



Andhra Pradesh to study Haryana policy to curb 'belt shops'

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Monday directed the Excise Department to study the sub-lease system of Haryana to curb the menace of 'belt shops' or unauthorised liquor outlets in the state. At a review meeting of the department, the Chief Minister directed officials to take strict action against 'belt shops' and study the policy of Haryana to tackle the problem. Officials informed the Chief Minister that the problem of 'belt shops' exists because of the lack of shops in rural and remote areas.

As part of environmental protection efforts, the department is considering a Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) where customers would receive cash back for returning empty liquor bottles. Chief Minister Naidu instructed officials to ensure that the state's liquor policy is not viewed as a business, but rather aimed at achieving healthy



growth. The Chief Minister clarified that policies should not solely focus on revenue, and that liquor should be treated like any other product. He suggested further deliberation on the current system of shop allocation through lottery, application fees, liquor identification num-

bers, and increasing retailer margins

The Chief Minister directed officials to examine the possibility of exempting bars from ARET (Additional Retail Excise Tax). The implementation of the new excise policy and its impact

were discussed comprehensively during the review. The officials informed the Chief Minister that the excise revenue from October 2024 to October 2025 was Rs 7,041 crore against the target of Rs 8,000 crore. They revealed that from April 1 to December 17, there was a 4.52 per cent increase in liquor sales, with Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) sales increasing by 19.08 per cent and beer sales by 94.93 per cent. Officials stated that they estimate an income of Rs. 8,422 crore from December 18 to March 2026. A three per cent increase in excise revenue is expected during the current financial year.

The officials said that Andhra Pradesh has shown the highest growth in IMFL and beer sales in South India due to the introduction of international brands and the making of quality liquor available at affordable prices. However, they mentioned that per capita liquor consumption is

lower in Andhra Pradesh than in Telangana. While per capita consumption in Telangana is 4.74 litres, it is 2.77 litres in Andhra Pradesh. The Chief Minister directed that a unique LIN (Liquor Identification Number) be introduced for every liquor bottle in the state as quickly as possible to prevent counterfeit liquor and irregularities, and that it should be easily identifiable by the general public. He said the LIN should include details such as the brand, batch, and line number, along with the date, hours, minutes, and seconds of manufacture. The Chief Minister stated that the LIN would rectify the shortcomings of the currently used HEAL (Hologram Excise Adhesive Labels) system. He also said that complete transparency in liquor supply would be achieved through geo-tagging, and instructed officials to focus on tracking and rationalising the number of shops.

Governor Jishnu Dev Varma's Visit: District Administration Makes Elaborate Arrangements in Jogulamba Gadwal



Gadwal: District Collector B.M. Santosh has directed officials to make meticulous arrangements for the visit of Telangana State Governor Jishnu Dev Varma to Jogulamba Gadwal district on December 23. A review meeting was held on Monday at the Collectorate Conference Hall, where the District Collector, along with Superintendent of Police Srinivasa Rao, reviewed the preparedness with district-level officers of various departments and issued necessary instructions. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector informed that the Governor would depart from Hyderabad and arrive at Haritha Hotel in Alampur at around 11:30 AM. At 11:45 AM, the Governor would visit the Sri Bala Brahmeswara Swamy Temple at Alampur and later offer prayers at the Sri Jogulamba Ammavari Temple. Following the temple visits, the Governor would reach the Gadwal IDOC complex in the afternoon, where he would inspect stalls set up by various government departments.

The Collector emphasized that special arrangements should be made to showcase the heritage and fame of Gadwal handloom sarees. He instructed the concerned officials to ensure that the display of looms and handwoven zari sarees becomes a major attraction. The Governor will also interact with eminent personalities from the district who have excelled at state and national levels in various fields. All invitations should be extended strictly as per protocol, he said. Further, the Collector directed officials to ensure there are no lapses in sanitation, stage decoration, electricity supply, and other logistical arrangements. Superintendent of Police Srinivasa Rao stated that tight police security arrangements have been made for the Governor's visit. He informed that a Guard of Honour will be accorded to the Governor at Haritha Hotel, Alampur, and later at the Gadwal IDOC. He added that Z-plus security arrangements are in place and all preventive measures are being taken to ensure that no untoward incidents occur during the visit. The meeting was attended by Additional Collectors Lakshminarayana and Narsing Rao, RDO Alivelu, District Civil Supplies Officer Swami Kumar, Alampur Temple EO Deepti, Assistant Director of Handlooms and Textiles Govindaiah, DMHO Sandhya Kiranmayi, DYSO Krishnayya, Collectorate AO Bhupal Reddy, along with other district officers from various departments.

HM Amit Shah hails India-NZ FTA, calls it trade diplomacy's milestone

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah on Monday hailed India-New Zealand FTA and termed it as an outcome of the Narendra Modi government's trade diplomacy, which is setting a new milestone. In a post on X, HM Shah said, "The Modi gov't's trade diplomacy sets a new milestone. India-New Zealand FTA, that brings in \$20 billion investment and offers lucrative opportunities for Indian innovators, entrepreneurs, farmers, MSMEs, students, and youth, will open new gateways to prosperity."

"It is a textbook example of how people-centric foreign policy is fulfilling the aspirations of citizens under PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji's leadership," he said. Earlier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a telephone conversation with New Zealand's Prime Minister Christopher Luxon on Monday as the two leaders jointly announced the successful conclusion of the historic, ambitious and mutually beneficial India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA). During the conversation, both leaders expressed confidence in doubling bilateral trade over the next five years, as well as an investment of \$20 billion in India from New Zealand over the next 15 years.

The negotiations began in March this year, and the two leaders concluded the FTA in a



record time of nine months, reflecting the shared ambition and political will to further deepen ties between the two countries, according to a statement from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO). "The FTA would significantly deepen bilateral economic engagement, enhance market access, promote investment flows, strengthen strategic cooperation between the two countries, and also open up new opportunities for innovators, entrepreneurs, farmers, MSMEs, students and youth of both countries across various sectors," said the statement.

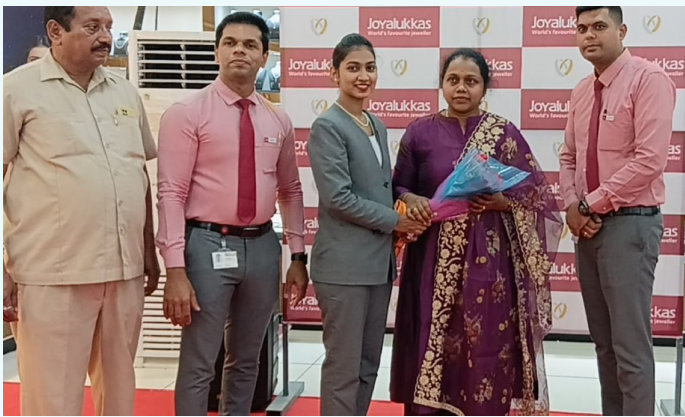
The leaders also welcomed the progress achieved in other areas of bilateral cooperation, such as sports, education, and

people-to-people ties, and reaffirmed their commitment towards further strengthening of the India-New Zealand partnership. This historic FTA eliminates and reduces tariffs on 95 per cent of New Zealand's exports – among the highest of any Indian FTA - with almost 57 per cent being duty-free from day one, increasing to 82 per cent when fully implemented, with the remaining 13 per cent subject to sharp tariff cuts. It puts New Zealand exporters on an equal or better footing to our competitors across a range of sectors and opens the door to India's rapidly expanding middle class, according to an official statement from New Zealand.

Grand celebrations at Joyalukkas



Kurnool, Metro Udayam (22 December 2025): Incentive prizes and certificates of appreciation were presented to students at the Joyalukkas gold showroom. Drawing and essay writing competitions were conducted for 150 students from various schools in the city. Certificates of appreciation and mementos were presented to 40 students who excelled in these competitions at the Joyalukkas showroom in Kurnool. High Court advocate Baddal Lakshmi Narayana participated as the chief guest at this event. Speaking on the occasion, he said that people should support renowned organizations like Joyalukkas, as this indirectly benefits the public. He added that such programs are very useful in bringing out the hidden talent and creativity in students. Manager Chandramohan and Assistant Manager Prashanth stated that Joyalukkas showroom has special offers and urged customers to take advantage of them. The chief guests, school managements, students, parents, staff, and others participated in this program.



Hyderabad December:22 (Metro udayam)

Today, residents of Ram Koti Street Number 2, in the colony next to Eden Garden, brought to the attention of Himayat Nagar Division Corporator Ms. Mahalakshmi Raman Goud the long-standing road and drainage problems in their area. In response, she took appropriate action and arranged for the necessary works, including the laying of a new CC road. When she visited the area today to review the progress, the residents expressed their appreciation for her work and felicitated her. On this occasion, they also unveiled a Sanatana Dharma calendar through the hands of Corporator Mahalakshmi Raman Goud. The event was attended by colony residents Ram Niwas Ashwa, Dr. R. Kireeti Bhai Jain, Santosh Lunawat, Narsing Lal Dhoot, Anirudh Rathi, Upshraj Jain, Damodar Lal Inani, Srinivas, Dr. Forest Farista, Ramesh Sankla, Praveen, Murari Lal Agarwal, Jayant Kirtani, and Congress senior leaders Priya Raj, Ramesh, Poornachandar, Mahesh, Jaswal, Bindiya, Sujatha, Poornima, Kondiah, Abhishek, Hitesh, Jagadish, Purushottam, and others.



Warm Reception to Adivasi Congress Tamil Nadu In-Charge Dr. Venkatesh Chowhan in Chennai

Hyderabad, December:22, Metroudayam

Adivasi Congress will be strengthened across Tamil Nadu. A large-scale struggle will be taken up for the constitutional rights of Adivasis in Tamil Nadu, Dr. Venkatesh Chowhan Adivasi Congress Tamil Nadu In-Charge and National Coordinator Dr. Venkatesh Chowhan arrived in Chennai today and was accorded a warm and respectful reception by Adivasi Congress leaders of Tamil Nadu. The reception was attended by Mr. Dandapani (State Treasurer), Mr. Vijay (General Secretary, Adivasi Committee), Mr. Shankar (Adivasi Congress Secretary), Mr. Velan (President, Chennai Adivasi Congress), along with state leaders and Mr. Sajan, among others. Senior Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee leader Dr. Rajesh Naik was also present on the occasion. The unity and solidarity displayed by the Tamil Nadu Adivasi Congress leadership were described as a source of renewed strength and inspiration for the Adivasi movement in the state.



Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Venkatesh Chowhan stated that Adivasi Congress is preparing for a determined and sustained struggle to address long-pending issues faced by Adivasi communities in Tamil Nadu. These include land alienation, ineffective implementation of the Forest Rights Act, lack of livelihood opportunities, and inadequate access to education and healthcare. He emphasized that Adivasi communities across Tamil Nadu will be united on a common platform,

form, and a large-scale people's movement will be launched to ensure the realization of their constitutional rights.

Dr. Chowhan further stated that Adivasi Congress committees will be formed and strengthened from the grassroots level—village, mandal, district, and state levels—with the objective of building a strong organizational structure. Special focus will be given to nurturing new leadership from Adivasi youth and preparing politically conscious leaders across the state. He also announced that Adivasi Congress Training Camps will be organized in the near future across Tamil Nadu to train youth and party workers on constitutional rights, forest rights, political awareness, and movement-building strategies. These initiatives aim to transform Adivasi Congress into a strong social and political force in the state.

Dr. Venkatesh Chowhan concluded by reaffirming that the Adivasi Congress will continue its unwavering struggle to secure justice, dignity, and equality for Adivasi communities in Tamil Nadu.

World Meditation Day

A Call for Global Peace and Inner Well-Being

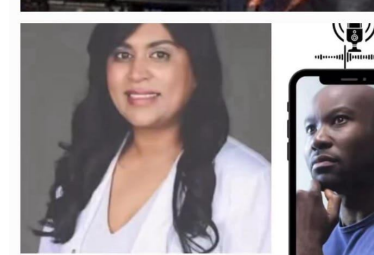
Today, on 21 December 2025, the world marks World Meditation Day, a day formally proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly to celebrate the transformative power of meditation and promote mental well-being across the globe. Meditation, a timeless practice rooted in cultures around the world, is more than a personal tool for calm and clarity. It is now recognised internationally as a universal pathway to peace, resilience, and emotional balance for individuals and communities alike. The UN's declaration underscores the practice's vital contribution to health and the right to mental well-being for people of all ages and backgrounds.

At the heart of this observance lies the Meditation Room at United Nations Headquarters in New York, a quiet sanctuary established under Secretary-General Dag

Hammarström to remind us of the inner stillness that nurtures harmony on a global scale.

As waves of meditation ripple across continents, millions of participants from seasoned practitioners to newcomers are invited to join in moments of reflection and silence that mirror the UN's vision of inner peace and global unity. Dedicated events and guided meditations are taking place worldwide today, uniting people in mindful stillness.

In this spirit of shared humanity, we extend heartfelt thanks to all our listeners of Dr Seshni's Meditation and Mindfulness Moments™ for the positive feedback and ongoing support. Special appreciation goes to Trevor Blackman at Maritime Radio London and Geoff White and Mehtab Culling and the team at Bedford Health Radio for championing wellness and meditation



on the airwaves. On this meaningful day, we wish you all the best for Christmas and a peaceful, purposeful New Year — may your path be guided by calmness, compassion and inner

strength.

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13 convicted for father-son murder in Murshidabad riots, sentencing tomorrow

A district court in West Bengal's Murshidabad district on Monday convicted 13 persons for the murder of Hargobindo Das and his son Chandan Das amid a communal riot-like situation that broke out in April during protests against the Waqf (Amendment) Act. The district court at Murshidabad's Jangipur will pronounce the sentence for these 13 convicts on Tuesday. The sentence will be pronounced nearly nine months after the murder of the father and the son on April 12. The Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the state

police had arrested the 13 currently convicted persons one after another. Earlier this year, the SIT submitted a 900-page charge sheet in the matter. In the charge sheet, it was mentioned that the father and the son were killed while they tried to prevent riots within the village. The SIT also termed the attack "pre-planned". The family members of the deceased father and the son rejected the compensation offer from the Trinamool Congress-led state government. However, they accepted the compensation offered to them by the Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly, Suwendu Adhikari.

In April this year, the Calcutta High Court, while directing the formation of

the SIT to investigate the Murshidabad riots, also ordered the deployment of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) there. A division bench of Justice Soumen Sen and Justice Raja Basu Chowdhury also said that the measures taken by the West Bengal government to control communal unrest were inadequate, and had the CAPF been deployed earlier, the situation would not have been so "grave" and "volatile". It also said that, besides paying compensation to the families where violence-related deaths have occurred, the state administration should ensure that normal functioning at different schools in the sensitive zone is not affected.

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WHITE AND WHITE!

Earlier leaders really great!
Prescribed dress code
White and white!
Symbol for clean and pure!
Later are step by step
down and down!

Though, Not forgotten
dress code!
Externally appear bright in
shining!
Inside "poly tricks" impure, dirty!
Behind white black selfishness!

Taking every care in dress!
Knows not a single black spot
spoils entire white!
Colour is not criteria, conscious
required!
Bad thoughts never yield good
deeds!

Here general saying "Dress often
speaks of a man" reversed!
Possible, dress may deceive!
It's not too late, better, present
political guys refer old political era!
May be a chance to evaluate
"White and white dress code!"

Composed by:
B. Satyanarayana Rao,
(Ba. Sa. Raa)
Vijayawada.

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Happy Holidays

It's the holidays
Cars are packed
Adventure awaits
Family get together
Near or far
Local or abroad

Gifts are wrapped,
Everyone doing
Something? Just to enjoy The holidays.
Resting, reading a book, Activities and fun,
Feasting and laughter
It's time to be merry,
To enjoy the holidays, Wherever you may be

Remember Others at Christmas
As Christmas nears,
We give thanks.
We remember all
Who have left us
Held in love and memory
We remember the less Fortunate,
Those who are ill, Destitute
On the streets, And those Weighed down by grief.
We remember kindness, And we hope for better
Futures
We show love and Compassion
Generosity and charity, Sharing and giving.
May love, peace, and Harmony guide us
As we spread joy to all
?And pray that brighter
Days may come

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UN says drought affects 4.6 million people in Somalia

The drought emergency in Somalia has significantly deepened, with authorities estimating that 4.61 million people have been affected by prolonged dry conditions across the country, the United Nations (UN) relief agency said Monday. The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said the drought emergency follows the poor performance of the two main rainy seasons and is compounded by funding shortfalls for assistance, further worsening Somalia's already dire humanitarian situation. The Somali authorities are appealing for urgent assistance to avert a possible collapse of pastoral and farming livelihoods, and preventable loss of lives, the OCHA said in its latest report released in Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia.

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गणित शास्त्र दिनोत्सव

के. बी. आसिफाबाद जिला समाच.
र
जिला परिषद हाई स्कूल बेजूर में
हाल ही में प्रसिद्ध गणितज्ञ
श्रीनिवास रामानुजन की जयंती के
अवसर पर बड़े उत्साह और जोश
के साथ गणित दिवस मनाया। इस
कार्यक्रम का आयोजन स्कूल के
प्रधानाध्यापक श्री एच.के. पुनेश जी ने
किया, जिन्होंने श्रीनिवास रामानुजन
के चित्र पर फूल माला पहनाकर
और हमारे दैनिक जीवन में गणित
के महत्व पर प्रकाश डालकर
समारोह का उद्घाटन किया।
संबोधन करते हुए, श्री
एच.के. पुनेश ने हमारे आसपास की
दुनिया की समझ को आकार देने में
गणित के महत्व पर जोर दिया।
उन्होंने गणित के क्षेत्र में रामानुजन
के योगदान और कैसे उनका काम
गणितज्ञों और वैज्ञानिकों की पीढ़ियों
को प्रेरित करता रहा है, इस बारे
में बात की। प्रिंसिपल ने छात्रों को
गणित की आकर्षक दुनिया का पता
लगाने और इस विषय के प्रति
गहरी समझ विकसित करने के लिए
भी प्रोत्साहित किया।

उद्घाटन समारोह के
बाद, छात्रों को समूहों में बांटा गया
और उन्हें विभिन्न गणित से संबंधित
गतिविधियों में शामिल किया गया,
जिसमें प्रोजेक्ट कार्य और एक
विजय प्रतियोगिता शामिल थी।
विजय प्रतियोगिता, कल्चरल कला
विभाग की ओर से चयनित डॉ.
मुकुंद राव सर और श्रीमती अनुसूया
मैडम की देखरेख में आयोजित की
गई, जिन्होंने पर्यवेक्षण के रूप में
कार्य किया। प्रतियोगिता के विज.
ताओं को पाठशाला के
प्रधानाध्यापक श्री एच. के. पुनेश जी

और बेजूर मंडल विद्याधिकारी
आदरणीय श्रीमती सुनीता मैडम की
द्वारा सम्मानित किया गया।

स्कूल की गणित
शिक्षिकाओं, श्रीमती इंदिरा मैडम
और श्रीमती श्रीलता मैडम को भी
छात्रों के बीच गणित शिक्षा को
बढ़ावा देने के उनके अथक प्रयासों
के लिए फूलों के गुलदस्ते देकर
सम्मानित किया गया। इस कार्यक्रम
में कई गणमान्य शिक्षक शिक्षिकाएं
शामिल हुए, जिनमें श्रीमती नर्मदा
मैडम, डी कविता मैडम, आर
तिरुपति सर, बी रघुनाथ सर, पी
विजय सर, टी जितेंद्र सर, डी
संतोष सर और विष्णु वर्धन शामिल
थे।

जिला परिषद हाई स्कूल
बेजूर में गणित दिवस का उत्सव
एक शानदार सफलता थी, जिसमें
छात्र, शिक्षक और गणमान्य व्यक्ति
गणित शिक्षा के महत्व को बढ़ावा
 देने के लिए एक साथ आए। इस
कार्यक्रम ने न केवल हमारे दैनिक
जीवन में गणित के महत्व पर
प्रकाश डाला, बल्कि छात्रों को इस
विषय के प्रति अपने जुनून को आगे
बढ़ाने के लिए भी प्रेरित किया।

डॉ. मुकुंद राव जाधव।
(हैदरी अध्यापक)
जड़ पी एच एस बेजूर।
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Mathematics Day Celebration

K.B. Asifabad District
News: Zilla Parishad High
School Bejjur recently cel-
ebrated Mathematics Day
with great enthusiasm and
fervor on the occasion of
the birth anniversary of the
renowned mathematician
Srinivasa Ramanujan.
The event was organized
by the school's headmas-
ter, Mr. H.K. Punesh, who
inaugurated the ceremony
by garlanding the portrait
of Srinivasa Ramanujan
and highlighting the impor-
tance of mathematics in
our daily lives. Addressing
the gathering, Mr. H.K.
Punesh emphasized the
significance of mathemat-
ics in shaping our under-
standing of the world
around us. He spoke
about Ramanujan's contri-
butions to the field of
mathematics and how his
work continues to inspire
generations of mathemati-



cians and scientists. The
principal also encouraged
the students to explore the
fascinating world of math-
ematics and develop a
deeper understanding of
the subject. Following the
inaugural ceremony, stu-
dents were divided into
groups and engaged in
various mathematics-
related activities, including
project work and a quiz
competition.

The quiz competition
was conducted under the
supervision of Dr. Mukund
Rao Sir and Mrs. Anusuya
Madam, selected from the
Cultural Arts Department,

who served as supervi-
sors. The winners of the
competition were felici-
tated by the school's
headmaster, Mr. H.K.
Punesh, and the
esteemed Mandal
Education Officer of
Bejjur, Mrs. Sunitha
Madam. The school's
mathematics teachers,
Mrs. Indira Madam and
Mrs. Srilatha Madam,
were also honored with
bouquets of flowers for
their tireless efforts in pro-
moting mathematics edu-
cation among the stu-
dents.

The event was
attended by several distin-
guished teachers, includ-
ing Mrs. E. Narmada
Madam, D. Kavitha
Madam, R. Tirupati Sir, B.
Raghu Nath Sir, P. Vijay
Sir, T. Jithender Sir, D.
Santhosh Sir, J. Shyam Sir,
and Vishnu Vardhan. The
Mathematics Day celebra-
tion at Zilla Parishad High

School Bejjur was a
resounding success, with
students, teachers, and
dignitaries coming togeth-
er to promote the impor-
tance of mathematics edu-
cation. This program not
only highlighted the impor-
tance of mathematics in
our daily lives but also
inspired students to pur-
sue their passion for the
subject.

Dr. MUKUND RAO JAD-
HAV.
(SA- HINDI)
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अहंकार सिर्फ सप्ताहों को अपने साम्राज्य पर ही खुश नहीं रखता, बल्के भिखारी को भी अपने भीख मांगने पर खुश रखेगा और फक्र महसूस करवायेगा।... (शकील उवावा -७६८)

सारे का सारा रोग वासनाओं का ही है।
असल बीमारी विकारों की ही है। और उन
विकारों में एक विकार अहंकार का है, जो
सूक्ष्म से सूक्ष्म रूप बदलते रहता है। यही
अहंकार जब धर्म का रूप लेता है तो
खतरनाक बन जाता है। फिर अहंकारी भी
हर कर्म अहंकार से ग्रस्त होकर करेगा।
अहंकारी जब धार्मिक बन जाता है तो
उसका का हर कर्म उसे मोक्ष की
अभिलाषा दिलाता है। लेकिन अहंकारपूर्ण
कर्मों से हासिल तो कुछ भी नहीं होता।

अहंकार से ज्यादा क्षति
पहुंचाने वाली बात शायद ही कोई और
हो। यह अहंकार हमसे नमाजे भी पड़वायेगा, पूजा — प्रार्थना भी करवायेगा।
रोजा — उपवास भी रखवायेगा। हज — जियारत (तीर्थ यात्राएं) भी करवायेगा।
सदका — दान भी दिलवायेगा। धर्म ग्रंथों का पठन भी करवायेगा। अपनी
दौलत में से गरीबों, जरूरतमंदों को दिये जाने वाला धर्म निर्देशित कर (खुमस
और जकात जैसा टैक्स) भी दिलवायेगा। मंदिर — मस्जिद भी बनवायेगा। यह
अहंकार हमें हर तरह के कर्म कांडों में व्यस्त रखेगा, और धर्म से दूर रखेगा।
अहंकार को समझना आसान नहीं होता। अहंकार सिर्फ
बादशाह को अपनी बादशाहत पर ही खुश नहीं रखता। सप्ताहों को अपने
साम्राज्य पर ही खुश नहीं रखता। राजाओं को अपनी हुकूमत पर ही खुश
नहीं रखता, बल्के भिखारी को भी अपने भीख मांगने पर खुश रखेगा। भीख
मांगने पर भी फक्र महसूस करवायेगा। अहंकार जब विक्राल रूप धारण कर
लेता है तो संपत्ति पर गर्व करवायेगा लेकिन जब यही अहंकार सूक्ष्म रूप लेता
है तो सारी संपत्ति का दान करवा कर आपकी पीठ थप थपायेगा। लेकिन
अहंकारी को ईश्वर कभी पसंद नहीं करता।

पवित्र कुरआन अध्याय क्रमांक 16, सुराह अन नहल, आयत
क्रमांक 23 में स्पष्ट शब्दों में कहा गया है के, "खुदा (ईश्वर) हरगिज तकबुर
करने वालों (अभिमानियों, अहंकारियों) को (वास्तव में) पसंद नहीं करता।" याने
जो अपने जीवन में नम्रता को स्वीकारते हैं वही लोग कामयाब होते हैं। अहंकर.
री व्यक्ति को कभी नजात (मोक्ष) पाने की सदबुद्धि भी नहीं मिलती। और मोक्ष
प्राप्ति के लिये अहंकारी को कोई ईश्वरीय मार्गदर्शन प्राप्त हो नहीं सकता है।
और जो लोग अहंकारी होते हैं वह कभी नजात (मुक्ति,
मोक्ष) को पा नहीं सकते। पवित्र कुरआन में आया है के, "घमंड करने वालों
का ठिकाना जहन्नुम (नरक) है।" (पवित्र कुरआन अध्याय क्रमांक 39, सुराह
अज जुमर, आयत क्रमांक 60)। उपरोक्त आयत में स्पष्ट रूप से कहा गया है
के तकबुर (अहंकार, अभिमान, गर्व) करने वालों का ठिकाना ही जहन्नुम
(नरक) है। इसके बरअक्स (विपरीत) नजात याफता (मुक्ति को प्राप्त किये हुये)
लोग तो जन्नत (स्वर्ग, वैकुण्ठ) वाले होते हैं।

अहंकारी व्यक्ति अपने आपको श्रेष्ठ समझता है और दूसरों
को कम आंकता है। अहंकारी कभी भी सत्य को नहीं समझ पाता। जो जितना
बड़ा अहंकारी होगा वह उतना ही बड़ा अज्ञानी होता है। सच में कहा जाए
तो अहंकार अज्ञान का ही दूसरा रूप है। अज्ञान (अहंकार) अज्ञानी (अहंकारी)
को अपनी गलतियों को स्वीकार करने नहीं देता। जो कोई अहंकार से ग्रसित
होगा उसके सभी कर्म इस भौतिक जग के लाभ के लिये मात्र किए जाएंगे।
केवल भौतिक जग के लाभ के लिए जो कर्म करते रहेगा वह कभी नजात
(मोक्ष) देने वाले, परलोक के लिये उपयोगी कर्म नहीं कर पाता।

पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) के पहिले उत्तराधिकारी इमाम
अली इब्न अबू तालिब अलैहिस्सलाम का फरमान (कथन) है के, "जिसकी तमाम
तैयारियां दुनिया के लिये मखसूस (खास, विशेष) होगी उस का गम (दु:ख)
क्यामत (प्रलय के दिन) के दिन बहुत ज्यादा होगा।" (हैदरी कुतुबखाना मुंबई
द्वारा प्रकाशित उर्दू पुस्तक, तजल्लियाते हिकमत, बाब 81, दुनिया, हदीस
क्रमांक 20, पुष्ट क्रमांक 186)। याने मिटने वाले जग के लिये मात्र कर्म न
कर के परलोक के लिये भी कर्म करने वाला ही मोक्ष पाता है।

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

Ankita Lokhande on spending her birthday with her 'chosen people': 'I feel incredibly grateful'



Mumbai: Actress Ankita Lokhande is grateful for spending her birthday with her "chosen people". The 'Laughter Chefs' contestant reflected on the difference between friendship and a bond. She explained that while friendship is a gift from God, a bond is something we create with our own efforts and will. Sharing some photos with her close friends on IG, who made her special day even more special, and her husband Vikas Jain, Ankita wrote, "Friendships and bonds are two very different blessings in life."

Friendship is something God gifts us, something pure and effortless. Bonds, on the other hand, are created by us—built with time, love, effort, and intention (sic)." Sharing how true friends stand with you both in the moment of sadness and happiness, she added, "Sometimes, we don't realize how deeply relationships and friendships shape our lives. In moments of happiness, only a few people truly come forward to share that joy. And in moments of sadness, only a few choose to sit beside us and hold space."

Ankita expressed her gratitude for finding her chosen family in Mumbai, with whom she can share both her happiness and silence. "I feel incredibly grateful that in a city like Mumbai, I found my chosen people—people with whom I can share my happiness and my silences, my laughter and my tears. Each one of you who came to celebrate me and my day so beautifully reminded me how rich life truly is", wrote the 'Pavitra Rishita' actress. She also thanked her buddies for making her birthday so special, even in the absence of her husband.

Ankita went on to share, "Thank you for making my birthday so special. I will always be grateful for this love. And when people say friends become family, you all proved it. Even when Vicky wasn't here, you showed up—for me, for my happiness—so I wouldn't miss out on a single moment." Expressing her excitement for the year to come, she added, "With this, I gently close the chapter of 2025—grateful, fulfilled, and humbled. Looking forward to 2026: another blessing, another presence, another success, and a new story waiting to unfold. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Happy birthday to me."

Would have got Jaiswal and Jitesh in place of Ishan and Washington, says Jaffer

Former India opener Wasim Jaffer said he would have preferred Yashasvi Jaiswal and Jitesh Sharma to be included in the squad for 2026 Men's T20 World Cup in place of Ishan Kishan and Washington Sundar. Jaffer's remarks come after India axed Test and ODI captain Shubman Gill on Saturday from the squad for their T20 World Cup title defence and a preparatory five-game series against New Zealand. All-rounder Axar Patel was named as vice-captain, while wicketkeeper-batsman Ishan Kishan was rewarded for his stellar form in Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy with a spot in the 15-member squad. Rinku Singh also returned to the team at Jitesh's expense, especially with India having two keeper-batters who can open the innings. "Why not Jaiswal & Jitesh? I would have them in place of Ishan & Washi. Axar is VC so he's sure to play and you can't play Washi ahead of Varun and Kuldeep. Jitesh hasn't done anything wrong to be dropped and Yashasvi, don't need any explaining why he shouldn't be there in first place," wrote Jaffer on his 'X' account on Sunday. Jaiswal last played T20Is for India on their tour of Sri Lanka in July 2024, and didn't feature consistently in games due to being busy with Test assignments. The 10th edition of the Men's T20 World Cup will be hosted by Sri Lanka and India, featuring 20 teams.

INARA @ 2.0 Celebrates India's Cultural Brilliance at Deccan Springs Global School



Hyderabad, metro udayam december 22... Deccan Springs Global School hosted its much-anticipated annual cultural fest Inara @ 2.0, a vibrant two-day celebration of excellence, creativity and heritage, here on December 22. Themed "Sarvotk???a? Bharat – A Tapestry of Bharat's Brilliance," the event beautifully showcased India's rich cultural diversity through colourful performances and ceremonial tributes. Day one began with an inspiring address by

Chairman Sri Navanetha Rao, followed by Managing Director Sri Naveen Kumar, who highlighted the institution's commitment to holistic education. The Chief Guest, renowned artist and cultural ambassador Smt. Geetha Bhaskar, appreciated the students' artistic expressions and lauded the school's efforts in nurturing young talent. The second day was graced by Sri Katta Chandrasekhar Reddy, IAS, as Chief Guest. In his keynote address, he commended the school for fos-



tering civic values, cultural literacy and a sense of social responsibility among students. The programme featured a ceremonial lamp lighting, addresses by dignitaries, and the presentation of proficiency and consistency awards. The cultural segment, "Prastavana: The Ceremonial Ode to Excellence," enthralled the audience with a wide array of performances, including classical and contemporary dances, musical presentations and thematic dramas, culminating in a grand finale celebrating

the unity and diversity of Bharat. Sri Kishore Kumar Reddy, Core Head of Operations, and Principal Smt. Swarna Akkineni expressed heartfelt appreciation to the students, teachers and parents for their enthusiastic participation. They noted that such celebrations not only bring out talent but also strengthen the school community's shared values and aspirations. Inara @ 2.0 stood as a radiant testament to the school's ethos, honouring excellence, culture and collective pride.

Actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu Inaugurates

Sirimalle Sarees at Jubilee Hills Check Post, Hyderabad, amidst grand celebrations and huge fanfare. The launch event witnessed an overwhelming response from fashion enthusiasts, film personalities, media representatives, and admirers of the actress. The elegant inauguration ceremony was marked by traditional rituals, followed by Samantha



Ruth Prabhu formally opening the store and exploring the exclusive saree collections. Her presence added immense glamour and prestige to the occasion, drawing large crowds to the venue.

Speaking on the occasion, Samantha Ruth Prabhu expressed her appreciation for Indian handlooms and craftsmanship. She said that sarees beautifully represent India's rich cultural heritage and praised Sirimalle Sarees for blending traditional artistry with contemporary designs that appeal to modern women. The newly launched Sirimalle Sarees showroom showcases a wide range of premium collections including Kanchipuram silks, Banarasi sarees, designer bridal wear, festive collections, handloom sarees, and contemporary ethnic

designs, catering to all age groups and occasions. The store has been thoughtfully designed to offer customers a luxurious and comfortable shopping experience. Soujanya Founder of Sirimalle Sarees stated that the Jubilee Hills showroom marks an important milestone in the brand's expansion journey. They emphasized their commitment to quality, authenticity, and customer satisfaction, while continuing to promote traditional weaves and skilled artisans from across India.

Lights, Camera, Thousand Crores: Are 1,000 Crore budgets the new normal in Indian films?

Indian cinema is undergoing a dramatic transformation, one that reflects not just changing audience appetites but also a growing confidence in competing on a global stage. A decade ago, a ₹100 crore box office collection was hailed as a landmark achievement. Today, that benchmark feels almost modest. In an era where films are expected to cross ₹1,000 crore to earn the "blockbuster" tag, scale has become both a creative aspiration and a commercial necessity. This shift at the ticket window has been matched by an equally striking rise in production budgets. Not long ago, spending ₹100 crore on a single film was considered a daring gamble, attempted only by a handful of visionary filmmakers. Fast forward to the present, and large-scale, star-driven pan-Indian projects



are being planned with budgets approaching ₹500 crore. Lavish sets, international technicians, cutting-edge visual effects, and expansive marketing strategies have become standard, pushing Indian cinema closer to a thousand-crore production mindset.

At the centre of this conversation is Varanasi, one of the most ambitious projects currently in production. Helmed by SS Rajamouli, the film promises

an unprecedented level of world-building and cinematic scale. Featuring Mahesh Babu in the lead, alongside Priyanka Chopra and Prithviraj Sukumaran, the film has already sparked immense curiosity. Reports of its ₹1,300 crore budget sent shockwaves through the industry, highlighting just how far Indian filmmaking has evolved in terms of ambition and investment.

Equally staggering is Nitesh

Tiwari's Ramayana, produced by Namit Malhotra. Planned as a two-part epic, the project leans heavily on advanced visual effects and global storytelling standards. With a reported combined budget of around ₹4,000 crore, it stands as a bold declaration of intent, aiming to reinterpret a timeless myth for contemporary, worldwide audiences. As Indian cinema steps into this era of mega-budgets, the stakes have never been higher. The success or failure of these colossal ventures will likely influence how far the industry dares to dream next. More than numbers, these films represent a turning point—where Indian storytelling aspires not just to dominate domestic screens, but to leave a lasting mark across global cinema.