural labourers, landless people and sanitation workers should be given top priority while allotting houses under the Indiramma Housing Scheme, the CM told officials here on Friday.

Addressing a review meeting held at his residence, the Chief Minister stressed the need to prioritize beneficiaries who have land in the first



phase. He asked officials to make village secretaries and mandal-level officers accountable for smoothly implementing the scheme by using available technology. The CM also stressed the importance of developing a flawless Indiramma Housing mobile app to ensure that the beneficiaries face no difficulties throughout the process.

Highlighting the importance of inclusivity, the Chief Minister suggested introducing a special quota for tribals and

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**50 lakh families availed 200 units of free power since March**

Quality power supplied to 1.85 crore consumers without tariff hike

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

In its first year, the administration of Chief Minister Revanthy Reddy convened a special Assembly session to release a white paper on the sorry state of the state's power sector, highlighting past mismanagement.

A judicial commission was appointed to investigate irregularities in past power purchase agreements and delayed projects like the Yadadri and Bhadradi power plants. The free power scheme for agriculture introduced earlier during Congress rule continues uninter-



rupted. The government allocated Rs 10,444 crore for power subsidies, benefiting nearly 29 lakh farmers. Moreover, the administration assured uninterrupted quality power supply to 1.85 crore consumers without increasing tariffs, bringing much-

needed relief to citizens burdened by steep charges over the past decade.

Under the 'Gruhajyothi' scheme, households consuming up to 200 units of electricity now receive free power. Over 50 lakh families across the state have availed zero electricity bills since March. The government also provides free power to all its schools, colleges and educational institutions, benefiting 39,067 institutions with a subsidy of Rs 101.57 crore.

Telangana has also made history by surpassing several larger

**5% IR for staff of PSUs, co-ops & universities**

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

The Telangana Government has approved a five per cent Interim Relief (IR) on basic pay for regular employees of public sector undertakings (PSUs), cooperative societies and non-teaching staff of universities in the state.

This relief, announced on Friday, applies to those drawing salaries as per the 2020 Revised Pay Scales and also extends to pensioners from universities and cooperative institutions.

The order, issued by Special Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao came after the Public Enterprises Department proposed aligning

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**'Turkey keen on boosting ties with TG'**

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

After meeting with Turkey's Ambassador to India, Firat Sunel, IT Minister D. Sridhar Babu said that Turkey is keen to enhance ties with Telangana.

During their 30-minute discussion at the Secretariat on Friday, the two leaders explored ways to cooperate.

Sridhar highlighted the long-standing historical and cultural ties between Telangana and Turkey. He pointed out that Telangana provides a good environment for investments in sectors like agriculture,

pharmaceuticals, life sciences and commerce.

He asked the Ambassador to send an industrial delegation to explore Telangana's business ecosystem. Ambassador Firat Sunel welcomed the idea and expressed readiness to do that. Turkey's Consul General, Orhan Yaman Okan, also attended the meeting.

Photo caption: IT Minister D. Sridhar Babu seen with Turkey's Ambassador to India, Firat Sunel and the Turkish Consul General, Orhan Yaman Okan, at the Secretariat on Friday

**KCR's role in nod for Dilawarpur ethanol factory under lens**

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

In a major revelation, official documents released by the Telangana Government said that the controversial approvals for the Dilawarpur ethanol factory were granted as per the direct orders of former Chief Minister K. Chandrabab Naidu (KCR).

The documents said that approvals were speeded up under the KCR administration, raising serious concerns about irregularities and procedural violations. Allegations have emerged that these permissions were facilitated to benefit Minister Talasani's family sparking widespread criticism.

The Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) had proposed amendments to the Telangana Distillery (Manufacture of Spirits) Rules, 2006, including enhanced fees and Letters of Intent (LOI) for eight new primary distilleries.

These amendments, expected to generate Rs 16 crore in one-time revenue and Rs 25.38 crore annually, were approved by KCR without the prior ratification of the Cabinet.

Official correspondence reveals that "due to exigency," the approvals were fast-tracked, bypassing critical



steps like public consultations and clearances from gram panchayats and municipalities. The Congress says that the factory's approval process was riddled with discrepancies, including exemptions from mandatory environmental assessments and No Objection Certificates (NOCs).

There are allegations that these lapses were deliberate, enabling the factory to begin construction in a red zone without adhering to legal and environmental protocols. The documents also reveal that the approvals were processed under the TS-iPASS system, citing urgency.

**DOWNSTREAM MUSI: PARTING AMID POLLUTION**

From Nagole to Gowrelly there is a lot of land available for marquee projects proposed by the government for cleaning the Musi

The resemblance to Yamuna's plight underscores the urgent need for intervention to prevent the Musi from becoming another symbol of monumental neglect



The froth, thick and persistent, is a result of untreated industrial effluents, domestic sewage, and chemical runoff carried downstream from the city. This toxic foam is not just an eyesore. It signals dangerous levels of pollution, releasing harmful substances into the air and water

NAVEENA GHANATE naveena.ghanate@gmail.com ■ HYDERABAD

As part of its exploration of the Musi River along a 55-km stretch 'The Pioneer' traversed through the downstream stretch of the Musi River from Moosarambagh to Gowrelly in Hyderabad, to check the true extent of Hyderabad's impact on this water body.

Traversing through residential and industrial zones before exiting the city, the

river is full of untreated sewage, encroachments and alarming levels of pollution. The frothing in the Musi River is both alarming and symbolic of its degradation. This foamy layer, a visible by-product of untreated sewage, industrial effluents and chemical runoff, serves as a stark reminder of the unchecked pollution in the river.

From Nagole to Gowrelly there is a lot of land available for marquee projects proposed by the government for cleaning the Musi. At Moosarambagh causeway, the

Musi is a mere shadow of its former self. The riverbed is clogged with silt, garbage and invasive water hyacinth growth. A persistent stench of decaying waste and untreated sewage fills the air.

The bridge construction here is directly inside the riverbed. As the river reaches Nagole, it regains a semblance of its natural flow but the damage is evident.

Encroachments are fewer here inside the riverbed, but Uppal Bhagat and Nagole Metro stations are in the buffer zone of the Musi. The pollution from upstream continues to sully the waters. The river is lined with invasive plants, while drains pouring untreated sewage remain a consistent threat to its ecosystem.

At Gowrelly, the river offers a grim picture of what it carries from the city. Here the Musi River leaves Hyderabad and enters rural Telangana and the frothing reaches its most distressing state, reminiscent of the infamous foam-covered stretches of the Yamuna River.

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## CITY EVENTS

### Beginner salsa

Dance workshop with Jags & Karthik

#### Venue

District 150, Gate 6, Elixir Tower, Level 4, Knowledge City Rd, Madhapur, November 30th, 6pm

### TRIBUTE TO COLD-PLAY FT ALIVE

#### Venue

Hard Rock Cafe, GVK One Mall, Road No.1, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, November 30th, 8.30pm

### Weekend kids cooking camp

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#### Venue

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#### Venue

Multiple venues in Hyderabad till December 8

### NYU CARNIVAL

With singer KARTHIK

#### Venue

Boulder Hills, Hyderabad December 31



## School of Digital Media, Communication launched

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Mahindra University Chancellor Anand Mahindra inaugurated the School of Digital Media and Communication (SDMC) on Friday featuring advanced facilities like audiovisual and VR studios, podcast labs and an Apple lab.

The school aims to prepare students for the evolving media landscape with innovative, technology-driven education. The university also

announced a Master of Journalism and Mass Communication (MJMC) programme for 2025-26. Speaking at the event, Chancellor Mahindra emphasised the vision of nurturing future leaders, while Vice-Chancellor Dr Yajulu Medury highlighted the integration of global standards in education. Dean Dr Shashidhar Nanjundiah noted the school's focus on competency-building for responsible communication practices.

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON URBAN BIODIVERSITY

# 'Major problem water bodies experience is encroachments'

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■ HYDERABAD

The problems water bodies experience in most of the states is encroachments and lack of technical expertise, opined experts at a National Conference on Urban Biodiversity in Hyderabad. Musi River's pollution and State governments wing Hyderabad Disaster Response Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) remained the focal points in the conference.

It was hosted by the National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai, and ICLEI- Local Governments for Sustainability, South Asia.

It has brought together mayors, municipal commissioners, policymakers, environmental experts, forest officials, and urban planners from 35 cities in India, to discuss the pressing issue of biodiversity conservation in urban environments.

The knowledge exchange was on how cities across India can integrate biodiversity conservation into urban development.

Sanjay Prasad, Urban Planner, Kurseong Municipality and Dr Pranita Umredkar, General Manager,

Environment Division, Nagpur Smart and Sustainable City Development Corporation has detailed that every State has common urban challenges, mostly encroachments near water bodies and open spaces; Invasive species plantation, lack of coordination between stakeholders, rapid urbanisation and lack of technical expertise.

Later, detailing about the initiatives taken by the State government for rapid urbanisation and its impact on the rivers, V Krishna, IFS, said, "Musi River flowing for 254 kms length is a major tributary of Krishna River and was the water source and lifeline of Hyderabad for over a century. However, the Musi has emerged as the 22nd most polluted rivers in the world in terms of cumulative concentration of active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs), which are harmful to human, animal and plant health."

The State is working on creating thriving ecosystems, improving water quality and preserving natural habitats. In the first phase of the project, 20.5 km length will be taken up for development and construction of 39 sewage treatment plants (STPs) along the Musi River. The capacity of these 39 STPs is 965 million liters a day, he added.



The speakers highlighted that people have got awareness due to the formation of HYDRAA and it is protecting the lakes in Telangana.

The inaugural session marked the participation of Nayanben Pedhadiya, Mayor of Rajkot and Chairperson of Regional Executive Committee, ICLEI South Asia; Sarfaraz Ahmad, Metropolitan Commissioner of the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority, Raghu Kumar Kodali, Advisor to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India and Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi.

## Officials ignore 2BHK grievances despite multiple visits to Prajavani

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Officials at Prajavani started ignoring 2BHK grievances slowly after multiple visits by the same people, leading to mental illness among many women. A total of 416 grievance applications were submitted in Prajavani on Friday at the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Praja Bhavan.

When asked, Nasreen Begum from Ranga Reddy, an inter-faith married woman, shared her struggles, noting that her husband, once employed in the Gulf, is now at home due to a heart condition. She said that her family, including their child, live in a rented house without any property due to their marriage.

Nasreen shared that she worked at a Congress party office and cried out that she has pleaded with housing department officers for a 2BHK house, as they are facing severe financial strain due to her husband's treatment. She stated that while officials promise action before the media, no help has been offered.



Nasreen said that she submitted her grievance application three months ago and, despite regular follow-ups at Prajavani, officials have shown decreasing interest, giving the same response that her application is in process. Nasreen expressed frustration that even after explaining her husband's heart condition, no serious action has been taken, leading her to depression. She cried out that a house would help her care for her sick husband and child.

Meanwhile, Fathima from Uppal also raised her concerns over 2BHK issue. She cried out

that she is a single mother of two kids and a daily wage labourer. She mentioned that she has been visiting Prajavani for four months, requesting a 2BHK house. She stated that officials have been ignoring her grievance slowly, giving the same response along with many other Muslim minority women pleading for the 2BHK housing.

Fathima also vented out on the administration, saying it has ignored people's problems despite being in office for 11 months, prioritising unnecessary schemes over genuine needs of the poor.

## Workshop with global experts on plans for water bodies

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Musi Riverfront Development Corporation has hosted a workshop for international experts on actionable plans for water bodies.

It was in collaboration with Les Ateliers de Cergy, French Development Agency, who jointly organised a 13-day International Urban Workshop in Hyderabad.

The workshop, which began on November 25, will continue until December 6, under the theme "Water, Metropolitanization: A Bio-Climate City of Lakes - Hyderabad Comes Full Circle as the Health Capital of the World."

This workshop brings

together 15 local and international experts from countries including Angola, Argentina, France, India, Nepal and South Africa.

As part of the workshop, the participants conducted field visits in the city for two days examining water resources and ecosystems. The experts will propose innovative and actionable plans to public representatives and municipal officials regarding: Conservation of water bodies and lakes, Preventing sewage from contaminating lakes and Strengthening water ecosystems. At the conclusion of the workshop, three teams will present their proposals for implementing water conservation and quality restoration measures.



## Seminar on civil services exam

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

The seminar titled 'How to Achieve Civil Services in the First Attempt' was jointly organised at Geetanjali Engineering and Technology College in Keesara by 21st Century IAS Academy, VINGS Media, and G5 Media Group.

Speaking at the event, P Krishna Pradeep, Chairman of 21st Century IAS Academy, referenced a recent protest by 60 farmers from 60 villages in the Nirmal district of Telangana against an ethanol factory. He highlighted how



woman IPS officer Janaki Sharmila, an alumna of 21st Century IAS Academy, used the power and authority granted to her through the Civil Services to resolve this issue.

Krishna Pradeep expressed pride in Janaki Sharmila's success, stating that this example is a testament to the courage and leadership displayed by civil servants in society.

## Shalibanda Police Station ranked 8th best in India

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Telangana Director General of Police Dr Jitender has lauded the Shalibanda police station in Hyderabad for being ranked the 8th best police station in the country by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). The recognition was announced during the prestigious DGP/IGP Conference held in Bhubaneswar, placing Telangana Police in the spotlight on the national stage.

DGP Jitender expressed immense pride in this achievement and congratulated the Hyderabad Police Commissioner and the entire team at Shalibanda police sta-

tion. "I feel happy to inform that today in the DGP/IGP conference, Shalibanda police station of Hyderabad was declared the 8th best police station in the country by the Ministry of Home Affairs. Hearty congratulations to CP Hyderabad and the team. Congratulations to all," he stated.

This accolade highlights the dedication, professionalism and innovative policing practices of the Telangana Police. The DGP emphasised that such honours reflect the relentless efforts of the force to ensure public safety, effective law enforcement, and exemplary service to the community.

# DOWNSTREAM MUSI: PARTING AMID POLLUTION

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This toxic foam is not just an eyesore. It signals dangerous levels of pollution, releasing harmful substances into the air and water.

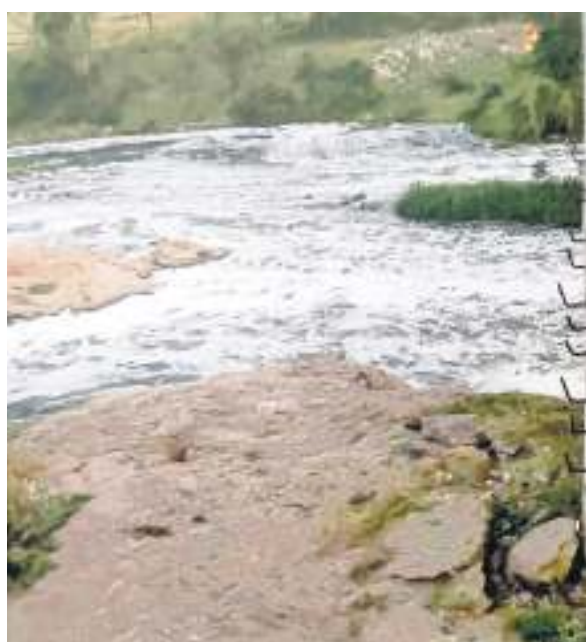
The resemblance to Yamuna's plight underscores the urgent need for intervention to prevent the Musi from becoming another symbol of environmental neglect.

The polluted water flows directly into agricultural lands and villages downstream, raising serious concerns about its impact on public health and

food safety.

"Gowreli showcases the legacy of Hyderabad's negligence towards the Musi," remarked hydrologist K. Srinivas, emphasizing the critical need for comprehensive pollution control measures to halt this alarming trend.

The froth resembles chemical runoff, leaving downstream villages to grapple with the toxic legacy of urban neglect. The water flowing into agricultural fields is far from safe, raising concerns about public health and food security in these areas.



The downstream Musi, once a vital source for irrigation and livelihoods, now flows as a symbol of urban apathy. Its revival is not just an environmental necessity but also a matter of public health and heritage preservation.

K Srinivas, the hydrologist who accompanied us said, "Musi is normal upstream. As the river passes through the city there is visible construction in the river. The depth of the river is also less in many places. There are multiple structures like check dams and rubber dams across the river which are not being maintained impacting the river's water flow. The river is polluted with people throwing garbage into the river.

There are multiple causeways (low level bridges) which could be inundated during high flows."

"The carrying capacity of the river needs to be verified and improved. There are multiple drains joining the Musi along the length of the city which are bringing in a lot of debris and pollution. These need to be controlled through STPs to ensure water quality in the Musi. The stretch from Puranapul to MGBS, the width of the river, is severely constricted, impacting carrying capacity. There is a temple which needs to be given access after cleaning up the river," he said.

(Concluded)

## 80:20 weightage system retained for SSC exams

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Telangana government's School Education department has announced the continuation of the existing assessment pattern for SSC public examinations in the academic year 2024-25.

Under this system, 80% of the weightage will be assigned to external assessments, while the remaining 20% will be allocated to internal assessments.

According to a memo issued by Principal Secretary

to government, B Venkatesham, the existing grading system will also continue during this period. However, from the academic year 2025-26 onwards, a modified procedure will be implemented, wherein 100% marks will be awarded based solely on external assessments.

The directive instructs the Director of School Education, Telangana, to take necessary action in accordance with this decision.

## TG focuses on building a skilled workforce

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Telangana aims to create 1.6 million jobs by 2030, focusing on building a skilled workforce, according to the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) report.

The State is making key changes to align its education system with the needs of a growing economy. The recent report, "Bridging the Gap: Integrating Skilling into Telangana's Education System," prepared by CII Telangana and EY-Parthenon, stresses the importance of integrating vocational training into the education system. The report was unveiled in the CII's EDU-

Summit 2024 on Friday. The report shows that with Telangana's economy projected to reach US\$ 187 billion by 2023-24 and expected to double by 2030, the State is aiming to lead India's economic future.

To support this, the government is focusing on equipping youth with skills for high-growth sectors like IT, life sciences, renewable energy and defence.

Talking about the report, Dr Avantika Tomar from EY-Parthenon highlighted the importance of integrating vocational training into education. Despite progress, challenges like high dropout rates and mismatched skills remain.

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA ROADS & BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT**  
**E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE**  
1) Online tenders are invited under e-procurement platform for 2 road works in Khammam District vide Superintending Engineer (R&OB) Circle, Khammam MT No. 8/SE/R&OB/KMM/2024-25 Date: 26.11.2024. 2) The interested bidders can download the tender schedule from e-market place i.e. www.tender.telangana.gov.in. The last date of receipt of tenders is on or before 07.12.2024 upto 3.30 PM. 3) Further details can be seen at e-procurement market place www.tender.telangana.gov.in. Sd/- Superintending Engineer R.O.No: 1262/PPL/ADVT/11/2024-25, Date: 26-11-2024 (R&B) Khammam Circle:Khammam

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**PUBLICATION DEMAND NOTICE**  
Notice under Sec. 13 (2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002.  
Sent on 13.11.2024 by Regd. Post  
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You committed default in repayment of loans to the tune of Rs. 13,94,338/- (Rs. Thirteen Lacs Ninety Four Thousand Three hundred and Thirty only) as on date 12/11/2024 together with interest from this date till date of payment. The Bank issued notice under the Act on 13.11.2024 calling upon you to repay the outstanding amount of Rs. 13,94,338/- (Rs. Thirteen Lacs Ninety Four Thousand Three hundred and Thirty only) as on date 12/11/2024 together with interest from this date till date of payment. The notice was sent to you by Regd. post. You are called upon to pay Rs. 13,94,338/- (Rs. Thirteen Lacs Ninety Four Thousand Three hundred and Thirty only) as on date 12/11/2024 together with interest from this date till date of payment within 60 days from the date of this notice failing which Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as against the secured assets given in the schedule hereunder. This Notice is without prejudice to any other right remedy available to the Bank.  
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**Monkey steals mobile phone, gives hard time to devotee**

**PNS ■ JAGTIAL**  
A monkey at the Kondagattu Anjaneya Swamy Temple in Jagtial district stole a small bag and a mobile phone from the devotee's hand and climbed the temple's tower. Despite the devotee pleading and trying to get the bag back, the monkey refused to return it. Even after the devotee offered a packet of pulihora (tamarind rice), the monkey dropped the bag but refused to give back the mobile phone. Finally, the monkey left the phone on the tower.

## Tiger mauls woman to death in Asifabad district

**PNS ■ KUMARAM BHEEM ASIFABAD**

In a tragic incident in Kumaram Bheem Asifabad district, a tiger mauled a woman to death, while she, along with several workers, were plucking cotton on Friday. The incident happened in the Easgoan village under Kagaznagar mandal.

The 21-year-old woman, Morle Lakshmi, a resident of Gannaram village in Bengal Camp 6, died while undergoing treatment in a hospital. She went to the cotton field to pluck the cotton. While she was working, the tiger suddenly strayed into the cotton field and attacked her. The workers nearby, frightened by the attack, screamed loudly, causing the tiger to flee. Lakshmi, severely injured, was rushed to a nearby hospital, where she later succumbed to her injuries.

The family members and villagers enraged over the incident of a tiger attack that led to the death of Lakshmi, brought her body to the Forest Division office in Kagaznagar and staged a protest in front of the office gate. Upon learning about the woman's death due to the tiger attack, leaders from various organisations reached the spot to express their solidarity with the grieving family. They raised slogans like "Down Down Forest Officers" and "Down Down DFO."

District Forest Officer (DFO) Neeraj Kumar Tiberwal,



District Superintendent of Police DV Srinivasa Rao, and DRDO Lokeshwar Rao arrived to address the protestors. Neeraj Kumar announced a compensation of Rs 10 lakh and assured efforts for additional benefits. The protestors demanded Rs 20 lakh in compensation, a government job, and 5 acres of land. The officers promised to apprise the government of their demands.

The locals expressed their anger over the inaction of the forest officials in capturing the tiger, accusing them of being negligent in getting the approval of higher authorities. They pointed out that three people had already died in tiger attacks and two in elephant attacks in the district. Despite this, there was no response from the Forest officials, they alleged.

The Forest officials urged people not to venture alone into the forest and to return home early in the evening. Due to these warnings, the residents of forest areas are living in fear, anxious about when the tiger might attack.

## Farmers' interests remain priority of Cong gov: Ministers

**FARMERS PREFER BONUS FOR RICE TO RYTHU BHAROSA: TUMMALA**

**PNS ■ MAHABUBNAGAR**

Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy has asserted that farmers' interest will remain the top priority for the Congress government in Telangana.

Speaking at the Rythu Panduga (farmers' festival) programme in Mahabubnagar on Friday, Uttam Kumar Reddy highlighted key initiatives and achievements aimed at supporting farmers. The meeting was a prelude to a massive public meeting to be addressed by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Saturday.

"Many farmers were saying that bonus is better than Rythu Bandhu assistance; keep only bonus as every farmer is getting Rs 10,000-15,000. We will continue only those schemes that benefit you."

We will not mislead you (farmers) and make false assurances by saying Rythu Bharosa, bonus and crop insurance will be offered. We will speak the truth and deliver what is committed to you," Agriculture Minister Tummal Nageshwar Rao said.

Nageshwar Rao stated that Congress government prioritises farmers' welfare over political gains.

He said that farmers have been expressing happiness with



Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy and Agriculture Minister Tummal Nageshwar Rao visiting stalls at Farmers' Festival in Mahabubnagar on Friday

the pro-farmers measures being taken by the government which shows its commitment to their welfare.

Continuing his address, Uttam Kumar Reddy, along with Agriculture Minister Tummal Nageshwar Rao, reviewed the arrangements for the public meeting in the undivided Mahabubnagar district MLAs and other leaders. The Ministers gave directions on the arrangements for the meeting and the 'Rythu Panduga' agriculture stalls to be visited by the Chief Minister on Saturday.

Earlier, Ministers Uttam Kumar Reddy and Nageshwar Rao, visited the three-day

efforts would significantly benefit farmers and revitalise agriculture in Telangana.

Speaking on the occasion, Uttam Kumar Reddy criticised the BRS government for failing to honour its promises, including the crop loan waiver, which he said caused significant distress to farmers. In contrast, he highlighted that the Congress government waived crop loans up to Rs 2 lakh benefiting 22.22 lakh farmers within just 27 days.

He added that Telangana has achieved record-breaking paddy cultivation, with 66.77 lakh acres yielding 153 lakh metric tonnes this season. He said that the Congress government is expected to spend nearly Rs 17,000 crore for procurement of paddy which includes payment of Rs. 500 per quintal bonus for fine paddy. He assured that the state government would procure every grain produced by the farmers.

Uttam Kumar Reddy outlined the state government's Rs 54,280 crore expenditure on farmer welfare in its first year, covering initiatives such as the continuation of free electricity for agriculture. He noted that Rs 10,444 crore had been spent on subsidies to ensure uninterrupted power supply to farmers.

## VAIDURYAPURAM

## Once a thriving trade hub, village fades into obscurity

**PNS ■ ADILABAD**

Once a region of immense wealth, cultural vibrancy, and architectural grandeur, many parts of Vaiduryapuram have faded into obscurity, leaving behind ruins that are largely forgotten. It was a jewel of commerce and craftsmanship in ancient times, this area, now known as Wadoor, lies in the Neradigonda mandal of Adilabad district.

Historically, Vaiduryapuram, nestled amidst the rugged beauty of the Sahyadri mountain range, was a thriving centre of trade and prosperity. Surrounded by towering hills and lush greenery, it was home to about 500 families who primarily engaged in agriculture. The region was once famed for its wealth, particularly its diamond and sapphire mines, which attracted traders from far and wide. Vaiduryapuram's strategic location and natural fortifications made it an ideal site for a thriving trade hub, and it flourished from the time of the Satavahanas through to the reign of Venkataraya.



Remains of stupas and sculptures of the Satavahana era

One of the most significant remnants of this golden era is the Vaiduryapuram Fort, now in ruins, but still evocative of its former majesty. The fort, protected by a wide moat—much of which remains visible today—was once a formidable defence against invaders, thanks to its location surrounded by near-impenetrable hills. The fort and its surroundings were once an essential part of the regional economy, with resources from this area, including precious stones, finding their way to markets in nearby cities like Nirmal.

Vaiduryapuram's importance as a commercial centre earned it its name, referring to the "vaiduryas" or precious stones—especially sapphires and diamonds—that were mined and traded there. This

bustling trade continued for over a thousand years, particularly during the Satavahana period and later under the rule of Venkataraya.

The village of Vaiduryapuram, which later became Wadoor, has a rich historical backdrop. During the reign of Nimmala Venkataraya, the local treasure trove played a key role in governing the Nimmala and Bondidi kingdoms.

The once grand fort has now collapsed, leaving only the entrance gate standing. The surrounding areas, once rich with hidden treasures, have been looted, and much of the area has long been forgotten. Residents are appealing to the government to revive the glory of Vaiduryapuram and its temples.

## Ensure justice to marginalised sections: AIYM

**PNS ■ RANGAREDDY**

The All India Yadav Mahasabha (AIYM) has urged the government to amend reservation rules for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes and minority communities in the upcoming local body elections scheduled for 2025.

Rangareddy district Mahasabha general secretary Nadikuda Raghunath Yadav emphasised the need for these changes to ensure equitable political representation and opportunities for marginalised communities.

Speaking on behalf of the Mahasabha, Raghunath Yadav called on the government to allow three or more candidates to contest for positions such as sarpanch, MPCT and ZPTC member in local body elections. He stressed the importance of conducting a caste census to determine appropriate reservations and provide political opportunities to all sections of society.

Without this census, he stated, ensuring justice BC, SC, ST, and minority communities in politics would remain a mirage.

## MLA deploys buses for farmers to participate in Farmers' festival

**PNS ■ RANGAREDDY**

The Congress government in Telangana has taken a significant step to support the agricultural sector by reviving the crop insurance scheme, which had been discontinued during the previous BRS administration. The government has allocated Rs. 1,300 crore to pay crop insurance premiums on behalf of farmers.

This announcement was made by Shadnagar MLA and Chairman of State Government Sector Enterprises, Veerlapalli Shankar, during the flagging off buses to enable farmers to participate in the farmers' festival in Palamuru district on Friday. The event, held at the MLAs' camp office, was organised under the supervision of local agricultural officials. As part of the Congress government's initiatives, a

three day 'Farmers' Festival' is being held in Mahabubnagar district to mark the completion of one year in power.

Telangana has achieved a remarkable milestone by becoming the leading state in rice cultivation, with the crop being grown across 66.77 lakh acres and yielding an unprecedented 153 lakh tonnes this year.

Veerlapalli Shankar attributed this success to the proactive measures of the Congress government.

Among these measures is the waiving of crop loans up to Rs 2 lakh in a single phase, which benefited around 22.22 lakh farmer families and amounted to Rs. 17,870 crore. Additionally, the government has provided Rs. 10,444 crore for free electricity to farmers and established a record number of grain procurement centers to ensure timely payments to farmers.

## Importance of inculcating scientific temper in students stressed

**PNS ■ MEDAK**

MLC K Raghobam Reddy has stressed the need to inspire students from a young age and provide them with scientific knowledge to ensure that the nation progresses in the field of science and technology.

The Medak district-level Inspire and Science Exhibition began on Friday at the Wesley College campus here. MLC Raghobam Reddy, District Library Chairperson Chilumula



MLC K Raghobam Reddy speaking at the inaugural session of the Science Exhibition in Medak on Friday

Sahasini Reddy, District Education Officer Radha Kishan, Zilla Parishad Chief Executive Officer Ellayya, District Science Officer Rajireddy, AMO Sudarshan Murthy, ASO Naveen Kumar, District TNGO Association President Donta Narendar,

and various teachers' association leaders were present. Raghobam Reddy officially inaugurated the event by lighting the lamp and addressing the gathering.

Speaking on the occasion, the MLC emphasised that science exhibitions are high-

ly useful in bringing out the hidden talents in children. He stressed that science should be encouraged to promote human development, but it should never be used for the destruction of the world. In today's rapidly advancing scientific and technological land-

scape, he stressed the importance of students staying away from TVs and mobile phones. He pointed out the rising pollution in cities like Delhi and Hyderabad, and the need for scientists to work towards finding solutions to combat this issue.

He also emphasised that scientific and technological advancements should be accessible to the poor. District Library Chairperson Chilumula Sahasini Reddy, while addressing the audience, urged students to follow the guidance of teachers to excel in the fields of science and technology. Later, TNGO Association President Donta Narendar, Mandal Education Officer Neelakantham, and leader Sudarshan Murthy, Naveen and others spoke.

## GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA REVENUE (LA) DEPARTMENT

**FORM - C NOTIFICATION**  
(Under Section 11 of the Act where 10A Exemption is given) (See rule 6(12))  
**OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR, HYDERABAD DISTRICT**

Gazette No. Hyderabad HAML No.35  
No. C6/194/2024 - RNS (351 to 375) Date: 28-11-2024  
Dated: 27-11-2024

Whereas it appears to the Government of Telangana/Collector, Hyderabad District that a total of 790.73 Sq. Yds of land is required in the Shar-E-Hyderabad Phase-I, Bahadur pura Mandal, Hyderabad District namely affected under Metro Rail Phase-I, MGBS to Chandrayangutta, Corridor-VI, stretch from Darushilla to Alakad.

Therefore it is notified that for the above said project in the Shar-E-Hyderabad Village of Bahadurpura Mandal, Hyderabad District, land measuring more or less 790.73 Sq. Yds whose detail description is as following, is proposed for acquisition:

Sl. No.	Serial No.	Pressure No.	Type of Title	Name & Address of Person Interested	Area (Approx) in Sq. Yds.	Boundaries N-E-W	Trees	Structure
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	351	RHS	Owner	Haji Bhojan	35.19	N: Neighbour Property S: Neighbour Property E: Road W: Neighbour Property	-	G+3
2	352	RHS	Owner	1. Salma Ali 2. W/o Late Ali Bin Aslam 3. Amer Ali 4. Mohammed Ali 5. Ibrahim Ali	35.41	N: Neighbour Property S: Neighbour Property E: Road W: Neighbour Property	-	G+3
3	353	RHS	Owner	1. Salma Ali 2. W/o Late Ali Bin Aslam 3. Amer Ali 4. Mohammed Ali 5. Ibrahim Ali	19.39	N: Neighbour Property S: Neighbour Property E: Road W: Neighbour Property	-	G+2
4	354	RHS	Owner	1. John 2. Habeeb Ali Dhanani 3. Late Asraf Ali Dhanani	45.11	N: Neighbour Property S: Neighbour Property E: Road W: Neighbour Property	-	G+1
5	355	RHS	Owner	1. Pradeep Kumar Tiwari 2. Chandu Sekhar Tiwari 3. Ravi Shankar Tiwari 4. Late Satish Kumar Tiwari, Above all S/o Late Latha Devi Tiwari 5. Mohit Tiwari S/o. Ravi Shankar Tiwari	34.64	N: Neighbour Property S: Neighbour Property E: Road W: Neighbour Property	-	G
6	356	RHS	Owner	Shameela Khatia W/o. Habeeb Abdul Khader	11.21	N: Neighbour Property S: Neighbour Property E: Road W: Neighbour Property	-	Tin Shed
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This notification made under the provisions of Section-11(1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Central Act No. 30/2013), as amended by the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Telangana Amendment) Act, 2016 (Act No. 21 of 2017) to all whom it may concern.

A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the District Collector, Hyderabad District and Special Deputy Collector (Land Acquisition), Hyderabad Airport Metro Limited, Rasoolpura, Begumpet, Hyderabad on any working day during the working hours. The Government of Telangana/Collector cum appropriate Government is pleased to authorize the Special Deputy Collector (Land Acquisition), Hyderabad Airport Metro Limited, Rasoolpura, Begumpet, Hyderabad and his staff to enter upon and survey land, take levels of any land dig or bore into the sub-soil & do all other acts required for the proper execution of their work as provided and specified in section 12 of the said Act.

Under Section 11(4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e., sale or purchase, etc., or create any encumbrances on such land/property from the date of publication of such notification without prior approval of the District Collector, Hyderabad District.

**Objections to the acquisition** if any, and claims from all persons interested/affected for settlement by negotiation of the compensation, may be filed by the person interested in the land within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of publication of this Notification as provided under section 15 of the Act before the District Collector, Hyderabad District/Special Deputy Collector (Land Acquisition), Hyderabad Airport Metro Limited, Rasoolpura, Begumpet, Hyderabad. The personal hearing on the objections so filed will be taken up on **Dec. 06-22-2024 at 11.00 AM** in the office of the Special Deputy Collector (Land Acquisition), Hyderabad Airport Metro Limited, Metro Bhavan, Rasoolpura, Begumpet, Hyderabad.

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PAPER WITH PASSION

## Unjust arrest

The arrest of Chinmoy Krishna Das in Bangladesh underscores the persistent challenges faced by its religious minorities

The recent arrest of Chinmoy Krishna Das, a prominent Hindu monk and spokesperson for the Bangladesh Sammilit Sanatan Jagran Jote, has spotlighted the precarious situation of religious minorities in Bangladesh. Das, known for his advocacy on behalf of Hindu communities, was apprehended on sedition charges after a religious flag was reportedly hoisted above the Bangladeshi national flag during a rally in Chittagong. This incident has sparked heated debates, both domestically and internationally, about the treatment of minorities in Bangladesh and its implications for regional stability.



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### PICTALK



Artist paints a wall as beautification drive ahead of the Rising Rajasthan event, in Jaipur

## Antimicrobial resistance: An invisible risk for women health

With AMR deaths projected to exceed 10 million annually by 2050, a gender-sensitive, intersectional approach is critical to tackling this silent epidemic

When antibiotics or antimicrobials, impactful the first few times, lose their efficacy as their intake increases, sometimes unthinkingly and unnecessarily, it indicates that the bacteria, fungi, viruses and parasites it was being used to treat have become resistant to these drugs. Prevention and treatment of infections then become increasingly difficult and can lead to fatal consequences. While this antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is invisible, the people affected by it are not. In 2021, deaths linked to AMR numbered a staggering 4.7 million and approximately 1.5 million were directly caused by it.



Worryingly, India has one of the world's highest AMR rates. Equally worrying is that the impacts of AMR are not the same for everyone. Since the drivers of AMR in India include lack of access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and limited access to healthcare facilities among others, AMR disproportionately affects certain groups compared with others. Thus, marginalised and vulnerable communities, especially women, face a higher risk of acquiring bacterial infections, including drug-resistant infections and AMR. It is a good fact that women face more barriers to accessing health information than men. Limited mobility prevents them from attending public health awareness events and learning about the safe use of antibiotics. Low levels of education lead to ignorance on the use and misuse of antibiotics not just for themselves, but for their children also. Studies have found that misuse of antibiotics while breastfeeding can contribute to the development of AMR, particularly in intestinal microbiota in a child, through breast milk transfer. They are more prone to seeking antibiotics to get better as fast as possible, to

work. Medicines used for self-medication are often purchased without prescriptions from unlicensed local shops as limited financial resources often dictate whether it is worth paying a visit to a health facility. It has been proven that treating viral infections with antibiotics, not buying the full course of treatment, interrupting treatment and sharing medicines can lead to an increased risk of AMR with the emergence of resistant strains of bacteria. Sexual orientation and associated sexual behaviours among individuals also contribute to the risks of acquiring AMR. Laws that criminalise homosexual relationships coupled with stigma are deterrents to health-seeking behaviour by key populations such as men having sex with men (MSM), lesbian gay, bi, trans, queer and other identities (LGBTQ+) individuals. This enhances their exposure to pathogens, such as an increased risk of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and antimicrobial drug resistance. Gender-based violence also plays a significant role in AMR among women.

Multiple studies have shown that women, including married women, are at a higher risk than men of being exposed to STIs through sexual violence, having a spouse with multiple partners, male resistance to condom use and women's low ability to negotiate safe sex. This increases women's risk of contracting STIs, particularly gonorrhoea, one of the most transmitted STIs which has the potential for drug resistance. The more frequent the UTIs, the greater the use of ciprofloxacin and the higher the risk of AMR. With the possibility of deaths associated with AMR rising to over 10 million annually by 2050, there is an urgent need to adopt a robust intersectional approach. Greater data disaggregated by sex, gender, disability, geographical location, occupation, sexual orientation and socio-economic status is urgently needed to implement policies to prevent AMR, especially among women, LGBTQ, people living with HIV and other vulnerable groups. (The author is a journalist writing on development and gender; views are personal)



SWAPNA MAJUMDAR

# Save India's elephants from multiple threats



HIARNMAY KARLEKAR

Encroachments on migration corridors, poaching and deadly interactions with humans and infrastructure are creating a precarious future for these gentle giants

According to the report, "The Status of Elephants in India 2022-23", there has been a nearly 20 per cent decline in India's elephant population between 2017 and 2022. Authorities have dubbed the printed version, compiled by the Wildlife Institute of India, which is under the Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, as an interim report because census data from the country's north-eastern part have yet to be completed. The final report will be released by the end of June, 2025. The final figures from the north-eastern part are unlikely to make a significant difference to the percentage of decline. This is because of the pattern of development in the region where, according to the report, elephant populations are scattered in a mosaic dominated by human habitations, tea plantations, mines, oil refineries and linear infrastructure (roads and railway lines), which makes their movements and lives precarious. Poaching for ivory is another menace.

More or less the same causes account for the challenges elephants face in other parts of the country. Not only are their habitats encroached upon, the 88 elephant corridors, through which the behemoths migrate for food and water, are encroached upon by human settlements and have railway lines and roads running across them. While efforts have been made to ensure safe passage by building over-bridges for elephants to cross railway lines, most elephants do not use them and cross roads and railway lines on foot. Not surprisingly, over 200 of them have perished in train accidents over the last 10 years. Their habitats being encroached upon, and movements under pressure, elephants are migrating to new areas abutting human settlements. Human-elephant conflicts have consequently increased steeply, with the number of people killed increasing from 457 in 2018-19 to 605 in 2022-23. Three hundred elephants have been killed in the last three years. They



also suffer casualties as offshoots of wider human-animal conflict. The killings are often done with appalling cruelty. On August 15, 2024, a cow elephant died in agony in Jhargram, West Bengal, after being pierced by a flaming spear by a band of about 35 men forming a "hulla" (loud noise) party—the nomenclature given to groups, armed with mashaals (flaming torches) and tasked by state forest departments with driving wild elephants away from human habitations. In this case, the party was reportedly mobilised by West Bengal's Forest department to chase away a herd of six elephants which had entered a human habitation and killed a senior citizen. The cow elephant continued to be hit even after she was wounded. Moving forward, dragging her hind feet and writhing in agony, she finally collapsed and died eight hours later despite the forest department's efforts to treat her.

A report by Jayashree Nandi and Joydeep Thakur in The Hindustan Times datelined August 20, 2024, quoted a representative of the Human & Environment Alliance League (HEAL), a Kolkata-based non-profit organisation, as saying, "Hulla drives happen in mob situations... The elephants suffer emotional trauma because of these invasive measures, in addition to physical distress. There is an urgent need to completely stop the use of mashaals by state authorities to drive [out] elephants." The report quoted an environmentalist, who had asked not to be named, as saying, that the whole idea behind having a hulla party was to chase elephants away by using light. "We know that animals are instinctively scared of fire. But we have seen in the past that hulla groups, employed by the forest department, are in [an] inebriated condition and resort to all kinds of horrific torture. Locals are extremely disturbed about this. Moreover, all corridors that can help these elephants escape are now encroached upon so conflict is rising." Sometime, death is a collateral development. On May 27, 2020, a pregnant elephant collapsed in Velliyar river in Kerala's Palakkad district and died, after having stood there since May 25. According to the post-mortem report on the tragedy, the immediate cause of her death was drowning. On May 12, 2020, she had tried to eat a coconut that had been stuffed with explosives to kill wild boars that ate up crops.



WHILE EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO ENSURE SAFE PASSAGE BY BUILDING OVER-BRIDGES FOR ELEPHANTS TO CROSS RAILWAY LINES, MOST ELEPHANTS DO NOT USE THEM

The result was serious, incapacitating wounds in her oral cavity. "This", the post-mortem report continued, "resulted in excruciating pain and distress in the region and prevented the animal from taking food and water for nearly two weeks. Severe debility and weakness, in turn, resulted in a final collapse in water that led to drowning." According to a report by Sujit Bisoyi in The Indian Express (datelined November 18, 2024), three elephants, including a calf, died after falling into an electrified trap, laid by poachers for killing wild boars, in Odisha's Sambalpur district. The question is: should wild boars be killed in this terrible way? The human-animal conflict is making demons out of people. Meanwhile, there is good news from across the border. Under the auspices of Four Paws, a global animal welfare organisation, Madhubala, an African elephant, was shifted on November 26, 2024, from the Karachi Zoo to Karachi Safari Park, to join her two sisters, Malika and Sonia, in open air. One hopes, brought from Africa when young, they live happily hereafter. (The author is Consulting Editor, The Pioneer; the views expressed are personal)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### REMEMBERING PHILLIP HUGHES

Madam — A decade has passed since the tragic death of the Australian cricketer Phillip Hughes. The painful irony is that Hughes was killed by the very game that he loved most. As a thumb rule, cricket ought to provide entertainment to all of us. But, in Hughes' demise, the game dealt a severe blow to the cricketering fraternity, from which it could not come to terms till today. Numbers 408 and 63 that denote Hughes' Test cap and the last runs scored by him, respectively, will ever remain a shadow bigger than his frame. As the cricket world pauses to reflect on Hughes' contributions and untimely loss, the commemorations that Cricket Australia is preparing to pay a heartfelt tribute to him, marking his 10th death anniversary, serve as a reminder of the unity and resilience within the cricketering community. Hughes' legacy continues to inspire players and fans alike, reinforcing the profound and lasting impact he had on Australian cricket. Perhaps the bulbs that bloom on the grass at the Sydney Cricket Ground every day are not snowdrops but are droplets of tears in memory of the deceased young Australian cricketer.

Ranganathan Sivakumar | Chennai

### PRIYANKA IN PARLIAMENT

Madam — History sometimes records the rarest of the rare incidence in its book and in Indian history, the Congress party is renowned for creating multiple such historic incidences. The Gandhi family has once again done something similar to having three members in the Parliament from one family only. After Sonia and Rahul Gandhi, the newest MP in the house, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra is all set to begin her new league in the temple of Indian democracy, the Indian parliament. Initiating her spectacular victory this election from Wayanad with the huge margin of around four lakh votes, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra is paving the way to represent the aspirations of Wayanad on the floor of Parliament itself. Her oath catch-

## Ceasefire a huge respite for Lebanon



propos to "Glimmer of Hope," published on November 28. The Lebanon ceasefire is definitely a huge respite. Over one million have been forced to flee their homes by Israeli military action and more than 3,500 citizens have been killed in Israeli attacks and

homes of tens of thousands have been destroyed. Though few people in Israel feel that this ceasefire would collapse as Netanyahu himself said that this is the time to give breathers to his forces and replenish stocks. The US and France will have to ensure that this ceasefire holds.

As of now, the Israeli army would remain in the southern part of Lebanon and adapt the wait-and-watch policy. Israel has eliminated the whole top leadership of Hezbollah and we should be hopeful that they do not backtrack. Lebanon should focus on rebuilding its battered infrastructure. It is a moment of cautious hope as peace has been elusive in this part of the world. Both parties should avoid provocations and prioritise the lives of civilians over the politics of war. The world would watch with bated breath.

Bal Govind | Noida

es the attention, as she holds the copy of the Constitution in her hand and takes the oath simultaneously.

Now, Priyanka Gandhi is also there, Rahul Gandhi, who is the current Leader of the Opposition from Congress, can represent the Opposition opinion more strongly. Priyanka can contribute the southern aspirations and perspective more explicitly due to her southern representation in the Parliament. Beginning the new political league at the parliament at the age of 52 needs strong zeal. She has taken the oath and become the Member of Parliament, we hope that she will be able to walk the talk and keep the Constitution at the epitome during her service period as MP.

Kirti Wadhawan | Kanpur

### ONLINE SERVICES DISRUPTED

Madam — Since the afternoon of Thursday, November 28, people and companies using net banking and online services in the country have been facing problems. The OTP i.e. 'One Time Password', that comes on the registered mobile number while making any transaction has start-

ed arriving very late. After which, on entering the OTP, a message comes that the 'One Time Password' has expired. This is happening because due to the new rules of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, i.e. TRAI, there has been a delay in receiving the One Time Password (OTP).

TRAI claims that under this, they want to ensure that online users do not become victims of any kind of cyber fraud. But to prevent them from becoming victims of fraud, the work of people, institutions and companies has now come to a halt. Now we will have to go back to the manual era and for every transaction like NEFT, i.e. National Electronic Fund Transfer and RTGS, i.e. 'Real Time Gross Settlement' fund transfer work, we will have to stand in queues at the counters of banks. These transactions will not be possible on holidays. TRAI needs to reconsider its decision. This will start having an adverse effect on the business of billions of rupees every day.

Jang Bahadur Singh | Jamshedpur

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## FIRST COLUMN

### TRANSFORMING THE SPORTING MINDSET

A holistic approach, encompassing administration, training and spiritual discipline, can transform sports



RAVI VALLURI

On your marks, set, go. The gunshot fired and the cauldron rose rambunctiously as Usain Bolt scorched the track, adding to his ever-growing tally of medals. Contrast this with Indian athletes. Why is our mind prepared for the also-ran? Indian athletes need to possess the single-minded pursuit, the talent, the eye and the mind of an Arjuna. He was a successful archer as he honed his skills and had immense faith in his Guru—Dronacharya and his sakha—Lord Krishna. He was rewarded by both. Lord Krishna blessed him with a divine vision to capture the SOHAM Swaroop, the Vishwarup Darshan. Dronacharya equipped his favourite tutee by filling his arsenal with all the weaponry at his disposal. The elasticity, malleability and humility of Arjuna's mind enabled him to conquer his fears and his opponents, by fortuitously overcoming the cobwebs in his mind. Arjuna's mind was Ajatashatru and thus became his ally. True, the spirit and motto of the Olympics as coined by Pierre de Coubertin in 1894 was and is Citiuis, Altius, Fortius (Faster, Higher, Stronger), and one should play in the spirit of sportsmanship. But the drive to excel and stand at the podium is dismally missing. The passion to climb, not clamber to the podium, What makes the minds of those athletes tick, where we fail? We do not possess the wherewithal. Cricket remains the Holy Grail of the nation and these days it is the Indian Premier League that dominates our sporting arena. At one end of the spectrum is cricket and all other sports are at the other end. It is



a virtual denouncing of all other sports. Sakshi Malik, Olympic bronze medalist works with the Northern Railway and the first woman Olympic silver medalist, PV Sindhu's father is the sports officer of South-Central Railway. The mindsets of these women of substance were akin to Ajatashatru as they turned around gruelling situations into triumphant ones. These mindsets indicate the indomitable spirit which should be embraced by all sportspersons. The mindset and approach of the Ministry of Sports need to be altered radically. The administration of this department needs a vigorous overhaul. Indian Railways and Indian Defence Forces should be actively involved in revamping the moribund organisation along with the participation of the private sector to provide an adequate corpus of funds through their Corporate Social Responsibility programme. However, doubts should not arise in the corners of the minds of the administrators. They should be willing to take the risks. Their minds too should be flexible in approach and become Ajatashatru. Most sportspersons find relaxation with the latest gizmos and listening to music and in the entertainment industry. Perhaps it will be a profitable exercise to begin the rigorous schedule by practising yoga, and pranayama and then resume their normal routine. The day should end with the practice of *Sudarshan Kriya* and meditation. This will make the bodies and minds supple. Several East Asian countries and China follow a regimen of spiritual teachings like Vipassana to enhance the quality of performance of their athletes. China takes several pages from the works of Tsung Tzu to learn the craft of war to train the minds of their sportspersons. This dynamic approach produces champions. "Endurance is one of the most difficult disciplines, but it is to the one who endures that the final victory comes," said Buddha. It is a matter of honour to climb the podium. Let us begin our preparations yesterday with earnestness and train our sportspersons to become truly Ajatashatru. (The writer is the CEO of Chhattisgarh East Railway Ltd. and Chhattisgarh East West Railway Ltd. He is a faculty of the Art of Living; views are personal)

# The Eastern challenge to Western supremacy



NILANTHA LANGAMUWA

As alliances between Eastern nations grow stronger, the American-led global order faces an existential challenge—one that could redefine the world's balance of power



What if everything you've been told about global conflicts is a carefully crafted narrative, designed to obscure the true motives behind the wars shaping our world? What if the West, in its pursuit of global dominance, has been engineering not only conflicts but also economic crises to maintain an order that ensures its supremacy? From secret military operations to covert sabotage of vital infrastructure, the unsettling reality is far darker and more strategic than we're led to believe. Take, for example, the US Space Force's secret X-37B spacecraft, a classified project performing manoeuvres unknown to the public. Officially seen as a technological marvel for testing new military systems, the X-37B reveals the West's obsession with space as the final frontier of warfare—a new realm for control, surveillance, and preparation for conflict beyond terrestrial borders. In Europe, Germany is quietly preparing for a war that might never be fought, but whose consequences will be felt across generations. The German government has begun drawing up plans for the construction and expansion of bunkers, turning buildings—metro stations, and underground car parks—into fortified shelters in case of conflict. The reasons for these preparations are not openly discussed, but anyone with a cursory knowledge of geopolitics can understand the strategic intent. At the heart of this is the fear of Russia, a fear that has taken root despite decades of diplomatic agreements and economic cooperation. But the true motive behind these moves, hidden beneath the veil of defence, is not just survival. It's about keeping Europe within the American orbit—controlling the narrative and preventing the rise of any bloc that might dare to challenge the order established in the aftermath of the Cold War. As the West tightens its grip on the war



ECONOMIC SANCTIONS, COVERT OPERATIONS, AND POLITICAL MANIPULATION ARE BUT TOOLS IN THE WEST'S ARSENAL, DEPLOYED TO DIVIDE AND CONQUER, ENSURING THAT PEACE BETWEEN CHINA, RUSSIA AND INDIA REMAINS AN UNTHINKABLE PROSPECT

in Ukraine, a much larger game is unfolding—one rooted in economic sabotage, echoing dark chapters from WWI and WWII. During WWI, the British naval blockade led to over 750,000 German deaths from starvation, while in WWII, both Axis and Allied powers exploited occupied economies. The US used sanctions and trade embargoes to cripple Germany, Japan, and Italy, before later pushing the Marshall Plan to prevent Soviet expansion. WWII's hidden agenda was to establish a new global economic order, cemented by institutions like the IMF and World Bank. Today, the destruction of the Nord Stream pipelines, a symbol of the West's desperation, exemplifies the lengths to which the West will go to control European energy resources. While it harms the German public and European markets, the US and its allies benefit from the uncertainty and dependence on their energy exports. This isn't a mere accident; it's economic warfare to weaken Russia and prevent Germany from growing too independent. A fragmented Europe is far easier to control than a self-sufficient one. But the true target of the West's fear is not merely Russia. It is the potential unity between China, India and Russia. These nations, once seen as geopolitical rivals, are now forging alliances that threaten to upend the balance of power in a way that the West cannot tolerate. The prospect of India, the world's most populous country, rising to become the third-largest economy in the world in the next few years is a nightmare for the West. India, with its growing manufac-

turing sector, burgeoning technological innovation, and rapidly expanding middle class, represents an existential threat to the economic order that has been so carefully crafted by the West over the last century. But there's something even more dangerous: the potential for India, China, and Russia to align themselves strategically, creating a bloc that could challenge the very foundations of the American-led global system. This is not mere conjecture. The relationship between these nations is growing stronger by the day, driven by mutual interests in trade, energy, and security. India's role as a bridge between the East and West has already made it a key player in the global economy, and its rise is inevitable—unless, of course, the West can sabotage it. From the ongoing conflict with Pakistan to the subtle manoeuvring within India's border countries, the West's tactics are clear: prevent India from becoming too powerful, too independent. The rise of India would disrupt the existing order, unseating the US dollar's global dominance, challenging the West's monopoly over technological innovation, and upsetting the very structure of global trade. For years, the West has maintained a delicate balance by keeping China, India, and Russia in a state of disunity, playing them off each other whenever possible. This disunity has been the foundation of Western power in the modern world, preventing the rise of any one nation that could unite the East and threaten the West's economic hegemony. The more these nations grow closer, the more the West fears

losing its control over global affairs. A united East is the ultimate nightmare, and the West will stop at nothing to ensure it never happens. Economic sanctions, covert operations, and political manipulation are but tools in the West's arsenal, deployed to divide and conquer, ensuring that peace between China, Russia, and India remains an unthinkable prospect. But what if India, China, and Russia do unite? What if they form a powerful bloc, in addition to BRICS but similar to Five Eyes or AUKUS, one that can rival the economic and military might of the West? The very notion of peace in this region—the idea that these nations could cooperate, trade, and build mutual trust—strikes at the heart of Western strategy. Peace in the East is the West's greatest fear, and the possibility of such a peace emerging in the wake of current geopolitical turmoil is something the West cannot allow. It is the very foundation of the Western empire that stands on the brink of collapse, should this unity ever come to pass. If unity is ensured, the East may finally break free from the chains of Western manipulation, and the world may look very different from how it does today. The question remains: can the West survive in a world where it no longer controls the narrative, the economy, or the very fate of nations? Only time will tell, but the signs are already clear—if the West doesn't change its course, it will be its actions that lead to its downfall. (The writer is a journalist and author; Views expressed are personal)

## Trump re-elected as the US President: Nationalism rises amid global shifts His re-election is set to influence US immigration, trade and foreign policies while creating ripple effects across the globe

Donald Trump has been re-elected as President of the United States, defeating Kamala Harris in a closely watched election. His return to power has sparked global speculation about potential shifts in US economic and social policies. Trump's previous tenure was marked by transformative changes, and his "America First" doctrine remains central to his administration. **The Rise of Nationalism** Globally, nationalism is surging amid challenges like globalisation, terrorism, religious extremism and economic upheaval. Trump's victory reflects this trend. During his first term, Trump emphasised reviving American manufacturing, limiting Chinese imports, and reform-



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ing immigration policies to protect American jobs. His proposal to build a US-Mexico border wall became symbolic of his immigration stance. Trump also advocated reducing costly military interventions abroad and fostered a controversial friendship with Russian President Vladimir Putin, breaking traditional US-Russia dynamics. These policies resonated with a significant portion of the

electorate, reinforcing Trump's popularity. Nationalism is also gaining traction in Europe. Post-World War II liberalism and globalisation have given way to a nationalist wave, driven by economic concerns and fears of societal erosion. Britain's Brexit epitomised this shift, and several European nations, including Italy, Finland and Hungary, now have nationalist governments. Even traditionally liberal countries like Germany and France are witnessing growing influence from nationalist parties. Rising extremism, as seen in recent violent incidents in France and England, has further fueled public discontent with liberal immigration policies, rein-

forcing nationalist sentiments. **Implications of victory of Nationalism** Trump's win represents a significant setback for liberal ideologies, including Wokeism and leftist movements. His administration's emphasis on American nationalism underscores a rejection of policies perceived as prioritising minority appeasement or extremism. While Trump has praised the contributions of Hindus in America, he has also vowed to take a hardline stance against extremism, including deporting Muslim immigrants linked to groups like Hamas. The Biden administration's perceived support for liberal and leftist ideologies con-



trasts with Trump's firm nationalist agenda. His "America First" slogan signifies a broader rejection of extremism and a commitment to protecting US interests. This ideological divide is emblematic of a global realignment favoring nationalism.

**Elon Musk's Role** Elon Musk, a billionaire industrialist, played a pivotal role in the elections. Musk, a former critic of Trump, became a vocal supporter due to his personal experiences with Wokeism, particularly involving his family. California's Woke-influenced education policies led to a gender transition for Musk's son, causing a rift within his family. Disillusioned, Musk resolved to challenge Wokeism. After acquiring Twitter (now X), Musk reinstated Trump's account and actively supported his campaign. Musk's actions symbolise a broader cultural battle against Woke ideologies, aligning with Trump's nationalist narrative.

**Trump's Victory and Its Impact on India** Trump's presidency has significant implications for India. His tough stance on China aligns with India's interests, potentially encouraging global firms to view India as a manufacturing alternative. This could bolster India's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. However, Trump's protectionist policies, such as potential tariff hikes and restrictions on H-1B visas, might pose challenges for Indian exporters and IT firms. Trump's administration may also bring geopolitical benefits for India. Strengthening ties with both the US and Russia could enhance India's global positioning. While Trump's climate change stance might

hinder global environmental goals, his leadership could contribute to reducing extremism and terrorism, fostering stability. **Conclusion** Trump's re-election reflects a global shift toward nationalism, driven by dissatisfaction with liberal policies and rising concerns about extremism. His presidency promises significant changes in US domestic and foreign policies, emphasising economic protectionism, immigration reform, and geopolitical realignments. For India, Trump's leadership presents both opportunities and challenges, shaping its role in the evolving global landscape. (The author is Professor, PGDAV College, University of Delhi; views are personal)



ACROSS THE STATES



Rlys collected Rs 12,159 cr from passenger services

Railways revenues from passenger services during the festive months of September and October in 2024 was Rs 12,159.35 crore, the government informed the Lok Sabha in a written reply on Wednesday. TMC MP Mala Roy raised queries regarding the earnings of Railways through ticket sale and cancellation during festive months. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said that from September 1 to October 31, 2024, passenger revenue of the Indian Railways is Rs 12,159.35 crore. "Amount credited on account of cancellation of tickets by passengers is not maintained separately," Vaishnaw said. The minister also gave zone-wise data of number of passengers travelled during the period from September 1 to November 10, 2024, according to which, total 143.71 crore people took train journey between the said period and the highest number of travel among all zones was from the Central Railway Zone, ie, 31.63 crore.



Purchase of endangered porcupine rays: Four held

Four fishermen from Tamil Nadu have been arrested by forest officials here and remanded in judicial custody for the illegal purchase of 10 endangered porcupine rays – a schedule-I species according to the Wildlife Protection Act. The purchased marine species – whose scientific name is Urogymnus asperimus – together weighed about 424 kilograms and were recovered from a vessel which was only authorised to collect fish from the Lakshadweep islands and to transport them to the mainland, a forest officer said. "In spite of the conditions stipulated by the Department of Fisheries not to collect or transport any wildlife scheduled species they were trying to transport the rare Porcupine rays due to their very high market value," the release said. The forest department is investigating the case to try and find out from whom they purchased the rare marine species, a forest officer said.



One-horned rhino released into open forest

After four decades of conservation efforts, Dudhwa National Park has marked a significant milestone by releasing its first one-horned rhinoceros into the open forests, with three more likely to follow. The release of a 12 to 15-year-old male rhino, named Raghu, took place on Thursday in the 27-square-kilometer rhino rehabilitation area (RRA-1). Field Director of Dudhwa Tiger Reserve (DTR) Lalit Verma said. This marks a significant step in the park's ongoing efforts to reintroduce the species to their natural habitat, Verma told PTI. Raghu was one of four rhinos selected for release after an extensive evaluation by experts and three female rhinos are expected to be released by Friday evening, he said. The release followed careful assessments by rhino experts from Assam's Kaziranga and specialists from World Wide Fund-India and the Wildlife Trust of India (WTI), Verma said. The experts studied the behaviour, health and overall condition of around 10 rhinos in the fenced rehabilitation area before selecting Raghu and others for release, the field director said.

Nagaland Hornbill Festival from Dec 1

Nagaland's history," the minister said. Known as the festival of festivals, the event attracts visitors from across the world to witness the state's vibrant traditions, food, arts and crafts, he said. These partners will participate in various events, including business roundtables, cultural exhibitions, and tourism promotions, he said. The inaugural ceremony will take place at 4 pm on December 1, in the presence of the dignitaries of the partner countries as honoured guests, Governor La Ganesan as the chief host and Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio as the host.



The economic impact of the festival is expected to be significant, with the state government's investments reaching over Rs 100 crore for various infrastructure development and also upgrading the seating capacity of the main arena of the festival to 5,000 people with prefab structures, he said.



Tough decisions have to be taken: Kharge

Need to learn from Assembly polls' results, says Congress chief

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With the Congress smarting from defeats in Maharashtra and Haryana Assembly polls, party chief Mallikarjun Kharge on Friday asserted that "tough decisions" will have to be taken, accountability be fixed and shortcomings removed by learning lessons from the elec-

tion results. In his address during the Congress Working Committee meeting at the AICC headquarters here, Kharge said he believes that the EVMs have made the electoral process "suspect" and stressed that it is the constitutional responsibility of the Election Commission to ensure free and fair elections in the country.

Kharge also hit out at internal bickering in the party, and asserting that the lack of unity and statements against own party leaders harms the party a lot. "Unless we fight elections unitedly and stop making statements against each other, how will we be able to defeat our opponents politically?" the Congress

president said. "Therefore, it is important that we strictly follow discipline. We have to remain united under all circumstances. The party also has the weapon of disciplining. But we do not want to put our comrades in any bondage. "Therefore, everyone needs to think that a victory of the Congress party

Delhi run by gangsters, says Kejriwal; slams Centre

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal launched an attack on the BJP-led central government during a legislative assembly session, alleging that Delhi is being run by "gangsters" amid a worsening law and order situation.

Earlier, Speaker Ram Niwas Goel marshalled out Leader of Opposition Vijender Gupta who launched an offensive against Kejriwal during the discussion. The remaining BJP MLAs followed Gupta and walked out of the House. Speaking during a discussion on the rising crime rates and the law and order situation, Kejriwal expressed grave concern over the safety of Delhiites. "Shootouts are happening openly on a daily basis. It feels like Delhi is run by gangs.

RIFT IN KARNATAKA BJP Renukacharya faction wants party to expel Yatnal



PNS ■ BENGALURU

A group of former BJP legislators in Karnataka led by M P Renukacharya on Friday urged the high command to expel senior MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal for his open criticism of the leadership, especially the state President B Y Vijayendra. Renukacharya along with a few "like-minded" party leaders said they plan to hold a mega rally in Davangere in the coming days, which is expected to be a show of strength.

11 killed, 23 injured as bus overturns in Maharashtra

PNS ■ GONDIA

At least 11 passengers were killed and 23 others injured after a Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC) bus overturned in Gondia district of the state on Friday afternoon, police said.

The bus, operated under the service name 'Shiv Shahi', was carrying 36 passengers and heading to Gondia district from Bhandara in eastern Maharashtra when it flipped over at Dava village under Sadak Arjuni taluka after its driver applied brakes to avoid hitting a two-wheeler that suddenly came in the front, a senior police official said.

"Eleven passengers were killed and 23 others injured in the accident which took place at around 12.30 pm," he said.

The injured passengers were shifted to different hospitals, the official added.

'Opposition parties regularly engage in spreading propaganda against NDA'

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday hit out at opposition parties, alleging that they regularly engage in spreading propaganda against the BJP-led central government.

Modi, addressing party workers here, also said that the opposition has only one aim, "to somehow capture power by misleading people." "Those who consider



power as their birthright have not been in power at the Centre for the last decade," he said in an apparent dig at the opposition.

The prime minister said the BJP dedicatedly worked for the development of Odisha, even when the party was not in power in the eastern state.

'Konkan Railway needs major upgrades'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The infrastructure of Konkan Railway Corporation Limited has become more than 25 years old, requiring major renewal of capital assets to ensure safety of traffic, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw informed the Lok Sabha in a written reply on Wednesday.

Vaishnaw said the infrastructure replacement requires major capital expenditure and the five shareholders of KRCL - Ministry of Railways, Government of Maharashtra, Government of Karnataka, Government of Goa and Government of Kerala - have been approached by the Ministry of Railways to contribute for capital expenditure or to relinquish their share in favour of the ministry.

15-member SP delegation to visit Sambhal

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

A 15-member delegation of Samajwadi Party (SP) will go to UP's Sambhal on Saturday to gather information about the violence that broke out after a survey in the Shahi Jama Masjid complex, the party said on Friday.

SP state president Shyam Lal Pal said that on the instructions of party chief Akhilesh Yadav, a party delegation will go to Sambhal on Saturday. After taking detailed information about the violence that took place there, will submit the report to the party

chief, he said. Congress state president Ajay Rai told PTI that a Congress delegation will go there on December 2.

The situation in Sambhal has been tense since the first survey of the city's Jama Masjid was conducted on November 19 on the orders of a local court. The petitioner has claimed that Jama Masjid stands on a previous Harihar temple.

Violence erupted on November 24 as protesters gathered near the mosque and clashed with security personnel, leading to stone

pelting and arson. Four people died and scores of others, including policemen, were injured in the violence. Police have denied firing at the protesters opposing the survey.

is our victory and a defeat is our defeat. Our strength lies in the strength of the party," the Congress president said. Noting that the Congress made a comeback with new enthusiasm riding on its performance in the Lok Sabha polls, Kharge said. The election results of three states were not as per the party's expectations.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA REVENUE (LA) DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR, HYDERABAD DISTRICT FORM - C NOTIFICATION (Under Section 11 of the Act where 10A Exemption is given) (See rule 6/12)														
Sl. No.	Sketch No.	Premises No.	Type of Title	Name & Address of person interested	Area (Sq. Yds.)	Boundaries				Trees	Status			
						North	South	East	West					
1	276	20-4-19A/12B	Owner	Hakeem Uddin S/o Late Abid Hussain	3.00	Neighbour Property	Neighbour Property	Road	Neighbour Property	-	-	G-1		
2	277	20-4-19B/1	Owner	P.House/Kumar S/o P.Venkat Rao	15.70	Lane	Neighbour Property	Road	Neighbour Property	-	-	Open land		
3	278	20-4-19A/2A	Owner	1. Md.Hussain 2. Md.Abul Roof 3. Abul Rasheed	27.92	Neighbour Property	Neighbour Property	Road	Neighbour Property	-	-	G+1		
4	279	20-6-15B/14	Owner	1. Syeda Zeenat 2. Md. Ali Ahmad 3. Farhan (FF) 4. Abul Rahman (GF) 5. Md. Ali Ahmad (GF) 6. Farhan (GF) 7. Shaukat Begum (FF) 8. Md. Syed Awar Uddin 9. Shaukat Perwar (GF & FF) 10. Md. Ali Ahmad (GF & FF)	18.13	Neighbour Property	Road	Road	Neighbour Property	-	-	C+G-3		
5	281	20-6-11/1	Owner	1. Md. Hameed Ali S/o Late Ismail Ali	29.35	Neighbour Property	Neighbour Property	Road	Neighbour Property	-	-	Tn. Road		
6	283	20-6-11	Owner	Patil Nagan Uddin	7.03	Neighbour Property	Neighbour Property	Road	Neighbour Property	-	-	G+2		
7	284	20-6-11	Owner	Patil Md. Jinnat Sona of Late Md. Hussain	11.31	Neighbour Property	Neighbour Property	Road	Neighbour Property	-	-	G+2		
8	285	20-6-23	Owner	Galim Mustafa S/o Late Galim Rasool	12.27	Lane	Neighbour Property	Road	Neighbour Property	-	-	G+1		
9	286	20-5-31/32, 20, 21	Owner	1. Syed Badar Uddin Hussain Quadri 2. Syed Mubashir Uddin Quadri 3. Syed Abdul Rajid Quadri 4. Syed Ghose Mubashir Quadri	24.41	Neighbour Property	Neighbour Property	Road	Neighbour Property	-	-	G+1		
10	287	20-6-36/1	Owner	1. Ravinder 2. Mansing Rao	10.00	Neighbour Property	Neighbour Property	Road	Neighbour Property	-	-	G+1		
11	288	20-6-24/1, 23 & 4	Owner	1. Md. Basim 2. Sajad Pasha S/o Akram Pasha	13.97	Neighbour Property	Neighbour Property	Road	Neighbour Property	-	-	G+1		
12	289	20-6-21/46	Owner	Patil Anil Jain	12.03	Neighbour Property	Neighbour Property	Road	Neighbour Property	-	-	G+2		
13	290	20-6-43	Owner	Patil Srinivas	3.36	Neighbour Property	Neighbour Property	Road	Neighbour Property	-	-	Heavily used		
14	291	20-6-47	Owner	Patil Jagtap Dilip Kumar S/o Late Pandarabai	48.71	Neighbour Property	Neighbour Property	Road	Neighbour Property	-	-	G+1		
15	292	20-6-47/74	Owner	Patil Rajesh Ranka S/o Channappa Ranka	20.68	Neighbour Property	Neighbour Property	Road	Neighbour Property	-	-	G+3		
16	293	20-6-74	Owner	Patil Jagtap Dilip Kumar S/o Late Pandarabai	1.24	Neighbour Property	Neighbour Property	Road	Neighbour Property	-	-	G		
17	294	20-6-75/91	Owner	1. Ashraf 2. Rupesh Kumar Agarwal S/o Uma Bai (Mother) 3. Premo Bai Jain 4. Bharathi Kumar S/o Late Megh Raj Gupta	0.79	Neighbour Property	Lane	Road	Neighbour Property	-	-	G+1		
18	295	20-6-94	Owner	Mohammad Asif S/o Hassan Mohammad	5.02	Neighbour Property	Neighbour Property	Road	Neighbour Property	-	-	G+1		
19	296	20-6-42/2	Owner	Patil Mc. Abul	0.30	Neighbour Property	Neighbour Property	Road	Neighbour Property	-	-	G+3		
20	297	20-6-43/1 to 4	Owner	1. Saleem Quadri 2. Nayeem Quadri 3. Farhan Quadri 4. Kabeer Quadri	17.28	Neighbour Property	Neighbour Property	Road	Neighbour Property	-	-	G+3		
21	298	20-6-42/3	Owner	1. Shaik Ahmed 2. Md. Yousof 3. Shaik Zaher 4. Abul Aziz Ali s/o Late Shaik Latif	9.55	Neighbour Property	Neighbour Property	Road	Neighbour Property	-	-	G		
22	299	20-6-43/4, 43/1, 43/2	Owner	1. Kaushal S/o Kunal Chandra 2. Tilak Chandra 3. Indu Jain 4. Karanesh (FF) 5. Rameh (BF) 6. Shantika Bai (BF)	23.52	Neighbour Property	Neighbour Property	Road	Neighbour Property	-	-	G+3		
Total						317.38								

This notification made under the provisions of Section - 11(1) of The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Central Act No. 30/2013), as amended by the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Telangana amendment) Act, 2016 (Act No. 21 of 2017) to all whom it may concern.

A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the District Collector, Hyderabad District and Special Deputy Collector (Land Acquisition), Hyderabad Airport Metro Limited, Raosolpura, Begumpet, Hyderabad on any working day during the working hours. The Government of Telangana/Collector cum appropriate Government is pleased to authorize the Special Deputy Collector (Land Acquisition), Hyderabad Airport Metro Limited, Raosolpura, Begumpet, Hyderabad and his staff to enter upon and survey land, take levels of any land dig or bore in the sub-soil & do all other acts required for the proper execution of their work as provided and specified in section 12 of the said Act.

Under Section 11(4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e., sale/purchase, etc., or create any encumbrance on such land/property from the date of publication of this notification without prior approval of the District Collector, Hyderabad District.

Objections to the acquisition if any, and claims from all persons interested/affected by the acquisition, may be filed by the person interested in the land within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of publication of this notification as provided under section 15 of the Act before the District Collector, Hyderabad District/Special Deputy Collector (Land Acquisition), Hyderabad Airport Metro Limited, Raosolpura, Begumpet, Hyderabad. The personal hearing on the objections so filed will be taken up on 04-12-2024 at 3.00 PM in the office of the Special Deputy Collector (Land Acquisition), Hyderabad Airport Metro Limited, Metro Bhawan, Raosolpura, Begumpet, Hyderabad.

Place: Hyderabad. Date: 27-11-2024. Sd/- Addl. Collector, Hyderabad District. Sd/- Collector, Hyderabad District. Sd/- Spl. Dy. Collector (L.A.), HAMI, Hyderabad. DPCR No.406/LA/PPI/Advt/Agency/2024-25



## HEARTFELT CHARM OF DECCANI ACCENT AND CUISINE

FROM THE BUSTLING STREETS OF OLD CITY TO THE MODERN KITCHENS OF HYDERABAD, CHEF RIZWAN KHADER'S STORY IS AN EVIDENCE TO THE CITY'S ENDURING CULINARY LEGACY. IN A CANDID CONVERSATION WITH THE PIONEER, HE REVEALS THE SECRETS OF HYDERABADI CUISINE AND HIS CONNECTION TO THE CITY

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Chef Rizwan Khader's journey is steeped in the aromas, flavours and traditions of Hyderabad. A culinary maestro, his story is intertwined with the rich heritage of the city that shaped him. From childhood breakfasts in the Old City to modern twists on Hyderabad classics, his take on Hyderabad is as relishing as his food.

"I was born and raised in Hyderabad," he begins, asserting his love for the city. "I started my career here after completing my hotel management in the city.

Over the past two decades, most of my experience—nearly 15 years—has been in Hyderabad. This city is my foundation, my inspiration and my everything." Today, he is a celebrated chef at Telangana Spice Kitchen, a name synonymous with culinary excellence and tradition in the city.

For him, Hyderabad's cuisine isn't static—it's a living, evolving tradition. "Take paya soup, for instance," he says, diving into the details. "It's a classic dish, but we've elevated it by pairing it with beetroot crisps. These are in-house crisps, similar to papads but designed to enhance the flavour profile. It's not just food—it's an experience."

Another of Rizwan's innovations is *Marag*, a traditional Hyderabad mutton broth. When asked to define Hyderabad with one dish, his answer is immediate: biryani. "Hyderabad biryani is unparalleled. The moment someone mentions biryani, it should evoke Hyderabad," he says with conviction. But his love for the dish is tempered by concern.

"Today, many are modernising biryani in ways that stray from its roots. Hyderabad biryani is not about being spicy—it's about the depth of flavour. That's something people are forgetting and as a chef, it's something I strive to preserve."

His connection to Hyderabad's food culture is deeply personal. He vividly recalls mornings spent exploring the Old City's bustling lanes. "Hyderabad break-

fasts are unlike any other. Growing up, it wasn't about idli or dosa. It was about bheja fry, nalli nihari, paya and murda bhaji. It was heavy, hearty and unforgettable."

One of his fondest memories is a small eatery near Charminar, famous for its shami kebabs and parathas. "I'd go there any time,

the wave of modernisation. "Hyderabad cuisine is a beautiful blend of influences—from the Nizams to the Iranis. But with all the modernisation, we're losing those roots. My focus is to bring them back and remind people of their origins."

Key to this effort is his use of traditional ingredients like *potli masala*, *sattar ka phool* and *paan ki zadi*. "These ingredients are the backbone of Hyderabad cuisine. Incorporating them into modern dishes while staying true to tradition is what inspires me."

Beyond its cuisine he celebrates the city's unparalleled hospitality. "Hyderabadis have a way of making you feel at home. The warmth, the generosity—it's unlike anywhere else." He's also enamored with the city's unique dialect. "The way Hyderabadis speak is something special. I may not speak the language fluently anymore, but the words and phrases hold a special place in my heart."

Having witnessed Hyderabad's transformation over the years, he reflects on the city's evolving food culture. "The market has seen an influx of modern cuisines and trends, but I believe there's still a strong interest in authentic flavors. That's where my work lies—bridging the old with the new."

One example he shares is his twist on *khichdi katta keema*. "It's an authentic Hyderabad breakfast dish. We've modernized it while retaining its soul. It's

about honouring tradition while catering to contemporary tastes." If he were to recommend a memento from Hyderabad, he'd suggest iconic spots and treasures. "Charminar, of course—it's a symbol of our history. Chowmahalla Palace is another must-visit. And then there are the

pearls. Hyderabad is known for its pearls and they're a perfect keepsake." He also has a personal favorite for family outings: Laad Bazaar. "It's a great place for shopping, especially for jewelry and pearls. My family and I love spending time there." For him, Hyderabad is more than a city; it's where his heart belongs. "This is my mother's place. It's my soul," he says passionately. "I've had opportunities to work abroad, but I could never leave Hyderabad. The growth here is incredible, and in the next 10 years, I believe Hyderabad will be India's top city."

When asked to describe Hyderabad in just three words, he takes a moment before responding. "Mother's place, soul and future," he says, encapsulating his deep connection to the city. His story is a flavorful journey of passion, innovation and heritage. Whether he's reimagining paya soup with beetroot crisps or preserving the essence of Hyderabad biryani, his culinary artistry is a love letter to the city he calls home.



### Divorce Ke Liye Kuch Bhi Karega

## Brilliant cast elevates hilarious ride

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### PLOT

The plot revolves around Nikhat Kothari (played by Abigail Pande) and Ashutosh Chawla (played by Rishabh Chadha), two rival news anchors competing for the prime-time news slot at India Buzz TV. Their competition intensifies as they are assigned to look into a fraudulent marriage court scheme, leading them to go undercover at a marriage agency. A mistake results in their unintended marriage, sparking an allegedly hilarious effort to get divorced. Well, to understand how it has all happened, head to Zee 5 and watch *Divorce Ke Liye Kuch Bhi Karega*.

### ANALYSIS

The show's concept is a breath of fresh air in this genre. The show's ability to tackle complex themes and issues in a lighthearted and humorous way is impressive. The show also raises important questions about the institution of marriage and the challenges that couples face in their relationships. Furthermore, the show's portrayal of the contestants' backstories and motivations adds depth and complexity to the narrative. The show's exploration of themes such as communication, trust and compromise in relationships is also noteworthy. The show's use of satire and social commentary is also effective in highlighting the absurdities and challenges of modern relationships. *Divorce Ke Liye Kuch Bhi Karega* is a show that will resonate with audiences of all ages. The show's themes of love, relationships and marriage are universal and relatable. The show also raises important questions about the institution of marriage and the challenges that couples face in their relationships. The show's impact will be felt long after the season ends, sparking important conversations and debates about the nature of love and relationships.

less narrative that flows smoothly from one episode to the next. Additionally, *DKLKBK's* use of humour is impressive, with a perfect blend of witty one-liners, comedy and satire.



Review:

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**CAST :** Abigail Pande and  
Rishabh Chadha  
**STREAMING ON :** Zee5  
**RATING :** 3.5/5

However, the show falls slightly short in its pacing. At times, the episodes can feel a bit rushed, with some challenges and games feeling like they're glossed over too quickly. Additionally, some viewers may find the show's tone to be a bit inconsistent, veering wildly from slapstick humour to more serious emotional moments. However, these are minor quibbles in an otherwise excellent show.

### PERFORMANCES

Rishabh Chadha and Abigail Jain shine as the lead couples, bringing a level of depth and complexity to their characters. Their chemistry is undeni-

able, and their comedic timing is impeccable. The supporting cast is also excellent, with notable performances from the actors playing the roles of the show's hosts and judges. The cast's performances are nuanced and multifaceted, adding depth and complexity to the show's narrative. Talking of the supporting cast, they have all done justice to the amount of parts given.

### TECHNICAL ASPECTS

The show's technical aspects are impressive, with high production values that make it a visually appealing watch. The cinematography is excellent, with bright colours and slick editing that adds to the show's energy. The background score is also catchy, with a memorable theme song that sets the tone for the rest of the show.

### VERDICT

*Divorce Ke Liye Kuch Bhi Karega* is a refreshingly original and entertaining show that shines with its impeccable comedic timing, nuanced performances and impressive technical aspects. While it stumbles slightly with pacing issues and tone inconsistencies, the show's ability to balance humour and heart, coupled with its thought-provoking themes and relatable characters, make it a must-watch.

## Migraine-free living through transformative power of yoga

YOGA IS A 5000-YEAR-OLD SCIENCE. WHEN THE WHOLE WORLD WAS LIVING IN CAVES AND JUNGLES ACCORDING TO MODERN HISTORIANS, THEN THE HIGHLY DEVELOPED PEOPLE OF INDIA WERE REVEALING THE SECRETS OF CREATION... SCIENTIFICALLY; THAT TO DATE THE MODERN SCIENCES ARE UNABLE TO MATCH THEIR PRECISION AND ACCURACY



In Ayurveda, two conditions, known as *Ardhaavabheda* (half-sided headache) and *Anantavaata* (unilateral pain), resemble the classic migraine. Migraine is commonly misunderstood as a headache. It is actually not a headache, the headache is just a symptom of an imbalance that exists somewhere else. There are two main reasons for a migraine. Usually, it is the aggravated pitta dosha that is at the root of the problem. *Pitta dosha* impairs digestion and the ama produced by this gets stored in the *manovah strotas* (mind channels) and causes migraine. Migraine may also be attributed to irregularities in the *rakta dhātu* (blood) resulting in excessive flow of blood in the meningeal region (membranes covering the brain and spinal cord). In a rare case, swelling of blood vessels in the brain may also lead to migraine attacks.

### Managing migraines through lifestyle changes

To avoid migraines, avoid excesses of any kind. Your lifestyle should reflect 'ati sarvatra varjayeth' or moderation in all things. Avoid quick fix painkillers because they aggravate the problem and once their effect wears off the frequency of headaches starts to increase plus then you

don't look for its triggers and get caught in a vicious cycle of pain and pills. Instead, for some quick relief lie down quietly in a dark room and put an ice pack on your neck and/or forehead and temples. You can also crush some ginger and apply its paste on your forehead.

### Pranayama techniques for migraine relief

*Nadi Shodhan Pranayama* is an effective and powerful technique to cleanse your system and induce a state of perfect balance. For this, sit with your spine absolutely straight. Place your middle finger between the eyebrows. The ring finger presses your left nostril and the thumb is on your right nostril. Inhale from the left nostril and exhale through the right. And then inhale through the right nostril and exhale through the left. This is one cycle. You inhale to the count of four and exhale to the count of eight or twelve or sixteen. It should be a rhythmic movement without any breath retention. Start with seven cycles and increase gradually.

### Additional remedies for migraine relief

Perform this *pranayam* in tandem

with the *Chakra Santulan Pranayam* as detailed in *Sanatan Kriya*. While practicing any *pranayama*, it is important to sit in a well-ventilated room. *Pranayama* must not be practiced in a breezy or dusty environment or under the direct blast of air cooler or fan. It is recommended that the *pranayam* be practiced under strict guidance of an expert. Doing *pranayamas* in an unsupervised manner either by copying from TV or reading from somewhere can cause long-term irreparable damage to the body.

For some more relief extract the juice of giloy (*tinospora cordifolia*) and have it with 1 tsp of honey. Otherwise take three grams of coriander seeds, five grams of lavender flowers, five seeds of black pepper and five almonds. Make sure you soak the almonds overnight in water and remove the skin before preparing the paste. Grind with water, sieve, and take before sunrise.

In case of a severe headache, you can dip your feet in a bath of warm water with few drops of organic and natural eucalyptus oil, for 15-20 minutes for instant relief.

(The author, is Ashwini Guruji of Dhyana Ashram.)





# what's brewing?

## FLAVOURS from the EAST

Novotel Hyderabad Airport is hosting a meticulously curated culinary event "Flavours from the East: A Taste of North East and Bhutan," from 7th to 28th December 2024. This luxurious degustation which celebrates the rich heritage of Northeast and Bhutan will offer a unique dining experience, available every Saturday from 7 PM to 11 PM. This culinary extravaganza promises to transport guests on a flavourful journey through the rich heritage of the Northeast and Bhutan, showcasing authentic dishes that reflect the essence of the region.

The cuisine of Bhutan and the Northeast is deeply rooted in its geographic and cultural traditions. Bhutanese culinary practices have historically revolved around staples such as rice, maize and buckwheat, complemented by dairy products like cheese and butter. These traditional flavours will be brought to life with a specially crafted menu designed to celebrate the region's unique and vibrant gastronomy.

The menu begins with comforting soups including the flavourful *Vegetable Thukpa*, a *Tibetan noodle soup* and *Chicken Miso & Rice Soup*, a hearty blend of protein and spices. Live counters will serve freshly prepared Momos, along with a selection of Bhutanese vegetable and chicken starters to awaken the palates. The salad bar will feature *Singju*, a famous Manipuri salad, *Kelli Chana Salad*, *Goen Hogay* (a Bhutanese cucumber salad), and *Morok Metpa Fish Salad*, a spicy fish preparation.

The main menu offers a chance for guests to indulge in *Kewa Datshi*, a Bhutanese dish made with potatoes, chilies, and garlic and *Uti Thongba*, a classic vegetarian dish from Manipur featuring dry peas and aromatic spices. Showstopping non-vegetarian delights like *Jasha Maru*, a flavorful Bhutanese chicken stew and *Chicken Paa*, a Bhutanese-style stir-fried chicken dish will deliver bold flavours from the region. The rich vault of accompaniments includes Bhutanese Red Rice and Dry Fish Chilli (Ngae Kam Chilli), which offer a perfect balance of hearty and spicy flavours.



Max Fashion launched its 36th store in Hyderabad, located at Vantage Line Mall in Jagir Bandlaguda. This marks their 75th store across the two Telugu states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.



Actor Vishnu Manchu, along with his wife Vranica Manchu, extended his support to their personal hairstylist Mahesh by attending the grand opening of his new venture, TUYO Unisex Salon, in Banjara Hills, Hyderabad.



Youngstaan Foundation and the CSR initiative by Bosch Global Software Technologies Pvt. Ltd. in collaboration with the Department of Women Development and Child Welfare, the Department of Juvenile Welfare, Correctional Services and Welfare of Street Children, Telangana State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Telangana Social Impact Group (T-SIG), marked a significant milestone in juvenile rehabilitation with a special inaugural ceremony at the Government Special Home in Gajularamaram, Hyderabad.



The fifth evening of the 52nd Pt Motiram Pt Maniram Sangeet Samaroha brought the audience into a world of soulful melodies. Held at the Centre for Cultural Resource & Training (CCRT), Madhapur, the event showcased breathtaking performances that kept the audience spellbound. The evening began with a harmonious Jasrangi duet by the talented duo Vilina Patra and Sai Panchal. Seamlessly blending their voices in the unique Jasrangi Jugabandi style, they celebrated the union of two ragas sung simultaneously, creating a divine musical experience.

### PARTY

## BOOK LAUNCHES

**Kabir as an Anti Hero of Caste Politics - Challenging The Status Quo:** Explore how Anand revives Kabir as a radical thinker whose critique of caste and societal norms are more relevant than ever. Position the book as a rallying cry against issues of injustice and inequality.

**Purpose by Pankaj Setia:** In a world where AI writes our emails, algorithms shape our decisions, and digital transformation drives everything from business strategies to daily life, one crucial question remains unanswered: Why? In his groundbreaking new book Purpose: Digital Transformation of Individuals, Organisations and Societies, IIM A Professor Pankaj Setia challenges us to look beyond the dazzle of innovation to something far more fundamental—the human purpose behind our technological choices.

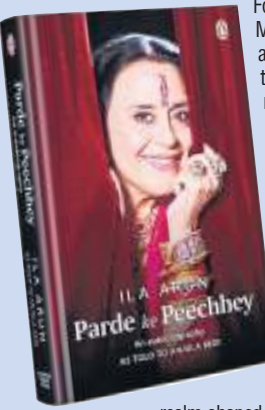
**When Turquoise Waters Turned Dark by Keshav Chandra:** a breathtaking publication by Penguin India. This illustrated history of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands is a visual and intellectual treasure, offering a unique perspective on India's colonial past.

**Play to Potential by Deepak Jayaraman | A business book like no other.** Renowned executive coach and host of the Play to Potential podcast, Deepak Jayaraman, is releasing his much-anticipated book, *Play to Potential!* This insightful guide challenges traditional ideas of success and self-improvement, encouraging

readers to embrace life's transitions with curiosity, exploration and play—not just work.

**Missy by Raghav Rao | A powerful literary debut |**

A powerfully mesmerising debut, *Missy* by Raghav Rao, is a bold new voice, compelling narrative of escape and renewal. Follow the heart-pounding escape of Savi, from a Madras convent to the high stakes world of Chicago, as she breaks free from the shackles of her tumultuous past in India, and recreates and rediscovers herself in the uncharted American landscapes. Marked with gripping realities of the immigrant experience, Rao's debut also offers a bold twist to conventional tales of crime and vengeance, charting a new path that inspires, transforms, and rejuvenates. A tale of dreams, dangers, destiny, and unflinching determination, *Missy* will keep you on the edge of your seat.



**Parde Ke Peechhey**, the candid memoir of Ila Arun, as told to Anjula Bedi. In this deeply personal account, Ila Arun reveals the unvarnished truths of her journey through the entertainment industry—a realm shaped by fame, censorship, and the pervasive undertones of patriarchy. With unwavering candor, she recounts her rise from humble beginnings in the folk-rich landscapes of Rajasthan to her emergence as a national icon, offering readers an authentic glimpse behind the curtain of her illustrious career. Told in her inimitable style, with sincerity and a touch of humour, this is Ila at her candid best, sharing a glimpse into her life and experience onstage and backstage. *Parde Ke Peechhey*.

## FUN

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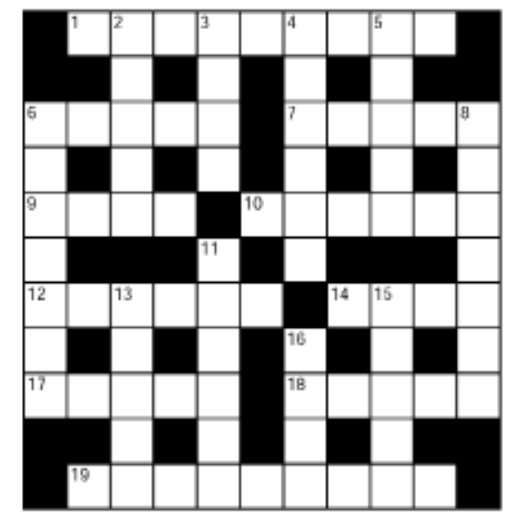
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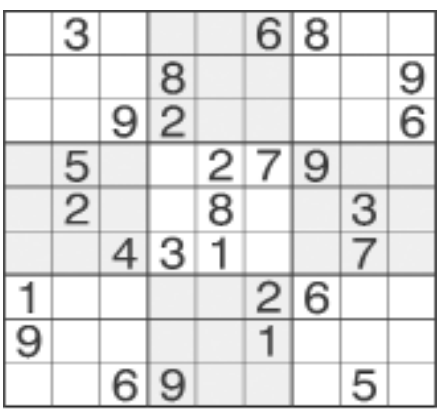
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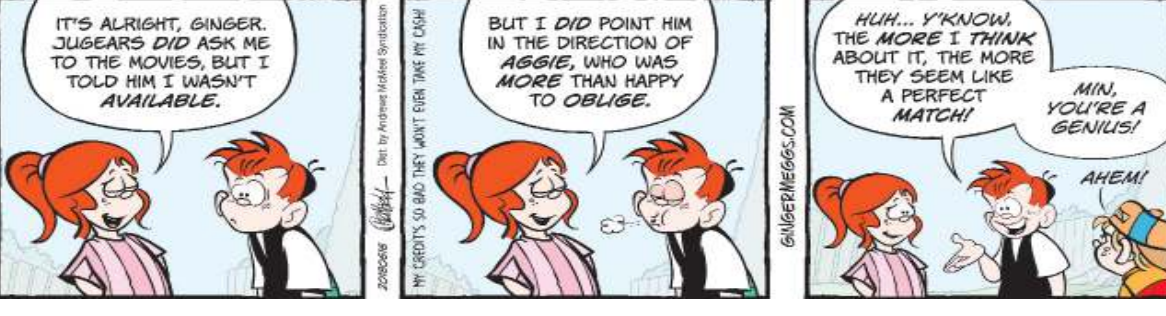
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- Someone in a play
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- Precious stones
- A hard safety hat
- A stopper for a bath or sink
- A thick soft quilt used as a cover for a bed
- A sheep's babies
- A country in South America



### DOWN

- A letter sent from one computer to another
- Birthday present

### GINGER MEGGS





## Keerthy Suresh confirms December wedding!



Tollywood is currently having its own wedding season going on. While on one hand, pictures of Naga Chaitanya's wedding with Sobhita Dhulipala have gone viral, adding to the list is actress Keerthy Suresh. Her relationship with Antony has been the talk-of-the-town. On Friday, Keerthy Suresh visited the Tirumala temple for the blessings of Lord Balaji ahead of her marriage and her Bollywood debut. After the darshan, the actress spoke about her marriage and revealed the venue also. "My marriage is going to be next month and it is going to be held in Goa," said the actress. Keerthy Suresh is making her debut in Bollywood with the Hindi film *Baby John*, where she stars alongside Varun Dhawan. It is a remake of Tamil film *Teri*. Few days back, the actress finally made her relationship official with her childhood love Antony. She said it is a 15-year-relationship and she is going to marry him next month. She shared a picture with Antony a few days back on her social media page. Apart from her Hindi film, the actress is also busy with a couple of Tamil films.



### Samantha's father no more!

Friday came out as a shock for many people including the film fraternity when actress Samantha announced that her father, Joseph Prabhu passed away. The actress took to her social media and shared an Instagram story saying, "Until we meet again Dad". At present, the cause of his death has been unknown. Not long ago, she spoke about her 'strained' relationship with her father. She said, "All my life growing up, I had to fight for validation. My father was kind of like... I think most Indian parents are like that. They think they're protecting you... He actually told me, 'You're not that smart. This is just the standard of Indian education. That's why even you can get a first rank.' When you say that to a child, I really believed for the longest time that I'm not smart and not good enough."

## Thalapathy Vijay's son Jason Sanjay's debut with Sundeep Kishan



Tamil superstar Thalapathy Vijay has ventured into politics and is now focusing more on his political career. Meanwhile, his son Jason Sanjay is set to carry forward his legacy in the film industry, but not as an actor. Instead, Jason Sanjay is making his debut as a director. The popular production house Lyca is producing his debut film. The official announcement of Jason Sanjay's directorial debut was made on Friday evening, revealing that Sundeep Kishan will play the lead role in the film. The movie will be made in both Telugu and Tamil. Thalapathy fans have been eagerly awaiting Jason's debut, and the time has finally arrived. The motion poster offers a glimpse into Jason's exceptional vision.

The story revolves around the theme of "searching for what you've lost in its original place" - but at what cost? According to the production house, when Jason Sanjay presented his story, it stood out as fresh and unique, with the potential to draw pan-Indian attention. They wanted to encourage young talent and believed that Jason's story had immense potential.

The production house also praised Sundeep Kishan, stating that he has consistently demonstrated his ability to captivate audiences across Tamil and Telugu regions. This collaboration promises to deliver an exciting cinematic experience. Thaman will compose the music for the film. The team plans to begin shooting in January 2025.

## Nayanthara takes a dig at Dhanush with her 'Karma' post



loan, it will come back to you with interest" (sic). This post has gone viral on the internet, with netizens commenting that the actress is targeting Dhanush with this message.

To recall, the documentary featured a three-second glimpse from the film *Naanum Rowdy Dhaan*, which Dhanush produced and Vijay Sethupathi starred in. Notably, this film holds special significance for Nayanthara, as it was during its production that she first met her husband and director, Vignesh Shivan. As a result, she wanted to feature this film in her documentary. However, Dhanush denied permission, and Nayanthara ultimately used some visuals from the film without his consent.

This led to Dhanush filing a Rs 10 crore defamation petition in court. Nayanthara responded with a three-page open letter to Dhanush, but he did not reply and continued to pursue the legal battle. Now, with Nayanthara's recent post about the Karma theory, many believe it is aimed at Dhanush.

The dispute between Nayanthara and Dhanush regarding the documentary *Nayanthara: Beyond the Fairy Tale* is well-known. It appears that this issue is far from over, as Nayanthara recently posted a message about the Karma theory on her social media page. She posted, "Karma Says: When you destroy someone's life with lies, take it as a

Nayanthara's lawyer addressed Dhanush's legal notice, stating that they used the visuals from her personal library, which would not constitute a copyright issue.

## Chay, Sobhita haldi ceremony photos go viral



ing their wedding festivities with a traditional haldi ceremony on Friday. The wedding is scheduled to take place on December 4 at a specially erected mandapam at Annapurna Studios. Before the main event, the family gathered for the haldi ceremony, which was attended by close family members of both the bride and groom. Photos from these pre-wedding celebrations have gone viral on the internet and social media.

Chaitanya and Sobhita's wedding is being conducted in accordance with traditional Telugu customs. The couple wore traditional outfits to the haldi function and some of their close friends and family members were also seen in the pictures.

According to a source, the guest list includes close friends from the industry, such as the Mega Family, Mahesh Babu's family and the Daggubati family. Nagarjuna reportedly wanted to keep the event private, which is why Annapurna Studios was chosen as the venue.

The Akkineni family, including Naga Chaitanya and Sobhita Dhulipala, has entered a festive mood as they began celebrat-



## Working on *Shero* was 'truly transformative' for Sunny Leone

Sunny Leone is all set to captivate audiences with her next South Indian film - *Shero* which marks a new milestone in her career. Shot in the serene and remote mountains of Kerala, the film offered a unique experience for Sunny, allowing her to fully immerse herself in the project.

From breathtaking landscapes to intense action

sequences, *Shero* stands out as one of her most demanding yet rewarding ventures.

"Working on *Shero* was truly transformative. Being secluded in the breathtaking mountains of Kerala allowed us to focus entirely on the project and the director's clarity made it one of the best experiences of my career. I even performed all the action scenes myself, which was both challenging and rewarding. It gave me a chance to truly showcase my acting, beyond just learning a South Indian language. Watching the playbacks while dubbing, I felt so proud of how beautifully it all turned out. I can't wait for people to see this project—it's something very close to my heart," Sunny shares.

## Nandamuri Mokshagnya confident about his debut

Nandamuri Balakrishna's son, Mokshagnya, is set to make his acting debut in an untitled film directed by Prashanth Varma, who previously helmed *HanuMan*. This project has generated significant buzz, with many eagerly awaiting Mokshagnya's entry into the film industry. Prashanth Varma has been entrusted with the responsibility of showcasing the young actor's talent on the big screen.

Before his film debut, Mokshagnya underwent comprehensive training in acting, fight choreography, and dance. The film's pre-production work is currently underway, and the makers have released a new photo of Mokshagnya. In this latest picture, he exudes confidence and promises a compelling performance.

Nandamuri fans are eagerly anticipating another star in the making, following in the footsteps of Mokshagnya's father, Balakrishna. This high-budget project will be pro-

duced by Sudhakar Cherukuri in collaboration with Legend Productions, with Balakrishna's daughter, Tejeswini Nandamuri, serving as the presenter. The movie draws inspiration from an ancient mythological legend and is currently in the final stages of pre-production.



## Sreeleela's 'new and different' B'wood debut on cards!

Following a stellar first episode that became the talk of the town, the highly anticipated second episode of *The Rana Daggubati Show* brings the charming Siddhartha Jonnalagadda, popularly known as Siddhu and the vivacious Sreeleela under one roof for a lively and spill-all conversation. From witty exchanges to laugh-out-loud moments, as well as insightful discussions about their personal and professional journeys, the episode breaks away from the traditional talk-show format, making it a delightful watch for viewers. Eager to get Sreeleela to spill the beans on her upcoming projects, Siddhu and Rana probe her about her Bollywood debut. With an official

announcement still under wraps, Sreeleela coyly tried to avoid revealing much. But at Rana's insistence, the actress eventually gave in and said, "That is true. This will be my first time working in Bollywood. It's new and different." The *Dhamaka* actress has recently grabbed attention and headlines for her exquisite performance in the Allu Arjun-starrer *Pushpa 2*'s electrifying dance number *Kissik*, with fans now excited to witness her much-awaited debut in Bollywood. Rana also made a curious and playful observation about Sreeleela's frequent presence at the gatherings he attends. Jokingly, he asked, "I see you and your mom at every wedding I go to, and I hear my cousins calling you their sister. What's going on here?" In response, Sreeleela revealed, "We're from Ongole, which is close to Karamchedu, your (Rana's) hometown. We used to visit often for Sankranti," referring to the fun-filled kite festival that marks the beginning of the harvest season.



# Gill returns to nets after thumb injury

PTI ■ CANBERRA

Shubman Gill returned to the India nets on Friday, showing enough signs of a full recovery from a thumb injury that ruled him out of the series opener against Australia in Perth. Gill's absence was not felt in Perth as India won the game by 295 runs but considering his impressive run on the previous tour, the visitors need him at his best over the course of the five-match series. The top-order batter was seen facing Yash Dayal and Akash Deep in the nets ahead of the pink-ball warm-up game against Australian PM's XI starting Saturday. "I was just trying to get a feel to be honest, see how the injury is reacting, if any kind of soreness is there but it went much better than what I and Kamlesh bhai (Kamlesh Jain, physio) expected. Very happy with that," Gill said in a video posted by BCCI on X after the training session here. Gill was naturally disappointed about getting injured ahead of the first Test but India's special



performance put him back in a positive frame of mind. "Any ball when it hits the middle of the bat, the feeling that you get, that is the feeling I play for. When I got to know about my injury, first couple of days I was quite low and disappointed. "Perth is the only venue we did not play last time around (2020-21). It is such an iconic venue. But the way we played at the end of it, I was very happy," the batter added. In Gill's absence, Devdutt Padikkal came at number three for India but could not deliver. However, it is not a given that Gill will return to his usual batting position as K L Rahul excelled as an opener in Perth in skipper Rohit Sharma's absence. While Rohit is expected to open alongside Yashasvi Jaiswal, Rahul could come in at three pushing Gill to number 5. It remains to be seen if India experiment in the batting order in the warm-up game as all batters would be allowed a hit in the middle considering it is not a first-class game.



## India look to make most of pink ball warm-up

PTI ■ CANBERRA

India would aim to figure out their batting combination for next week's day-night Test in Adelaide when they face Australia Prime Minister's XI in a two-day tour game at the Manuka Oval here from Saturday. India have played four day-night Tests thus far with their only loss coming at Adelaide four years ago when they were bowled out for 36 before making a winning comeback in the four-match Test series. The pink ball does a lot more compare to the red cherry, especially in the twilight period. Considering it is not a first-class game, majority of the Indian batters would like to get a feel of the ball in the middle. Coming from their most dominant win in Australia in the opening Test in Perth, the Indian dressing room is in high spirits. However, the arrival of Rohit Sharma, who missed the first Test due to the birth of his second child and expected return of a fit again Shubman Gill will force the think tank to rejig the batting order for the match beginning December 6. Rohit and Yashasvi Jaiswal are the designated openers but with the latter and K L Rahul excelling at the top in Perth, there is a case for the Indian skipper to drop himself down the order. If that does happen, Gill's position will also need to be adjusted. India will have to make those calls in the practice game before reaching Adelaide with full clarity. As it is only a two-day game,

India would be hoping to get a lot more time with the bat than the ball. The likes of Sarfaraz Khan, who are unlikely to be considered unless there is an injury, would also be hoping for some game time. The team is in a relaxed mood and had its first net session on Friday where Gill took guard, indicating that his recovery is well on course. India have been reluctant to play tour games as they are often not competitive enough. With Test players like Matt Renshaw and Scott Boland in the line-up, the visitors can hope for some decent match practice. The PM's XI will be led by all-rounder Jack Edwards and will also have Australia U-19 stars including Charlie Anderson, Mahli Beardman, Aidan O'Connor and Sam Konstas. Fast bowling all-rounder Hanno Jacobs will be another player to watch out for. The Squads: India: Rohit Sharma (C), Jasprit Bumrah (VC), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Abhimanyu Easwaran, Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, KL Rahul, Rishabh Pant (WK), Sarfaraz Khan, Dhruv Jurel (WK), R Ashwin, R Jadeja, Mohd. Siraj, Akash Deep, Prasadh Krishna, Harshit Rana, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Washington Sundar. PM's XI: Jack Edwards (C), Charlie Anderson, Mahli Beardman, Scott Boland, Jack Clayton, Aidan O'Connor, Ollie Davies, Jayden Goodwin, Sam Harper, Hanno Jacobs, Sam Konstas, Lloyd Pope, Matthew Renshaw, Jem Ryan.



## Australia let Kohli roll on to a hundred in Perth: Allan Border

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Former Australia captain Allan Border has expressed his disappointment over the team's inability to contain Virat Kohli during the first Test in Perth and feels that can potentially cost the hosts the five-match series. Kohli, who had not scored a Test century in 18 months, roared back to form with an unbeaten 100 in the second innings as India secured a thumping 295-run victory over the hosts. "I was really disappointed in the way we let Kohli roll on to a hundred without much resistance," Border told SEN radio on Friday morning. "We don't want this guy full of confidence for the rest of the series." Border also questioned the tactics of skipper Pat Cummins, suggesting they



allowed Kohli to regain his rhythm after his struggles against New Zealand in the recent home series. Kohli's century marked his seventh ton on Australian soil. Former opener Matthew Hayden also took aim at Cummins, criticising the

strike." Hayden had told Channel 7 after India's win. "You can't cut a sucker an even break when a bloke is under pressure as he was. The field we actually finished with - two slips, no point, a man straight - it offered up the outside edge of his bat as well. He found it a little more frustrating. When he got the bit between the teeth, it was too late. Hayden also pointed to tactical lapses during India's earlier partnership, noting the delayed use of short-ball strategies. "Jaiswal looked vulnerable against it. Maybe tiny things with Pat Cummins, the ability to think through these decisions. They were shell-shocked from the average batting performance (in the first innings) and as we see now, again, bombs are going," he said.

## KL should continue to open with Jaiswal, Rohit can come in at 3: Pujara

PTI ■ CANBERRA

Cheteshwar Pujara wants K L Rahul to open the batting alongside Yashasvi Jaiswal in the second Test against Australia despite the arrival of skipper Rohit Sharma. Rohit's absence in the series opener in Perth allowed India to move Rahul to the top of the order from the middle order. Pujara, the rock of Indian batting on the previous two tours of Australia, feels the opening combination should not be tinkered with after a 295-run win in the series opener. Jaiswal scored a memorable hundred while Rahul too was impressive, collecting 26 and 77 in the two innings in Perth. "I think, for some reason if we can carry on with the same batting order, like KL and Yashasvi to open, Rohit could come in at three, and Shubman could come in at five," Pujara said in a chat with ESPNcricinfo. "If Rohit wants to open, KL should bat at No. 3. Nothing later than that. I think he has

to bat top of the order, because it suits his game really well. I hope we don't tinker around with that." Gill, who missed the first Test due to a thumb injury, is also expected to feature in the playing eleven in the day-night Test beginning December 6. "Ideally No. 5 (for Gill). Because it allows him to come in at a time, even if we lose two wickets early, he is someone who can negotiate the new ball," Pujara said. "But if he walks in after, say, 25 or 30 overs, he can play his shots. He can play his natural game. And in case we lose the first three wickets early, Gill walks in and saves Rishabh Pant for the old ball. "[Pant] doesn't have to face the new ball. I wouldn't want him to walk in to bat when the ball is hard and new," Pujara added. Gill has opened the batting in Australia but has now moved down to number three. India also play a two-day warm up game in Canberra ahead of the pink-ball Test in Adelaide.

## Harmanpreet unveils Indian women's cricket team ODI jersey

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Indian women's cricket team captain Harmanpreet Kaur and BCCI secretary Jay Shah on Friday unveiled the side's new ODI jersey at the Board's headquarters here. The women's team will don the new jersey during the three-match ODI series against the West Indies to be played in Vadodra from December 22. "It's an honour to unveil the jersey today and really happy that we are the first ones who is going to wear this jersey against the West Indies team," said Harmanpreet. "Really happy, really like the look. The tri-colour on the shoulder is looking really beautiful and really happy that



we've got a special ODI jersey," she added. Before the home series, the Harmanpreet-led Indian team will tour Australia for a three-match ODI series from December 5 to 11. Harmanpreet said wearing the Team India jersey was always special as a lot of hard work goes towards owning it. "I would like the Indian fans to also wear this jersey and feel proud."

## Battle of Equals: Gukesh, Liren draw fourth round game; remain level on points in WC

PTI ■ SINGAPORE

Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh and defending champion Ding Liren played out a mostly risk-free draw in the fourth round to remain level on points in the World Chess Championship battle here on Friday. The two players signed peace after 42 moves vide repetition and are tied on two points each after four games of the 14-round showdown. The first to reach 7.5 points will be crowned the champion. The 18-year-old Gukesh, who was playing with black on Friday, is the youngest ever challenger for the title and had won the third game on Wednesday. "Towards the end, I had some chances to press better but with black this is all you can expect," Gukesh said after the game. "I am just trying to make good moves," he added when asked about the



prospect of becoming the youngest world champion. The 32-year-old Liren had won the opening game before the two played out a draw in the second game. "This round, I tried to play safe. It turns out I got a little bit of an advantage. The score is still balanced. There are more games to come," Liren said. "I had a rest day to recover from the tough loss. I am in a very good mood. It

worked well, not so bad," he added. With just 10 games remaining under the classical time control, Gukesh will have the advantage of playing white in the fifth game. On Friday, Liren started with the bird's opening trying to take out on the queen's bishop early in the opening which was a clear indication that the Chinese wanted to fight the Indian on the skill rather than preparation. Gukesh was up to the task in responding as he matched Liren move for move and the pieces traded hands leading to equality. The players eventually reached rook and pawns endgame which was theoretically drawn and the split of a point was a just result. Viswanathan Anand is so far the only Indian to have won the title, having claimed it five times in his career. The semi-retired legend made the ceremonial first move for Gukesh on Friday.

## Guardiola urges Man City hierarchy to give him time to fix faltering team as Nadal visits



AP ■ MANCHESTER

Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola has urged the Abu Dhabi hierarchy to give him the chance to revive his faltering team amid its staggering run of poor results, saying Friday he will not "run away" from the challenge. City lost five games in a row before squandering a three-goal lead from the 75th minute to draw 3-3 with Feyenoord in the Champions League on Tuesday. The longest winless streak in Guardiola's coaching career could be extended on Sunday when City plays away to Liverpool, which is in first place in the Premier League and the Champions League. "It's not normal in the big clubs to do the results we have done, but what we have to do is accept it," Guardiola said. "For sure I want to stay here, I want to do it, but the moment I feel I'm not positive for the club, another one will come.

"But, I want the opportunity to try. I don't want to run away. I want to be there. I want to rebuild the team. I ask for that challenge. I ask for this opportunity to do it. Because I feel it. I know what I want to do. I know what we need. I know what we have to do." Guardiola, who has won the Premier League six times in his eight full seasons with City and the club's first Champions League title, said he is in regular communication with chairman Khaldoon Al Mubarak. "He knows we are going to find a solution," Guardiola said. "In the circumstances that it doesn't happen, the club will take the solution, the decision, it has to take." The Spanish coach said he deserved to be given time to turn things around. "I have it all on my shoulders. I want it," he said. "Here at the football club you have to win—if you don't win, you'll be in trouble. I know that. "People said, Oh, why is Pep not in

trouble? Why is he not sacked? What we have done the last eight years is why we have this margin." Guardiola played down talk of a "crisis" at City when asked by a reporter, but was unsure when the team would start winning again. After Liverpool, City plays seventh-place Nottingham Forest on Wednesday. "We will be back — I know that," Guardiola said. "I don't know when that is the truth. "We have to accept," he added, "that it is completely normal — maybe the exception was in the past, not what happened now. How we stand up again, this is the big success in life. It's how many times you stand up, again and again, and again, whatever happens. They are the greatest (people)." Rafael Nadal, the 22-time Grand Slam champion who retired from tennis this month, visited City's training ground on Thursday. He is a Real Madrid fan and was in

northwest England to watch the Spanish team play Liverpool in the Champions League on Tuesday. "It was a pleasure to see him. One of the most incredible athletes of all time," Guardiola said. "We spoke sport and everything and how it's difficult to maintain for many years — and how he, (Roger) Federer and (Novak) Djokovic have done for many, many years." Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta described City's poor spell as a "bump" and wasn't prepared to write off the champions in the title race. "For them, it's very strange because in nine years they've never had it," said Arteta, who was once an assistant to Guardiola at City. "But, that tells you the level and the environment we are in — everything has to be almost perfect, you know. The performance has to be perfect, the availability of your squad has to be perfect, things have to go your way."