



AP CM Naidu directs Collectors to adopt speed of delivering public services to win confidence of people

Collectors asked to make more focus on increasing satisfaction level among people on govt services and in redressal of grievances

Collectors are ambassadors of Government, should develop competitive spirit for best performance:CM

AMARAVATI: Top priority should be given to increase satisfaction levels of people on public services to increase confidence and trust on government, observed Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu. He advised the Collectors to adopt speed of delivering Government services. Addressing fifth Collectors' conference at Secretariat here today, the Chief Minister made it clear that numbers alone will not serve the purpose and district collectors should initiate measures to increase satisfaction level among people at field level



with speedy delivery of government services including redressal of grievances.

Stating that district collectors are ambassadors of Government, the Chief Minister said that the performance of collectors reflect on Government. Expressing happiness over achieving 92 per cent satisfac-

tion level in distribution of pensions, the Chief Minister said that every state should mention the name of Andhra Pradesh for best practices and implementation of welfare schemes.

The Chief Minister opined that there should be competitive spirit among collectors over best performance as performance is

the criteria of NDA government. Citing the example of commitment of Deputy Chief Minister in sanctioning a road to a remote village on the spot over the request of a newly recruited police constable, the Chief Minister said that such speedy redressal of grievances will win more public satisfaction.

The Chief Minister said focus should be made on data driven decision making in governance to achieve best results. There should be responsibility and answerability among officials. Citing the example of functioning of revenue department, the Chief Minister said answerability will be fixed for every employee using blockchain technology. He set a deadline to make available all files and services online by January. He said that he used to focus more on data lake to get realtime information and added

that Google came forward to set up AI data centre in Visakhapatnam with the existence of proactive governance and likewise district collectors should take the responsibility of grounding of projects in their respective districts. He said on the lines of speed of doing business district collectors should adopt speed of delivering governance to achieve highest satisfaction among people and strive hard to achieve 15 per cent growth rate. Earlier Chief Secretary K Vijayanand welcomed the gathering by stating that the Collectors conference play key role in Government performance. Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, Minister for Revenue Anagani Satyaprasad, Minister for Finance Payyavula Kesav addressed the conference.

Delhi Environment Minister apologises for air pollution

New Delhi: Delhi Environment Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa on Tuesday apologised for the air pollution crisis in the national capital and acknowledged its impact on children's health. He asserted that it was the result of the policies pursued by the previous Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government. Addressing a press conference, Sirsa said the current government was making sustained efforts to bring down pollution levels. "I apologise to the people of Delhi for the rising air pollution. We are working consistently to reduce it day by day," he said, adding that no government can completely control pollution levels within nine to ten months. Taking a jibe at AAP leaders who staged a protest at Delhi Secretariat



on Tuesday over the pollution issue, Sirsa said they had failed to take effective steps to tackle the crisis.

The national capital's air quality saw some improvement on Tuesday morning, with an AQI of 377 as against 498 a day ago, even as smog blanketed the city, shivering at 8.3 degrees Celsius during the morning hours, reducing visibility. Amid rising air pol-

lution levels in the national capital, the Delhi government has announced a series of stricter measures that will come into effect from Thursday, December 18. Sirsa said vehicles without a valid Pollution Under Control certificate will not be allowed to refuel at petrol pumps. He urged residents to ensure their vehicles have a valid PUC certificate by Wednesday

to avoid inconvenience.

The government has also imposed a ban on the entry of trucks carrying construction material into Delhi from Thursday. Officials said strict action will be taken against violators, and such vehicles will be seized. In addition, private vehicles entering Delhi from outside the city that do not meet BS-6 emission standards will face action, with authorities set to seize non-compliant vehicles. Sirsa said the government is committed to providing clean air to Delhi's residents and is taking tough steps to address the pollution crisis. He appealed to the public to cooperate with the measures, stressing that collective effort is essential to improve air quality in the capital.

Andhra Pradesh Government Rewards Women's Cricketer Sricharani

The Andhra Pradesh state government has acknowledged the remarkable achievements of cricketer Sricharani by presenting her with a substantial cash incentive following her stellar performance in the recent ICC Women's ODI World Cup. Minister Nara Lokesh awarded Sricharani a cheque for 2.5 crore during a presentation at his residence in Undavalli. In recognition of her talent and contribution to the team's success, the government has also allocated a 500-square-yard house plot in Visakhapatnam. Additionally, Sricharani is to be offered a Group-1 level job within the state government once she completes her degree. The ceremony was attended by various dignitaries, including Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy, Minister for Transport, Youth and Sports; SAP Chairman Animini Ravinaidu; Special Chief Secretary of the Sports Department Ajay Jain; SAP Managing Director Bharani; Andhra Cricket Association Treasurer D. Srinivas; and Joint Secretary B. Vijay Kumar.



Young India the driving force of nation-building, says Kishan Reddy

Hyderabad/New Delhi: Union Minister G Kishan Reddy emphasised the pivotal role of India's youth in national development, outlining a series of initiatives launched under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to empower young people and strengthen the country's sports ecosystem. Addressing the media on Tuesday, in the national capital, the Minister noted that India has the world's largest youth population, and the Central Government has introduced multiple schemes to involve them in shaping the nation's future. From school-level fitness

programmes to preparing athletes for the Olympic Games, the government is working to nurture talent and instil fitness habits among the younger generation.

He highlighted the Fit India Movement, which has seen over five lakh schools register, with Fit India Week celebrated in 3.57 lakh schools. The initiative also extends to society at large, with the 'Sunday on Cycle' programme witnessing participation from 15.84 lakh people across 1.4 lakh locations. Prime Minister Modi himself praised the programme in his 128th



Mann Ki Baat address. Kishan Reddy underscored the government's efforts to promote traditional sports through the

Khelo India programme, now active in 792 districts. Rural athletes are being identified and trained under the Athlete

Development Programme, which provides an eight-year structured training plan with financial support of Rs 6.28 lakh per athlete annually. The minister also pointed to the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), introduced in 2014, which has boosted India's medal tally in global competitions. He recalled Neeraj Chopra's historic medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and India's impressive haul of 29 medals at the 2024 Paris Paralympic Games. He added that preparations are underway for India's ambitious bid to host the Olympic Games in 2036.

OU to step up alumni engagement

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Osmania University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Kumar Molugaram on Wednesday assured full support to alumni engagement, institutional development and future growth initiatives of the university. He said the university administration was committed to building a vibrant and impactful alumni ecosystem, reflecting a shared vision to harness alumni strength, government support and institutional leadership to position Osmania University as a stronger, globally connected institution. Interacting with a delegation of the Osmania University Alumni Association (OUAA), which donated ₹45



lakh to the university, the Vice-Chancellor underlined the need for a robust alumni database hosted on the official university website. He said alumni registration should be a one-time, systematic process rather than repeated appeals to students at different stages.

Harinath Medi, Founder President of the OUAA, who led the delegation along with senior academic Prof. M. Ramulu from the United States, appealed to the Vice-Chancellor to establish a dedicated Alumni Cell with a physical office, headed by a permanent Executive Director. He

said continuity was essential, as several initiatives remained unfulfilled due to frequent changes in alumni leadership. The proposal aims to institutionalise alumni relations and enable long-term, structured engagement with Osmania University's vast global alumni network. The Vice-Chancellor welcomed the proposal and emphasised the importance of substantial alumni contributions to the university's development. The Vice-Chancellor said alumni participation would play a crucial role in leveraging the support extended by the Telangana Government to strengthen higher education. He informed that a meeting of Vice-Chancellors from universities

across the State is scheduled in February to deliberate on key higher education reforms. Expressing concern over disruptive elements spreading negativity about the institution, he reaffirmed his commitment to protecting Osmania University's legacy, reputation and academic excellence. Prof. Molugaram also announced plans to visit the United States in 2026, which is expected to further strengthen global alumni connections. Prof. E. Sujatha, Alumni Officer, Osmania University; Dr. Kiran Kumar, Assistant Professor, Nizam College; and Sairam Gopal and Soundarya from the OUSS team were also present.

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Vijay Diwas Book Launch Celebrated in Chennai

Vijay Diwas Book launch celebrations held in

Chennai, December 16 2025

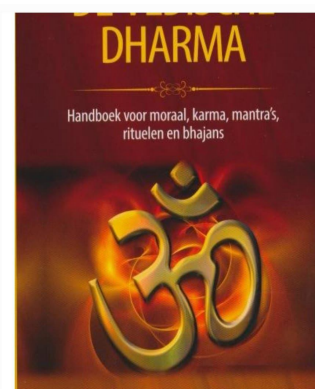
A significant literary and historical event was held in Chennai yesterday with the successful launch of History of Hindustanis, the latest work by renowned Surinamese-Indian scholar Prof. Chan E.S. Choenni. The book launch took place on Vijay Diwas, 16 December 2025, at the Anna Centenary Library, Kotturpuram, drawing scholars, writers, students, and members of the public with a shared interest in diaspora history.

The event was organised by the Centre for South Indian Studies (CSIS), Chennai Chapter, and marked an important moment in the documentation and recognition of the history of indentured Indian communities overseas.

Distinguished Guests

The programme was graced by eminent personalities from the fields of journalism, law, and scholarship.

Chief Guest: Dr. Malini Parthasarathy, Director, The Hindu Group Guest of Honour: Shri B. Jaganannath, Author and Advocate, Madras High Court Their addresses highlighted the importance of preserving historical



memory and acknowledged the contribution of Prof. Choenni's work to global diaspora studies.

About the Book

History of Hindustanis is a comprehensive 380-page scholarly volume that chronicles the journey of indentured labourers from India to Suriname. Prof. Choenni respectfully refers to these communities as Hindustanis and traces their migration, lived experiences under the indenture system, and the remarkable evolution of their cultural, social, and political identities.

The book stands as a powerful tribute to the Girmityas, honouring

their resilience, endurance, and indomitable spirit. Scholars have praised the work for its meticulous research combined with a deeply human narrative, making it an essential resource for those interested in history, migration studies, and cultural heritage.

Key Associated Contributors

Editor: Dr. Ambe Pande

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

Their contributions further strengthen the academic and international significance of the publication.

About Prof. Chan E.S. Choenni

Prof. Chan Choenni is a Suriname-born historian and internationally recognised scholar of Hindostani migration and identity. He served as the first Lalla Rookh Chair of Hindostani Migration at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and has authored several influential books and research papers on the history of the Indian diaspora.

Access and Further Information

Further details about the book, including information on free download options, are available at: www.sampreshan.com

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Fiji Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka Honoured with Ayodhya Ram Mandir Replica



Fiji's Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka was honoured with a replica of the Ayodhya Ram Mandir during a symbolic and culturally significant ceremony held in Suva, Fiji. The replica was presented by Dr. Vijay Jolly, senior leader of India's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), as a gesture of goodwill and friendship between the two nations. The presentation was made with prayers and blessings for peace, prosperity, and good health, and was intended to further strengthen people-to-people ties between India and Fiji, particularly in the context of the large Indian diaspora that has played a vital role in Fiji's social and cultural fabric.

The event was described as auspicious, symbolising shared values, spiritual heritage, and the enduring historical connections between the two countries. The Ayodhya Ram Mandir replica was received as a mark of respect and cultural diplomacy, reflecting India's emphasis on fostering international relationships through heritage and mutual understanding.

Strengthening India-Fiji Relations

India and Fiji share longstanding bonds rooted in history, migration, and cultural exchange. Such ceremonial gestures reaffirm ongoing collaboration between the two nations across diplomatic, cultural, and community-based initiatives. This event highlighted the importance of soft diplomacy in nurturing international goodwill.

About the Dignitaries

Sitiveni Rabuka is the current Prime Minister of Fiji, having assumed office in December 2022 after leading a coalition government. He previously served as Prime Minister from 1992 to 1999 and remains a prominent figure in Fiji's political landscape.

Dr. Vijay Jolly is a senior BJP leader from India and a former Member of the Delhi Legislative Assembly. He has held key roles within the party, including responsibilities related to international outreach and engagement with the Indian diaspora. Dr. Jolly has been actively involved in initiatives aimed at strengthening India's relationships with countries that share historical and cultural ties with India.

The ceremony in Suva stood as a reminder of the enduring friendship between India and Fiji and the shared commitment to promoting harmony, cooperation, and cultural understanding on the global stage.

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80TH MEETING OF TOWN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE HELD AT WALT AIR DIVISION



The 80th meeting of the Town Official Language Implementation Committee (TOLIC) was held today at the Divisional Railway Manager's Office, Waltair Division, East Coast Railway, under the chairmanship of the Divisional Railway Manager Shri Lalit Bohra.

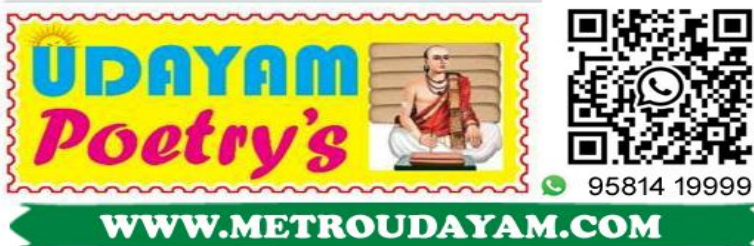
Shri Anirban Biswas, Deputy Director (Implementation) / South, Bengaluru, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, attended the meeting and reviewed various initiatives being undertaken

for the effective implementation of Hindi as the official language, in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on progressive use of Hindi in official work, compliance with official language rules, and measures to further improve the use of Hindi in correspondence, noting, and reporting. Emphasis was also laid on giving due importance to the official languages of the respective states, along with

Hindi, the official language of the Union. ADMR Infra Shri E Santharam; Incharge-Secretary Rajbhasha, Waltair Division Shri N K Singh were coordinated the meeting.

Heads of 42 offices and other senior officers of various Central Government establishments located in the TOLIC jurisdiction participated in the meeting and shared best practices and action plans for strengthening the implementation of the Official Language Policy.



The Worker:

In this creation,
everyone who toils and
works hard
is a worker.

The one who molds clay
with their hands
and turns it into a human
being
is the worker.

The one who sheds their
sweat,
letting it flow in streams,
and writes the prophecy
of their own future
is the worker.

The workers tears
have turned into
canals—
who knows how many
rivers
they have flowed as!

The one who merges
directly and indirectly
with society,
and remains securely
in the hearts of the peo-
ple,
is the worker.

Descending into the
lotus maze of this socie-
ty,
the one who turns their



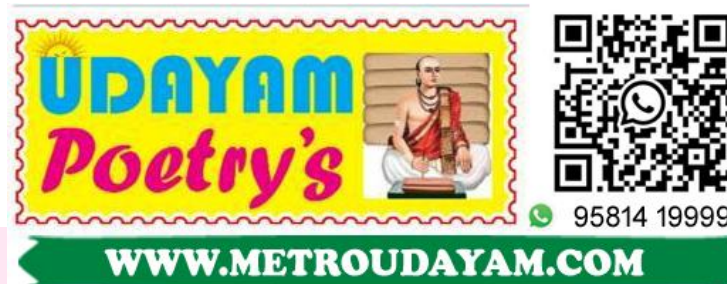
own strength
into the writing on their
forehead (destiny)
is the worker.

Without asking for any
cries or favors,
embracing the fragrance
of the soil,
there is no worker
who does not know a
grain of earth.

In hardships, tears fall,
there is no heart
that has not wept.

Forgetting emotions,
working tirelessly and
continuously—
that is the worker...
(the farmer)

Name: Mankali Suguna
Author of: Hrudaya
Virula Pustakam



Pain in the Heart A Stream of Tears

In the world where you
exist,
nothing truly belongs to
you.
My story..... this pain of
the heart—
it aches deep within,
the burden feels heavier.

Falling into the illusion of
relationships,
the heart becomes a
captive.
Days pass in suffering,
hardships rise and crash
like waves.

Thoughts fade away,
hidden behind deceptive
words.
Dreams drift farther
away.
In the illusion of thinking
they are our own
days pass with no peace
for the heart.



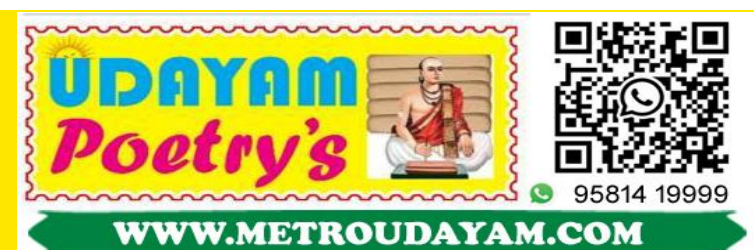
With the time you have,
even what is yours
does not feel enough for
you.

Pain in the heart..... a
stream of tears.
A mountain of sorrow
in a burning mind.

When you finally under-
stand who you are,
answers to everything
will be found.

Hardships that do not
last forever—
do not accept tears as
destiny.
Trying every day,
let us move forward.....

Name: Bonasi Renuka



Christmas Gifts

Wrapped and
Waiting beneath
The tree,?quiet with
Promise,?each
Gift holds a secret of joy

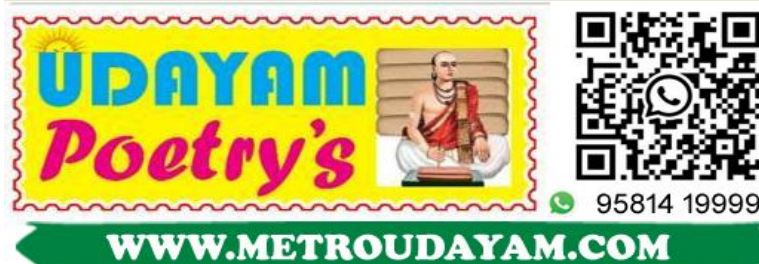
Bows of red, gold
Green and silver?catch the
Light, paper whispering
Magic before its touched.
The tree stands complete,

Branches heavy with Wonder,?Christmas Gathered
at its roots.
There is magic in the Waiting,?in breaths held
Before the tear of paper,?in Smiles that arrive before the
Surprise

Childrens faces glow, Laughter rising like bells,
Excitement spilling into the Room.
Sometimes Santa brings the Gift?from the grotto,?a
book, A toy, a sweet,?a piece of Chocolate held like
treasure

But the true gift reveals Itself slowly:?shared
Laughter,?soft mornings, Love unwrapped all at
once.
Christmas gifts are not just Things they are moments,
Wrapped in memory, and Opened in the heart.

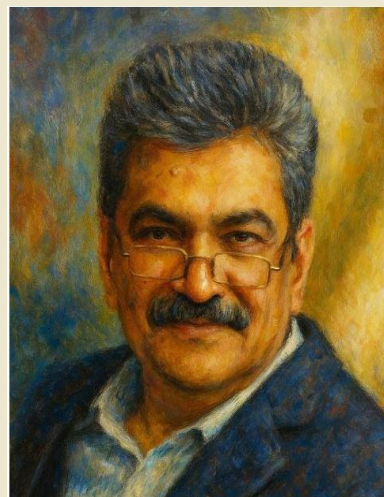
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Wanted a smiling face

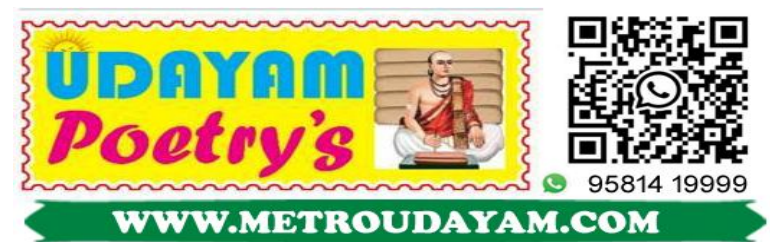
Let me see one smiling
face--
Though I roam across
my country,
I cannot find any single
smiling face.

Look around anywhere
you go:
You find the faces with
lips seamed,
Faces wrinkled and
drawn,
Faces pale and placid,
Faces moody and mor-
bid,
Faces red-suffused
with anger,
Faces emptied of everything,
Faces burning with intolerance,
Faces wailing in grief,
Faces with lips bereft of smiles –



Hey! What has happened to my country?
Where have all the smiles gone?
Hmm.... I long for one face with a smile.
Will you please tell me if you find one...?

(A piece of translation from Varchaswi L Putcha, it
being a Telugu poem originally written by Abdul
Rajahussain)



रु जिसने अपने आपको पहचान लिया उसने अपने परवरदिगार (पालनहार परमात्मा) को पहचान लिया।... (शकील उवाचा -१६३)

बुद्धि और ज्ञान जिसके भी पास हो वह कभी भी अच्छाई और बुराई में
तमीज (अंतर) कर सकता है। और
जो अच्छाई और बुराई में फरक कर
सके इतनी सी बुद्धि रखता हो उसे
आनंदित होने से कोई रोक नहीं
सकता। क्योंकि ऐसा ही बुद्धिमान
और ज्ञानी व्यक्ति ही खुदा की
मारिफत (ईश्वरीय ज्ञान) हासिल कर
सकता है। हमें अगर सत्य और
असत्य में से सत्य समझ में नहीं
आता, धर्म और अधर्म में से धर्म नहीं
समझ में आता। अच्छाई और बुराई
में से अच्छाई समझ में नहीं आती तो
फिर हम बुद्धिमान कैसे हो सकते हैं
भला?



बुद्धि और ज्ञान हमारे सृष्टिकर्ता पालनहार परमात्मा के
तरफ से आदमी को दिया गया एक बेहतरीन तोफा (उपहार) है। जो इस
बुद्धि और ज्ञान का उपयोग नहीं करता वह मानव कहने का अधिकारी
नहीं है। पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) के पहिले उत्तराधिकारी इमाम अली
इब्न अबू तालिब अलैहिस्सलाम का फरमान है के.छो बुराई में से अच्छाई
को न पहचान ले वह चौपाया (पशु, जानवर) है। (हैदरी कुतुबखाना मुंबई
द्वारा प्रकाशित उर्दू पुस्तक, तजल्लियाते हिकमत, बाब 196, मारिफत,
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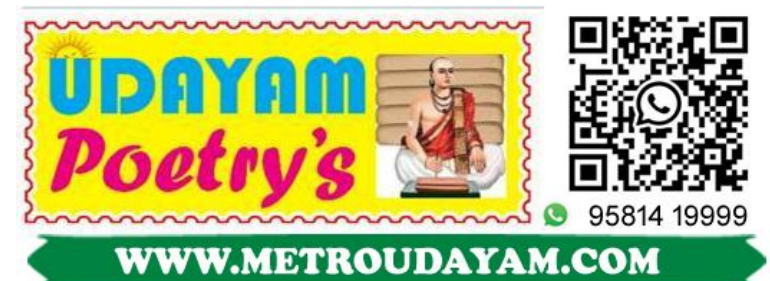
मानव जीवन का मकसद (उद्देश्य) ही नजात यानी मोक्ष
है। नजात (मुक्ति) सबसे बड़ी दौलत है। और यह दौलत अपने अंतस में
है। यह दौलत बुद्धी और ज्ञान के आधार पर इच्छा आकांक्षाओं के
मिटकर धर्म के मार्ग पर चलकर मिलती है। और किसीका धर्म के माध्यम
से आनंद को पाना आत्म साक्षात्कार के बगैर नामुमकिन है। और इच्छा
आकांक्षाओं को छोड़ें बगैर आदमी को यह संपत्ति नहीं मिल सकती। सच्चे
खुशी (आनंद) के व्यातिरिक्त जो कुछ है सब कुछ भौतिक है।

इसीलिए पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) के पहिले
उत्तराधिकारी इमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब अलैहिस्सलाम पैगंबर साहब
मोहम्मद (स्व.) की एक हदीस को दोहराते हुए कहते हैं के जिसने खुद
को जाना उसने अपने ईश्वर को जान लिया। याने सरल भाषा में कहा
जाये तो आनंद खुद को जानकर, खुद के विकास कार्यों में अपनी जीवन
ऊर्जा को लगाकर, निम्न स्थरीय इच्छा, वासनाओं, आशा – आकांक्षाओं
को त्याग कर जीने वाले को ही प्राप्त होता है। और जिसे आनंद प्राप्त
न हो वह कभी परमात्मा के प्राप्ति से भी वंचित रहेगा।

खुद को जानने और पहचानने की अहमियत इमाम
अली इब्न अबू तालिब अलैहिस्सलाम के इस बात से पता चलेगी। आप
अलैहिस्सलाम फरमाते हैं के, जिसने अपने आपको पहचान लिया उसने
अपने परवरदिगार (सृष्टिकर्ता पालनहार परमात्मा) को पहचान लिया। (हैदरी
कुतुबखाना मुंबई द्वारा प्रकाशित उर्दू पुस्तक, तजल्लियाते हिकमत,
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पहचानने से जो सफर शुरू होगा वही सफर हमें अपने रब याने हमारे
सृष्टिकर्ता पालनहार परमात्मा तक पहुंचाएगा।

खुद याने स्वयं को जाने बगैर, खुदा याने ईश्वर को
जान नहीं सकते। और खुद और खुदा को जानने के व्यतिरिक्त हम
परमानंद को प्राप्त नहीं कर सकते। आनंद (याने सच्ची खुशी, मुसरत,
शादमानी, प्रसन्नता, सुकून, आराम, दिल का चौन, इत्मीनान) उसीको
प्राप्त होता है जो परमात्मा के द्वारा निश्चित किये गये प्रकृति (स्वभाव)
पर जीता है, याने परमात्मा द्वारा निर्देशित किये गये धर्मादेशानुसार अपना
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मंवर, पुणे (महाराष्ट्र)
भारत



Selflessness

I love the movement of
money,
But let it move toward
me.
I love the beauty of the
journey,
Yet let the journey come
to me.

It may look selfish to the
eye,
But it's a vision few can
see—
I don't chase the world in chaos,
I attract what's meant for me.

I wish no harm, I steal no dream,
I honor every soul's decree;
I rise, I grow, I draw abundance—
Calmly, powerfully, naturally.



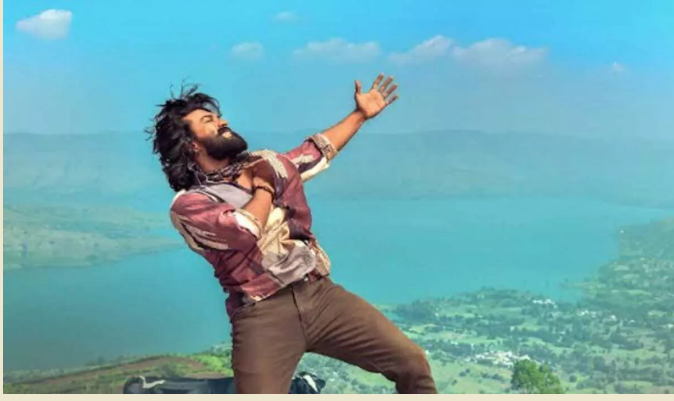
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Former Mayor Ajay Yadav and former corporators met with the HMDA Commissioner.

Medipally, December 17 (Metro Udayam)
Former Boduppal Corporation Mayor Thotakura
Ajay Yadav and former corporators Bhukya
Suman and Bommak Kalyan courteously met
with HMDA Commissioner Sarfaraz Ahmed IAS
on Wednesday. They expressed their special
gratitude for the commencement of develop-
ment works on Boduppal's main roads, parks,
and lakes, with funds amounting to approxi-
mately 50 crores. Ajay Yadav stated that they
also requested the commissioner to sanction
funds for the development of the Migula Ra
lake, to which the commissioner responded
positively.



"Chikiri Chikiri" Sets the Internet Ablaze, Crosses a Century in Telugu Alone; 150 Million+ Views Across 5 Languages



Mega Power Star Ram Charan has once again showcased his immense star power. The first song from his upcoming film, 'Peddi', titled "Chikiri Chikiri", is creating waves online. What began as a high-energy launch has now turned into a massive worldwide sensation. Within just a month of its release, the Telugu version alone has crossed 100 million views, while the combined views across five languages have surpassed 150 million. Even though the film is still a few months away from its release, the song's popularity continues to soar. Composed by A.R. Rahman, the song's powerful beats and catchy rhythm have impressed audiences everywhere. Ram Charan's energetic dance moves and commanding screen presence have become a hot topic on social media, inspiring countless reels and fan edits. Director Buchi Babu Sana's stylish visuals and keen attention to detail make the song look grand and exciting, further amplifying the buzz around 'Peddi'. Produced by Venkata Satish Kilaru under the Vriddhi Cinemas banner, the film is being mounted on a lavish scale. Janhvi Kapoor plays the leading lady, with Shiva Rajkumar appearing in a pivotal role. With "Chikiri Chikiri" continuing to top the charts and set new records, the pre-release hype for 'Peddi' is only getting stronger.

Kamala Memorial Education Institution Celebrates UTSAH 2025-26 with Grandeur



Hyderabad, metro udayam December 17... Kamala Memorial Education Institution marked its Annual Day with great enthusiasm through the grand programme UTSAH 2025-26, themed "ENLIT – Celebrating the Aura Within," reflecting the year-long focus on "Ignite the Goodness Within, Illuminate the World Around." Held at Hari Hara Kala Bhavan, Secunderabad, the event drew a vibrant gathering of parents, guests, and well-wishers.

The event was graced by Chief Guest Dr. Ehsan Ahmed Khan, Medical Superintendent, TIMS Gachibowli, and Guest of Honour Professor M. L. Saikumar, Former Dean, Institute of Public Enterprise, along with special invitees. Around 750 students from Nursery to 10th standard showcased a diverse range of national and international dance performances, highlighting values like faith, unity, and kindness. The event, presided over by Chairman Mr. Rizwan Ansari, was lauded for its meaningful message, vibrant performances, and seamless execution.



Amitabh Bachchan gets confused as Ananya Panday teaches him 'Drip', 'No Cap' & other Gen Z slang on KBC

Mumbai: The upcoming episode of Kaun Banega Crorepati promises to be a laughter riot and lively banter, as Bollywood stars Kartik Aaryan and Ananya Panday will be seen gracing the hot seat alongside esteemed host Amitabh Bachchan. During an engaging and light-hearted conversation, Ananya Panday embraces her Gen Z roots and gives Big B a playful crash course in Gen Z slang. From 'OOTD' and 'Drip' to 'No Cap', these terms leave Amitabh Bachchan confused but curious.

The megastar will be seen trying to understand their meanings, entertaining the audience in the process. The moment turns funnier when Ananya calls him a "drip", meaning someone stylish and cool. Big B,



unfamiliar with the term, jokes that "drip" to him means water falling from the ceiling, making everyone laugh. Adding a heart-felt compliment to the banter, Ananya says, "Amitabh Bachchan is the greatest in the world, no cap, meaning truly the greatest." Continuing the fun

exchange, Big B asks Ananya how it feels to be on the hot seat for the first time.

She replies with her signature humour, "bahut garam lag raha hai. Mujhe pata tha hot seat hoga, par itna hot hoga, yeh nahi socha tha (I am feeling very hot. I knew the 'hot seat' will be

hot but didn't expect it to be so hot." The episode will be seen turning even more memorable as Kartik Aaryan teaches Big B a few gestures, including the Korean heart sign, followed by an energetic dance moment on "Chumma Chumma" with none other than the legend himself.

Actors Kartik Aaryan and Ananya Panday, who are all geared up for their upcoming movie Tu Meri Main Tera, Main Tera Tu Meri, took to the iconic quiz reality show to promote their movie, which is slated for a Christmas release this year. The actors who are currently on a promotional spree and are leaving no stone unturned to promote their movie.

Spotlight on SKY as India eye series win over SA

Lucknow: Shubman Gill's lean patch has been the talking point but an equally "out of runs" skipper Suryakumar Yadav is also under intense scrutiny as India look to find the right balance and seal the five-match series against South Africa in the fourth T20I here on Wednesday. The third game was an ideal opportunity for Suryakumar to rediscover his touch while India chased a modest 118-run target, but the ease that once made him the top ranked batter in the world was noticeably missing.

Shots that defined his dominance have been producing erratic results and the match in Dharamsala was no different as he fell to his trademark pick-up stroke, highlighting a continued struggle. But he was defiant when it came to self-assessment. "The thing is, I've been batting beautifully in the nets. I'm trying everything that's in my control. When the runs have to come, they'll definitely come. I'm not out of form, but definitely out of runs," Suryakumar confidently said at the post-



match presentation ceremony after India's win in Dharamsala on Sunday. However, the numbers tell a worrying story. The Indian captain has been searching for fluency for over a year, averaging

under 15 in the format this season. Additionally, he's still without a half-century in 2025, the longest such phase of his career. Only twice during this period has he managed to bat beyond 20 balls.

Ashes: Carey, Khawaja shine as Australia reach 326-8 at stumps on Day 1 of Adelaide Test

Adelaide: Australia wicket-keeper batter Alex Carey delivered a batting master-class on his home ground to guide his team to a strong start on the opening day of the third Ashes Test, as the hosts reached 326-8 here at the Adelaide Oval. After an early collapse where the hosts found themselves reeling at 94/4, Carey, along with last-minute addition Usman Khawaja, added 91 runs for the fifth wicket to rescue Australia. The 38-year-old left-hander was eventually out on 82 but delivered a fine performance, after being moved down the batting order, hitting several boundaries on the leg side to reach 41 by lunch.

Steve Smith was ruled out of the third Test match with a potential 'vestibular issue'. Smith's last-minute withdrawal saw veteran batter Usman Khawaja return to Australia's XI after missing out on the first two Tests in Perth and Brisbane. The stand-in captain for the first two Tests of this summer's Ashes suffered from nausea and dizziness symptoms and missed training



on Monday, but returned to bat in the nets on Tuesday morning ahead of the third Test.

He had a brief fitness test on Wednesday morning in the nets but was seen having an intense dialogue with Andrew McDonald and Pat Cummins on the same morning, where the trio appeared to have made a final call on his availability. Khawaja set the stage for Australia with his 24th half-century at Test level, capitalising on a reprieve when Harry Brook dropped a catch when he was on five. The new No. 4 was eventually dismissed by Will Jacks while trying a sweep shot to deep square leg just before tea.

Although wickets continued to fall from the other end, the wicketkeeper-batter stood his ground to

score his third Test century and his first in front of his home crowd. This achievement was meaningful for Carey, who looked skywards in tribute to his late father, who died in September from leukaemia. The 34-year-old also became Australia's leading run-scorer in Tests this year, overtaking Steve Smith's 618 runs to rank sixth worldwide for most runs in the format this year.

Josh Inglis looked aggressive but got chopped on his stumps on 32, which included four boundaries. He remains doubtful for the Boxing Day Test once Smith returns to the XI. Carey was dismissed through an untimely top edge, finishing with a score of 106, but the lower order continues to chal-

lenge England as Mitchell Starc, the hero of the first two Tests, stamped his authority with an unbeaten 32 alongside spinner Nathan Lyon (0*), who kept his defence game strong. Jake Weatherald and Travis Head provided Australia with a strong start, snelising to 0/29 after their first six overs, signalling ominous signs for the visitors. Head was caught spectacularly by Zak Crawley at the covers on 10, and Weatherald edged back to Smith on 18. Marnus Labuschagne, once again, got off to a good start, but Jofra Archer, who was England's most effective bowler, delivered a two-wicket over, dismissing the right-handed batter and Cameron Green, who recorded his second duck of the series. Archer finished the day with figures of 3-29 after 16 overs, while Carse and Jacks took two wickets each as Josh Tongue got the wicket of Inglis. Brief scores: Australia 326/8 (Alex Carey 106, Usman Khawaja 82; Jofra Archer 3-29) vs England