



# V-P Radhakrishnan releases postage stamp, commends govt support to Tamil culture

Vice-President (V-P) C. P. Radhakrishnan released a commemorative postage stamp in honour of Emperor Perumbidugu Mutharaiyar II (Suvaran Maran) on Sunday at the Vice-President's Enclave here, an official said. Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-President appreciated the Union government under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for continuous support to Tamil culture and language.

He lauded initiatives such as the Kashi Tamil Sangamam and efforts to recognise and honour Tamil kings, leaders, and freedom fighters who had not received due recognition earlier. The Vice-President mentioned that the release of the commemorative postage stamp on Emperor Perumbidugu



Mutharaiyar was part of this ongoing process of recognition. He said that recognising unsung heroes is essential to revive the cultural pride of the nation as India marches towards Viksit Bharat. Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman; Rajya

Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh and Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs L. Murugan were present on the occasion, according to a statement on Vice-President's X account.

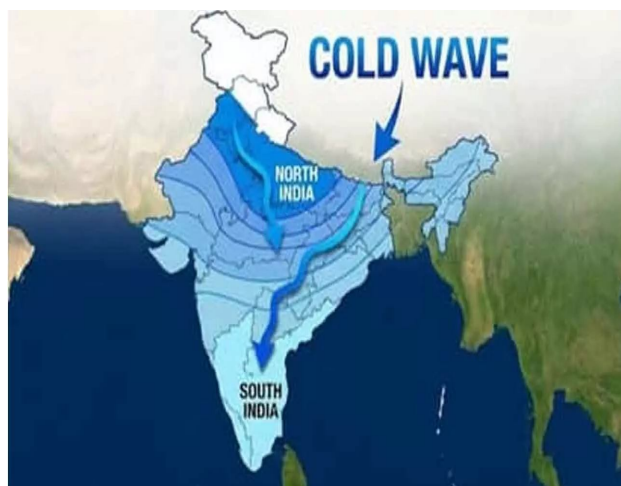
Earlier, Vice-President Radhakrishnan joined the centenary birth anniversary celebrations of Sri Sathya Sai Baba at the Sri Sathya Sai Hill View Stadium at Puttaparthi in Andhra Pradesh. Addressing the gathering, the Vice-President described Sri Sathya Sai Baba as "a great emissary of God, of peace, love, and selfless service", whose message and mission transcended all barriers of caste, religion, class, and nationality. He said that Sri Sathya Sai Baba's guiding principles -- "Love All, Serve All" and "Help Ever, Hurt Never" -- shaped every initiative he undertook and every life he touched. Quoting the saint-poet Thiruvalluvar's Kural, the Vice-President noted that Sri Sathya Sai Baba epitomised this timeless truth by

devoting his entire life to loving and serving humanity. Emphasising Sri Sathya Sai Baba's teachings rooted in 'Sathya' (truth), 'Dharma' (righteousness), 'Shanthi' (peace), 'Prem' (love), and 'Ahimsa' (non-violence), Vice-President Radhakrishnan said these eternal values remain essential for building a harmonious and progressive society. He underscored Sri Sathya Sai Baba's message urging humanity to replace discord with harmony, and selfishness with sacrifice -- values that are especially relevant in today's world marked by uncertainty and conflict. He stressed that public life, too, must be guided by truth, duty, empathy, and moral responsibility -- virtues that Sri Sathya Sai Baba deeply propagated.

## Severe Cold Snap Grips Telugu States

The chill across the Telugu states is intensifying, with meteorological department officials warning that minimum temperatures in parts of Telangana could drop by three to four degrees below normal. Cold winds are expected to sweep through various regions, including North, Central, East, and West Telangana over the next two days. Nighttime temperatures in Telangana have plunged to single digits, with notable records including:

- Adilabad: 6.7°C - Patancheru: 6.8°C - Medak: 7.5°C - Rajendra Nagar: 8.5°C - Hanumakonda: 10°C - Hyderabad: 11°C - Ramagundam: 11.5°C - Dundigal: 11.6°C - Hayathnagar: 12°C - Nizamabad: 12°C - Khammam: 13°C - Nalgonda: 13.6°C - Bhadrachalam: 14°C - Mahbubnagar: 14.1°C - Hakimpet: 15.5°C Similar frigid conditions are being felt in Andhra Pradesh, particularly in the Paderu agency area of Alluri district, where dense fog has enveloped the region, causing temperatures to fall to single digits. The lowest readings included 5°C in Minumuluru and Araku,



and 7°C in Paderu.

In a bid to combat the harsh cold, local tribal communities are lighting bonfires for warmth, while motorists are exercising caution by driving with headlights on due to the thick fog. Officials have cautioned that the current cold snap is likely to persist for another three days, urging extra care for vulnerable populations including children and the elderly.

## KTR, Akhilesh bond over south delicacies

Hyderabad: Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav had lunch with BRS working president KT Rama Rao at the popular Rameshwaram Café in Madhapur here on Saturday. The two leaders spent time together informally, engaging in conversation over traditional South Indian dishes featuring dosas, idlis and vadas. The meeting reflected a warm and cordial bond between the two leaders, who share a long-standing personal rapport, according to party leaders who accompanied them.



## New endowments zonal office inaugurated in Kurnool

Kurnool: Endowments Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy inaugurated Kurnool Zone Administrative Office Complex of Endowments Department, built at a cost of Rs 4.25 crore, here on Saturday. The new complex, which will function as a dedicated spiritual and administrative hub for Rayalaseema, will cater to temples from Kurnool up to Kanipakam, strengthening the region's administrative framework.

Minister Anam stated that the coalition government has fulfilled nearly 98 per cent of its promises related to Endowments Department. He emphasised that temple festivals and rituals are being conducted strictly according to Vedic traditions, with a focus on preserving ancient structures. Committees have also been formed at

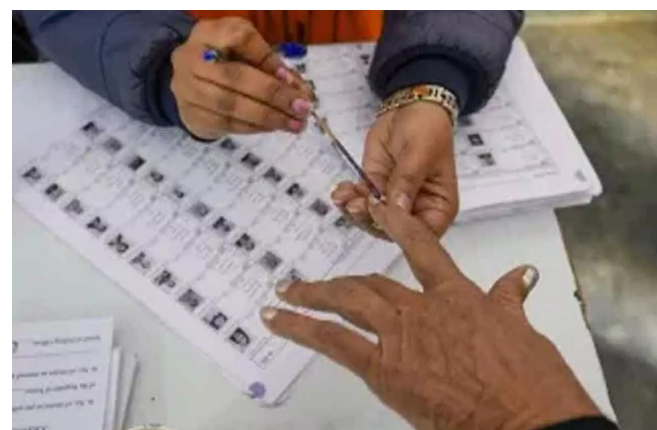


district and State levels to safeguard temple properties. Highlighting welfare measures, the Minister noted that archakas are now receiving a minimum monthly salary

of Rs 15,000 and Vedic scholars an honorarium of Rs 3,000. Nayee Brahmins serving in temples receive Rs 25,000. The government has doubled the aid for temples under Dhupa Deepa Naivedyam scheme to Rs 10,000 per month. Furthermore, a recruitment notification for Endowments Department has been issued, with the selection process starting soon. Industries Minister TG Bharath, district Collector Dr A Siri, Panyam MLA Gowru Charitha Reddy, Kodumur MLA Boggula Dastagiri, Endowments department senior officials and other programme

## Second phase of Telangana panchayat elections concluded, results awaited

The second phase of polling for the Panchayat elections in Telangana concluded at 1 PM today, amid reports of minor clashes between leaders of various parties in several locations. Voters who were already queuing at polling stations were still able to cast their ballots. Vote counting is set to commence at 2 PM, with results expected to be announced shortly thereafter. Subsequently, meetings will be held with the ward members, and elections for the Deputy Sarpanch will proceed.



## Book Launch of Prof. Chan Choenni in Chennai on Vijay Diwas



Chennai, December 16 2025

On Vijay Diwas, Chennai will host the launch of a significant new historical work by renowned Surinamese-Indian scholar Prof. Chan Choenni. His latest publication, *History of Hindustanis*, will be formally released on 16 December at 6:30 PM at the Anna Centenary Library, Kotturpuram. The event is organised by the Centre for South Indian Studies (CSIS), Chennai Chapter, and is open to the public, scholars, students, and history enthusiasts.

Distinguished Guests

Chief Guest: Dr. Malini Parthasarathy, Director, The Hindu Group

Guest of Honour: Shri B. Jaganannath, Author and Advocate, Madras High Court

Key associated people

Editor: Dr Ambe Pande

Preface by: Mr. Rajendra Khargi, Ambassador of Suriname to the Netherlands

About the Book

*History of Hindustanis* is a comprehensive 380-page volume chronicling the journey of the indentured labourers of Suriname—whom Prof. Choenni respectfully calls *Hindustanis*. The book traces their migration from India, their lived realities under the indenture system, and the remarkable evolution of their culture and community in Suriname. It stands as a powerful tribute to the Girmityas, celebrating their resilience, endurance, and indomitable spirit. Scholars have praised the work as both meticulously researched and deeply human, making it an essential read for anyone interested in diaspora history and heritage.

About Prof Chan E.S. Choenni Prof Chan Choenni is a Suriname-born historian and scholar known for his research on Hindostani migration and identity. Prof. Choenni was born in Suriname on 30 April 1953 and wrote also a book about *The Vedic Dharma*. Also on *The history of Afro-Surinamese 1863-1963*, 735 page and numerous articles. He served as the first Lalla Rookh Chair of Hindostani Migration at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. He has written several books and articles on the subject. Access and Further Information Additional details, including free download options, are available at [www.sampreshan.com](http://www.sampreshan.com)

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## DRM CUP ALL INDIA INVITATION FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT BEGINS WITH GRANDEUR

The DRM Cup All India Invitation Football Tournament kicked off today amid great enthusiasm at Waltair Football Stadium, Visakhapatnam. Organized by the East Coast Railway Sports Association (ECoRSA) Waltair Division, the event will run from December 14 to 21, 2025, at Waltair Railway Stadium, Visakhapatnam.

Divisional Railway Manager and ECoRSA President, Shri Lalit Bohra, inaugurated the tournament in the august presence of Smt. Jyotsna Bohra, President, ECoR Womens Welfare Organization; ADRM (Infrastructure) Shri E. Santharam; ADRM (Operations) Shri K. Rama Rao; Sports Officer & Senior Divisional Finance Manager Shri M. Haranath; Shri Kotagiri Sreedhar, President, Andhra Pradesh Football Association; General Secretary Smt. N. Usha;



and other dignitaries and ECoRSA members.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Bohra announced that Waltair Division will host regular football tournaments at a grand scale, calling this an ideal time to launch such initiatives. He highlighted the timely coincidence of a world-renowned footballers ongoing tour of India to promote the sport, crediting ECoRSAs proactive

efforts in organizing this prestigious event. He commended the ECoRSA team and other departments for their meticulous arrangements and resource coordination, building on the success of the recent Weightlifting Championship. Sports Officer Shri Haranath delivered the welcome address, while Shri Kotagiri Sreedhar praised Waltair Divisions

efforts and assured future collaborations to host more events at the stadium, nurturing young talent from villages across the region.

Matches will be held day and night under floodlights at Waltair Sports Stadium, featuring 14 teams from various states and organizations. The inaugural match today pitted Telangana against Bandamunda.

## Entertainment Hub



Gajuwaka: Celeste Mall, located in the rapidly developing industrial hub of Gajuwaka, is steadily advancing further in its growth journey and has emerged as a major centre for retail and entertainment, said State Telugu Desam Party president and local MLA Palla Srinivasa Rao.

He was speaking after inaugurating the Fashion World apparel showroom at Celeste Mall on Saturday. The event was attended by Bheemunipatnam MLA Ganta Srinivasa Rao, CMR Group chairman Mavuri Venkata Ramana, Kankatala chairman Malik, and other dignitaries. The inauguration was marked by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp.

Addressing the gathering, the speakers said that Celeste Mall, developed to international standards, is progressing rapidly. Spread across four floors over an area of about one lakh square feet, the mall has undoubtedly become

a focal point for retail, entertainment, dining and educational facilities in the region.

They lauded the management of Celeste Mall for creating a modern gated community concept and for bringing together a wide range of national and international commercial, educational and business brands under one roof, providing greater convenience to consumers.



## Mood Lakpathi achieves a resounding victory in the Moodettula Thanda Sarpanch elections...

Parvathagiri, December 14 (Metro udayam)

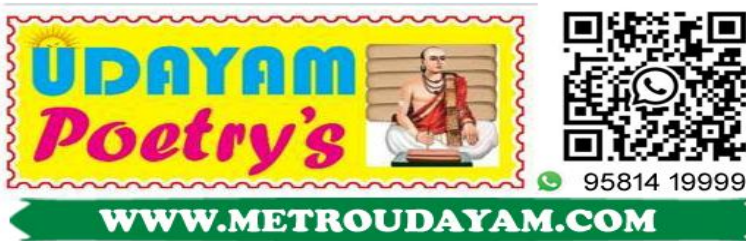
Mood Lakpathi from Moodettula Thanda, contesting as a Congress candidate in this years Sarpanch elections, has achieved a resounding victory with overwhelming public support.

It is known that Lakpathis wife had won the previous election on behalf of the BRS party. The developmental works she carried out in the last 5 years, her approachable nature, and Lakpathis good character have earned the family credibility. This public support turned into strong backing for Lakpathi this time.

During the campaign, Lakpathi highlighted issues such as the development of the thanda (hamlet), infrastructure, prompt response, and leadership that is always accessible to the people. His honest and service-oriented approach impressed the voters and led to his victory.

After the victory, Lakpathi said, I will uphold the trust the people have placed in me. The development of Moodettula Thanda is my primary goal





## The Christmas Market

The Christmas Market  
In Birmingham, the streets  
are filled with  
Christmas German stalls glow-  
ing, foods steaming, crêpes  
and marshmallows,

Christmas trees standing  
proud.  
People wander through the  
market, buying gifts, feast-  
ing, lingering in the cold

There is something magi-  
cal about Christmas, about the markets from  
Germany to Europe, Lapland to London

Its beginning to look a lot like Christmas: lights and  
candles, gifts neatly wrapped, smiles and laughter in  
the air.  
The smell of Christmas drifts past sweet, warm, famil-  
iar  
Magic lives here, at the Christmas market

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## Varun, Arshdeep star as India skittle South Africa for 117 in chilly conditions



Under chilly climes and dewy conditions, India's seamers and spinners combined to bowl out South Africa for 117 in 20 overs in the third T20I at the HPCA Stadium on Sunday.

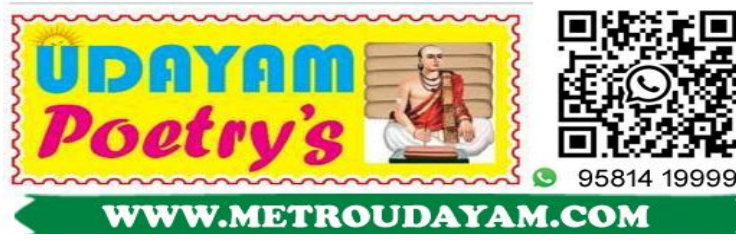
Arshdeep Singh, Harshit Rana, Varun Chakravarthy and Kuldeep Yadav picked two wickets apiece, while Hardik Pandya and Shivam Dube chipped in with a scalp each, as the visitors never recovered from being 30/4 inside seven overs in seam-bowling friendly conditions.

Captain Aiden Markram fought hard with a fluent 61 off 46 balls, but found little support as only Donovan Ferreira (20) and Anrich Nortje (12) reached double figures, as India's attack remained relentless despite the absence of Jasprit Bumrah and Axar Patel.

Having gone for runs in the previous outing, Arshdeep struck early to give India the perfect start. The left-arm pacer found movement to beat the outside edge of Reeza Hendricks twice, before nipping one back to trap the opener lbw, with the DRS also confirming the same. India struck again when Quinton de Kock missed a full straight delivery from Rana while playing across the line, and was trapped lbw. In his next over, Rana struck again when Dewald Brevis went for a cover drive, but chopped onto his stumps.

Pandya joined the 100-wicket club in T20Is – and the third bowler from India to reach the landmark – as Tristan Stubbs attempted to guide a back-of-length delivery pitched outside off stump towards third man, but only managed to nick behind to wicketkeeper Jitesh Sharma. India's seamers continued to dominate under lights when Dube got one to cut back in sharply and flatten Corbin Bosch's leg-stump. Amidst the carnage, Markram timed his drives, punches and flicks well, while Ferreira briefly fought back with a towering no-look six off Kuldeep Yadav and a pulled four through midwicket against Dube, though he was also given a reprieve when Arshdeep dropped him at long-on. But Ferreira's aggressive approach ended when a googly from Chakravarthy beat him comprehensively and rattled the stumps. In his next over, Chakravarthy castled Marco Jansen through the gate with another lethal googly. Markram marched forward to pick a four off Dube, thanks to misfielding in the deep, before slicing, swinging, and lofting Rana for a four and two sixes, which also brought up his fifty in 41 balls.

But his innings soon ended in an anticlimactic fashion as he nicked behind off Arshdeep to Jitesh while going for an expansive drive. Birthday boy Kuldeep rounded off the innings by dismissing Anrich Nortje and Othniel Baartman in the final over to keep South Africa three runs short of 120. Brief Scores: South Africa 117 all out (Aiden Markram 61, Donovan Ferreira 20; Varun Chakravarthy 2-11, Kuldeep Yadav 2-12) against India



## Recall the past days

Wearing full and  
Loose pants  
Without ironing  
With torn shirts  
Without chappals  
Or shoes was the  
Culture of the  
All the people  
In those olden days  
Pity life...

Walking on the foot  
Without wearing chap-  
pals  
In the hot sun during the  
Summer as getting  
blows  
On the that road of stones  
Traveling by Bullock or  
Horse Carts, without having  
Food, water many miles  
In those days plightful life....

Knowing the good or  
Bad messages or news  
From relatives, near and Dear through writing  
The Post cards shared  
Their hardships and Comforts in those days  
Respected and honored  
Life....

Receive the relations  
Who come to our home  
With affection and enjoyed  
A lot arranging good dish  
With different types cooking  
Using firewood only  
Spent their time playing  
Different games, sleeping  
Under cool and fresh air  
Natural life....

Now how changed it is!  
Think once in your mind  
What is happening daily  
Here and there cheating  
Kidnapping, murders, rapes  
Ganja and spoiling the society  
Poisoning like snakes, behaving  
Like animals, brutally  
Hell life ...



—Renukuntla Murali  
Lflhm Rtd.,  
International English Poet, Writer & Author.  
Director, Sanath Institute of English,  
Counseling Psychologist, Spoken English & Life  
Skills Trainer  
EFT Money Practitioner

## Urvashi Rautela calls 'Kasoor 2' her most emotionally demanding role yet

Actress Urvashi Rautela has opened up about the intense physical and emotional preparation that went into her upcoming film Kasoor 2, calling it one of the most challenging performances of her career. Speaking on the sidelines of the prestigious Red Sea International Film Festival, the actress revealed how the role pushed her beyond her comfort zone and required immense mental resilience.

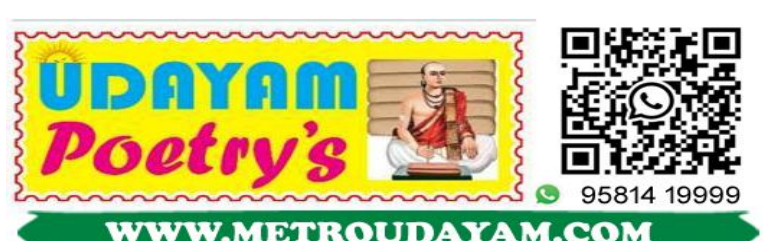
In an interaction, Urvashi shared that Kasoor 2 will present her in a completely new avatar, marking her first foray into a supernatural drama of this scale. She explained that portraying the character demanded sleepless nights and total emotional surrender. "This will be a never-before-seen avatar for me in a supernatural drama film. Portraying this role in Kasoor 2 demanded sleepless nights, pushing me to the absolute limits emotionally and mentally," she said.

The actress added that embody-

ing the character required her to dive deep into its intensity and vulnerability. "To truly live the character, I had to surrender completely. Experiencing this journey and presenting it at the Red Sea International Film Festival in Jeddah has been profoundly transformative and unforgettable," Urvashi noted. Urvashi Rautela was invited to Saudi Arabia as part of the promotions for Kasoor 2. The film is presented by Bablu Aziz Barudgar, produced by Asif Shaikh under the Practical Production Films banner, and directed by Glen Barretto. It stars Urvashi alongside Aftab Shivdasani and Jassie Gill. Kasoor 2 is a sequel to the 2001 hit film Kasoor, directed by Vikram Bhatt, which featured Aftab Shivdasani and Lisa Ray in lead roles. Earlier this year, on his birthday on June 25, Aftab Shivdasani confirmed his return with the sequel, sharing behind-the-scenes pictures from the sets and expressing gratitude for revisiting a film



close to his heart. With its supernatural undertones and emotionally intense narrative, Kasoor 2 is shaping up to be a highly anticipated project for both audiences and its cast.



रु इस दुनिया में पाने योग्य तो दो ही  
बातें हैं एक हमारे स्वयं को पाने हमारी  
आत्मा तो दूसरा हमारा सृष्टिकर्ता  
पालनहार परमात्मा को।... (शकील उवाचा  
-७६०)

आनंद की जो  
वास्तविकता है, वह ना सुख में है ना  
ही वह दुःख में है। जो लोग  
वास्तविक आनंद से अंजान होते हैं  
वह लोग शब्दों पर ही जीते हैं। शब्द  
निर्जीव होकर भी बड़े असरदार  
(प्रभावशील) होते हैं। हम शब्दों को  
किस तरह लेते हैं इसकी बड़ी  
महत्त्वता है। शब्द आदमी को रुलाते  
भी हैं और शब्द ही आदमी को हंसाते  
भी हैं। दर असल आदमी शब्दों से  
बनता भी है और शब्दों से बिगड़ता  
भी है। हमारे जीवन में हमें मिलने  
वाले सुख और दुःख यह दोनों भी इन्हीं शब्दों का परिणाम है।

जो शब्द हमें एक प्रिय व्यक्ति द्वारा सुनने को मिलते  
हैं तो वही शब्द प्यार बन जाते हैं। और वही शब्द दूसरे शत्रु के द्वारा  
सुनाया जाए तो नफरत भी बन जाते हैं। एक ही शब्द मित्रों द्वारा कहा  
जाए तो हंस कर टाल दिया जाएगा और वही शब्द शत्रु हम पर उपयोग  
करे तो रोना भी आ सकता है, और गुस्सा भी आ सकता है। जो कोई  
अपनी निजता को, अपने स्वभाव को नहीं पाता वह शब्दों पर ही जीता  
है। इतना ही नहीं बल्कि उन्हीं शब्दों पर अपने जीवन को समाप्त भी कर  
लेता है।

लेकिन जो अपनी अंतस की यात्रा किया हो, स्वयं को  
जान लिया हो तो वह शब्दों के सहारे नहीं जीता। सुख और दुःख  
मान्यताओं के आधार पर हैं। और हमारी मान्यताएं शब्दों द्वारा, समाज  
द्वारा और संस्कारों द्वारा हम पर आरोपित किए जाते हैं। लेकिन आनंद  
का वैसा नहीं है। आनंद अंतस की संपत्ति है, भीतर का धन है, आत्मा  
की दौलत है। जो आदमी इस धन को पा लेता है उसे शब्दों से बहकाया  
नहीं जा सकता। जो इस दौलत को पा लेता है उसे शब्दों से बहलाया,  
फुसलाया भी नहीं जा सकता।

जिसने अपने आप को जान लिया हो उसे शब्दों से  
हंसाया नहीं जा सकता। जो अंतस का सफर किया हो उसे कभी शब्दों  
से रुलाया भी नहीं जा सकता। हम भौतिक संपदा में आनंद दूढ़ते हैं  
जबकि आनंद आत्मिक और पारमार्थिक संपत्ति है। हमारी नजर हमेशा  
इसी पर टिकी रहती है कि हमारे पास क्या है और क्या नहीं है। अब  
नजर इस तरफ घुमाओ कि हम क्या हैं? और क्या होना चाहिए? हमें  
खुद को खोजना है, हमें खुद को पाना है। अगर हम सारी दुनिया पाकर  
भी खुद को नहीं पाए तो शून्य है, व्यर्थ है।

आत्मा की पहचान परमात्मा के द्वार का पहला कदम है।  
जब हम आत्मा को पालेंगे तो परमात्मा को पाने के काबिल (योग्य) बनेंगे।  
जो परमात्मा को पाने की अहमियत समझता है वही पैगंबर साहब  
मोहम्मद (स्व.) के तीसरे उत्तराधिकारी इमाम हुसैन अलैहिस्सलाम की यह  
बात समझ पायेगा जो दुआ ए अराफा में कही गई है। इमाम हुसैन  
अलैहिस्सलाम कहते हैं कि ऐ अल्लाह (सु)! , (ऐ सृष्टिकर्ता पालनहार  
परमेश्वर!) जिसने तुझे खो दिया, उसने क्या पाया?, और जिसने तुझे पा  
लिया, उसने क्या खोया? (इमाम हुसैन अलैहिस्सलाम, दुआ ए अराफा)।

इस दुनिया में पाने योग्य तो दो ही बातें हैं एक हमारे  
स्वयं को, पाने हमारी आत्मा तो दूसरा हमारा सृष्टिकर्ता पालनहार  
परमात्मा को। अगर आत्मा और परमात्मा को खोकर सब कुछ भी पा  
लेते हैं तो व्यर्थ है। आत्मा को जानना जरूरी है जो आनंद का स्रोत है।  
आत्मा के गहराई में ही खुशीयों के झरने बहते रहते हैं। और जो अपने  
आत्मा को नहीं जान सकता वह सृष्टिकर्ता पालनहार परमात्मा से  
अनभिज्ञ ही रहेगा। ईश्वरीय ज्ञान को उर्दू में मारिफत ए खुदा कहते हैं।  
और बेहतरीन मारिफत (ज्ञान, पहचान) खुद स्वयं को जान लेना है।

पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) के पहिले उत्तराधिकारी  
इमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब अलैहिस्सलाम का फरमान है कि, खेहतरीन  
मारिफत (उत्कृष्ट ज्ञान, उत्कृष्ट पहचान) यह है कि आदमी खुद को  
पहचान ले और अपनी कदरो मंजिलत (सम्मान और प्रतिष्ठा) से वाकिफ  
(ज्ञाता) हो जाये। (हैदरी कुतुबखाना मुंबई द्वारा प्रकाशित उर्दू पुस्तक,  
तजल्लियाते हिकमत, बाब 196, मारिफत, हदीस क्रमांक 09, पुष्ट क्रमांक  
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—डॉ. मोहम्मदशकील ताजमोहम्मद जाफरी (शकील गंवरी),  
गंवरी, पुणे (महाराष्ट्र) भारत

## People of Antharam village have elected Eega Prabhakar Reddy

- Eega Prabhakar Reddy achieves a resounding victory in the Antharam Sarpanch elections.
- I will uphold the trust the people have placed in me... I will work tirelessly for the development of the village.
- Antharam Village Sarpanch Eega Prabhakar Reddy
- Manmari Rajani elected as Deputy Sarpanch

Chevela/Shabad, December 14 (Metro Udayam)

In the Sarpanch elections held on Sunday in Antharam Gram Panchayat, under Shabad mandal of Rangareddy district, Eega Prabhakar Reddy, supported by the Congress party, won with a majority of votes. Four candidates contested for the Sarpanch position: Eega Prabhakar Reddy, Eega Saikiran Reddy, Mogiligidda Narasimha Reddy, and Eega Mallareddy. The people of Antharam village elected Eega Prabhakar Reddy. Manmari Rajani was elected as the Deputy Sarpanch. The Gram Panchayat has a total of eight wards, of which the Congress party won five, BRS won one, and Independents won two.

I will work tirelessly for the development of the village. I express my heartfelt gratitude to all the people of Antharam village who placed their trust in me, voted for me, and elected me. I will always be indebted to you. Regarding the village, I will focus on providing better governance to the people by concentrating on CC roads, street lights, drinking water, sanitation, and cleanliness. I will always be available to the people to ensure they face no difficulties, and I will work with the primary objective of providing excellent governance by taking their opinions into consideration. Always with your love and support, Eega. Prabhakar Reddy, Sarpanch of Antharam village



## Poornima Sivaraman

### Inspiring educator-Winner

A big round of applause to Poornima Sivaraman the \*\*Fastest Finger First Winner – Day 3 of our Disability Rights Awareness Quiz

Poornima ji is an inspiring educator, published author, passionate blogger, and a dedicated member of the Spectrum Awareness Group. Her energy, creativity, and active engagement have always uplifted our community.



Here's what she shared about her experience:

"I truly admire the meaningful work and engaging activities the team consistently organizes. I have had the joy of narrating two stories for the group, and I deeply appreciate their commitment to spreading awareness. Participating in the RPwD Act Quiz was a wonderful experience — it helped me strengthen my understanding and sensitivity towards disability. Thank you, Team Spectrum, for your dedication and impactful initiatives. Warm wishes, always!"

Thank you, Poornima ji, for your warmth, continued support, and your positive spirit that motivates us all to learn and grow together. Together, let's continue inspiring awareness, empathy, and inclusion — one question, one story, and one heart at a time.

# SURVEY OF KOLKATA NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND MEMORIAL

Following the address by Dr. Sarita Boodoo and her comments on the Kolkata National Library Archives, particular attention was drawn to the management and upkeep of the Kolkata National Archives and Memorial.

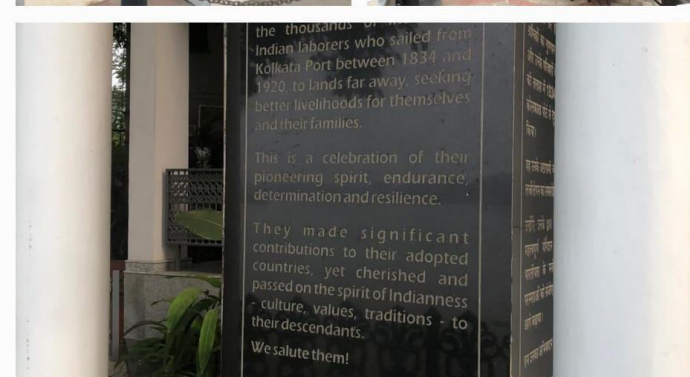
In this context, on 11th December 2025, Dennis Ramdahin, MSc, Secretary of the Global Girmity Association, undertook an official visit to the Kolkata National Archives and Memorial, where he conducted a detailed survey of the institution. His visit focused on assessing the condition of the collections, the effectiveness of current management practices, and the overall environment of the memorial.

Mr. Ramdahin was granted access to view significant parts of the archival collection. During his survey, he evaluated the physical condition of documents and materials, offering professional observations on their preservation needs. He also highlighted practical methods for safeguarding the collection, including improved conservation techniques and long-term preservation strategies.

As part of his findings, Mr. Ramdahin emphasized the potential value of appointing a dedicated museum curator, who could oversee preservation, enhance interpretation of the collections, and strengthen educational outreach for visitors and researchers alike.

Possible collaboration with UNESCO. Mr. Ramdahin has completed his survey and will submit a comprehensive report outlining his suggestions and proposals arising from the visit. This report is expected to contribute meaningfully to future planning and development of the memorial.

Despite identifying areas for improvement, Mr. Ramdahin noted the positive and engaging atmosphere of the memorial.



He observed that patrons visiting the archives were actively viewing exhibits, learning from the collections, and engaging with the historical narratives preserved there. The memorial, he remarked, functions as a living space of learning and reflection, reinforcing its importance as a center for historical awareness and public education.

The survey and forthcoming recommendations mark an important step toward strengthening the preservation and educational role of the

Kolkata National Archives and Memorial.

This survey highlights the growing global interest in the preservation of the historical records of the Girmityas, underscoring the importance of this museum—along with other museums worldwide—as vital custodians of Girmity heritage, memory, and identity for present and future generations.

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

# Parties sharpen strategies for final phases of GP polls

Hyderabad: With political parties, particularly ruling Congress and main opposition BRS, have claimed good show in the first phase of Sarpanch elections, they are now focusing on the final phases. Along with intensifying campaign, they are sharpening strategies to win more sarpanches in second and third phase elections. The Congress party has been claiming that it won around 70 per cent of sarpanches and the BRS party has been expressing happiness over its good performance and claims that the fall of the ruling party has started with the local body elections. On the other hand, BJP is happy that it has opened the account in many villages for the first time.

The fact of the matter is that the Congress supported Sarpanches won around 58 per cent and BRS around 28 per cent and BJP winning percentage is around 5 per cent. With these results, the Congress, BRS and BJP leaderships directed their ground level leaders to draw strategies to win more Sarpanch seats. The



Congress party directed the MLAs, in-charges and district level leaders to concentrate on coordination between old and new Congress leaders. The differences between old and new Congress leaders may give a chance to the opposite parties to win the sarpanch elections. At many places in the first phase elections, the Congress faced this problem giving a chance to win either BRS or

Independents. The Congress party leadership directed the leaders to pull a plug on these loopholes. TPCC president B Mahesh Kumar Goud already warned that the leaders would face action if they behaved negligently in local body elections and asked the party leaders to work hard for second and third phase elections. On the other hand, the BRS party has fine-tuned its strategies in a different

manner. BRS working president KT Ramarao tweeted in the manner that his words will boost the cadre to work hard in the second and third phase elections. Instead of giving a statement about his party's performance, KTR stated that the first phase results have been reflecting that the people had vexed with Revanth Reddy's rule.

He also criticized BJP saying that BRS was the only alternative party to the ruling Congress party. The words of KTR may work as a catalyst to the BRS party at ground level. Telangana BJP too expressed happiness over the first phase results saying that the party entered into every nook and corner of the state with sarpanch elections. While claiming that their party won more than 300 sarpanches in the first phase, BJP State chief N Ramchander Rao appealed to the people to support their party supported candidates in second and third phase elections to be held on December 14 (second phase) and December 17 (third phase).