



Delhi Smog Disrupts Air Traffic As Visibility Drops, Flights Cancelled And Delayed

Severe smog and poor visibility brought air traffic in Delhi and the National Capital Region to a standstill on Monday, leading to the cancellation of 61 flights and delays affecting more than 400 others. The thick haze also forced the diversion of at least five incoming flights, highlighting the scale of disruption caused by deteriorating air quality.

Data from the Central Pollution Control Board's Sameer app showed the Air Quality Index in the capital at a hazardous 454 early in the morning, firmly in the 'severe' category. The situation marked a continuation of the pollution crisis, with Sunday



recording an AQI of 461, among the worst December readings ever noted. The impact extended beyond regular travel, with Argentine football legend Lionel Messi's arrival in Delhi delayed by several hours. His flight from Mumbai was postponed due to dense fog, causing him to land well after the

scheduled time.

Delhi airport authorities issued early warnings to passengers, cautioning that flight operations could be affected by low visibility. Airlines including IndiGo and Air India also released advisories, urging travellers to check flight statuses before leaving for the

airport and to allow extra travel time as road movement slowed under the toxic haze.

Meanwhile, visuals circulating on social media showed smog blanketing multiple parts of the city, including areas such as Akshardham, Barakhamba Road and the Barapulla flyover, where pollution levels remained alarmingly high. In response to the worsening conditions, authorities enforced the strictest stage of the Graded Response Action Plan, banning construction activity, mandating work-from-home for half the workforce, and shifting most schools to hybrid classes.

TTD Chairman releases 'Srivari Divya Prasadamulu'



Tirumala: TTD Chairman B R Naidu, on Sunday released a book on 'Sri Vari Divya Prasadamulu' penned by former chief priest of the Tirumala temple, Ramana Dikshitulu, at the TTD Chairman's camp office in Tirumala. The author informed the Chairman that the book provides comprehensive details about the various Annaprasadams offered to the deity as part of the Vaikhanasa Agama-prescribed rituals and kainkaryams performed in the Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple.

UNESCO Ambassador Vishal V. Sharma Visits Ramappa Temple to Review Conservation Works



Ambassador & Permanent Representative of India to UNESCO came from Paris and visited the World Heritage Site Rudreswara Ramappa Temple in Palampet village, Mulugu District (Telangana) on 14th December 2025 to take stock of the preservation & conservation efforts of the Archaeological Survey of India and the state government. Ambassador Sharma was Chairman of the prestigious World Heritage Committee of UNESCO for the 46th session. He is the first Indian to have held this prestigious position. Recently, he also Chaired the 20th session of the Intergovernmental Committee for Safeguarding the Intangible Cultural Heritage held at the Red Fort in Delhi, where Deepavali was inscribed on UNESCO's ICH list. It was under Ambassador Sharma's leadership that the Ramappa Temple was also inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2021. While on a visit to Hyderabad for the INCOIS (Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services) programme, he also visited Mulugu district to take stock of the preservation efforts. He was accompanied by the following officers from the ASI, Dr. H.R. Desai, DySA, Mr. Krishna Chaitanya, DyASE, Dr. Rohini Pande Ambekar, ASA M. Mallesh Golconda Fort incharge and from INCOIS Mr. Nagoji Rao, Sr. Executive.

Potti Sriramulu's sacrifice immortal in Andhra statehood movement: Minister NMD Farooq

Nandyal: State Minister for Law and Minority Welfare NMD Farooq on Monday said that the sacrifice of Amarajeevi Potti Sriramulu, who waged a prolonged struggle with an unwavering resolve for a separate state for Telugu people, remains immortal in history. The Minister, along with District Collector G. Rajakumari, paid floral tributes to the statue of Potti Sriramulu at Sanjeevanagar Gate in Nandyal on the occasion of his death anniversary. Addressing the occasion Minister Farooq recalled that Potti Sriramulu laid down his life to fulfil the aspirations of Telugu people for a separate state. He said Sriramulu's selfless service, patriotism and supreme sacrifice continue to inspire generations. The Minister noted that Sriramulu's martyrdom was not only pivotal to the formation of Andhra State but



also marked the beginning of linguistic reorganisation of states in the country. He described Sriramulu as the first person in Indian history to sacrifice his life for a linguistic cause.

The Minister further stated that it was due to Sriramulu's historic fast and sacrifice that the Union Government responded, leading to the formation of Andhra State in 1953 as the first linguistic state in India. This landmark development, he said, inspired similar movements across the nation and

paved the way for the reorganisation of states. He urged people to never forget Sriramulu's sacrifice made to protect the Telugu language, culture and self-respect, and called upon all sections to work responsibly towards the State's development in line with his ideals.

District Collector G. Raja Kumari said Potti Sriramulu embodied the values of non-violence, service, truth and social justice, and laid down his life through an indefinite fast for the cause of statehood. She stated that his sacrifice occupies a permanent place in the history of the Telugu states and should be etched in golden letters. Calling upon citizens to imbibe his spirit of sacrifice, the Collector appealed to all to work collectively for achieving higher goals and contribute to the overall development of the State. Municipal Commissioner Seshanna, Tahsildar Srivani and other officials and leaders were present at the programme.

India a preferred destination for data centres, no shortage of power: Piyush Goyal

Union Minister Piyush Goyal on Monday said India is a preferred destination for data centres as the country has no dearth of electricity and its 500GW national grid can take care of surge in demand. During a press conference on energy sector, Goyal, former Power and New & Renewable Energy minister, said there is sufficient power capacity in the country.

He said that the 500GW grid is one of the largest in the world. "...Europe does not have a national grid. Even the US does not have a national grid. But India has a national grid. So we are a preferred destination for data centres and as they are planning a growth in the years to come. There will be sufficient power available to make sure that we meet the need of our people, farmers, industry and



commercial establishments including data centres and GCCs," Goyal said.

This comes at a time when various tech giants including Google, Microsoft and AWS have evinced interest in investing in India. In October, Google announced that it will invest USD 15 billion in building an AI infrastructure hub in Andhra Pradesh, which would include a gigawatt-scale data centre in

partnership with Adani Group. The project is expected to create 5,000-6,000 direct jobs and 20,000-30,000 total jobs in Andhra Pradesh.

Last week, the Amazon Web Services (AWS) announced investment of USD 7 billion to expand data centres in Telangana over 14 years. Earlier this month, Microsoft announced plans to invest USD 17.5 billion in India to help build infrastructure and sovereign capabilities for the country's AI-first future. About India's plan to add coal-based thermal power generation capacity in the country, Goyal said the coal-based capacity addition will be to meet the need of the people of India. "We cannot allow the people to be deprived of adequate

power...coal production will also help us reduce import further (of the dry fuel). We have already reduced our imports. We are also looking at coal alternatives like coal being converted to synthetic gas. We must recognise that we are a developing nation, we need transition time and low cost energy, to be able to meet the growing need of a large nation and need of our industrial growth as well as prosperity of the common man," he said. India will take a pragmatic view to keep its energy cost low while simultaneously working towards clean energy framework, he stated. He informed that the projected thermal power requirement in 2035 is expected to grow to 307GW. About the improving financial health of the power generation firms he said these companies had debt of Rs 1.4

lakh crore four years ago, which has been reduced to Rs 6,500 crore. "As we march towards Viksit Bharat@2047...India's energy sector will be seen as a global case study in managing scale, speed and sustainability together," he said. Meanwhile, Minister of State for Power Shripad Naik in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha said: "Presently, power requirement of data centres in the country is approximately 1 GW which is estimated to increase up to 13.56 GW by FY 2031-32 on account of upcoming data centres." Captive power is arranged for self consumption by the users on their own. As of now, details of electricity consumed by data centres are not centrally maintained, he informed the House.

Madhubani GGLASC Emerges as Major Centre for Girmitiya Research



Madhubani, Bihar A significant milestone in the field of girmityology, ancestral research, and the study of the Indian indentured diaspora has been achieved with the establishment of the Global Girmitiya Lineage Archive Searching Center (GGLASC) in Bishanpur village, Madhubani district. The centre continues to attract visitors from across the globe, encouraging people of Indian origin to trace their ancestral roots and engage in academic research. The centre holds special importance in the study of Girmitiya history. On 22 March 2025, Shradhanand Harinandan Singh participated in the inauguration of the Girmityology Centre at Bishanpur, which has now been formally recognised as the Global Girmitiya Lineage Archive Searching Center. Shradhanand Singh is the grandson of Thakur Kishundayal Singh Harnandan Singh, a respected historical figure. Also present at the inauguration were Vidya Singh, Dr Binod Singh, and Chandan Kumar Singh, who plays an active role in the functioning of the centre.

On 13 December 2025, renowned scholar Professor Choenni from the Netherlands, associated with Suriname studies, visited the centre along with his wife Binarai Makhan. During their visit, they paid tribute to Thakur Kishundayal Singh Harnandan Singh. A commemorative plaque in his honour is displayed on the memorial wall at the Mahavir Singh Memorial Trust in Bishanpur village under the Ghoghardiha block of Madhubani district.

Earlier, in October 2025, Professor Shradhanand Singh from the Netherlands also visited the centre. At present, Chandan Kumar Singh resides at the site and continues to work as a researcher, contributing to archival documentation and lineage studies.

The GGLASC site is of great importance as it not only honours Indian freedom fighters but also serves as a hub for scholars, descendants of Girmityas, and researchers. It actively encourages people to trace their ancestral heritage, participate in historical studies, and deepen global understanding of the Indian indentured diaspora.

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Resolve the problems in Ramanthapur, Uppal Circle...

Representation submitted to the Deputy Commissioner at Prajavani by leaders of the Prajavani voluntary organization

Uppal, December 15
(Metro Udayam)

Leaders of the Prajavani voluntary organization stated that the service road on the Ramanthapur side near the Nagole Metro Station in Uppal Circle of GHMC needs to be fully constructed. They also complained that unknown vehicles are indiscriminately dumping soil at night near the HMDA Bhagayat Shilparamam, and that no one is taking action against them. They submitted a representation to



the GHMC Deputy Commissioner of Uppal Circle on Monday at Prajavani regarding these issues. They stated that the service road from KCR Nagar to Nagole Metro Station is full of potholes, causing difficulties for commuters. The road dug up for construction has been left incomplete, and

they requested that the road be completed quickly. They also requested that two trees located in the middle of the road at the crossing near TV Colony on the same service road be removed and replanted elsewhere. They pointed out that the road has been dug up for underground drainage

work on the same service road a long time ago, and the work has not been completed, causing inconvenience to thousands of vehicles. They also mentioned that in many areas of Ramanthapur, including the road near Bhagayat D-Mart, Water Board and GHMC officials have dug up the roads for various purposes and left them unrepaired. They requested that these hundreds of such spots be repaired immediately. The president Erram Srinivas, secretary Kosula Vijayakumar, and vice-presidents Goli Krishnaiah, Ambarbo Shiva Shankar Goud, and Siddagoni Raju Goud participated in this program.

Hyderabad PRSI Chapter Wins Prestigious Best Chapter Award 2025

Hyderabad, metro udayam december 15... The Public Relations Society of India (PRSI), Hyderabad Chapter, has been honored with the PRSI Best Chapter Award 2025. The award was presented by Shri Subodh Uniyal, Hon%µble Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Forest, Government of Uttarakhand, at the closing ceremony of the 47th All India Public Relations Conference held in Dehradun, Uttarakhand,

from December 13-15, 2025.

Dr. Yadgiri Kambhambati, Chairman, and Shri K. Rajesh, Secretary, along with other members of the Hyderabad Chapter, received the award. Over 300 delegates from 25 PRSI chapters across India and several corporate PR professionals participated in the three-day event, which was inaugurated by Uttarakhand Chief Minister Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami.



The conference featured notable dignitaries, including Smt. Ritu Khanduri Bhushan, Speaker of the Uttarakhand Government, and former Chief Minister

Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank. PRSIs national leadership, led by Dr. Ajith Pathak, congratulated the Hyderabad Chapter on this consecutive win.



As per the directions of YSR Congress Party National President Shri Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, a mass public movement titled One Crore Signatures was launched in Visakhapatnam district to oppose the privatization of government medical colleges.

Under this programme, petitions containing signatures collected from the public were sent from the district headquarters to the Tadepalli party

central office through a special vehicle. Under the leadership of Visakhapatnam District President K. K. Raju, a massive rally was organized from the Gandhi statue at GVMC to the Telugu Thalli statue at Maddilapalem Junction.

The programme was attended by chief guests Regional Coordinator Kurasala Kannababu and Parliamentary Observers Kadiri Baburao, along with coordinators

Vasupalli Ganesh Kumar, Malla Vijay Prasad, Tippala Devan Reddy, and Molli Apparao. MLAs Pandula Ravindra Babu and Varudu Kalyani, former MLAs Tainala Vijay Kumar and Chintalapudi Venkataramaiah, state committee leaders, district committee leaders, corporators, former corporators, ward presidents, women, party workers, and others also participated.



Under the leadership of Shetti Harikanth Gupta, the Ayyappa Swamy Maha Padi Puja Mahotsavam was celebrated...

On the occasion of the 73rd death anniversary of Potti Sriramulu garu, dignified tributes were paid in remembrance of his sacrifices at the office of the Deputy Transport Commissioner. RTOs, Motor Vehicle Inspectors, Assistant Motor Vehicle Inspectors, and office staff participated in the programme



Kotha Chander Goud, Kotha Ravi Goud, and Kurri Shivashankar participated.

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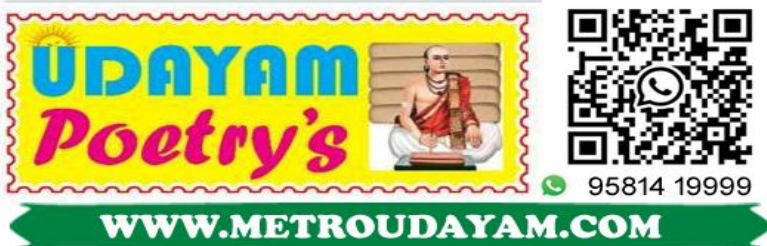
Under the leadership of Shetti Harikanth Gupta, owner of Sai Lakshmi Developers and BRS party leader of Boduppal Municipal Corporation, the Ayyappa Swamy Maha Padi Puja was grandly conducted at Shetti Harikanth Guptas residence in Sri Venkateshwara Colony, Chengicherla, by the revered Sri Raghavan Guruswamy. During this puja ceremony, Vedic scholars chanted mantras, Ayyappa Swamy devotees and musicians performed bhajans, and later, food was distributed as prasadam. Former corporator Kotha Chander Goud, former



Deputy Mayor of Boduppal Corporation, former Deputy Sarpanch of Chengicherla Gram Panchayat and senior BRS party leader Kotha Ravi Goud, and former ward member Kurri Shivashankar participated in this program along with other division leaders. On this occasion, Kotha Ravi Goud said that such pujas and yagnas are great platforms for the preservation



of our traditions and devotional feelings. He prayed that Ayyappa Swamy bless Shetti Harikanth Guptas family with health, longevity, and happiness for conducting this Ayyappa Swamy Maha Padi Puja Mahotsavam with great devotion and dedication. Leaders Seesa Venkat Goud, Aratikayala Bhaskar Goud, and others participated in this program.



आनंदित होना कठिन है क्योंकि यह आत्मा की गहराई में बहता हुआ झरना है। और इस झरने तक वहीं पहुँचेगा जो वह वासनाओं के पार होगा।... (शकील उवाचा -५६१)

सुख और दुःख दोनों भी अपने मन का आविष्कार है। सुख और दुःख भाव दशा से जुड़ी हुई बातें हैं। सुख और दुःख अपने ही भावनाओं का खेल है। मैंने किसी मजलिस (धर्मसभा) में सुना हूँ, के, इमाम जाफर सादिक अलैहिस्सलाम जो पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद स्वल्लल्लाहु अलैहि व अलेही व सल्लम के छठे उत्तराधिकारी हैं, वह एक बार अपने घर आये हुये कुछ मेहमानों को खाना खिला रहे थे। इतने में उनका एक गुलाम (दास, नौकर) ने आकर कान में कुछ कहा।



इमाम जाफर सादिक अलैहिस्सलाम ने गुलाम की बात सुनकर "इन्ना लिल्लाहि व इन्ना इलैही राजीऊन" कहा। और यह कहकर मेहमानों को खाना खिलाने में व्यस्त हो गए। उपरोक्त कहा गया जो अंश है वह पवित्र कुरआन के एक आयत का अंश है। पवित्र कुरआन में आया है, "कि जब उन पर कोई मुस. बात आ पड़ी तो वह (अनायास) बोल उठे हम तो खुदा (ईश्वर) ही के हैं और हम इसी (परमात्मा) के तरफ लौटकर जाने वाले हैं।" (पवित्र कुरआन, अध्याय 02, सुराह अल बकरा, आयत 156)। इमाम जाफर सादिक अलैहिस्सलाम मेहमानों के खाना खाने के बाद बहुत देर तक उनसे बातें करते रहें।

फिर इमाम जाफर सादिक अलैहिस्सलाम ने कहा "अभी मुझे इजाजत (आज्ञा) दें, मुझे अब जाना पड़ेगा, मेरे बेटे की मृत्यु हुई है। कफन दफन (अंत्य विधि) का भी काम बाकी है।" मेहमान यह बात सुनकर हैरान रह गये। बेटे की मौत की खबर भी इमाम को विचलित नहीं कर पायी यह देखकर मेहमानों ने इमाम अलैहिस्सलाम से पूछा "क्या आप परेशान नहीं हुये? तो आप अलैहिस्सलाम ने कहा "इसमें परेशानी की क्या बात है? वह अल्लाह (सु.) की अमानत (ईश्वर का धरोहर) थी। दिया उसी ने था, लिया भी उसी ने।" यह शब्द मन की भावनाओं से जुड़ा हुआ आदमी बोल ही नहीं सकता। यह शब्द इमाम अलैहिस्सलाम के आत्मा और परमात्मा से जुड़े रहने की दलील दे रहे हैं। हमारा मन का होता है तो हमारे पैर खुशी से जमीन पर भी नहीं टिकते। और जब हमारा मन का ना हो तो दिलो दिमाग में तूफान उमड़ आता है, हाय हल्ला करके हम पूरी दुनिया को हिला देते हैं। लेकिन जो लोग मन के परे होते हैं वह शांत हो रहते हैं। जो लोग अपनी निजता से, अपने स्वभाव से वाकिफ होते हैं वही लोग शांत रह पाते हैं। और जो कोई अपने स्वभाव को जानता है वही आनंद के अमृत को चख सकेगा। सुखी और दुःखी होना आसान है क्योंकि के यह सत, रज और तम गुणों का आवरण है। लेकिन आनंदित होना कठिन है क्योंकि यह आत्मा की गहराई में बहता हुआ झरना है। और इस झरने तक वहीं पहुँचेगा जो वासनाओं के पार होगा। इच्छा आकांक्षाओं पर विजय पायेगा। सत, रज और तम के आवरण को भेद कर आत्मा की गहराई में उतरेंगे। अपनी निजता को जान कर निजता को पा लेगा और निजता में जियेगा।

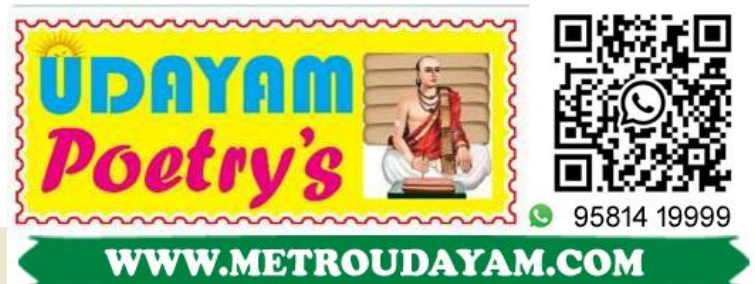
जो स्वभाव पर जियेगा वही आनंदित हो सकेगा। पवित्र कुरआन इसी मानव स्वभाव को ईश्वर के प्रति समर्पण कहा है। और सच्चा मुसलमान वही है जो खुदा (ईश्वर) के बनाए फितरत, प्रकृति, स्वभाव पर जीता हो। जिस स्वभाव पर खुदा (ईश्वर) ने मानव को जन्म दिया है उस पर जीना ही सच्चा जीवन है। पवित्र कुरआन अध्याय 02, आयत 155 के मुताबिक खुदा (ईश्वर) हमें कुछ खौफ (डर), भूख, माल (दौलत), जान (प्राण) और फलों की कमी के माध्यम से परखने वाला है। सी मुश्किल घड़ियों में खुद विचलित ना होते हुए जो आदमी ईश्वर के इच्छा के आगे अपना सर झुकाकर खुद अपने आपको ईश्वर को समर्पित करता है वही कामयाब होता है। और पवित्र कुरआन, अध्याय क्रमांक 02, सुराह अल बकरा, आयत क्रमांक 157 के मुताबिक जो मुसीबत के वक़्त सब्र करते (संकट समय में संयम बरतते) हैं उनके लिए खुदा (ईश्वर) के तरफ से (जन्नत याने स्वर्ग की) खुशखबरी है।

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

Complete the works quickly and make the road accessible...

Tungathurthi Ravi supervised the SNDP works Medipally, December 15 (Metro udayam) :

Peerzadiguda Circle Congress Party President Tungathurthi Ravi requested HMDA, SNDP, Water Works, Municipal, and Electrical officials, along with road contractors, to coordinate and complete the works quickly to make the road accessible. Accordingly, on Monday, Tungathurthi Ravi inspected the Strategic Nala Development Program (SNDP) works underway in the Peerzadiguda circle under the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation. On this occasion, he instructed the Water Board officials, SNDP contractors, and road contractors to coordinate and complete the works expeditiously. He specifically requested the officials to take full precautions to ensure that no leaks occur in the drinking water pipeline works. He clarified that the works should be carried out with quality, without causing any inconvenience to the public, and all works should be completed within the stipulated time frame. Veeranjaneey Swamy Temple Director Vangoori Ramesh, former co-option member Irfan, municipal electrical officials, Congress party leaders, and others participated in this program.



Christmas Trees

The trees are put up
Decorated with baubles
Lights, tinsel,
Ornaments New and old
Memories gathered

As the years go by
The Christmas tree
Lights flicker softly,
Presents wait beneath,
Surprises for
Christmas Day
Patiently waiting
To be unwrapped

Pine needles green,
Trees real or artificial,
?Beautiful trees



Beautiful
Sights in stores,
Malls, Home, centres
Hospitals
Adding to the
Magic of Christmas

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Reorganization of Peerzadiguda against the wishes of the people

- Another division should be created for administrative convenience
- Panga Pranays request to the Deputy Commissioner

Medipally, December 15 (Metro udayam)

MRPS Medchal Malkajgiri district president Panga Pranay Kumar stated that the reorganization of divisions by the GHMC, which is against the aspirations and wishes of the people, is hindering development. On Monday, Panga Pranay met with the Deputy Commissioner of Peerzadiguda Circle, LB Nagar Zone, and submitted a representation requesting a review of the reorganization, taking into account the opinions of the local people. On this occasion, he said that to avoid administrative difficulties based on population, another division should be created. He said that due to having only two divisions, local representation would decrease and development would be hampered. Panga Pranay requested that for administrative convenience, Hyderabad city should be divided into East, West, North, and South corporations, and as part of the expansion, the GHMC should be redesigned, the already released draft reviewed, and measures taken to establish the complete boundaries of Medipally and Peerzadiguda, along with the creation of another division.



The people of Andhra Pradesh have begun a strong resistance movement against the governance of Chandrababu Naidu.



As per the directions of YSR Congress Party President and former Chief Minister of the state, Shri Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, the protest was held under the leadership of YSRCP Parliamentary Party Leader and Rajya Sabha Member Shri Y.V. Subba Reddy. Opposing the privatization of government medical colleges in Andhra Pradesh, YSR Congress Party Members of the Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha staged a protest by holding placards in the Parliament House premises at New Delhi, the capital of India. Those who participated in the protest include: Araku Member of Parliament Dr. Dagubati Tanuja Rani YSRCP Floor Leader, Rajya Sabha MP Shri Pilli Subhash Chandra Bose YSRCP Floor Leader, Lok Sabha MP Shri P.V. Mithun Reddy Kadapa Member of Parliament Shri Y.S. Avinash Reddy YSRCP Rajya Sabha MP Shri Alla Ayodhya Rami Reddy Tirupati Member of Parliament Shri Maddila Gurumoorthy Other party leaders and members also participated in the protest.



Hyderabad December:15 ,(Metro udayam)

Four days ago, in the Himayat Nagar division, locals brought to the attention of Corporator Mahalakshmi Raman Goud an unhygienic practice by a vegetable shop owner that was circulating on social media. For a long time, residents of Vittalwadi, Melkoti Walkers, and Venkataswamy Nagar had been complaining that vegetable shop owners and various street vendors were keeping the area unsanitary and obstructing traffic. They requested the Corporator to have these vendors removed. The Corporator brought this to the attention of GHMC officials and the traffic police. Today, Deputy Commissioner Maruthi Diwakar, AMOH Hemalatha, the Traffic CI, and the enforcement vehicle team all came together to address the anti-social activities taking place around Melkoti Park. After discussions with the locals and slum dwellers, and with everyone's agreement, it was decided that everyone would work together to keep the Himayat Nagar division clean and ensure that locals are not inconvenienced. Appropriate measures were taken today to keep the area clean. Corporator Mahalakshmi Raman Goud thanked all the community leaders, including Taj Khan from Venkataswamy Nagar, residents of Haji Basti, and Bhushan Rao, Shankar, Satyam Goud, and Priya Jaiswal from Vittalwadi, for their cooperation in resolving the issue amicably.



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Medipally, December 15 (Metro udayam)

Medchal District Congress Party President Thotakura Vajresh Yadav demanded that the number of divisions be increased in the Medchal constituency, which has been merged into GHMC, in view of the tremendous population growth, in order to provide better governance to the people. Accordingly, he, along with Congress party leaders, submitted a representation to Telangana State Government Chief Advisor Vem. Narender Reddy, Medchal District In-charge Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu, and GHMC Commissioner Karnesh on Monday. Speaking on this occasion, Vajresh Yadav explained that increasing the number of divisions would allow for quicker responses to public problems and more efficient governance. The leaders requested the government to consider this matter favorably with the intention of doing justice to the people of the Medchal constituency. Former MLA Malipeddi Sudheer Reddy, former Medchal District Congress President Hari Vardhan Reddy, former Mayors Thotakura Ajay Yadav and Amar Singh, several former corporators, and Congress party leaders and activists participated in this program.



Shafali Verma named Player of the Month for her Women's World Cup final exploits

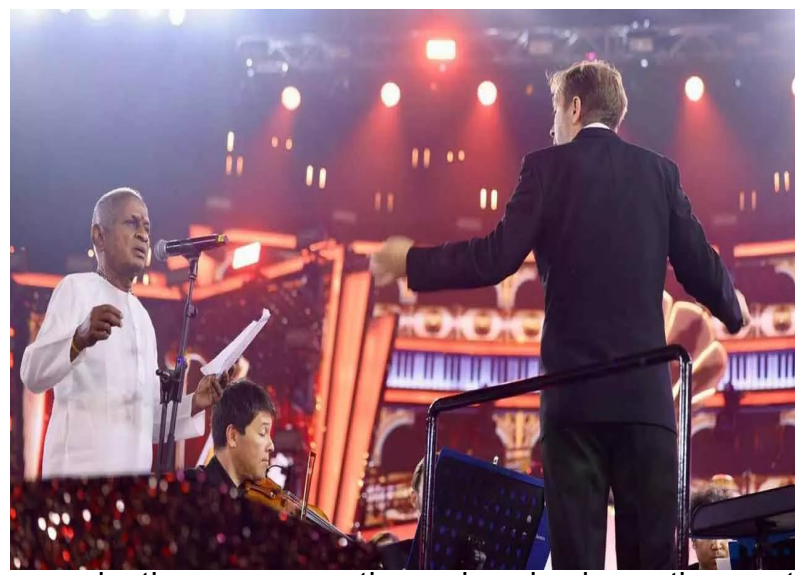


India opener Shafali Verma's match-winning performance with the bat in the Women's World Cup final against South Africa last month has earned her the ICC 'Player of the Month' award for November. Shafali, who came in as a replacement for the injured Pratika Rawal in the semifinal against Australia, smashed a 78-ball 87 -- the highest by an Indian opener in a Women's World Cup final -- as the hosts amassed a mammoth 298 for 7 and then secured a 52-run win to lift their maiden World Cup trophy in Navi Mumbai. Shafali shared a 104-run stand with fellow opener Smriti Mandhana to set the platform for the big total. The 21-year-old beat Thailand's Thipatcha Putthawong and UAE's Esha Oza for her first-ever 'Player of the Month' award. "My first ICC Women's Cricket World Cup experience didn't go as I expected but it ended far better than I could have ever wished or imagined," said Shafali in an ICC release. "I'm grateful that I could contribute to the team's success in the final and that I was able to be a part of making history in winning the World Cup for the first time and in front of a home crowd. "I'm truly honoured to be named the Women's Player of the Month for November. I dedicate this award to my teammates, coaches, family and everyone who has supported my journey until now. We win and lose as a team, the same goes for this award," added Shafali. South Africa spinner Simon Harmer won the men's award for his inspired bowling in the Test series against India, which the Proteas won 2-0. Harmer beat Bangladesh's Taijul Islam and Pakistan all-rounder Mohammad Nawaz to take the POTM award for the first time. The 36-year-old returned with a combined haul of 17 wickets from the series as South Africa clinched their maiden Test rubber win in India in 25 years. He returned with figures of four for 30 and four for 21 in the series opener in Kolkata, followed by three for 64 and six for 37 in the second match in Guwahati, ending the series with his 17-wicket haul at an average of 8.94 and an economy of 1.91. "Playing for my country is a dream come true and anything else that comes from it as a result is a bonus. I share this award with my teammates, coaches and support staff and dedicate it to my family who allow me to go out and live my dream, often having to leave them at home to do so," said Harmer.

Ilaiyaraaja to perform special concert in Bengaluru to mark 50 years in music

Maestro Ilaiyaraaja will hold a special concert here next month to mark 50 years of his musical legacy, coinciding with the Akshaya Patra Foundation's silver jubilee. The event, titled 'Ilaiyaraaja 50: A Legendary Musical Journey', will be held on January 10, 2026, at NICE Grounds in Madavara. The event will support 'Music for Meals', an initiative of the Akshaya Patra Foundation that uses music-led programmes to raise awareness and mobilise support for providing meals to school-children.

As the Akshaya Patra Foundation enters its silver jubilee year, it said the



organisation currently serves nutritious mid-day meals to about 2.33 million children every school day in 23,978 government and government-aided schools. The foundation is

a key implementing partner of the Centre's PM POSHAN programme. Addressing a press conference here on Monday, Ilaiyaraaja said he agreed to perform as soon as the

foundation approached him.

"The moment they mentioned it, I immediately agreed to do the concert. It was a spontaneous decision. When it is for a good cause, I have to do it," he said. Ilaiyaraaja, widely regarded as one of India's most influential composers, has completed five decades in the music industry, with his work spanning multiple languages and genres. The organisers said the collaboration brings together cultural expression and social service, underscoring the role of the arts in supporting national welfare initiatives.

"Keep That Shot in Cold Storage": Sunil Gavaskar's Blunt Advice to Suryakumar Yadav After T20I Struggles

Indian batter Suryakumar Yadav's poor run of form in the ongoing India vs South Africa T20I series has drawn sharp scrutiny, with former captain **Sunil Gavaskar delivering a frank on-air assessment after the third T20I. Suryakumar, known for his fearless strokeplay, endured a difficult series with the bat, managing just 2 runs in the first T20I, 5 runs in the second, and 12 runs in the third. His dismissals, particularly against pace, highlighted concerns over shot selection during a period where timing has eluded him.

The moment that sparked debate came in the third T20I, when Suryakumar attempted a trademark pick-up shot against Lungi Ngidi and was dismissed. Reacting instantly, Gavaskar advised caution,



stating, "Keep that shot in cold storage," suggesting that the stroke, though effective in the past, was now becoming a liability. Gavaskar's remark quickly gained traction on social media, igniting discussion

among fans and analysts about whether Suryakumar should temporarily rein in his aggressive instincts to regain form. Speaking after the match, Suryakumar offered a

measured response. He dismissed suggestions of being out of form, stating that he feels confident in training and believes the runs will come with time. Emphasising the bigger picture, he said the team's success mattered more than individual scores. India went on to win the third T20I and seal the series, ensuring that Suryakumar's struggles did not derail the team's momentum. However, with key tournaments approaching, the spotlight remains firmly on the Mumbai batter to rediscover his touch. As India looks ahead, the balance between Suryakumar's natural attacking game and situational discipline will be closely watched — especially after Gavaskar's now-viral "cold storage" advice.

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 per-



fect 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 Ottiel 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