



Andhra marching towards 'Quantum Yug': Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Amaravati: Union Minister of Agriculture Shivraj Singh Chouhan stated that Andhra Pradesh is marching towards 'Quantum Yug' and expressed hope that Amaravati will emerge as a great capital city in future. He said while Prime Minister Narendra Modi is marching ahead to achieve Viksit Bharat by 2047, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu is taking the initiative to establish a healthy, wealthy and happy Andhra Pradesh to achieve Swarnandhra Pradesh. Addressing 'Good Governance Day' celebrations organised by the state government, he remarked that the PM Modi and Chandrababu Babu combination will make the country number one. "For Andhra Pradesh to become healthy, wealthy, and happy, under the leadership of the esteemed Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji, the central



government will leave no stone unturned. We will walk shoulder to shoulder," he said.

Earlier, the Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu unveiled the statue of Atal Bihari Vajpayee at Venkatapalem in the Amaravati

capital region on the occasion of Good Governance Day, Atal Bihari Vajpayee centenary celebrations. Later, they planted saplings in the Vajpayee Memorial Park. Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister described Vajpayee as a great patriot and Ajata Satru. He stat-

ed that Vajpayee has left such an imprint on India's politics that it will remain etched for centuries. "Atal Ji is our inspiration. When I was studying in Bhopal, I heard Atal Ji for the first time. His words still echo in my ears," he said. He said former Prime Minister Jawaharlal had also recognised the efficiency of Vajpayee and predicted that one day Vajpayee would become Prime Minister.

He said Vajpayee also played a constructive role while in opposition and supported Indira Gandhi to protect the interests of the country. He said Vajpayee demonstrated India's power through the Pokhran atomic tests. Chouhan said that the relationship between Vajpayee and Chandrababu Naidu was not merely political, but it was a partnership of trust, vision, and development. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu described

Shivraj Singh Chouhan as a practical politician who plants saplings daily to protect the environment. He said that the government can develop the Vajpayee memorial park in Amaravati with the sacrifice of capital region farmers.

BJP state president PVN Madhav, Union Ministers Srinivas Varma, Pemmasani Chandrasekhar, Ministers Satyakumar Yadav, P Narayana, and Kandula Durgesh addressed the gathering. Earlier, Union Minister Chouhan met Chandrababu Naidu at the latter's residence. "We had a detailed discussion on key aspects of agriculture and rural development in the state, focusing on policy initiatives, infrastructure enhancement, farmer welfare and sustainable agricultural practices," Chouhan posted on 'X'.

PM Modi slams 'parivarvad', says BJP restored legacy of Ambedkar and Patel

Lucknow: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday claimed that there were attempts to erase the contributions of national icons like Babasaheb Ambedkar and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, after Independence, and it was the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government which prioritised restoration of their enduring legacy and also ensured that they "got their rightful due". Hitting out at the politics of 'parivarvad' and culture of "linking" every good work with a particular family, apparently the Gandhis, the Prime Minister said that the BJP was committed to acknowledging and honouring the contribution of every son of Mother India. The sharp criticism of dynastic politics by PM Modi came after he inaugurated the Rashtriya Prerna Sthal in Lucknow, a landmark national memorial and complex dedicated to celebrating the life and ideals of Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee and Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay.

PM Modi said that after India attained Independence, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's resolve in unifying the nation by bringing together small provinces was praiseworthy, but then there was an attempt to diminish and demean his contributions. "It is the BJP government which gave Sardar Patel the respect he deserved. The BJP government built the tallest statue of Sardar Patel, erected in Ekta Nagar. Now, every year, National Unity Day is celebrated on



31st October," PM Modi said. He further stated that the tribal community remained deprived of the respect that it deserves for decades, and again, it was the BJP, which stood for them and went to build a grand memorial for Lord Birsa Munda. "Recently, the construction of the Shaheed Narayan Singh Tribal Museum was completed in Chhattisgarh. In Uttar Pradesh, the memorial of Maharaja Suheldev was built under the BJP government. It is only now that the meeting place of Nishadraj and Lord Shri Ram has received the honour and respect it deserves," PM Modi pointed out. The Prime Minister said that the politics of 'parivarvad' survives on a unique trait - by removing the contribution of others

and extolling one's own. He went to count upon the efforts undertaken by the BJP governments to restore the legacy of historical figures, including Babasaheb Ambedkar and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. "Today, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's statue is installed at Delhi's Kartavya Path. Andaman, the island where Netaji hoisted the flag, has been named after him," PM Modi mentioned. Slamming the Congress and Samajwadi Party, without taking names, PM Modi said there were attempts to weaken and undermine the contributions of Dr BR Ambedkar, but the BJP ensured that Babasaheb's legacy was not only upheld but also celebrated.

School Bus Overturns Near Shamshabad: Several Students Injured



A school bus carrying 60 students overturned near Shamshabad in the Ranga Reddy district today, causing injuries to several pupils. The children were en route to a field trip at Jalavihar in Hyderabad when the incident occurred. Local residents and police quickly arrived at the scene, assisting in the safe rescue of the students from the overturned vehicle. The injured were promptly transported to a nearby hospital for medical attention. Parents of the students rushed to the hospital upon hearing the news, but relief swept through the community as there were no fatalities reported. The police have initiated an investigation into the cause of the accident and have registered a case. The incident resulted in significant traffic congestion in the area, and authorities are currently working to clear the roads.

CM Naidu misusing institutions to withdraw cases against himself: YSRCP

Hyderabad: Andhra Pradesh's main opposition party, YSR Congress, has accused Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu of misusing institutions to withdraw all the cases against himself. YSRCP General Secretary and former Additional Advocate General Ponnabolu Sudhakar Reddy said the issue would be taken to the highest court. Speaking to the media here on Thursday, he said Chandrababu Naidu has been behaving like a monarch and has breached the bail condition by influencing institutions to close cases against himself. "We will take the issue to the highest judicial body and expose his misdeeds and those officials who resorted to dereliction of duty," he said. Sudhakar Reddy said that Chandrababu Naidu has been manipulating systems as



he is playing multiple roles of the accused, investigator, advocate, and sitting in judgment as well, and closing cases on the ground of mistake of fact, which does not fall in line with democratic principles.

The same police who filed cases against Chandrababu Naidu for various scams have now started giving him a clean chit, taking cover under mistake of fact, which shows how Chandrababu Naidu has been influencing institutions, he said. He pointed out that Chandrababu Naidu was in jail for 53 days in the Skill Development case, and police filed a charge sheet after questioning 150 witnesses and recording statements of 18 officials in the Rs 371-crore scam. Central agencies, too, were involved, and some of the accused had served jail sentences. The case was closed despite the quash petition being pending before the Supreme Court, the YSRCP leader. Sudhakar Reddy said Chandrababu

Naidu was also involved in the Inner Ring Road, Assigned Lands, Liquor, and other cases involving scams running into crores of rupees. He alleged that the Chief Minister was misusing the police to close the cases, thinking that he was not accountable to legal scrutiny. "But we will knock on the doors of the apex court and take the issue to its logical conclusion. The cases were closed by the police on his behest, which is a breach of bail conditions. Chandrababu Naidu has turned some institutions into puppets, but this act will not last long," he said. "A day will come when Chandrababu Naidu and all the officials involved will be brought to book, as we will not give up and will keep exposing his manipulations at every given avenue," he added.

AICC Adivasi Congress Kerala In-charge, Dr. Venkatesh Chowhan, discussed the upcoming struggle for Adivasi rights in Kerala with UDF Convener Shri Adoor Prakash

Hyderabad, December:25, Metrodayam

Dr. Venkatesh Chowhan Mudavath, AICC Adivasi Congress Kerala In-charge, met Adoor Prakash, Convener of the United Democratic Front (UDF), in Kerala today. During this important meeting, in-depth discussions were held on the pressing issues faced by Adivasi and tribal communities in Kerala and across the southern states. Key concerns such as violations of tribal land rights, livelihood challenges of forest-dependent communities, lack of access to quality education and healthcare, ineffective implementation of welfare schemes, and inadequate political representation were highlighted. Dr. Venkatesh Chowhan emphasized the urgent need to strengthen the organizational structure of the Adivasi Congress in Kerala from the grassroots to the state level. He stated that constitutional rights guaranteed to Adivasi communities should not remain confined to paper, but must be ensured on the ground through strong political will and sustained struggle. Responding to these concerns, Shri Adoor Prakash stated clearly, "The issues of the Adivasi community are central to our political movement. There will be no compromise on these matters. Let us work strongly together. You will have the full political support of the UDF in this struggle." He further underlined that the UDF remains firmly committed to social justice, the protection of constitutional values, and the rights of marginalized communities. He noted that Adivasi issues should be addressed not merely as welfare concerns, but as a rights-based movement requiring continuous political action. The meeting also included discussions on leadership opportunities for Adivasi youth, representation in local self-government bodies, issues faced by Adivasi women, and the effective implementation of the Forest Rights Act. Both leaders stressed the need for coordinated efforts, grassroots-level programs, and sustained movements in the coming days to address these issues decisively. Telangana State Congress Union Leader Dr. Rajesh Naik also participated in this meeting. This interaction marks a significant step towards stronger coordination between the Adivasi Congress and the Congress-led UDF, and towards advancing a more determined and organized struggle for the rights, dignity, and justice of Adivasi communities in Kerala.

Christmas & New Year, New You

Taking Charge of Your Physical and Mental Health with regular check ups

As 2026 edges closer, the festive season is the perfect time to pause, take a deep breath, and think about your health. We all know the saying "health is wealth," but it's easy to forget amidst family gatherings, delicious food, and the year-end buzz. Prioritising your mind, body, and soul isn't just a luxury—it's the ultimate gift you can give yourself. For most of us the holidays are a feast for all senses. Christmas Eve often features spicy curry and sweets. Christmas Day brings roasts of every kind, curries, pudding, and trifle, while Boxing Day often includes beach outings, breyani, braais and perhaps a friendly game of cards with drinks. This continues to new year's celebration with indulgence of bunny chows, and samoosas. Overindulgence is part of the fun, of course, but adding a few healthy choices, like fresh salads, alongside these festive favourites can help balance your meals and keep you feeling light and energised.

Holistic Health: The Biopsychosocial Approach

Taking a holistic approach means caring for yourself on three levels: biological, psychological, and social. Here's how to keep all three in check:

Your Body: Biological Health? Your body is the foundation of everything. Regular check-ups with your GP for annual physicals, blood pressure, cho-



lesterol, and vaccinations are simple but powerful steps. If you have diabetes, high blood pressure, or high cholesterol, routine monitoring is crucial. For those with diabetes, checking HbA1c levels regularly ensures your blood sugar is well controlled over time.

Specialists like eye doctors, podiatrists, and dieticians can fine-tune your wellness, while alternative practitioners—Ayurvedic or homeopathic—can complement traditional care.

And don't forget additional check-ups: dental exams, hearing tests, bone density evaluations, and skin screenings. Many of these services are available for free or at low cost through public clinics.

Your Mind: Psychological Health? Mental well-being is just as vital as physical health. The festive season can be joyful but also stressful. Short daily mindfulness practices—journaling, meditation, or

a few quiet minutes with a cup of coffee—can help keep your mind calm. Therapists, counsellors, or psychologists are not only for crises; they are a proactive way to support emotional clarity and resilience.

Your Connections: Social Health? Health thrives in connection. Laughing with friends, walking on the beach with family, or fun activities strengthens social bonds and lifts your mood. Community activities, hobby clubs, or volunteering can give a sense of purpose, while setting boundaries for work and rest protects your energy for the things that matter most.

Small Changes, Big Rewards

You do not need drastic resolutions to feel better. Move more, take a beach walk, stretch at home, or squeeze in a short workout. Eat mindfully, enjoy the feasts, but balance indulgence with fresh salads, vegetables, lean pro-

teins, and plenty of water. Pace yourself with drinks and treats during games or festive gatherings. And do not underestimate sleep, at least 6-8 hours keeps your immune system strong and your mind sharp.

Looking Ahead: New Year's Resolutions

As 2026 begins, make a promise to yourself. Prioritize health, schedule your check-ups early, and set realistic goals. Maybe it's walking 10,000 steps a day, incorporating mindfulness into your routine, or adding more salads and vegetables to balance indulgent meals. If you have diabetes, commit to keeping your HbA1c levels under control through regular monitoring and lifestyle adjustments. Celebrate small victories—they add up faster than you think.

This festive season, give yourself the gift of balance. By looking after your physical, mental, and social health—even while enjoying crab curry on Christmas Eve, pudding on Christmas Day, beach outings, or spirited games of cards, you are setting the stage for a happy, healthy 2026. Because your body and mind are your most valuable assets. Treat them with the care they deserve—schedule in those important checkups. Wishing you and your loved ones a merry Christmas and happy and healthy 2026

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Grand Christmas Celebrations at South Lallaguda Centenary Baptist Church

Hyderabad, Metro

Udayam, December 25:

On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Lord Jesus Christ, Christmas celebrations were held in a grand manner on Thursday at the South Lallaguda Centenary Baptist Church, located in Vijayapuri Colony, Mettuguda. The programme was conducted under the chairmanship of Church Executive Committee President Mr. M. Christopher. Reverends P.J. Prakasham, D. Wilson Paul, and M. Vidyasagar participated in the celebrations and offered special prayers. Students and women who took part in the programme rendered hymns and praises in devotion to Christ. Speaking on the occasion, Church Committee President Mr. Christopher stated that various programmes were organized as part of the Christmas celebrations at the Centenary Baptist Church, which has a history of nearly 100 years. He described Christmas as a symbol of universal brotherhood, love, and peace. He further said that the teachings of Lord Jesus Christ are guiding principles for human life and emphasized



that the values of love and forgiveness should inspire everyone.

Church Committee

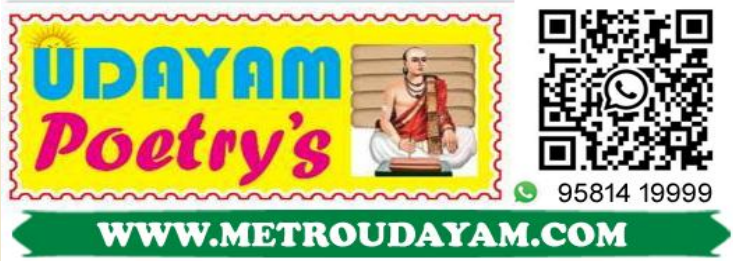
Secretary Varkumar Bojjam, Vice President Bairapaka Praveen, Joint Secretary D. Shyam Sun, Treasurer

Manda Goutham Kumar, committee members, and others were also present at the programme.

AP CM Chandrababu and Dy. CM Pawan Kalyan extend Christmas greetings



Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu has shared his warm Christmas greetings via Twitter, marking the festive occasion that commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ, the messenger of peace. He expressed heartfelt wishes that the celebration would illuminate the lives of all. In his message, Naidu emphasised that the values of love, forgiveness, tolerance, and service exemplified by Christ are increasingly essential in today's society. He reaffirmed his government's support for Christian pastors, highlighting the release of ₹51 crore to provide Rs 5,000 monthly payments to 8,418 pastors over the past year, underscoring the government's commitment to the welfare of the Christian community. Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan also conveyed his Christmas wishes, expressing his hope that the festive spirit would bring new light to the lives of all believers in the Christian faith.



WHY? OLD GOLD!

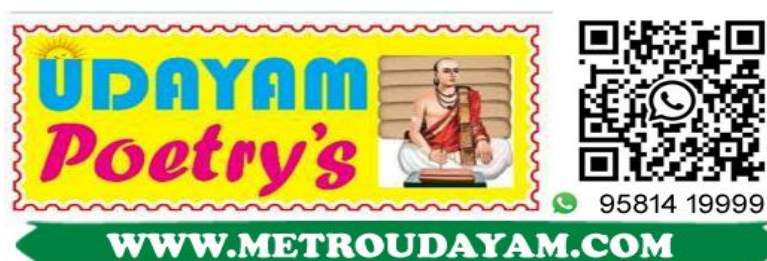
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Sharing others problem!
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A friend in need a friend
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Still here and there, see
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They experienced that taste!
They were there in that period!
Stood now witness for that golden
era!
Really feel much the latest trend!
Human relations become monetary
linked!
Selfishness dominate like anything!

Even family members meet now
and then!
Where there is understanding?
Independent nature separates
combined!
Never strike off the old ones'
golden words!
Since old is always gold!

Composed by:
B. Satyanarayana Rao,
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Reflections on Growth:

Lessons Learned in 2025

2025 was the perfect mix of Creative Pursuits and Deep Reflection about who I am. For 20 years, I have been primarily an educator working with young adults, but 2025 has also been a critical point in time for me to reflect on and put more focus on my other interests as both a published Author and Home Chef. My journey this year has produced my first book, Tapestry of Soulful Stanzas, a Collection of Poetry, and my second effort, the Children's Fiction Story Book, The Adventures of Dabba and Jalebi. As a result of this journey, I have established a strong set of values that I believe in.

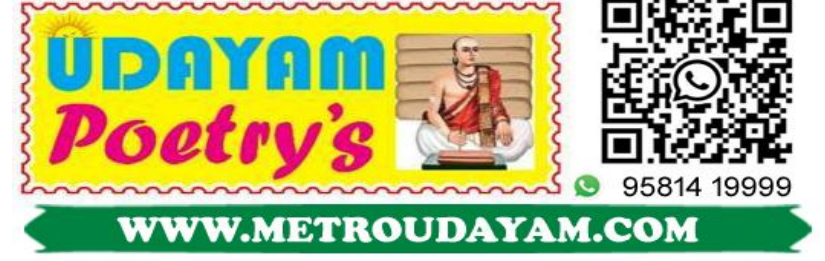
The Anchor of Gratitude and Faith
Over the course of this year, one of my greatest lessons has been the power of gratitude and how it has sustained me. This year has given me a lot of space for creativity in both writing fascinating stories and discovering new joy in cooking. Along with my gratitude for this creative space, I am grateful for my faith in God, Lord Krishna and the lessons He has taught me. His teachings tell us that "selfless action" is the true source of peace, which has also given me such great passion to pursue every opportunity I have in my writing and cooking.

The Imperative of Self-Love
As I have embarked on releasing my first-ever book, I have had to exer-



cise a lot of perseverance throughout this process, due to the demand of being a creative professional. One of the most important lessons I have learned is that one must love themselves. In order to maintain that passion that shines through every piece of work you create, you must take care of yourself. Without making wellness your top priority, you will not have enough energy and capacity to continue pursuing your creative passions and creating new concepts for additional children's fiction. Focused on the Foundation: Health
The demands of balancing a vibrant creative life made me realize the non-negotiable role of health. It is the absolute foundation. This year, focusing on my physical and mental well-being has provided the stamina and mental clarity needed to write, cook, and embrace new projects. Health is the resource that allows my clear mind and creative passion to illuminate every endeavour, making space for heartfelt exploration of devotion, nostalgia, and everyday reflections.

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जुल्म (अत्याचार) दो तरह का होता है, एक पापों के माध्यम से खुद पर जुल्म करना और दूसरा दूसरों पर जुल्म (अत्याचार) करना।... (शकील उवावा -१९९१)

नजात, मुक्ती और मोक्ष जैसी बड़ी बड़ी बातों को न जानकर भी आदमी नजात (मुक्ती) पा सकता है। एक बात हमेशा याद रहे के आदमी जितना निर्मल होगा उतना ही आनंदित रहेगा। और वही आदमी निर्मल हो सकता है जो पापों से अपने आपको बचाकर रखेगा। पापी पाप के माध्यम से अपने खुद पर जुल्म (अत्याचार) करता है। जुल्म (अत्याचार) दो तरह का होता है। एक पापों के माध्यम से खुद पर जुल्म करना और दूसरा दूसरों पर जुल्म (अत्याचार) करना। चाहे कुछ भी हो लेकिन कोई भी जालिम (अत्याचारी) कभी भी नजात (मुक्ती) नहीं पा सकता। वही जुल्म करेगा जिसने अपने आकांक्षाओं की पैरवी किया हो। जो खुद अपने आपको ज्यादा चाहता है वह और किसी को महत्व नहीं देता। वह ईश्वर को भी महत्व नहीं देता। इमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब अलैहिसलाम का फरमान है के, "इंसान की खुद पसंदी उसकी अक्ल के हरीफों (मनुष्य का अपने आपको चाहने का स्वाभिमान उसके बुद्धि के शत्रुओं) में से है।" (अब्बास बुक एजेंसी लखनऊ द्वारा प्रकाशित, हिंदी ग्रन्थ नहजुल बलागह, उपदेश, हदीस क्रमांक 212, पुष्ट क्रमांक 740)।

जो खुद पसंदी से दूर रहेगा वही ईश्वर के द्वारा बनाए गये धर्म नियमों के मुताबिक अपना जीवन बितायेगा। और जो आदमी धर्म निर्देशों के अनुसार जीवन बितायेगा वही धार्मिक है और वही नजात पाने का हकदार (मुक्ती पाने का अधिकारी) होगा। नजात का हकदार वही है जो ईश्वर के प्रति आहोभाव (धन्यवाद) व्यक्त करता है। जो आदमी कुछ पाकर धन्यवाद ना देता हो उससे धर्मिक होने की अपेक्षा करना गलत है। और यह कभी ना भूलना चाहिए के धार्मिकता के प्रदेश में वही कदम रखे तो लाभ है जो सही मायने में इंसान (सच्चे अर्थों में मानव) बन चुका हो।

धार्मिक व्यक्ति अपना जीवन शिकवा और शिकायत करने में नहीं बल्के ईश्वर के प्रति शुक्र करने याने धन्यवाद मानने में गुजारेगा। जो धार्मिक नहीं है वह परमात्मा ने जो जो दिया है उसके प्रती कभी धन्यवाद तो नहीं मानते बल्के जो हमें हमारी अपात्रता के कारण नहीं मिला उसका शि. कवा शिकायत जरूर करते हैं। जिसके दिल में धन्यवाद का भाव नहीं वह कभी धार्मिक नहीं हो सकता। खुदा (ईश्वर) के प्रति धन्यवाद मानने का आसान तरीका यह है के उसके दिए हुए उपहारों को कभी गुनाहों में इस्तेमाल (पापों में उपयोग) न किया जाये।

हमें खुदा (ईश्वर) ने जो जो नेमतें (उपहार) दिया है उन नेमतों से हम गुनाह (पाप) कमाना नहीं चाहिए। हमारे आंख, कान, हाथ पैर, दिल (हृदय) दिमाग (बुद्धी) याने हमारे ज्ञानेंद्रिय, कर्मेन्द्रिय और मन, बुद्धी सब कुछ उसी परमात्मा के दिये हुये उपहार है। इतना ही नहीं बल्के हमारा पूरा जीवन ही खुदा की दी हुई नेमत (उपहार) है। उसका उपयोग हम अच्छे कर्मों के लिए करना चाहिए। लेकिन हम उन्हीं उपहारों के माध्यम से पाप कर्म करते रहते हैं। ऐसा करना ही उन उपहारों का गलत उपयोग करना है। और यही गुनाह (पाप) है जो हमारे लिये दण्ड का माध्यम बनते हैं।

ईश्वर के दिये हुये उपहारों का उपयोग कम से कम मानवता विरोधी और धर्म विरोधी कर्मों के लिए नहीं होना चाहिए। पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) के पहिले उत्तराधिकारी इमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब अलैहिसलाम का फरमान है के, "अल्लाह (ईश्वर) का कम से कम हक (अधिक. र) जो आईद (लागू) होता है वह यह है के उसकी नेमतों (उपहारों) से गुनाहों (पापों) में मदद न लो।" (अब्बास बुक एजेंसी लखनऊ द्वारा प्रकाशित, हिंदी ग्रन्थ नहजुल बलागह, उपदेश, हदीस क्रमांक 330, पुष्ट क्रमांक 777)।

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Dr. Konstantin Shares Christmas and New Year



Message of Wellbeing and Healing

Dr. Konstantin, together with his team at Orassy Clinic, has shared a heartfelt Christmas and New Year message centred on integrative psychology, medicine, and holistic therapeutic approaches to wellbeing.

Emphasising the importance of balance between mind, body, and emotional health, Dr. Konstantin highlighted Orassy Clinic's commitment to supporting individuals through evidence-based integrative care. He noted that wellbeing is best achieved when psychology, medicine, and therapeutic practices work together in harmony.

Joining Dr. Konstantin in extending festive wishes were members of the Orassy Clinic team — Andreia Miguel, Lydia, and Eli Chan — who collectively wished all clients and families a Merry Christmas and a healthy, peaceful, and prosperous New Year.

Looking ahead to 2026, the team announced that the New Year will begin with a wellbeing retreat in Indonesia from 7–16 January, offering participants an opportunity for reflection, healing, and renewal in a serene setting.

In addition, Orassy Clinic revealed that exciting news will be shared in February 2026, with the launch of a new and unique programme designed to further enhance integrative wellbeing and therapeutic care.

Dr. Konstantin and the Orassy Clinic team concluded by expressing gratitude to all clients for their trust and support throughout the year, and reaffirmed their dedication to advancing holistic health and wellbeing in the year ahead

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Chandrababu Naidu Praises Atal Bihari Vajpayee on Birth Anniversary

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu paid tribute to former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on his birth anniversary, highlighting his significant contributions to the nation. During a ceremony in Venkatapalem, Amaravati, Naidu, accompanied by Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, unveiled a statue in honour of Vajpayee, emphasising his legacy of good governance. Naidu remarked that Vajpayee remains a revered figure in the hearts of many, noting that his leadership was instrumental in reshaping India's history. He expressed admiration for the rapport between Vajpayee and the late Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao (NTR), stating that NTR laid the foundation for the anti-Congress movement through the National Front. Reflecting on the past, Naidu recalled his earlier discussions about the importance of the telecommunications sector, which he described as the backbone of the knowledge economy. "The progress we see today in this sector is large-



ly due to Vajpayee's vision," Naidu said. He also praised Vajpayee's leadership during significant events such as India's nuclear tests, asserting that both NTR and Vajpayee had the country's best interests at heart.

In a forward-looking statement, Naidu aligned himself with the current Prime Minister Narendra Modi, assuring his commitment to the welfare of the Telugu people.

Unit of Ram Charan's 'Peddi' wraps up Delhi schedule

Hyderabad: The unit of director Buchi Babu Sana's eagerly awaited rural action drama 'Peddi', featuring Telugu star Ram Charan in the lead, has now wrapped up its Delhi schedule. Ace cinematographer Rathnavelu, who is the cameraman for the film, took to his Instagram page to post pictures from the sets of Delhi. He also dropped an update saying that the unit had wrapped up the Delhi schedule in style! Rathnavelu wrote, "Delhi schedule wrapped in style! Immersive, poetic visuals. Ram Charan bro at his incredible best!" It may be recalled that sources close to the unit had told at the beginning of this schedule that several pivotal sequences were to be canned in Delhi. The entire



talkie portion of the movie is expected to be wrapped up by the end of January next year. Sources have said that all aspects of production were pro-

gressing smoothly, with post-production work moving ahead at a good pace. It may be recalled that the makers had recently brought Sham

Kaushal on board specifically for a fight sequence that sources claim will surely be considered as one of the film's highlights. The crucial and high-intensity fight sequence, featuring Ram Charan alongside fighters, was shot on a massive set erected by production designer Avinash Kolla at the Aluminium Factory in Hyderabad. The film has already been garnering a lot of attention for its first-look posters and glimpse. Produced by Venkata Satish Kilaru under Vriddhi Cinemas, and prestigiously presented by Mythri Movie Makers and Sukumar Writings, 'Peddi' is being mounted on a massive scale with a high budget. The film features Janhvi Kapoor as the female lead. "Director Buchi Babu

Sana, a known perfectionist, is paying meticulous attention to every action segment. Each fight sequence has been crafted with unique concepts and breathtaking execution," a source had said some days ago. 'Peddi', apart from Ramcharan and Janhvi Kapoor, also stars Shiva Rajkumar, Jagapathi Babu and Divyendu Sharma in prominent roles. 'Peddi' is backed by a stellar technical crew with Academy Award winner AR Rahman composing the music, renowned cinematographer R Rathnavelu handling the camera, and National Award-winning editor Navin Nooli taking charge of the editing. The film is slated for a grand pan-India theatrical release on March 27, 2026.

Tickets sale for Chennai leg of Hockey India league begins

New Delhi: Tickets for the forthcoming men's Hockey India League (HIL) 2025-26 in Chennai, starting January 3, went live on Thursday. Hockey India has decided to make tickets free of cost to encourage more fans to attend matches. The Women's HIL begins on December 28 in Ranchi and ends on January 10, while the Men's HIL begins on January 3 in Chennai, moves to Ranchi from January 11, and the final leg is held in the cradle of hockey – Bhubaneswar – from January 17 to January 26. This year's Hockey India League will showcase an impressive roster of eight men's and four women's teams, with both leagues offering fast-



paced, exciting games through their newly revamped formats. The ticket sales for the HIL's Ranchi leg went live on Monday. As in the previous edition, Hockey India's endeavour is to take the sport to every corner of the country and make it more accessible to its passion-

ate fans.

Hockey India League (HIL) governing committee chairperson Dilip Tirkey had said, "We have once again decided to offer free tickets for hockey fans to come and enjoy all the matches across Chennai, Ranchi and Bhubaneswar. While the women's match-

es will be in Ranchi, the men's HIL will be played across three cities. We want to fill the hockey stands with fans who wish to see their favourite stars in action. We will have some of the world's top players this season, and we are eager to witness some fantastic hockey over the span of a month." HIL governing committee member Bhola Nath Singh echoed similar sentiments and said, "Hero HIL will be a month-long celebration of hockey, and we invite the hockey fans to come watch #hockeykajashn. It was our aim to increase the fanbase for our sport across regions, and we look forward to packed stadiums throughout the season."

'The Raja Saab' third song promo unveiled on Christmas



Prabhas' upcoming entertainer The Raja Saab is shaping up to be one of the most awaited theatrical releases of 2025. Slated to hit cinemas on January 9, 2025, the film is arriving as a special Sankranti offering, raising expectations among fans and trade circles alike. Directed by Maruthi, the big-budget project promises a unique blend of horror and comedy, a genre combination that has already sparked considerable curiosity. Adding to the festive buzz, the makers made a special announcement on the eve of Christmas regarding the film's third song, titled Raje Yuvaraje. While the exact release date of the song is yet to be revealed, a vibrant promo was unveiled to mark the holiday, instantly grabbing attention on social media. The promo hints at a lively and celebratory number, further elevating excitement around the film's music album.

The Raja Saab features Nidhi Agerwal, Malavika Mohanan, and Riddhi Kumar as the female leads, marking a strong ensemble alongside Prabhas. The film also boasts an impressive supporting cast, including Sanjay Dutt, Boman Irani, Satya, and others in key roles, adding depth and star power to the narrative. Produced by People Media Factory, the project is mounted on a grand scale with high production values. Music is composed by Thaman, whose soundtrack and background score are expected to play a crucial role in enhancing the film's horror-comedy tone. Designed as a multi-language release, The Raja Saab aims to appeal to audiences across regions. With promotions steadily picking up pace and new updates keeping fans engaged, The Raja Saab is firmly positioned as a major Sankranti crowd-puller.

Vennela Kishore's first look from 'Jetlee' looks interesting

The makers of director Ritesh Rana's upcoming action-comedy Jetlee, starring Satya in the lead role, have unveiled the first look of popular actor Vennela Kishore, sparking excitement among fans and film enthusiasts. The reveal was made on Thursday, adding fresh buzz to the much-anticipated project. Production house Mythri Movie Makers took to social media platform X to share the poster, accompanied by a witty caption celebrating Vennela Kishore's unmistakable screen presence. The poster features the actor holding a book while gazing out of an aircraft window, hinting at the film's aviation backdrop and quirky narrative tone. Jetlee has already drawn considerable attention as it marks the reunion of Satya and Ritesh Rana, who previously delivered the cult hit Mathu Vadalara. A few days ago, the first look of Satya created a strong buzz, showing him seated atop a roaring aircraft with the bold tagline, "I am done with comedy." The line, however, only heightened curiosity and laughter, as audiences expect trademark humour from a Ritesh Rana film. Produced by Clap Entertainment's Chiranjeevi (Cherry) and Hemalatha Peddamallu, Jetlee is presented by Mythri Movie Makers, a collaboration that has further raised expectations.



Industry sources describe the film as a high-energy action comedy packed with thrills, twists, and humour, where danger and laughter coexist. Miss Universe India Rhea Singha makes her Telugu cinema debut as the female lead opposite Satya, while Vennela Kishore and Ajay play

key roles. The technical crew from Mathu Vadalara returns, with Kaala Bhairava composing the music, Suresh Sarangam handling cinematography, Karthika Srinivas as editor, and Narni Srinivas as production designer.