



President Droupadi Murmu emphasises transparency in Public Service Recruitment



Hyderabad - President Droupadi Murmu addressed the National Conference of Public Service Commissions at Ramoji Film City, where she praised the swift responses of these commissions in job recruitment matters. Speaking as the chief guest, President Murmu expressed her honour in attending the conference and highlighted the historical significance of the establishment of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and various Public Service Commissions, which began post-1950, with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar playing a pivotal role in their formation. She underscored the critical need for transparency in recruitment processes and urged stakeholders to quickly address the challenges facing public service commissions.

Statue of Unity designer Ram Sutar passes away

New Delhi: Noted sculptor Ram Sutar, known for designing the world's tallest statue -- Statue of Unity -- in Gujarat, passed away late on Wednesday night at his Noida residence, his son said. He was 100 and ailing with age-related illnesses. "It is with profound grief that we inform you of the passing of my father Shri Ram Vanji Sutar on 17th December midnight at our residence," his son Anil Sutar said in a note shared with the press on Thursday. Born in a humble family in Gondur village under the Dhule district of present-day Maharashtra on February 19, 1925, Sutar is known to have been drawn to sculpting from his childhood. A gold medallist from JJ School of Art and Architecture, Mumbai, Sutar, has to his credit a long list of achievements. The iconic statues of Mahatma Gandhi seated in a meditating pose and of Chhatrapati Shivaji riding a horse on the Parliament premises rank among his finest creations.



Chandrababu meets Nirmala Sitharaman, seeks funds for AP projects



Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu met with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi today, where he made a strong case for financial support from the central government for Andhra Pradesh. Naidu urged the minister to provide assistance through the Purvodaya and Saaski schemes and requested that allocations be made in the upcoming budget to develop Rayalaseema as a key horticulture hub. The Chief Minister also appealed for support regarding the Polavaram-Nallamala Sagar project, which aims to divert floodwaters from the Godavari River to meet the drinking water and irrigation requirements of drought-affected regions. Naidu's requests highlight the ongoing efforts to bolster agriculture and water management in the state.

MP seeks vehicle underpass at Singanamala Cross

New Delhi: Anantapur Member of Parliament Ambika Lakshminarayana, along with Singanamala MLA Bandaru Sravani Sri, submitted a representation to Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari, seeking the construction of a Vehicle Underpass (VUP) at Singanamala Cross on National Highway NH-544D. During their meeting in New Delhi on Thursday, the MP and the MLA highlighted the ongoing highway development works and underscored the urgent need for an underpass at Singanamala Cross to ensure safe and smooth vehicular movement. They informed the Union Minister that local residents, farmers, traders, and commuters are facing daily hardships due to traffic congestion and increased accident risks at the junction. The leaders emphasised that the proposed underpass is critical for improving connectivity and ensuring public safety, particularly for people crossing the highway for agricultural, commercial, and daily travel needs. They urged the Centre to consider the issue on priority, given the strategic importance of



the location and the growing traffic volume. Responding to the representation, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari acknowledged the significance of the request and assured that the matter would be examined in coordination with officials of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). He stated that appropriate action would be initiated after technical evaluation. MP Ambika Lakshminarayana reiterated that issues concerning infrastructure development and public safety in Singanamala constituency would continue to be taken up with the Central government until a permanent solution is achieved.

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Bengal SIR: Only Central govt officials to be appointed as micro observers for hearing sessions

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has decided to appoint only Central government officials as micro observers for the hearing sessions on the claims and objections on the draft voters' list for West Bengal, which was published on December 16. The hearing sessions on the claims and objections, which are part of the second stage of the three-part Special Intensive Revision (SIR), will start next week. An insider from the CEO's office said that the employees to be appointed as micro observers for the hearing session can be either direct Central government officials or officials from Central public sector undertakings, or officials from different public sector banks.

Those appointed as micro officers for the hearing session will be from the Group B category or above. "A request had gone from the CEO's office to the ECI headquarters in New Delhi seeking



permission for appointments of micro observers for the hearing session. The reply had come from the Commission's headquarters on Friday afternoon, granting the permission for appointment of micro observers," a CEO's office insider said. The main task of the micro observers will be to ensure that the hearing sessions on claims and objections are being conducted by the electoral registration officers (EROs) as per guidelines laid down by the Commission. Again, the micro observers will function under the supervision of the special roll observers, either

serving or retired Indian Administrative Service officers, who were appointed by the commission to review the ongoing SIR exercise in the state that started on November 4. The District Magistrates, as well as the District Electoral Officers, will be responsible for ensuring the security of both the special roll observers as well as the micro observers. The final voters' list will be published on February 14 next year, following which the Commission will announce the dates for the crucial Assembly elections. The ECI had also sent a request to the Union Home Ministry for the deployment of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) to secure the CEO's office in central Kolkata immediately. It is learnt that, as per the ECI's proposal, the CAPF deployment will continue till the time the model code of conduct is enforced in the state after the dates for the Assembly elections

Rahul Gandhi Slams G Ram G Bill As 'Anti-Village', Alleges It Was Forced Through Parliament



Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, has strongly criticised the recently passed VB-G Ram G Bill, calling it "anti-village" and alleging that it was rushed through Parliament without adequate discussion or scrutiny. His remarks come amid continued protests by opposition parties over the legislation, which replaces the MGNREGA scheme. In a post on X, Gandhi argued that the new law dismantles the rights-based and demand-driven nature of MGNREGA, converting it into a centrally controlled and rationed programme. He said the changes weaken the only meaningful safety net available to the rural poor by capping work and introducing multiple ways to deny employment.

According to Gandhi, MGNREGA had empowered rural workers by giving them bargaining power, which helped reduce exploitation and distress-driven migration. He accused the government of deliberately undermining this leverage under the guise of reform. Highlighting the scheme's importance, he said it played a crucial role during

the Covid-19 lockdown by preventing millions from slipping into hunger and providing significant employment to women, who accounted for over half of the total person-days generated.

Gandhi also alleged that the bill was pushed through Parliament without proper examination, noting that demands to refer it to a standing committee were ignored. He said legislation that fundamentally alters the rural social contract and impacts crores of workers should not be passed in haste. Targeting the Modi government, Gandhi claimed its real objective was to weaken rural labour and erode workers' rights while projecting the move as reform. Expressing solidarity with workers, panchayats and state governments, he vowed to oppose the bill and said the opposition would not allow the government to dismantle what he described as the rural poor's last line of defence. The VB-G Ram G Bill was cleared by the Lok Sabha on Thursday amid an opposition walkout and subsequent protests.

NEW SPORTS FACILITIES INAUGURATED AT WALTAIR RAILWAY INDOOR STADIUM



Divisional Railway Manager Shri Lalit Bohra inaugurated state-of-the-art sports facilities at the Waltair Railway Indoor Sports Enclave, under the East Coast Railway Sports Association (ECOR-SA), today. The event marked the unveiling of a renovated squash court and a modern weightlifting arena, enhancing the divisions sporting infrastructure.

The august ceremony was graced by Smt Jyotsna Bohra, President of the East Coast Railway Womens Welfare Organization (ECoRWWO); Shri K Rama Rao, Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Operations); Shri M Haranadh, Sports Officer; and other distinguished dignitaries.

These upgraded facilities will significantly boost sports events across the Waltair Division, nurturing young talent and inspiring railway personnel and youth to learn, groom their skills, rise to challenges, and unleash their inherent potential. Aligning with national initiatives like Fit India and Khelo India, the enhancements promote fitness, discipline, and excellence among staff and the community.

Shri Bohra emphasized that such facilities in sports infrastructure reflect East Coast Railways commitment to employee welfare and holistic development. He urged active participation to foster a healthier, more motivated workforce.

Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy congratulates Dr. Venkatesh Chauhan, National Coordinator of Adivasi Congress.



Hyderabad, December:18, Metroudayam

Dr. Venkatesh Chauhan, who recently assumed the responsibilities of National Coordinator of the Adivasi Congress, paid a courtesy call on the Minister for Irrigation and Civil Supplies, Captain Nalamada Uttam Kumar Reddy.

On this occasion, they had a lengthy discussion, recalling his student movement life, the struggles of that time, and the experiences he faced. Venkatesh Chauhan said that he reminisced with the minister about old memories, stating that going to Hyderabad Central University and earning a doctorate was no ordinary feat, and that the journey was very difficult. He mentioned that the minister affectionately congratulated him, saying that this journey from student movements to public movements, and now receiving party responsibilities at the national level, is a matter of great pride. Venkatesh Chauhan clarified that in the future, he will work with even greater commitment for the Adivasi community under the guidance of Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy. Congress party state leader and former Sarpanch of Thorrur, Dr. Rajesh Naik Dharavath, also participated in this program.

If vacant land is spotted, its encroached upon

- Government land disappearing in Medipally mandal
- Bogus land pattas created, leading to rampant encroachments
- Revenue officials hesitant to take action against illegal constructions in Survey No. 103... Medipally, December:19 (Metro Udayam)

There is widespread criticism from locals that the Medipally mandal Revenue officials are failing to protect government lands.

People are expressing doubts as to whether the revenue officials are there to protect government lands or to support the encroachers. Despite receiving numerous complaints about encroachments happening right before their eyes in Survey Number 103, the lack of action from the officials is giving rise to many suspicions.

The behavior of the revenue officials is like the fence itself eating the crop. Creating bogus land pattas, the encroachers claim that the land was previously in their mothers or mother-in-laws name, and wherever they find vacant land, they immediately lay foundations and start construction overnight. Locals are discussing that all this is happening with the knowledge of the revenue officials. There are many allegations that the officials themselves are encouraging the encroachers.



Unable to bear the constant complaints, the revenue officials go and remove a couple of bricks, giving the impression that they have carried out demolitions. Knowing the officials overacting, the encroachers quickly construct rooms and show these fake land titles to the electricity department officials to obtain meters. When questioned about this, the revenue officials evade responsibility by saying that the encroachers have land titles and that they cannot do anything now. RI Rakesh knows everything. Locals are discussing that RI Rakesh is aware of the illegal con-



structions that recently took place on Survey Number 103 using bogus land pattas, and that everything happened with his knowledge. The houses that were demolished in response to several complaints and newspaper reports have now been rebuilt. People are directly questioning why no action is being taken against these structures and what the hidden motive is. Only the revenue officials know why they are hesitant to take action against the perpetrators of these illegal constructions, even though they are aware of them.

ECORWWO IGNITES SPORTS SPIRIT AT THE ANNUAL SPORTS DAY AT ANURAAG MONTESSORI SCHOOL



The vibrant Spirit Sports Spectacular, the annual Sports Day at Anuraag Montessori School, unfolded with high energy on the school campus, uniting students, teachers, and management in a celebration of fitness and teamwork. The event kicked off under the guidance of President, ECoRWWO, Smt Jyotsna Bohra, with a spirited march past and traditional torch lighting

ceremony, setting an inspiring tone. Young athletes showcased their skills in thrilling competitions, including running races, relay races, sack races, frog jumps, and the classic lemon-and-spoon race. These activities fostered camaraderie, healthy competition, and invaluable life lessons in perseverance among participants. Vice President Gayatri Santharam, Secretary Ankita

Sharma, ECoRWWO members and parents joined the festivities, motivating the young participants and promoting initiatives like Fit India. graced the occasion with active participation, reinforcing community bonds. The campus buzzed with joy as children cheered enthusiastically for their teams, turning the day into a memorable festival of enthusiasm and encouragement.

Conveyed advance Happy Birthday Greetings to Their Beloved Leader

- Dr. Gumma Tanuja and Vinay Anna conveyed advance Happy birthday wishes to their beloved leader.

After attending the Koti Signatures Collection Review Meeting held yesterday at the YSRCP Camp Office, Amaravati-Tadepalli, they later met, in a courteous manner along with family members, their admired leader YSR Congress Party President and former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, the architect of the Navaratna welfare schemes, Shri Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, and conveyed advance heartfelt birthday greetings.

On this occasion, Araku Parliamentary Constituency Member of Parliament Smt. Gumma Tanuja Rani, YSRCP youth leader Manyam Jagan, and Chetti Vinay (Anna) were present.



Under the auspices of Vasavi Friends Group

- Unveiling of the 2026 New Year Calendar



Hyderabad, December:19, Metroudayam

Under the auspices of Vasavi Friends Group, Hastinapuram, an Annaprāsada (food offering) service program was conducted at the Durga Pochamma Temple on the occasion of Amavasya. The chief guest for this program was Mididoddi Shyamsundar, President of Mallikarjuna Samudayam, Srisailam. Shyamsundar participated in the food distribution program. Later, he unveiled the 2026 New Year calendar. Members of Vasavi Friends Group, Hastinapuram, including Sarabu Ravikumar, Erram Bhaskar Gupta, Prasad, Shiva Yadagiri, Nagabhushanam, Keshav Kumar, Bartaiah, donors, women, and others participated in this program.



With a firm resolve to provide a permanent solution to the inhuman conditions faced by tribal people—who are often forced to transport patients on makeshift stretchers due to the inability to reach hospitals in time during medical emergencies in tribal areas—

A r a k u Parliamentary Constituency Member of Parliament Dr. Gumma Tanuja Rani Vinay, in a historic first in tribal history, has successfully secured the sanction of 10 emergency ambulances with the support of the Government of India and the assistance of Rajya Sabha Members. This achievement stands as a landmark step toward strengthening emergency healthcare services in tribal regions.

The inauguration ceremony of these 10 ambulances will be held at Paderu Headquarters, Alluri Sitarama Raju District, as per the following schedule:

Date: 20-12-2025

Time: 10:30 AM

This grand program will be attended by: District Collector, Alluri Sitarama Raju District: Shri A. S. Dinesh Kumar

Project Officer, ITDA Paderu & Joint Collector: Smt. Pooja

MLA, Paderu Constituency: Shri Visweswara Raju

MLA, Araku Constituency: Shri Regam Matyalingam

Sub-Collector & Revenue Divisional Officer, Paderu: Shri Venkata Surya Lokeswara Rao

District Education Officer, Alluri Sitarama Raju District: Shri Ramakrishna Rao

District Medical & Health Officer, Alluri District: Shri Krishnamurthy Naik

Superintendent of Police, Alluri Sitarama Raju District: Shri Amit Bardar, IPS

Deputy Superintendent of Police, Paderu: Shri Shaik Shabaz Ahmed

In addition, public representatives, leaders from various political parties, representatives of peoples organizations, and the general public will participate and make the program a grand success.

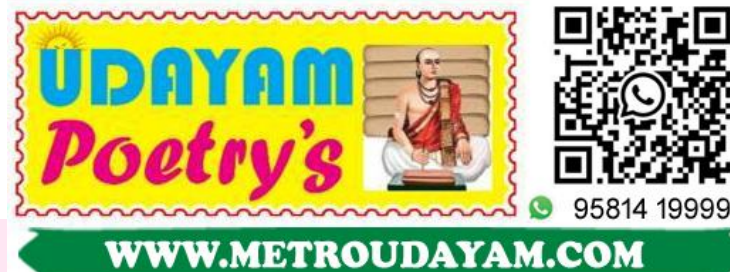
It is hoped that these emergency ambulance services will provide immediate medical assistance to residents of tribal and Adivasi areas and play a crucial role in saving lives. People are earnestly requested to make proper use of this vital facility.

With the unwavering objective of tribal welfare always at heart and service as the guiding mission,



Hyderabad December:19 (Metro udayam)

Last week, during eye examinations conducted in Himayat Nagar under the auspices of the GKB Foundation and with the support of Himayat Nagar division corporator Mahalakshmi Raman Goud, it was determined that approximately 22 people required cataract surgery. As part of this initiative, in the first phase, free surgeries were performed on nine residents of the Himayat Nagar division with the assistance of Govinda Hari, the owner of Pushpagiri Eye Hospital in West Marredpally, Secunderabad. After the surgeries, Himayat Nagar division corporator Mahalakshmi Raman Goud visited the patients to check on their well-being. She also announced that 62 people would be provided with free eyeglasses as part of this program. Congress leaders Mahesh, Jagadish, Abhishek, Kala, and others participated in this event.

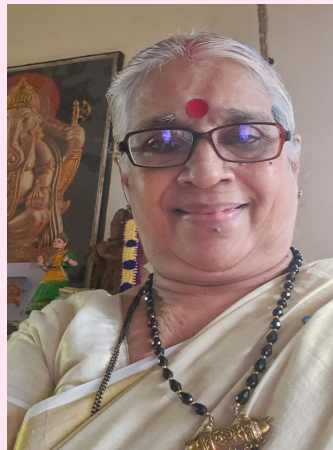


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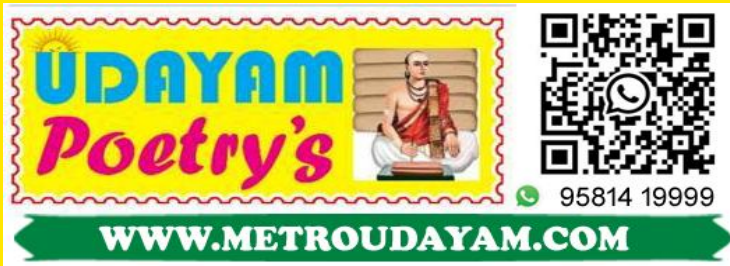
What is the real medicine for a person?
Are tablets alone enough to heal the pain or disease? They may help to a certain limit

But the heart needs more to truly recover.
Love, affection, and gentle care—
These are the true medicines of life

A kind word, a warm touch,
Can soothe wounds no doctor can see.
And above all,
God's blessings flow like a healing balm,
Restoring the spirit,
And giving strength to rise again.



--Poornima Sivaraman



Bangalores Skies: A December Rhapsody

A cool morning speaks under Bangalores skies,
Fog wraps a waking city, sleepily drifting by.
Breath exhaled creates clouds on the window too,
Children tug on their sweaters, to school day-by-day do.

The trees cradle dew like crystal dream,
As warm sunbeams shine, through coconut seam.
Morning walkers greet the gulf of warm filter coffee,
Smiling, as pink-muffled light drifts slowly by.

Poinsettias bloom, bright and red,
Shops shine with gold and green decorations.
Church bells and choirs lift to a night sky,
Candle-lit vigils share Christmas sigh.

Malls buzz with laughter, stockings hung with care,
Secret gifts scattered with love almost anywhere.
Plum cakes lined on tables to take home,
And Santas hats for families to roam.

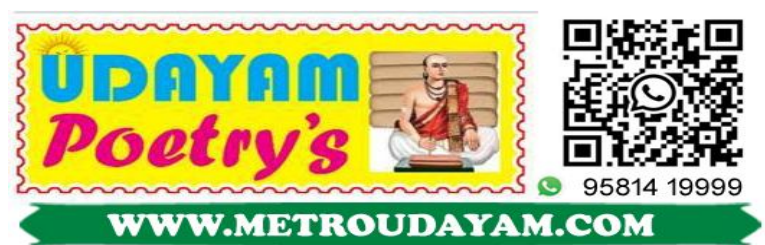
December evenings are bright with cold wind,
Sweaters and laughter and stories piled in.
Occasionally kites drifted into trees,
And stars blink with an air of kindness and ease.

As the end of a year creeps into traffic and cheer,
Each a memory gathered, for New Year is near.
Then on the thirty-first, fireworks are taped to the sky,
Friends, counting the seconds, raise tiny and big voices high.

Then under the palm trees, dreams begin to take hold,
New distinct expectations now planted in each heart.
With every celebration at midnight, and hug that embraces,
Bangalore welcomes another magical night.

So here, in the soothing hug of the last month,
We look back. We look ahead, time slows its pace.
December in Bangalore, of the old and the new,
It is a time for belonging, and a time for dreams coming true.

—Bhavana Sethi



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होना, इंसाफ पसंद होना, नैतिकवान
होना और दयावान होना है।... (शकील
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मुझे जहां तक समझ में आया है, इसान का आनंदित होने का मतलब ही अपने स्वभाव पर जीना है। मुझे जहां तक समझ में आया है, हमारा अपनी निजता को जानना ही धर्म है। और हम जब तक अपने को नहीं जानते, जब तक हम अपने खुद को प्राप्त नहीं करते, अपने स्वभाव को जानकर उसे अंगीकार नहीं करते तब तक हम सुखी है और दुःखी ही हैं, लेकिन आनंदित नहीं है। इसलिए मानव का अपनी निजता को पा लेना ही धर्म है। और इससे मिलने वाले आनंद की चरम सीमा ही नज्दात याने मुक्ती है, मोक्ष है। यानी सीधे-साधे लफ्जों में कहा जाये तो मोक्ष या मुक्ति उसे कहना चाहिए के आदमी अपनी भौतिकता के दायरे से निकलकर आत्मा के दायरे में प्रवेश करें। मोक्ष उसे समझना चाहिए के हम अपने मन और बुद्धि को समझ कर इन दोनों के पार हो जाएं। मन और बुद्धि को पीछे छोड़कर और आगे का सफर तय कर लें। मोक्ष उसे समझना चाहिए कि, हम अपने विकारों से और अपने विकारों के परिणाम जिस हम सुख या दुःख कहते हैं उससे मुक्त हो जायें, और आनंदित हो जायें।

पूरे होश के साथ, पूरी जागरूकता के साथ जीवन के पथ पर चलने को मोक्ष या मुक्ति समझना चाहिए। मोक्ष उसे कहना चाहिए जो हम अपने इच्छा आकांक्षाओं से मुक्त हो जायें। मोक्ष वहीं जानना चाहिए जहां कर्म हो लेकिन कर्म का कोई बंधन ना हो। मोक्ष वहीं जानना चाहिए जहां कर्तव्य किया जा रहा हो लेकिन किसी मोह माया के वश में आकर ना किया जा रहा हो। मोक्ष वहीं जानना चाहिए जहां हम भोग के पार होकर सब शुभ कर्म करते रहें।

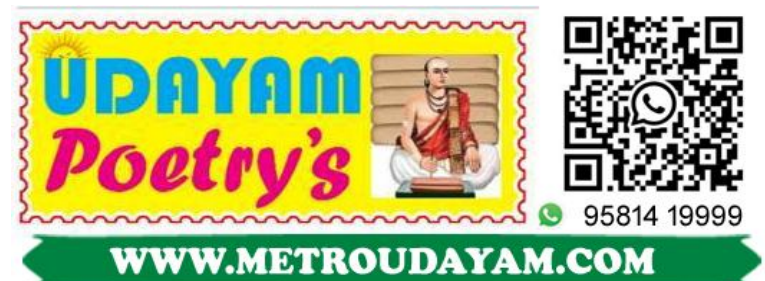
और उपरोक्त सभी बातें तभी होगी जब हम अपने स्वभाव को प्राप्त कर लें। यानी जिसने अपने स्वभाव को पा लिया वही मुक्त हुआ भवसागर से। जिसने स्वभाव को पा लिया उसका जन्म (उत्सव) पूरा आलम (ब्रह्मांड) करेगा। किसी के स्वभाव को पाने की खबर दुनिया को उसकी आनंद अवस्था ही दे सकेगी। स्वभाव को पाने के लिए ना ही संसारी का होना शर्त है ना ही सन्यासी का होना शर्त है। ना ही हिंदू का होना शर्त है ना ही मुस्लिम का होना शर्त है। ना ही सीख का होना शर्त है ना ही ईसाई का होना शर्त है। केवल इंसान का होना शर्त है।

कोई यह समझता है कि इस दुनिया में इंसानियत के अरकान (मानवता के आधार सूत्र) दीन की वजह से महफूज (धर्म के कारण सुरक्षित) है। तो कोई यह समझता है के दुनिया में दीन (धर्म) इंसानियत के अरकान (मानवता के आधार सूत्र) की वजह से महफूज (सुरक्षित) है। लेकिन एक बात सच्ची है के इंसानियत (मानवता) हो या दीन (धर्म) यह दोनों पर अमल (आचरण) केवल बुद्धिमान और ज्ञानी व्यक्ती ही कर सकता है। इसलिए इंसानियत (मानवता) को अक्लमंदी का समर (बुद्धिमत्ता का फल) मानना चाहिए।

और एक बात कहना जरूरी है के इंसान को इंसान अक्ल ही बनाती है। अगर अक्ल न हो तो आदमी आदमी नहीं बल्के एक जानवर (पशु) की तरह है। अक्ल का तकाज़ा (तगादा, इच्छा) यही है के व्यक्ती का सच्चा होना, ईमानदार होना, इंसाफ पसंद होना, नैतिकवान होना और दयावान होना है। और उपरोक्त सभी गुण मानवता के ही अमूल्य आभूषण है। इन गुणों के बगैर इंसान को इंसान नहीं कहा जाता।

जब तक हम तमन्नाओं को तर्क (आकांक्षाओं का त्याग) नहीं करते इंसानियत के बुलंदी को पा नहीं सकते। तमन्नाएं दिल (हृदय) को अंधा कर देती हैं। पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) के पहिले उत्तराधिकारी इमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब अलेहिल्लाम का फरमान है के, "तमन्नाएं दिल की आंखों (आकांक्षाएं हृदय चक्षुओं) को अंधा कर देती हैं।" (हैदरी कुतुबखाना मुबई द्वारा प्रकाशित उर्दू पुस्तक, तजल्लियाते हिकमत, बाब 23, बे जा तमन्नाएं, हदीस क्रमांक 01, पुष्ट क्रमांक 52)।

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The Christmas Feast

One day, the 25th
All hearts rejoice,
A table of wonder, a feast to Choice
Roasts of all kinds
Golden and warm
Curries that sparkle with festive Charm

Desserts appear,
Trifle and puddingdelight
Sweet treats that twinkle in Candlelight
The table is
Set with crackers
To cheer

Each one a surprise
Laughter to hear.
Traditional flavours
Both old and new,



Gathered together
With family, friends,
The Christmas feast,
A memory bright,
Filled with love
And joy, and light

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Karan Johar opens up about handling online trolls targeting him and his family

Mumbai: Filmmaker Karan Johar has opened up about dealing with online trolls targeting him and his family. Speaking at India's International Movement to United Nations (I.I.M.U.N), where he was recently announced as a member of their Board of Advisors, Karan opened up about handling criticism. He told IANS, "The important thing to realise is to understand whether the criticism coming your way is coming from a place of genuine analysis. When a critic writes about your work and has not appreciated it, but you know that he or she came to watch your film wanting to love it, and then did not love it, and wrote a critical piece, you have to recognize that this person

"They did not like your film, and you must appreciate that criticism. If there is something to learn from it, you should learn, knowing that the criticism is coming from a solid place. It is not coming from bias. It is not



coming from a place of being vindictive, vicious, or unnecessarily negative. The first thing, therefore, is to analyse where the criticism is coming from. That is what I do."

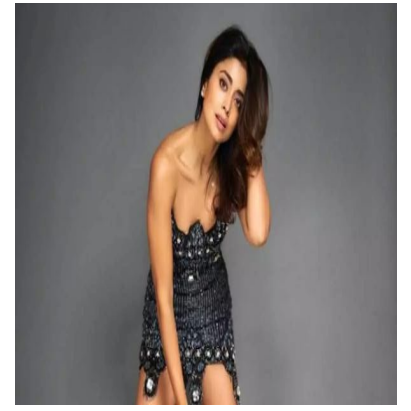
"I feel pity for anyone who trolls me for two reasons. First, I feel pity for the person who is probably struggling through the beats of their life to the extent that they are being so negative about me. They insult my way of talking, speaking,

walking, and even go so far as to insult my mother, my children, my family, and my ecosystem. That level of bitterness only reflects how unhappy they are. What I should feel, therefore, is nothing but pity. Second, I also feel important. You should either be loved or hated. What you should never face is indifference. Imagine when no one talks about you. That is far worse. I never want to face indifference."

The ace filmmaker further mentioned, "There is a famous song that says, 'kuch to log kahenge, logon ka kaam hai kehna', and I agree with that as well. But I look at it in a very simple way. When someone says the most ridiculous things about me, insults or humiliates me, I feel only one thing, and I say this sincerely. I only feel pity." "I think to myself, poor fellow, poor lady. They must be extremely unhappy to waste so much energy on negativity. There may be reasons for their unhappiness, and I genuinely feel bad for that. So, the next time criticism comes your way and it is not valid, and it does not come from a well-meaning place, you know what to do. Follow your own path, feel pity for the person, and also feel happy that you are relevant enough for people to talk about you. That, for me, is the best way to move forward."

Shriya Saran looks effortless and self-assured

Tollywood star Shriya Saran has been part of Indian cinema long enough to feel instantly familiar, yet she continues to surprise audiences with her choices and screen presence. With memorable films such as Chatrapathi, Manam and RRR, Shriya has earned a reputation as an actress audiences trust. Now based in Mumbai with her husband Andrei Koscheev and their daughter Radha, she has smoothly embraced family life without stepping away from the world of cinema. Rather than rushing from one project to another, Shriya is now choosing films at her own pace, comfortably moving between Tollywood and Bollywood. On the professional front, she has several interesting projects lined up. The much-anticipated Drishyam 3 is already creating buzz among fans, while she is also exploring new territory with a couple of upcoming web series. The shift reflects a clear focus on strong storytelling and meaningful roles, rather than chasing constant visibility. While her work choices show maturity and balance, Shriya's recent photo shoot has reminded everyone of her timeless glamour. In the latest pictures, she exudes quiet confidence and elegance. Dressed in an embellished mini dress that subtly catches the light, she strikes a pose that feels relaxed yet striking. With her hair swept to one side and minimal makeup, the look stays understated, proving that glamour doesn't always need excess. Neither loud nor overdone, Shriya's presence in the photographs feels effortless and self-assured.



Surender Reddy-Pawan Kalyan project takes back seat, director eyes reunion with Ravi Teja!



Director Surender Reddy, who had earlier secured a commitment from Pawan Kalyan for a collaboration, appears to have altered his immediate plans. The project featuring the two was announced a long time ago, but despite repeated discussions, it has not moved forward. When Pawan Kalyan actively resumed shooting for films like OG and Ustaad Bhagat Singh, there was speculation that the long-pending Surender Reddy project would also finally take shape. However, fresh developments suggest otherwise.

According to industry buzz, Surender Reddy is now planning his next film with Ravi Teja. Interestingly, there is talk in film circles that the story originally developed for Pawan Kalyan may now be reworked with Ravi Teja in the lead. Reports indicate that writer Vakkantham Vamshi has provided the story, and if the project materialises, it would mark a reunion of the successful Kick trio, raising expectations among fans.

That said, there is still uncertainty surrounding the script. Sources say it is unclear whether Surender Reddy intends to go ahead with the same storyline or has opted for a completely new subject for Ravi Teja. An official confirmation on the project is yet to be made. For Surender Reddy, this film is being seen as crucial. After the box-office failures of Sye Raa Narasimha Reddy and Agent, the director is keen on delivering a strong comeback. A collaboration with Ravi Teja, known for his mass appeal, could offer that opportunity. It may be recalled that a few years ago, Surender Reddy and Pawan Kalyan's film was formally announced, with Ram Talluri also stepping in to back the project. However, Pawan Kalyan's political commitments eventually stalled the plan, which now appears to be on the back burner.

Ashes, 3rd Test: Head's masterclass takes Aus to 271/4 at stumps on Day 3, lead Eng by 356 runs

Adelaide: Opener Travis Head's unbeaten 142, along with Alex Carey's (52 not out), helped Australia build a big lead and push England to the brink of losing the Ashes series as the hosts took a 356-run lead after reaching 271/4 at stumps on Day 3 of the third Test at the Adelaide Oval on Friday. Head, who was dropped by Harry Brook on 99, scored his second century of the series and 11th Test century. Overall, it was Head's fourth hundred against England. England had a pretty good first session, as skipper Ben Stokes (83) led from the front, putting on 106 for the ninth wicket with Jofra Archer (51) as the visitors briefly threatened a fight-back on the third morning, adding 73 runs to their overnight score of 213/8 to



bring the deficit down to 85 runs before they were bowled out for 286. Brydon Carse (1-48) then added to the excitement as he trapped Jake Weatherald (1) lbw early, leaving Australia at 17/1 in 5.0 overs at the stroke of lunch in their second innings. Post lunch, Josh Tongue (2-59) removed Marnus Labuschagne (13) cheaply to give England further hope.

However, they were unable to create enough pressure in the next two sessions. The hosts lost just one wicket (Labuschagne) in the post-lunch session, and Australia were 119/2 at tea. Usman Khawaja picked up from where he left off on the opening day of the third Test by playing patiently for a second straight innings and built an 86-run partnership with

Head. There was a glimmer of hope when England picked two quick wickets after tea, when Will Jacks (1-107) claimed Khawaja (40), with Tongue removing Cameron Green (7) in the very next over, but the damage had already been done at that point, as Australia's lead was getting up towards 300. Then came Alex Carey, who continued from his first innings form to get to a fifty as he stitched together an unbeaten 122-run stand for the fifth wicket with Head.

Brief scores: Australia 371 and 271/4 in 66 overs (Travis Head 142 not out, Alex Carey 52 not out; Josh Tongue 2-59) lead England 286 (Ben Stokes 83, Jofra Archer 51, Scott Boland 3-45, Pat Cummins 3-69) by 356 runs

Follow the path of Jesus Christ: Rev., Dr. Jayaprakash Gopu, society of Christ General Secretary

Jangaon, December 19, Metroudayam:

The world will be a world of love and peace if all humanity follows the teachings of Jesus Christ, said Rev. Dr. Jayaprakash was speaking on the 15th anniversary of the Janagama Gethsemane Temple on Friday. Speaking at the function presided over by Sanghapari Brother Enoch, Jayaprakash said that the main teaching of Jesus Christ was



love and to love your warriors as yourself. He said that in today's mechanical age, human relationships are disappearing. Jayaprakash urged the world to take the greatness of Jesus, who sacrificed his life on the cross for the salvation of humanity, as a guide. Among others present on the occasion were G. Krishna, Inumula Narsaiah, Kaagithaala Ravi, Kommurajula Ganesh, Mechanical Ravi, Mekala Naresh, Vijaya Kumar, Balaji, Anand and others participated.