



Govt committed to farmers' welfare, says Savitha

Penukonda: BC, EWS Welfare, Handlooms & Textiles Minister S Savitha reiterated that the State Government is fully committed to safeguarding farmers' interests. Addressing the valedictory session of the 'Raitanna Mee Kosam' workshop at Rampuram village on Wednesday, she said the programme had received an overwhelming response from farmers across the region.



Stating that Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu understands the hardships faced by the farming community, the Minister noted that the coalition government has delivered significant benefits within a short period. Under the Annadatha Sukhibhava scheme, ₹6,310 crore has been disbursed to over 46.85 lakh farmers, she said. The government has also extended 90% subsidy for drip irrigation, resulting in a benefit of ₹1,654 crore, along with dis-

tribution of quality seeds and fertilizers. Minister Savitha said the government is promoting crop diversification, organic farming, and millet cultivation to improve profits and ensure better health outcomes. She added that efforts are underway to transform Rayalaseema into a major horticulture hub and to strengthen the agriculture sector through technology-driven practices. Penukonda tanks will soon receive water through feeder channels, she assured. Launching a

scathing attack on former chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, she alleged that farmers were subjected to hardships during the previous regime. The YSRCP government, she claimed, failed to supply quality seeds and fertilizers, neglected drip irrigation systems, and attempted to impose electricity meters on agricultural motors. Several public representatives, officials, coalition leaders, and a large number of farmers attended the programme.

Grievance redressal must improve further

Anantapur: Finance, Planning, Commercial Taxes and Legislative Affairs Minister P Keshav directed officials to significantly improve the resolution of applications received through the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS), warning that action would be taken against officers closing petitions without proper solutions. He stressed that the credibility of the government depends on the quality of grievance disposal. The Minister chaired a review meeting at the Mini Conference Hall of the Anantapur Collectorate, along with District Collector O Anand and officials from multiple departments. Collector Anand presented detailed data on petitions received, counters set up for grievance registration, and measures being taken to follow up on pending cases. During the meeting, the Minister randomly inspected several petitions, directly calling applicants to verify whether their grievances were addressed satisfactorily. He stated that Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu is giving special attention to PGRS and instructed that all directions be strictly implemented at the field level. He said negligent responses or improper clo-



sure of complaints would not be tolerated. In a press conference later at the Revenue Bhavan, Minister Keshav revealed that nearly 50,000 grievances had been received so far, of which 35,000 were resolved. He noted that some officers were marking petitions "closed" without actual resolution, prompting the government to strengthen the multi-level audit checks. Any grievance falsely closed is re-opened automatically and re-assigned to the concerned official, he added. Stating that most grievances pertain to revenue and police departments, the Minister said weekly reviews will be conducted and strict accountability measures enforced. "Every petition must be treated seriously. The government is committed to transparent, responsible governance," he said.

TS charts new future in Earth Sciences with grand university launch

Kothagudem/Hyderabad: The Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE) Chairman Prof V Balakista Reddy said the grand inaugural ceremony of the newly established Dr Manmohan Singh University of Earth Sciences in Kothagudem symbolises Telangana's growing commitment to advancing Earth Sciences, geological research, mineral exploration, environmental sustainability, and energy studies. The university is envisioned as a national and global centre of excellence, offering multidisciplinary education and cutting-edge research opportunities in the field of Earth Sciences. He said that the event was graced by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, and several senior government officials, marking a significant milestone in the state's higher



education and scientific research landscape. During the ceremony, the Chairman of TGCHE formally presented the Vision Document of the university to the Chief Minister. The document outlines a comprehensive roadmap for the institution's develop-

ment over the next decade, including academic programmes, research priorities, industry partnerships, skill development initiatives, and international collaborations. This strategic plan is expected to position the university as a leader in both national and global scientific inquiry.

The presence of the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister highlighted the State Government's strong commitment to establishing Telangana as a hub for natural resource research and innovation. Their participation underscored the importance of the university in shaping the future of Earth Sciences and contributing to sustainable development goals. The Telangana Council of Higher Education extended its congratulations to all stakeholders involved in the establishment of the university. It reiterated its dedication to ensuring academic excellence, fostering research innovation, and providing world-class facilities at Dr Manmohan Singh University of Earth Sciences.

Pawan Kalyan Inaugurates DDO Offices to Enhance Rural Development in Andhra Pradesh



Chittoor: Andhra Pradesh's Deputy Chief Minister, Pawan Kalyan, emphasised the role of the Rural Development Department in delivering improved facilities to citizens during the inauguration of a new Divisional Development Officer (DDO) office in Chittoor. At the event, Pawan Kalyan virtually inaugurated an additional 77 DDO offices across various districts. He expressed his satisfaction with the new openings, stating, "I am pleased to launch 77 DDO offices, which will serve the community and support government welfare and development initiatives." He also highlighted the promotion of over 10,000 employees throughout the state and announced the establishment of an IT wing aimed at strengthening the Panchayat Raj system.

'Govt advises foreign delegations not to meet LoP': Rahul's startling charge ahead of Putin visit

New Delhi: Congress MP Rahul Gandhi on Thursday claimed that the Centre has been advising the foreign delegations against any meeting or discussion with the Leader of Opposition (LoP), a norm that was exercised during the previous governments, both during the UPA and the NDA. The startling charge by Rahul Gandhi, while speaking to reporters outside Parliament, comes hours ahead of Russian President Vladimir Putin's two-day visit to India. His remarks are set to raise eyebrows in the political corridors and also set the stage for heated sparring between the

BJP and Congress. "Meetings with the LOP take place with delegations coming from outside. It has been a long-held tradition and has always been done this way," he said, while citing instances during Manmohan Singh and Atal Bihari Vajpayee governments. "But, this government has made a deliberate attempt to scrap that precedent. It tells foreign delegates coming from outside not to meet the LoP. This is being done every time, and lately this has become its policy," he further stated. When queried by scribes about the probable reason behind



such a step, he said that the government was doing this out of "insecurity". Venting his ire

over the Opposition being "left out and ignored" during visits by foreign delegations, he said that it's not only the government that represents this country, but the Opposition also is the voice of this nation and its people. He said that the Opposition also brings a perspective on national issues and hence its views should be given

due respect. "The government doesn't want us to meet with people from outside. Narendra Modi does not allow it, and the Foreign Ministry does not allow it. They are doing it out of insecurity," he added. The big charge comes just ahead of Vladimir Putin's two-day tour of India, seen as the high-stakes visit amidst global spotlight and its huge geopolitical impact. Russian President Vladimir Putin is set to arrive this evening. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will host an informal dinner for Putin, thereby setting the tone for the formal summit on Friday.

Meditation session in Bangalore



Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and Dr Sanjeev Srivastava attending Meditation Session in Bengaluru Bengaluru

The city witnessed a well-attended meditation session and interactive talk this week, led by Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, founder of the Art of Living Foundation, along with Dr. Sanjeev Srivastava, a nadi astrology specialist attending the event, organised by the Art of Living Foundation, attracted participants from across the city—who gathered for guided meditation and a discussion on managing stress in today's fast-paced world.

Sri Sri Ravi Shankar spoke about the meditation. The Art of Living Foundation continues to hold such wellness events across Bengaluru, encouraging holistic living and mental clarity

—By Dr. Seshni Moodliar Rensburg
United Kingdom / India? Doctor, psychiatrist,
Writer, Poet & Cultural Commentator



Hyderabad December:04 (Metro udayam)

During the visit of Hydra Commissioner Ranganatham to Himayatnagar Division, Himayatnagar Division Corporator Mahalakshmi Raman Goud informed them that the locals and children are facing difficulties due to the inundation of rainwater in many areas of the division as there are schools and colleges in that area. In response to this, they have sent their team with a drone camera to visit Vijaya Diagnostics Center Name and Medina College Lane, Mahub Basti and other areas in the division today and captured the waterlogging there on camera and called BMC Maruthi Diwakar to issue notices and take action against these within three days, otherwise the Hydra team will cool down these encroachments. Hydra Team DFO Yagna Narayana, CI Aditya, SFP Dattu, and CH Srinivas, Hydradrone Team and Congress leaders Mahesh, Nizam, Mosin, Purushottam, Pasha, Shekhar, and Hitesh Tata participated in this program.



Father and son arrested in cheating case - Retired Railway TTE among the accused

Collected huge sums of money and gold promising high returns
Case registered and investigation carried out by One Town Police Visakhapatnam:

Saddaram Prem Sagar, a resident of Akkayyapalem (who studied in Australia and is currently staying in Visakhapatnam), and his father Saddaram Shiva, a retired Railway TTE, have been arrested by One Town Police for cheating people by promising high returns through fake investment schemes. The duo allegedly made cheating their primary occupation, convincing people with false assurances.

According to police, the accused approached a woman and persuaded her to invest in a company where Prem claimed to be working, promising unusually high profits. With Shiva supporting and encouraging the victims, they succeeded in collecting large amounts of cash and gold from the woman. When doubts arose, the victim approached One Town Police, leading to the exposure of their fraudulent activities. Police also received complaints that the accused had cheated several others in a similar manner.

A case has been registered under Crime No. 198/2025, invoking BNS sections 318(4), 35, 25(3)(5), 21(1)(2)(3). Saddaram Prem Sagar was listed as A-1 and Saddaram Shiva as A-2. Initially booked under the BUDS Act they were taken into custody after investigation.



Details provided by One Town Police:

Ramya Raju, a former resident of Burujupeta, Visakhapatnam, now living in Akkayyapalem, lodged the complaint. She is a homemaker and her husband is a well-known doctor. In 2021, Prem Sagar approached her claiming that he was working in a company offering high-return investment plans. He convinced her that she would earn substantial profits if she invested money.

Her relative Shiva (who is also closely related to her husband) supported Prem's claims and encouraged her to invest. Trusting them, she gave them approximately ₹1.97 crore between 2021 and 2023. They

assured her returns of nearly ₹1.20 crore.

Gold Mortgage Fraud

When she informed them that she had no more money to invest, they pressured her to mortgage or sell her gold. Believing them, she handed over 75 tulas of gold. The accused, along with a man named Anand Rao, allegedly pledged this gold at various places.

Despite repeated requests, they did not return either her money or the gold. When she began questioning them, Prem threatened her, saying she would face serious consequences if she didn't cooperate. He allegedly threatened to post her personal information on social media. The complainant stated that she feared for her life from Prem and Shiva.

She informed police that the duo had cheated several others in a similar fashion—visiting people's homes, gaining their trust, and taking away their gold. They also reportedly extracted money from the complainant's husband through manipulation.

Arrests & Investigation

Based on her complaint, One Town Police registered a case and arrested both father and son. They were produced before the court and remanded to judicial custody.

The case is currently being investigated by One Town CI Pudi Varaprasad.

Electricity meter scam in Medipally Survey No. 103!!

- We will give electricity meters regardless of the pattas
- Electricity officials who do not follow the minimum rules
- Plot scam on government land with bogus pattas
- The door numbers on the walls in front of building are not visible in the municipal records..
- The propaganda that revenue and electricity officials are getting a huge amount of money...?
- Locals demand action after conducting a field investigation

Medipally December:04 (Metro udayam) :

The electricity officials are issuing electricity meters to houses illegally constructed on government land in Survey No.103, 14th Division, under the jurisdiction of Peerzadiguda Municipal Corporation in Medipally Mandal, without following minimum norms, and are facing widespread corruption and irregularities. Despite receiving numerous complaints, people are expressing doubts about the role of the revenue officials who are acting as if they did not see anything and are harassing the encroachers by creating bogus pattas and encroaching on government land in Survey No.103 wherever it is found vacant. With the support of the revenue



officials, they are building houses in a hurry, installing electricity meters, and giving the impression that it is their original patta deed. When the holidays come, they complete the construction of the house by dawn and put zeros on it. When anyone complains to the revenue officials, they say that it is an old patta deed, what can we do, they remove two bricks and say that our work is done. In this order, they complete the construction of the house and enter the house. By then, as the pressure on the Revenue officials increased, there were families in the house, and if they were to demolish the house, they would do something about it. People are discussing the behavior of those who are doing the bypass program by shamelessly answering that it is changing hands in large numbers.

There is a door number on



the walls of the house but not in the municipal records

Not only are government land being seized by creating bogus pattas, but they are also constructing houses and putting door numbers on the walls, and going a step further by installing electricity meters and entering the house. There are criticisms that this whole mess is happening with the involvement of revenue and electricity officials.

Are they original pattas..? We don't know about duplicate pattas..? We will only give electricity meters!!

To give an electricity meter sanction to a house, the electricity officials gave meters taking into account the house number given

by the municipal department and the registration document, but without any of these, people are expressing suspicion that electricity meters are changing hands on a large scale.

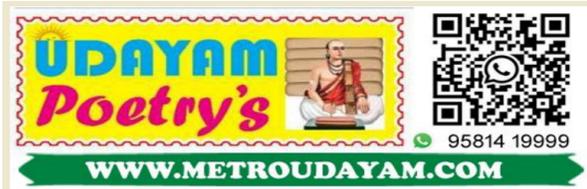
Senior officials of both departments should be appointed and action should be taken

Bogus pattas in Medipally 103 survey number...Locals are demanding that senior officials of both departments should conduct a field-level investigation into the electricity meter transaction and take strict action against those who commit illegal encroachments.

CHANGE IN THE NAME OF RAILWAY STATIONS OF MUMBAI DIVISION, CENTRAL RAILWAY



The Indian Railways has decided to change the names of certain railway stations in the Mumbai Division of Central Railway. Specifically, Seawoods - Darave (station code SWDV) has been renamed to Seawoods - Darave - Karave (station code SWDK), and Mohope (station code MHPE) has been renamed to Poyanje (station code PVJE). These changes will come into effect from 1st December 2025. Passengers and rail users are requested to take note of these name changes when referring to the Public Time Table (PTT) available in the NTES app or when making enquiries through the unified enquiry number 139 before starting their journeys, to avoid any confusion.



Travelling Beyond Miles

Travelling is the most powerful way of self-healing
Travelling is the best way to start therapy and express your feelings

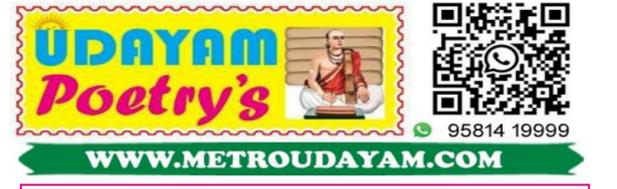
Samira Hadid

Purpose of Travelling

A person travels to various places, to discover those places, to learn about their culture, food and their way of living and the way of celebrating the festivals. Some note down all the points and later may write a Travelodge.

Travelling for pleasure

Some youngsters plan their trip well in advance, their pleasure trip to an exciting place or to some hilly place, and make arrangements like booking the hotels and plan their sightseeing. They packed their bags and set off to the designated places. Some can afford to travel each year to a different place.



अगर कोई मस्जिद - मंदिर भी जाते रहें और नमाज़ - प्रार्थना भी करते रहे, लेकिन उसकी बुराई खत्म ना हो तो इन सब का फायदा क्या है आखिर? ... (शकील उवाचा - ५५९)

यह बात बिल्कुल सही है के खुदा (ईश्वर) हमें आजमाता (परखता) जरूर है। इसका मतलब यह नहीं होता के हम पर आने वाले सभी मुसीबतों का कारण ईश्वर की परीक्षा कहलाएगी। सच्ची बात तो यह है के हमारे ऊपर जो मुसीबतें आती हैं वह हमारे ही बुरे कर्मों के कारण है। बुरे कर्म करते रहना और उसके नतीजे में आनेवाले कष्टों को खुदा की देन समझना बहुत बड़ी मूर्खता होगी। खुदा (ईश्वर) तो हमारे बहुत सारी बुराइयों को, बहुत सारी गुनाहों (पापों) को माफ कर देता है। पवित्र कुरआन में हम पर आने वाली मुसीबतों को हमारे बुरे कर्म ही कारणभूत होते हैं इस बात की पुष्टि करते हुए बताया गया है के, "और जो मुसीबतें (कष्ट) तुम पर पड़ती हैं। वह तुम्हारे अपने ही हाथों की करतूत से (तुम्हारे ही बुरे कर्मों के कारण) हैं। और (उस पर भी) वह (खुदा, ईश्वर, परमात्मा) तो बहुत सी खताओं (गलतियों) को माफ (क्षमा) कर देता है।" (पवित्र कुरआन, अध्याय क्रमांक 42, सुराह अश शुरा, आयत क्रमांक 30)।



वह रब (हमारा सृष्टिकर्ता पालनहार परमात्मा) हमें हमेशा माफ (क्षमा) करते रहता है क्योंकि वह रहमान (मेहरबान) भी है और रहीम (बहुत ज्यादा दया करने वाला) भी है। पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) कहते हैं के हमारा पालनहार परमात्मा अपनी माँ से सत्तर मर्तबा ज्यादा मोहब्बत करता है। जो माँ से सत्तर गुना ज्यादा प्यार करनेवाला खुदा (ईश्वर) हमें क्यों कर कष्ट देना चाहता है भला? हमारे द्वारा किए गये कर्मों की सजा (दण्ड) हमें तुरंत इसलिए नहीं देता है के हम उसकी तरफ तौबा करके पलट आये। अपने आपको सुधार लें।

हमारे जीवन को असफल बनाने वाले सभी बुरे कर्मों से, गुनाहों (पापों) से नमाज़ (प्रार्थना) हमें बचा लेती है। पवित्र कुरआन में आया है के, "(ऐ पैगम्बर (स्व.)) जो किताब तुम्हारे पास अवतरित (पवित्र कुरआन) की गई है उसकी तिलावत (पठन) करो और नमाज़ पढ़ो। निःसंदेह नमाज़ बेहयाई (अश्लीलता) और बुरे कामों से रोकती है। और खुदा की याद (ईश्वर का स्मरण) निश्चय ही बड़ा मर्तबा (उच्च स्थान) रखती है। और तुम लोग जो कुछ करते हो खुदा (ईश्वर) उसे (बेहतर) जानता है।" (पवित्र कुरआन, अध्याय क्रमांक 29, सुराह अनककूत, आयत क्रमांक 45)।

यह उपरोक्त आयत से पता चलता है कि नमाज़ पढ़ने वाला व्यक्ति अच्छे कर्मों की ओर बढ़ता है और गलत कामों से दूर रहता है। और यह भी पता चलता है के खुदा का जिक्र (ईश्वर का नाम स्मरण) का बहुत बड़ा मकाम (उच्च स्थान) है। और नमाज़ बुराई को खत्म कर देती है। अगर मैं नमाज़ भी पढ़ूँ और मेरी बुराई भी खत्म ना हो तो मैं नमाज़ नहीं पढ़ रहा हूँ बल्के खुद को धोखा दे रहा हूँ। जब जब मैं "नमाज़ बुराइयों से रोकती है।" इस आयत को पढ़ता हूँ तब तब मुझे एक वाकया याद आती है। हमारे महाराष्ट्र के संत जगद्गुरु तुकाराम महाराज ने तीर्थयात्रा पर जाने वाले कुछ लोगों को एक एक ककड़ी देकर कहते हैं के, "कृपा करके जहाँ जहाँ आप स्नान करोगे वहाँ वहाँ इन ककड़ियों को भी स्नान करवाना और जहाँ जहाँ आप देव दर्शन करोगे इन ककड़ियों को भी देव दर्शन करवाना।" सबने हाँ कहकर चले गये और उन्होंने उनकी बात पर अमल भी किया। वापिस आकर उन ककड़ियों को लौटा दिया।

जगद्गुरु तुकाराम महाराज बहुत खुश हुए और सबका आभार माना। फिर उन्हें दूसरे दिन अपने घर खाना खाने किए बुलाये। पंच पकवानों का भोजन उन्हें परोसा। साथ में उन ककड़ियों का सलाद भी दिया गया जो कड़वा था। फिर जगद्गुरु तुकाराम महाराज ने कहा "क्या इतने तीर्थरनान और इतने देव दर्शन के बाद भी इन ककड़ियों का कड़वापन नहीं गया? क्या तुम भी कुछ बदले या इन ककड़ियों की तरह ही रह गये?" कितना मार्मिक प्रश्न था यह!

अगर कोई मस्जिद - मंदिर भी नित्य नियम से जाते रहें। नित्य नियम से नमाज़ - प्रार्थना भी करते रहे। रोजा - उपवास भी करते रहें। पवित्र धर्मग्रंथों का भी नियमित पाठ करते रहें लेकिन फिरभी उसकी बुराई खत्म ना हो तो इन सब का फायदा क्या है आखिर?

-डॉ. मोहम्मदशकील ताजमोहम्मद जाफरी (शकील मंवी), मंवर, पुणे (महाराष्ट्र) भारत

Electricity meter will be issued on Notary...

- RI Rakesh arrogant attitude in the presence of MRO
 - Illegal constructions on government land with the support of RI..?
 - No action despite many complaints
 - They are raising their hands saying that they cant do anything after the construction is completed
- Medipalli December:04 (Metro udayam)

The pace of illegal constructions on government land with bogus pattas in Survey No. 103 of Peerzadiguda Municipal Corporation 14th Division, of Medipalli Mandal is not stopping.

There is a lot of criticism from the villagers that Revenue Inspector Rakesh is encouraging illegal constructions. There are many allegations that the revenue officials who are supposed to protect government land are supporting the illegals. People



are questioning why the RI has been negligent in taking action despite after many complaints from locals and numerous articles in newspapers about illegal construction in Vivekananda Nagar Colony. At one stage, as pressure mounted on the revenue officials, they were demolishing building

for the namesake. The illegal owner has completed the house that was demolished as illegal and is living in it. People are expressing many doubts about the revenue officials attitude, who are acting as if they are giving lemon water to the squatters while they are carrying out construction on government land

with such fearlessness.

When the Medipally Mandal Tahsildar was asked to explain the illegal constructions in Survey No. 103, he said that strict action will be taken against those who undertake illegal constructions on government lands and that they will not be ignored under any circumstances. In the same vein, when the RI Rakesh was asked to explain the issue of illegal constructions on government land and about electricity meters, the RI replied carelessly that the electricity officials would install the meter if notary is submitted, which is a testament to his arrogant attitude. Locals say that it can be considered a mistake of the revenue officials to not stop those who are undertaking illegal constructions on government land. Locals are demanding that immediate action be taken against the illegally constructed houses and that the land be used for public needs.

Araku Member of Parliament Raises Questions in Parliament on Andhra Pradesh Health Conditions

Dr. Gumma Tanuja Rani

Expressing deep concern, Araku MP Dr. Gumma Tanuja Rani today questioned in the Indian Parliament the alarming health conditions prevailing in Andhra Pradesh.

She stated that it is very unfortunate that the State Government has failed to respond appropriately to the health issues that have emerged in Kurupam and other Government Gurukula Schools.

Reaffirming her commitment to the people of Andhra Pradesh, the MP stressed that the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare must treat the health situation in the state as a matter of national health security. She urged the Ministry to take proactive measures to ensure equitable, affordable, responsive, and quality healthcare services, guaranteeing universal access for all citizens.



Once again, Dr. Gumma Tanuja Rani made her voice heard in Parliament, demanding accountability and immediate steps to safeguard the health needs of the people of Andhra Pradesh.

SURPRISE INSPECTION OF VISAKHAPATNAM-MAHBUBNAGAR EXPRESS



A surprise inspection was conducted by ADRM Operations Shri K Rama Rao in the Visakhapatnam-Mahbubnagar Express focusing on the linen supplied, cleanliness, behavioral approach of the onboard housekeeping staff and counselling of the OBHS staff. ADRM interacted with the cleaning staff and were counselled and advised to Speak politely with passengers, ensure thorough



cleaning and respond promptly to passenger complaints regarding linen supply and cleanliness. Further a counselling session for OBHS staff, supervisors, and Health Inspectors following the inspection was conducted at Visakhapatnam railway station. The session emphasized proper behavioral conduct towards passengers and strategies to enhance service standards.

All set for Visakhapatnam ODI between Ind and SA on 6 Dec, tickets sold out



The ODI series between India and South Africa is thrillingly poised at 1-1, following two closely contested matches. In a crucial second ODI held in Raipur, South Africa secured a 4-wicket victory over India, levelling the series after India had triumphed in the opening match in Ranchi. The anticipation builds as the two teams prepare for the decisive third ODI, set to take place at the ACA-VDCA Stadium in Visakhapatnam on Saturday (December 6) at 1:30 PM. With immense excitement surrounding the series decider, ticket sales have exploded, with all tickets reportedly sold out in no time. Cricket enthusiasts are eagerly looking forward to the match, which marks the return of international cricket to Visakhapatnam after a significant gap since IPL 2025. Players from both teams are expected to arrive in Visakhapatnam from Raipur this evening, further heightening the buzz surrounding the event.

The Raja Saab Movie 2026: Release Date, Cast, Runtime & Prabhas Horror Thriller



The Raja Saab starring Prabhas will release worldwide on January 9, 2026 for Sankranti. Why Fans Are Excited Prabhas is doing a horror thriller for the first time. Director Maruthi is making his first pan-India film. The teaser, trailer, and songs created big hype. Advance Bookings Advance bookings have started in the USA. Movie Runtime A US ticket website shows a runtime of 3 hours 14 minutes. This would make it the longest movie in Prabhas' career. There is no official confirmation yet. Prabhas' Movie Runtimes (For Comparison) Baahubali 1: 2h 45m Baahubali 2: 2h 47m Salaar: 2h 55m Cast Prabhas Malavika Mohanan Nidhi Agarwal Riddhi Kumar Sanjay Dutt Production The film is produced by TG Vishwa Prasad under People Media Factory with a huge budget.

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Raipur: Right-handed batter Ruturaj Gaikwad credited Virat Kohli for guiding him fantastically on his way to hitting his maiden ODI century in the second game against South Africa, adding that their 195-run stand was a "wonderful partnership". At the Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Stadium in Raipur on Wednesday, Gaikwad scored 105 off 83 balls, laced with 12 fours and two sixes, at a strike-rate of 126.51. He reached his fifty off 52 balls, before accelerating in superb fashion to get his first ODI century in just 77 deliveries.

"Obviously a dream to bat with him and have a wonderful partnership. He helped me a lot throughout the middle about how to access gaps, what lengths the bowler might be bowl-



ing and how you can adjust your technique and score some runs by playing less dot balls. So definitely very helpful and good learning for me." "We had set small targets and we just thought that you know 5 overs we have to achieve this, 5 overs we have to achieve this and once we felt that we were really comfortable in the middle and there came a phase where the ball wasn't doing much and it was

coming really nicely to the bat and I just said that I will back my instincts whatever it is and you know let's see how it goes on," said Gaikwad to broadcasters in a mid-innings chat.

Asked on how he felt the conditions were out on the field, Gaikwad said, "Last game I was really gutted to miss out on a knock. It was a really good wicket and the conditions were suited for me, could have easily scored a few runs. So real-

ly gutted last game and thankfully it came out really well today." "Today it was more suitable for me, I went out to bat around the 11th over, and I told myself to approach it as if I was already 25 or 30 balls in after powerplay and bat accordingly, look to rotate strike. Until 15-20 overs it was slightly two-paced but after that it got better and we worked on that."

He signed off by saying they had a target of reaching 350 and felt grateful about it. "But definitely after a stage we were thinking about something around 350, thankfully we got that score." "Definitely good score but as we were here yesterday, I think there is a lot of dew, hopefully there will be less amount of dew tonight but definitely chasing 350-plus will be really tough."

Pushpa 2 Stampede: One Year Later, Victim's Father Claims Lack Of Support; Allu Arjun's Team Responds

A year has passed since the Pushpa 2: The Rule release day turned tragic at Hyderabad's Sandhya Theatre, where a stampede occurred following Allu Arjun's visit. Eight-year-old Sritej suffered severe injuries and remained hospitalised for months, while his mother, Revathi, lost her life. Despite the ex gratia promise of ₹2 crore, the child's father, Magudampalli Bhaskar, says his financial hardships continue.

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said that his son is unable to eat, drink, or breathe independently and that the family spends nearly ₹1.25 lakh every month on treatment and support. Although the promised ₹2 crore was deposited, he claims that the interest is far from sufficient for the boy's ongoing medical needs. He also stated that repeated attempts to reach Allu Arjun or his team for additional help have gone unanswered, with ₹3 lakh reportedly spent on his son's leg surgeries this

year alone. When approached, Allu Arjun's spokesperson reaffirmed producer Bunny Vas' comments from a recent event. The producer clarified that all support efforts are being coordinated through senior industry figures, including Dil Raju, and that a structured system decides how the funds are allocated. He added that if the family feels the assistance is inadequate, they can raise their concerns with these mediators, as the actor does not directly handle such communications.

Following the 2024 incident, Allu Arjun was arrested and later granted interim bail. His father, producer Allu Aravind, subsequently announced a combined ex gratia of ₹2 crore—₹1 crore from the actor and ₹50 lakh each from Mythri Movie Makers and director Sukumar. Dil Raju was appointed to oversee the transfer and ensure the child's medical expenses were covered, as promised by the actor.

AVM Saravanan stood by me when I went through difficult times, says Rajinikanth

Chennai: Tamil Superstar Rajinikanth paid glowing tributes to veteran film producer AVM Saravanan, who passed away early on Thursday, saying the latter was a true gentleman and that he was someone who had stood by him when he was going through difficult times. Talking to the media after paying his last respects to the veteran producer whose demise marks the end of an era for the Indian film industry, Rajinikanth said, "He was a really great person. He was a true example of a gentleman. He would always wear white colour dresses and his heart was likewise pure. He was someone who loved cinema with all his heart. If he spoke for minutes, he would remember his dad whom he called "Appachi"



several times." The actor then went on to share details of the special relationship he shared with the iconic producer, known for his kindness and humility. Rajinikanth said,

"He loved me a lot and was a well wisher of mine. He has stood by me when I went through difficult times. I have acted in nine films in AVM. All nine films emerged as big hits. It

won't be an exaggeration if I said that the main reason for them becoming hits was Saravanan sir."

The superstar then went on to say, "In the eighties, it was 'Murattu Kalai'. It was made on a grand scale in Tamil. In the 2000s, it was 'Sivaji', which was again made on a grand scale. Similarly, he was in talks with me to make another film in the 2020s. That hasn't happened." Stating that he was pained by the loss of the producer, Rajinikanth said, "I express my deepest condolences to his family members and may his soul rest in peace."

For the unaware, Iconic producer AVM Saravanan passed away early on Thursday due to age-related ailments. He was 86.

AVM Saravanan, who had celebrated his birthday only a day before, leaves behind an unparalleled legacy as the force behind numerous iconic films produced under the prestigious AVM banner. His contributions shaped generations of cinema and earned him immense admiration across the industry.

The news of the veteran producer's death plunged the Tamil film industry in gloom, with many production houses cancelling events scheduled for the day as a mark of respect to a man considered a visionary, a mentor, and a pioneer of Tamil cinema. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin was among those who paid respects to the departed icon of Tamil cinema.