



## Delhi-Agra Expressway accident: PM Modi announces Rs 2 lakh ex gratia for families of victims

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday condoled the loss of lives in the Delhi-Agra Expressway 10-vehicle-pile-up and announced an ex gratia of Rs 2 lakh for the next of kin of each deceased. At least 13 people were killed, and several were injured in the collision. "The loss of lives due to a mishap on the Yamuna Expressway in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh, is extremely painful. My thoughts are with those who have lost their loved ones. I pray for the speedy recovery of those injured. An ex gratia of Rs. 2 lakh from PMNRF would be given to the next of kin of each deceased. The injured would be given Rs. 50,000," the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) posted on X.

Confirming the development, Mathura District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh mentioned that eight buses, including a state-run bus, were completely charred, and two cars were also burned. "A total of 70 people were injured in this incident and have been admitted to different hospitals. Two of the injured have been referred to Agra Medical College for advanced treatment. The entire



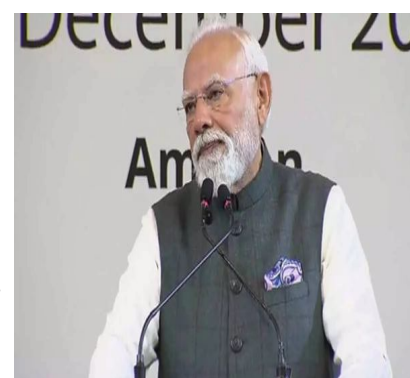
medical team has completed the examination. Here at the mortuary, we received information about the deaths of 13 people," he told the reporters.

Earlier, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Shlok Kumar had confirmed that four people lost their lives while 25 others were injured in the accident. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has taken cognisance of the road accident and has expressed condolences to the families of the deceased. He also announced financial assistance of Rs 2 lakhs to the families of the deceased and Rs 50,000 to the injured, according to the Chief Minister's Office.

This collision came a day after a similar incident, when dense fog led to a deadly multi-vehicle crash involving around 20 vehicles on the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway early Monday morning. That accident, which occurred at around 5 a.m., claimed the lives of four people, including two police personnel, and left an estimated 15 to 20 others seriously injured. Officials said the massive pile-up in that case was also largely attributed to extremely low visibility caused by thick fog blanketing the area, highlighting growing concerns over road safety during winter fog conditions.

## Old trade routes can power future prosperity, says PM Modi at India-Jordan Business Forum

Amman: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said India and Jordan have the potential to convert geography into opportunity and opportunity into long-term growth. Emphasising the importance of deeper economic ties, PM Modi said Jordan has emerged as a key bridge connecting different regions under the leadership of King Abdullah II. Speaking at the India-Jordan Business Forum in Amman, the Prime Minister said he had detailed discussions with King Abdullah II on strengthening cooperation between the two countries. "India is the third largest trading partner of Jordan. In the world of business, numbers have immense value. We are here not just to count numbers but to build a long-term relationship," PM Modi stated. "There was a time when trade took place from Gujarat to Europe via Petra. We will need to revive our old links for our future prosperity," the Prime Minister noted. He said that Jordan plays an important role in building links across regions, which can help both nations expand trade and investment. "In my meeting with His Majesty yesterday, we discussed in detail how to convert geography into opportunity and opportunity into growth," PM Modi further said. "Under your leadership, Jordan has emerged as a bridge which is helping to build cooperation with various regions," the Prime Minister mentioned. Highlighting the strong trade relationship, PM Modi said India is currently Jordan's third-largest trading partner. Referring to historical trade links, the Prime Minister recalled that goods once travelled from Gujarat to Europe through Petra and said reviving these old connections would support future prosperity. PM Modi's remarks came during his official visit to Jordan, which he described earlier as an important step in expanding ties between New Delhi and Amman. He said the outcomes of the visit reflect the growing depth of the partnership, covering areas such as renewable energy, digital innovation and cultural cooperation.



## PM Surya Ghar scheme delivers zero electricity bills to over 7.7 lakh households

The PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana is steadily transforming India's residential power landscape, with more than 7.7 lakh households already reporting zero electricity bills after installing rooftop solar systems, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy said on Tuesday.



The scheme, launched in February 2024, aims to make clean energy affordable while reducing the power burden on households across the country. Sharing the progress in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha, Union Minister of State for New and Renewable Energy Shripad Yesso Naik said that as of December 9, a total of 19,45,758 rooftop solar systems have been installed nationwide. "These installations have benefitted 24,35,196 households under the flagship scheme," the ministry said. The PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana targets rooftop solar installations in one crore households in the residential sector by FY 2026-27, with a total outlay of Rs 75,021 crore. The scheme is designed to promote energy self-reliance, lower electricity bills and support India's clean energy transition. According to the data shared by the ministry, Gujarat has emerged as the leading state under the scheme, with over 4.93 lakh rooftop solar installations benefitting more than 7.10 lakh households. Notably, over 3.62 lakh consumers in the state are now receiving zero electricity bills. Andhra Pradesh, Assam and Haryana have also shown steady progress, with thousands of households benefiting from rooftop solar systems. To ensure rooftop solar remains economically viable for households, the government is providing Central Financial Assistance along with collateral-free loans at a concessional interest rate of 5.75 per cent.

This financing support is aimed at reducing the upfront cost of installation and encouraging wider participation. The government has also taken steps to increase adoption among rural households and economically weaker sections. Guidelines have been issued for installing rooftop solar systems under the Utility Led Aggregation and RESCO models, which reduce financial and operational challenges for beneficiaries.

## CM Chandrababu highlights efforts for digital healthcare records through Sanjeevani project

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has announced the implementation of World Health Organization guidelines to enhance healthcare standards in Andhra Pradesh. During a video conference on Tuesday with a high-level advisory group of healthcare experts at the Secretariat, CM Naidu highlighted the ongoing efforts to create digital health records for citizens through the Sanjeevani project.

These digital records are being developed in collaboration with the Gates Foundation, with integration taking place via the Digital Nerve Centre in Kuppam and Chittoor districts. The initiative aims to provide real-time access to health information on various topics relevant to citizens. Naidu emphasised that the goal by 2047, under the "Swarnandhra Pradesh" initiative, is to elevate the population's standard of living. He advocated for the promotion of



naturopathy alongside yoga, as well as a focus on preventive wellness, digital AI-enabled healthcare, and reforms in health financing.

He also noted the planned expansion of healthcare infrastructure and the development of advanced medical devices at the Med Tech Park in Andhra Pradesh. The Chief Minister underscored the importance of preventive technologies to manage diseases before they arise,

potentially lowering healthcare costs significantly. Naidu urged the expert advisory group to provide insights for innovative projects in the medical field, with a vision to leverage technology to achieve exceptional standards across various domains. He stressed the need for high-quality services supported by real-time data analysis using quantum computing and AI.

The advisory group includes prominent figures such as UN AIDS representative Peter Poit, WHO scientist Soumya Swaminathan, AIG chairman D. Nageshwar Reddy, and Singapore representative Professor Ik Eng Teo, among other medical experts. The meeting also saw the participation of Minister Satyakumar Yadav, senior officials from the Health Department, and Gates Foundation Country Director Archana Vyas.

## Telangana CM Revanth Reddy meets Union Ministers in Delhi

Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is currently on a visit to Delhi, where he has engaged in significant discussions with Union Ministers. On Tuesday, he met with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. During his meeting with Minister Sitharaman, Reddy presented the Telangana Vision Document, aimed at outlining the



state's aspirations and future plans. He specifically requested that expenditures related to Young

India Residential Schools be excluded from the state's Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) limits, which would provide much-needed financial flexibility. Following this, Reddy held discussions with Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to further address educational initiatives in Telangana. The Chief Minister's visit underscores the ongoing efforts to strengthen the state's relationship with the central government.

## Final Blessing: Orassy Health Cares Buddhist Puja Ahead of Christmas, New Year 2026 and Indonesia Retreat



Ahead of Christmas and the New Year, Orassy Health Care is organising a spiritually significant Buddhist blessing puja on Friday, the 19th, at its clinic in London, marking a moment of reflection, gratitude, and renewal.

The special puja will be led by Dr. Konstantin, with the Orassy Health Care team—Miguel, Lydia, and Eli Chan—coming together to seek blessings for good health, compassion, and strength in service. The ceremony also serves as a spiritual preparation ahead of the LifeEncounters.com retreat, scheduled to take place in Indonesia from January 7 to 16. The retreat focuses on conscious living, self-discovery, emotional healing, and spiritual growth through guided experiences and reflective practices.

LifeEncounters.com is an international platform dedicated to transformational retreats, mindfulness journeys, and personal development experiences across global destinations.

Orassy Health Care (www.orassyhealth) is known for its holistic approach to wellness, integrating healthcare expertise with mindful living, preventive care, and emotional well-being.

Traditional Buddhist chants and rituals will be conducted to invoke peace, healing energy, and positive intentions for patients, caregivers, and retreat participants.

The Christmas and New Year message reflected through the puja is one of peace, compassion, and mindful awareness, highlighting values that resonate across cultures and faiths during the festive season.

As the year comes to a close, the event stands as a reminder that true celebration lies in service to humanity, inner balance, and stepping into the New Year with renewed purpose and clarity.

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## Yashwanth Satish receives the Global Super Kid Award



Hyderabad, December:1 Metroudayam

Inturu Yashwanth Satish, who has gained recognition in chess, cricket, volleyball, and football, received the Global Super Kid Award 2025-26 at Sri Thyagaraja Gana Sabha in Hyderabad. The award was presented under the auspices of the Global Fine Arts and Yoga Educational Academy, with the support of the Telangana Language and Culture Department. Speaking on the occasion, Inturu Yashwanth Satish said that he is studying in the eighth grade at Visakha International School in Nellore and expressed his special thanks to his teachers who helped him excel as a top player in chess, football, volleyball, and cricket. He said he was very happy to receive the Global Super Kid Award 2025-26 at such a young age. He thanked everyone who presented him with the Global Super Kid Award for the year 2025-26. G. Jaya attended the event. Teachers at Visakha International School in Nellore congratulated him.

## Telangana State DGP B. Shivadhar Reddy inaugurated the 26th All India Police Band Competition.



Hyderabad, December:16, Metroudayam

The All India Police Band Competition is being organized by the South Central Railway Railway Protection Force from December 16th to 20th in Moulali. Telangana State DGP B. Shivadhar Reddy attended the inauguration ceremony of the competition, which is being conducted under the aegis of the South Central Railways Railway Protection Force (RPF), as the chief guest. He inaugurated the competition at the RPF Training Centre in Moulali, in the presence of South Central Railway General Manager Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, Additional General Manager Satyaprakash, IG-cum-Principal Chief

Security Commissioner Aroma Singh Thakur, and other senior officials. Shivadhar Reddy unfurled the All India Police Sports Control Board flag. The Principal Chief Security Commissioner of South Central Railway presented a memento to the DGP. On this occasion, the Telangana DGP said that this competition not only showcases musical talent but also stands as a testament to the unity, discipline, and spirit of service that define the Indian police forces. He appreciated the efforts of the South Central Railway Railway Protection Force (RPF) in organizing the 26th All India Police Band Competition. He stated that the RPF is one of the important security forces in the country,



responsible for the safety of passengers and the protection of railway assets on the world's fourth-largest railway network. He said that behind every police band lies teamwork, discipline, and dedication, which reflects the core characteristics of the police force. He wished for the best team to win and for all the teams to win the hearts of the people. Speaking on the occasion, Aroma Singh Thakur, IG-cum-Principal Chief Security Commissioner of South Central Railway, addressed all the participating teams, dignitaries, and music lovers. She called upon the teams participating in the 26th All India Police Band Competition to take to the stage with true sportsmanship. She encouraged the

bands to play not to win medals, but to win hearts. She said that they should perform not just to impress the judges, but to inspire the spirit of the nation. She said that every note they play should be a testament to their strength, a synonym for discipline, and a symbol of India's unity in diversity. A total of over 1300 delegates from 24 states, Union Territories, Central Armed Police Forces, and Central Police Organizations participated in this grand event. The competition is being conducted in categories such as Brass Band, Pipe Band, and Bugle Display. It features traditional and contemporary band music compositions reflecting India's rich cultural diversity and patriotic fervor.

## Dr. Venkatesh Chowhan Appointed as AICC Adivasi Congress National Coordinator

- A Decade-long Struggle for Tribal & Democratic Rights Recognised
- Led Rohith Vemula Justice Movement at HCU
- AICC Acknowledges a Grassroots Mass Leader
- Widespread Happiness Among Tribal Communities

Hyderabad: Dr. Venkatesh Chowhan, who has played a decisive role for over a decade in tribal, Adivasi and democratic movements, has been given due recognition by the All India Congress Committee (AICC).

The AICC General Secretary Shri K.C. Venugopal has officially issued orders appointing Dr. Venkatesh Chowhan as National Coordinator, AICC Adivasi Congress. Across the country, 26 leaders from different states have been appointed as National Coordinators, and the selection of Dr. Venkatesh Chowhan from Telangana holds special significance.

The appointments were made by the Congress national leadership on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Smt. Sonia Gandhi, the architect of Telangana statehood. Recognising his consistent leadership in tribal and social justice movements, the Congress high command entrusted Dr. Chowhan with key national responsibilities.

Dr. Venkatesh Chowhan earned his Doctorate in Humanities University of Hyderabad (HCU). He emerged as a prominent leader during the historic Rohith Vemula justice movement, where he led student and democratic struggles against institutional discrimination. During this movement, he participated in protest programmes alongside Shri Rahul Gandhi, Shri K. Raju (Former IAS Officer & AICC SC, ST, BC & Minority Incharge), standing firmly for social justice and constitutional



values.

Impressed by his courage and leadership, Rahul Gandhi personally appreciated Dr. Chowhan's commitment and predicted his rise as a strong mass leader.

During the Rohith Vemula movement, Dr. Chowhan faced state repression and imprisonment. Subsequently, driven by the denial of population-proportionate reservation benefits to Scheduled Tribes, he founded the organisation Girijana Shakti and led sustained struggles in tribal hamlets and Adivasi habitations.

His movements demanding enhancement of ST reservations, recognition of Thandas and Adivasi Gudems as Gram Panchayats, and the establishment of a Central Tribal University in Mulugu, including agitations at the national level in Delhi, drew the attention of Congress leadership.

Recently, he played an active role in the Bihar Assembly elections, campaigning extensively for Congress candidates. Across Telangana, wherever tribal communities faced injustice or humiliation, Dr. Venkatesh Chowhan stood at the

forefront of protest and resistance.

Known as a disciplined Congress worker, he has consistently participated not only in tribal movements but also in Dalit and other social justice struggles, earning wide respect across communities.

Hyderabad, December:16, Metroudayam

Recognising that his leadership is essential at the national level, the AICC appointed him as National Coordinator of Adivasi Congress, providing him with well-deserved recognition. Statement by Dr. Venkatesh Chowhan

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Venkatesh Chowhan stated that this position would help amplify tribal and Adivasi issues at the national level. He emphasised that he would not treat the post as a designation, but as a mission to strengthen tribal welfare, protect constitutional rights, and reinforce Congress ideology at the grassroots, especially by building the party from the village and habitation level. He expressed heartfelt gratitude to Mallikarjun Kharge, AICC President Rahul Gandhi, Leader of Opposition, Lok Sabha, K. Raju, Former IAS & AICC SC, ST, BC and Minority Incharge, Dr. Vikranth Bhuria, Chairman, AICC Adivasi Congress, Rahul Bal, Chairman, AICC Training Department, Revanth Reddy, Honble Chief Minister of Telangana, Mahesh Kumar Goud, TPCC President, Uttam Kumar Reddy, Minister Danasari Seethakka, Minister, T. Bellaiah Naik, Vice Chairman, AICC Adivasi Congress, Balaram Naik, Member of Parliament, Jatothu Ramchander Naik, MLA, Balu Naik, MLA, Shankar Naik, MLC, for trusting him with such a significant responsibility.

## Oxley Purified Water now in Delhi



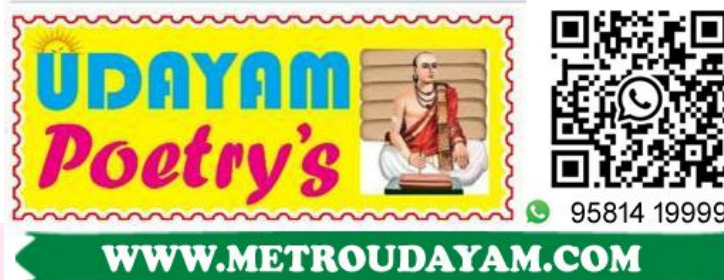
**New Delhi, December:16, Metrourdayam**  
Oxley Purified Water, a highly renowned company from Hyderabad, Telangana state, is now set to begin its sales in Delhi. For approximately 13 years Oxley has been selling its products in major cities and towns across Telangana. Now, it has entered into an agreement with Future India Beverages Company, a Delhi-based company, to sell Oxley water bottles, which are manufactured under the aegis of Aqua Fine Company, in Delhi. This agreement was signed on Tuesday in Delhi between Aqua Fine Company MD N.V. Rao and Future India Beverages Company MD Manideep Singh. With this, Oxley water, a highly popular brand in Telangana, will now be available to the public on the streets of Delhi, said Oxley Company MD N.V. Rao. As part of his business expansion, Aqua Fine Company MD N.V. Rao traveled to Delhi to finalize this agreement.



## International Human Rights Eluru District Committee



**Eluru, December 16, Metrourdayam**  
International Human Rights meeting was held at the Kivvaka Office, Kukunoor Mandal, Eluru District, Andhra Pradesh. Dr. Ch. Vijay Mohan Rao, DGCEO & Chairman of the INNHRF organization, attended the meeting from Hyderabad. During the meeting, official appointment letters were issued while constituting the Eluru District Committee. He emphasized the need to eradicate inequalities existing in society, to respect Fundamental Rights and the law, and to conduct awareness programs in schools and colleges on issues such as drugs and corruption. Through student awareness programs, he appealed to everyone to work together towards building a No Crime Nation. The DGCEO & Chairman also explained that the International Human Rights organization is conducting similar programs across approximately 28 states and 15 countries. The following office bearers were appointed: Chief Advisor Mantri Gopalakrishna, President Kolapudi Vasantharao, General Secretary Sudhakar Rao, Vice President Budugula Tarun, District Coordinator Bayyani Nageswara Rao.



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खुद को मिटाने के बाद मुक्ती का अनुभव किसे मिलेगा? जब मैं ही मिट जाऊंगा तो नजात क्या है मैं कैसे जानूंगा?

हम सभी नजात याने मोक्ष के लिए बहुत कुछ करते रहते हैं। क्योंकि सभी मोक्ष, मुक्ति यानी नजात पाना चाहते हैं। यह नजात याने मोक्ष क्या है? यह बात किसको पता हो या ना हो लेकिन सभी को चाह नजात की ही रहती है। पूजा - अर्चना, नमाज - रोजा, जप - तप, यज्ञ - याग, दुआ - प्रार्थना और तरह - तरह के तीर्थ यात्राएं, हज - जियारत और तमाम के तमाम दान - धर्म, पुण्यकर्म, और सत्कर्म मानव अपनी मुक्ति के लिये, मोक्ष के लिये यानी नजात के लिये ही करते रहता है।

इस नजात के खातिर आदमी सब कुछ तकलीफें (कष्ट) सहने को तैयार होता है। लेकिन नजात (मुक्ती, मोक्ष) पाने का आसान तरीका अपनी वासनाओं से, विकारों से और निम्नस्तर के इच्छा आकांक्षाओं से छूट जाना है। फिर उपरोक्त दिशा में याने अपनी निम्नस्तर के वासनाओं से छूटने के लिये उठाया गया हर कदम, उपरा. क्त दिशा में किया गया हर कर्म हमें मोक्ष के यानी नजात के करीब (निकट) करेगा।

वरना इच्छा आकांक्षाओं के पीछे भागकर, निम्न स्तर की वासनाओं में फंस कर तो किसीको कुछ नहीं मिलता। क्यों के पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) के पहिले उत्तराधिकारी इमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब अलैहिस्सलाम के कहने के मुताबिक "जो व्यक्ति इच्छाओं की राह में बगटूट (अंधा बनकर) दौड़ता है वह मौत से ठोकर खाता है" (अब्बास बुक एजेंसी लखनऊ द्वारा प्रकाशित हिंदी ग्रन्थ नहजुल बालागह, उपदेश क्रमांक 18, पुष्ट क्रमांक 691)।

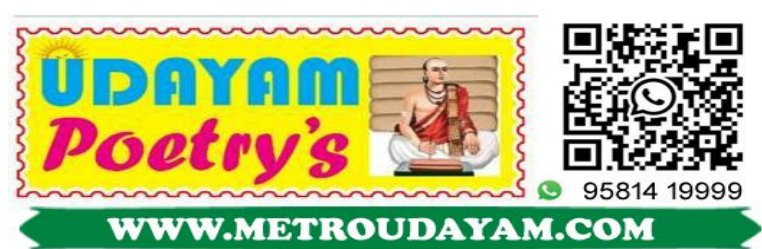
ऐसे वासनाओं के पीछे दौड़ दौड़ कर मरना तो आत्महत्या ही है, यह मुक्ति नहीं हो सकती। नजात का मतलब खुद को मिटाना है ऐसा कहा जाता है, लेकिन इसका अर्थ यह नहीं के खुद को मिटा देना मुक्ति है। बल्के खुद को पा लेने को और खुदा (ईश्वर) को पा लेने को हम नजात (मुक्ती) कह सकते हैं। खुद को मिटाने से फायदा क्या? जब मैं खुद मिट जाता हूँ तो फिर मैंने हासिल क्या किया?

मौत को भी नजात या मुक्ती नहीं कहा जा सकता। अगर ऐसा है तो पवित्र कुरआन के मुताबिक, "हर नफ्स (प्रत्येक प्राणी) (एक न एक दिन) मौत का मजा (मृत्यु का स्वाद) चखने वाला है। फिर (मृत्यु का स्वाद चखकर) तुम सब आखिर हमारी (याने सृष्टिकर्ता पालनहार परमात्मा के) तरफ लौटाए आओगे।" (पवित्र कुरआन, अध्याय क्रमांक 29, सुराह अल अकबूत, आयत क्रमांक 57)। याने सभी को एक न एक दिन मरना ही है। हम जिस लोक में रहते हैं इस लोक को मृत्यु लोक भी कहा जाता है। क्योंकि यहां कोई भी प्राणी हमेशा का जीवन नहीं पाया और ना ही पा सकता है।

अगर मरने से नजात या मुक्ती मिलती तो फिर हर प्राणी मरकर नजात पाया होता। दूसरी बात यह है के, अगर मैं मुक्ति की इच्छा लिए जिंदा हूँ तो फिर यकीनन मैं भी दुःखी रहूंगा। क्योंकि हर इच्छा दुःख की जननी है। इच्छा चाहे कोई भी हो मानव को धुद्र, कंगाल और भिखारी बना देती है। इच्छाओं से मुक्त होकर ही आदमी नजात (मोक्ष) के राह पर कदम रख सकता है। इसलिए इच्छा चाहे नजात की भी क्यों न हो हमें मुक्त नहीं कर सकती बल्के हमें बांधकर ही रखेगी। इच्छाओं को त्यागना ही हमारे लिये ऐश्वर्यता की बात है।

पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) के पहिले उत्तराधिक. री इमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब अलैहिस्सलाम की बात माने तो, "बेहतरीन दौलतमंदी (उत्कृष्ट ऐश्वर्यता) यह है कि तमन्नाओं (यानी इच्छा आकांक्षाओं) को तर्क करें (ख्वाहिशों का त्याग करें, इच्छाओं को छोड़ दिया जाए)।" (अब्बास बुक एजेंसी लखनऊ द्वारा प्रकाशित हिंदी ग्रन्थ नहजुल बालागह, उपदेश क्रमांक 34, पुष्ट क्रमांक 696)। याने कोई भी इच्छा जब हमें ऐश्वर्य तक नहीं दे सकती तो फिर वह हमें नजात याने मुक्ती, मोक्ष किस तरह दे सकती है भला?

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## Christmas Lights

You know  
Those lights  
That make  
You stop  
Stare in Awe  
And wonder

House to house  
Street to  
streetdown  
The Main roads  
Lots glowing with  
Christmas lights  
The flickering  
The clouds  
Catching  
Color, the magic  
Of Christmas lights

Beautiful



Trees lit up,  
Snowmen and  
Santas Glowing  
Gifts shining  
Bright  
Alongside them  
All Christmas  
Lights adding  
To the magic  
Of Christmas...

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## The High Courts verdict is commendable.



**Hyderabad, December 16, Metrourdayam**  
Dhanwantari Aggrieved Investors Association (DAJA) president Annamaraju Nagaraju stated that the High Courts verdict upholding the seizure of assets of Dhanwantari Foundation and its affiliated companies is commendable. Speaking at a press conference held at the Basheer Bagh Press Club on Tuesday, he said that Dhanwantari Foundation and its affiliated companies had approached the High Court seeking a stay on the judgment given by the Nampally Criminal Court. He said that the High Court, after hearing the matter, confirmed that the lower courts judgment was correct and rejected the Dhanwantari Foundations request, thus providing relief to the victims of Dhanwantari Foundation and its affiliated companies. He added that the court suggested the appointment of a special judicial committee to ensure that justice is delivered to the victims as soon as possible. He stated that there are over 2,000 victims of Dhanwantari Foundation and they are owed up to Rs. 250 crores. He requested the state government to form a judicial committee as per the High Courts verdict and ensure justice for the victims. Association secretary Avasarala Narasimha Rao, vice-president Propasada Rao, deputy secretary Hanuma Prasad, treasurer Rama Chari, K. Chennakesava Rao, Susarla Narasimha Murthy, and others participated in this meeting.

## Telangana Endures Cold Snap as Temperatures Plummet

Telangana is currently experiencing a significant cold snap, with minimum temperatures dipping into single digits across the northern and northeastern districts.

The Komurambhim Asifabad and Sangareddy districts are particularly affected, with Sirpur(U) in Komurambhim Asifabad recording the lowest temperature in the state at a chilling 8.9 degrees Celsius.

Residents in urban areas such as Wankidi, Kerameri, Jainur, Tiryani, and Asifabad are struggling to cope with the biting cold, exacerbated by intense cold winds sweeping through the region. Medical



professionals have raised concerns about the impact of these conditions on vulnerable populations, particularly the elderly and children. For several weeks, the state has been experiencing temperatures below normal, with the latest weekend figures marking

some of the lowest of the season. Meteorologists attribute this chilling trend to cold winds blowing from the west and a decrease in atmospheric humidity.

In addition to the capital city of Hyderabad, various mandals in Adilabad, Rangareddy, and

Vikarabad have also reported temperatures ranging from 10.4 to 10.9 degrees Celsius. The cold weather is particularly challenging for those commuting to work early in the morning or late at night. Looking ahead, the meteorological department has warned that the cold will intensify over the next two days, with temperatures predicted to fall by an additional three degrees Celsius below the current minimums. In light of this worsening cold spell, officials are urging residents to take precautions, such as wearing warm clothing, minimising night travel, and consuming hot beverages.

# Abhishek Bachchan calls Agastya Nanda's dedication to portraying Arun Khetarpal 'commendable'

Mumbai: Actor Abhishek Bachchan has lauded his nephew Agastya Nanda for his portrayal of war hero Arun Khetarpal in the film "Ikkis." He praising his dedication in bringing the iconic role to life. Junior Bachchan called his dedication to portraying Arun Khetarpal "commendable." In his recent post, Abhishek highlighted the honour and responsibility of portraying a national hero like Arun Khetarpal and acknowledged Agastya's effort in giving the character the respect, valor, and dignity it deserves.

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Praising him as an immensely sincere actor, the 'Dasvi' actor called Agastya's dedication to the role "commendable." Taking to his X handle, Abhishek Bachchan reposted a video

shared by the makers in honour of Arun Khetarpal on his death anniversary. Resharing the same, he wrote, "Agastya, this is a huge honour and responsibility!! A huge hero of our nation. I am sure you have given him the respect, valour and dignity he truly deserves. You are an immensely sincere actor and your dedication to portraying Arun ji is so commendable. May God and the audiences bless you.#KeepFightingTheGoodFight."

The clip features Agastya Nanda getting his makeup done to transform into Arun Khetarpal. Speaking about the war hero, he said, "When I first heard about Arun Khetarpal, I felt extremely grateful to have the opportunity to play such a great and famous character from the army."

November 16 marks the death anniversary of Second Lieutenant Arun Khetarpal. He was an Indian Army officer and tank commander, celebrated as one of India's finest tank aces with 10 confirmed tank kills to his credit. He was posthumously awarded the Param Vir Chakra, India's highest military honour, for his extraordinary bravery in the face of the enemy. Khetarpal was killed in action during the Battle of Basantar in the 1971 Indo-Pakistan War. The upcoming action drama "Ikkis" directed by Sriram Raghavan and produced by Dinesh Vijan under Maddock Films, is inspired by the life of India's youngest Param Vir Chakra recipient, Second Lieutenant Arun Khetarpal.

## Work we did in back half of 2025 has set us up for IPL 2026 auction: CSK head coach Fleming

New Delhi: Chennai Super Kings (CSK) head coach Stephen Fleming revealed that the team's planning for the upcoming season effectively began midway through the last campaign, when performances dipped, and injuries disrupted momentum. He also stated that the work they carried out in the back-half of the previous season has helped them curate a blueprint for the upcoming auction, to be held on Tuesday.

In a video shared by the franchise on X, Fleming said, "Well it was actually halfway through last season where things weren't going well we did a lot of work behind the scenes with trialling players, looking at some young players going forward, and we had some injuries as well so we used the opportunity to get some new players into the side and that was with a view to this year and I think the second half of the season was a lot better and we finished the last couple of games really well."

That late-season improvement, Fleming explained, helped shape the franchise's approach at the auction table. "So that helps go into the auction process when we found players like Mhatre and Brevis, and of course, we've got quite a big purse, so you saw a number of players being released, which is unusual for CSK, but again a reflection that we weren't quite good enough in last year's performance."

Addressing how difficult it is to remain committed to long-term thinking after a disappointing season, Fleming admitted that rigid adherence to "process" was less important than reading the situation correctly. "I'm not massive on process. It's more around the feel and we knew that things weren't quite right so the work that went in from the coaching staff and players down were to turn the season around but from a head coaching point of view and a decision making management point of view we were looking at what we could salvage from the season and make sure that we go into this auction and the next season with a lot more positives," he said.

Drawing on past experience, Fleming pointed to the five-time champions' ability to rebound from adversity. "That was similar to the previous year that was poor for us and we bounced back pretty well from that. So, we used that as a way of learning what to do and we



felt that the work we did in the back half has set us up for a position going to this auction where we can be quite positive," he noted. Looking ahead, Fleming acknowledged that the upcoming auction presents unique challenges, particularly with multiple franchises reshaping their squads. "It's really difficult. I think with some retirements and with other franchises releasing a lot of players it's made it a difficult auction to gauge." While CSK's sizeable purse offers flexibility, Fleming warned it can also complicate decision-making. "We're obviously in a position where we've got a good purse, but it can be dangerous when teams only need one or two players. You really have to concentrate on maybe the requirements of other teams, but also you don't ignore the priorities of your own squad and we're certainly very clear on that." He emphasised the importance of adaptability on auction day, saying, "We're just hoping that our strategy during the day will work or we'll be able to implement it, because often the best plans are similar to others. So, you have to be able to pivot and navigate through that, but we think we've got a good plan in place, and if things go well for us tomorrow, we feel it'll set our squad up well." The franchise will enter the auction with the second biggest purse among all teams, Rs. 43.40 crore, and nine slots to fill. Fleming offered a balanced view on whether a high purse is truly an advantage. "Well, it depends on a team's needs; sometimes having a big purse and needing a few players can be harder than needing one or two players with a medium-sized purse, so all franchises will have a pretty clear plan. It's just who they target and you hope that there's not too many that have targeted the same players as you. There will be some, but we're in a good position to put pressure on anyway and if it does go our way, then we think we'll put together a good squad," he concluded.

## IPL 2026 Mini Auction: Cameron Green Breaks Mitchell Starc's Record as CSK Emerge with Highest Remaining Purse

Green's blockbuster deal dominated the first round, with KKR going all out in a fierce bidding war to secure one of the most complete all-rounders in world T20 cricket. The aggressive move reflected KKR's intent after entering the auction with the largest purse, even as the franchise significantly reduced its remaining funds. At 25, Cameron Green's ability to contribute with both bat and ball, along with his athletic fielding, made him the most sought-after overseas player in the auction pool, ultimately pushing him past Starc's long-standing record.

CSK Now Hold Highest Remaining Purse Following the conclusion of the first round, Chennai Super Kings (CSK) have emerged as the franchise with the highest remaining purse, holding ₹43.40 crore.



With several slots still to fill, CSK are now well-positioned to influence upcoming bidding rounds and potentially trigger fresh bidding wars. David Miller Picked Up by Delhi Capitals

Amid the marquee headlines, Delhi Capitals (DC) made a smart value addition by acquiring South African veteran David Miller for ₹2 crore. Bought at

base price, Miller adds experience and finishing depth to DC's middle order as the auction progresses. Sarfaraz Khan Unsold in Opening Round In one of the notable surprises of the first round, Indian batter Sarfaraz Khan went unsold. Despite his domestic credentials, no franchise placed a bid initially. With multiple rounds still remaining, it remains to be seen whether Sarfaraz can attract interest later in the auction. First Round Sets the Narrative The opening round of the IPL 2026 mini auction showcased contrasting franchise strategies — KKR breaking records, CSK strengthening their financial leverage, DC opting for value buys, and several teams adopting a cautious approach as the auction moves into its next phase.

## Sameera Reddy shares her go-to nature's real electrolyte drink for gut detoxification

Mumbai: Actress Sameera Reddy shared her go-to natural electrolyte drink, praising its detoxifying and gut-friendly properties. Describing it as "refreshing, detoxifying, and gut-friendly," she highlighted how banana stem water can help flush out toxins, reduce bloating, and support healthy digestion—all without any complicated steps. Sameera explained that packed with high fiber, this natural drink not only aids digestion and weight management but also helps maintain blood sugar balance, healthy cholesterol levels, and kidney health.

The 'De Dana Dan' actress also shared a method to prepare this gut-friendly detox drink. She recommends starting with fresh banana stem and cumin seeds. Reddy then advises blending the chopped stem and seeds together, then straining the mixture to extract the juice. She revealed that the drink is best consumed fresh in the morning on an empty stomach, allowing its cleansing and digestive benefits to kick in naturally.

Sharing the video on Instagram, she wrote, "Refreshing, detoxifying, and



gut-friendly! This simple banana stem water helps flush toxins, reduce bloating, and keep digestion happy—without any fuss. Comment 'DETOX' for more mindful recipes from our inner circle wellness community Benefits: High-fiber detox drink that aids digestion & weight management Supports blood sugar balance & healthy cholesterol Natural diuretic—great for kidney health & BP control. Drink fresh, preferably in the morning on an empty stomach. Light, cleansing, and naturally healing—perfect for daily gut reset." Sameera

Reddy often shares recipes for natural and wholesome treats on social media. Earlier, she had revealed the recipe for her healthy, chocolatey, and guilt-free cookies. She has also been sharing recipes using coconut. In terms of work, Sameera is gearing up for the release of her upcoming horror-thriller 'Chimni,' where she plays in the role of Kali. The film follows a grieving mother living in the haunted Chanderi palace, where a malevolent spirit has taken hold of her daughter.