



President Murmu to visit Goa, Karnataka today

New Delhi: President Droupadi Murmu will make a four-day visit to Goa, Karnataka and Jharkhand from December 27 to 30, an official said on Friday. She will leave for Goa in the evening of December 27. On Sunday, the President will take a sea sortie in a submarine from Karwar Harbour, Karnataka. The following day, December 29, the President will grace the centenary celebrations of Ol Chiki at Jamshedpur, Jharkhand. On the same day, she will also address the 15th convocation ceremony of NIT, Jamshedpur. On December 30, the President will address an Antarrajyiy Jansanskritik Samagam



Samaroh - Kartik Jatra at Gumla, Jharkhand, said an official statement. Earlier in the day, the President presented the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar to 20 children from 18 states and

union territories, recognising their exceptional achievements and contributions in various fields, including art, culture, sports and innovation. Addressing the gathering, President Murmu extended her

blessings to the awardees and congratulated their families. "I extend my blessings to all the children. These young achievers have brought pride to their families and communities. I also congratulate their parents and family members for their support," she said. Speaking about the significance of the day, the President said Veer Bal Diwas is observed every year on December 26 to honour the courage and sacrifice of the Sahibzades, the sons of Sikhism's tenth Guru, Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji. "Do you know why we celebrate Veer Bal Diwas? There is a long and inspiring history behind it," she said, while also commend-

ing Union Minister for Women and Child Development Annapurna Devi and her team for organising the award ceremony for such talented children. Recalling the historical significance, President Murmu said that around 320 years ago, Guru Gobind Singh and his four sons made supreme sacrifices for righteousness and faith. "On this day, we especially remember his two younger sons, Sahibzada Zorawar Singh and Sahibzada Fateh Singh. Their courage continues to inspire generations, and their names are remembered with great respect in India and across the world," she said.

YS Jagan pays tribute to Vangaveeti Mohana Ranga on



On the death anniversary, Vangaveeti Mohana Ranga, a prominent Kapu leader and former MLA, has been remembered for his dedication to the welfare of the impoverished. YSRCP chief and former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy paid homage to Ranga via social media. "Vangaveeti Mohana Ranga was a great leader who considered the problems of the poor as his own and stood as their voice. Tributes to him on his death anniversary today," he expressed in a post on X. Born on July 4, 1947, in Katur village, Uyyuru mandal, Krishna district, Vangaveeti Mohana Ranga was a staunch advocate for the Kapu community and the struggles of the destitute. His commitment to social justice led to his election as MLA for the Vijayawada East constituency in 1985, representing the Congress party.

New Assembly Secretary Tirupati Meets Legislative Council Chairman

Sri R. Tirupati, who recently assumed the role of the new Assembly Secretary, paid a courtesy visit to the Honourable Chairman of the Telangana Legislative Council, Sri Gutta Sukhender Reddy, at his chamber. Accompanied by Dr. Narasimha Charyulu, Secretary of the Legislative Council, Sri Tirupati extended his greetings to the Chairman, engaging in discussions regarding legislative administration and related matters.

Book Release of "Telangana Tribal Kshetralu - Jathara" at the 34th Hyderabad Book Fair
Hyderabad: On the occasion of the 34th Hyderabad Book Fair, the book "Telangana Tribal Kshetralu - Jathara" was ceremoniously released by Sri Sedam Arju Master at the Kompalli Venkat Goud Stage. The event was held from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The meeting was presided over by Sri Vedakumar Manikonda, Editor of Deccan Land Monthly Magazine. While presiding



over the function, Sri Vedakumar Manikonda highlighted the significance of Telangana's tribal sacred sites with illustrative examples and elaborated on the research excellence of the author Dr. Dhyavanapalli Satyanarayana, emphasizing the importance and relevance of the themes discussed in the book. Author Dr. Dhyavanapalli Satyanarayana, in his address, stated that the Nagoba Jathara is one of the most renowned tribal festivals, where a confluence of several tribal traditions can be witnessed.

Dr. Apka Nageswara Rao, Assistant Professor, Nizam College, compared the Nagoba Jathara with the Sammakka-Saralamma Jathara, stating that such festivals clearly reflect the culture, traditions, and lifestyle of tribal communities. He appreciated Dr. Satyanarayana for his meticulous approach and in-depth research in writing the book. Former Registrar of Telugu University, Sri Battu Ramesh, spoke about the lifestyle and social customs of tribal communities. Chief Guest Sri Sedam Arju praised Dr. Dhyavanapalli

Satyanarayana for conducting extensive field studies by visiting tribal regions of Telangana and comprehensively documenting the life and traditions of Gond and other Adivasi tribes. He stated that the book vividly explains the uniqueness of tribal festivals, along with concepts of Dharma, Artha, Kama, and Moksha, the significance of land, and the importance of nature. He also highlighted the valuable documentation of Gond tribal courts, lineage traditions, and detailed references to Nagoba and Dantanpalli Bhimanna. Special Guest Professor Harinath remarked that the publication of books on Adivasi and tribal cultures is highly commendable and essential. The programme was attended by Balachari, Secretary, Telangana Sahitya Academy, along with Sarath Babu, Prabhakar, Rapolu Sudarshan, Jugash Willy, Vijay Kumar, Vinayak Reddy, Sumida, Dr. Rani Prasad, and several others.

Actor Raj Kumar attends Christmas celebrations at Bezwada Bar Assn

Vijayawada: Christmas celebrations were held in a grand manner at the Bezwada Bar Association. Noted film actor Raj Kumar was the chief guest and extended warm Christmas greetings to all members of the Bar Association. Speaking on the occasion, Raj Kumar recalled that his very first film Amma Rajinama was shot in Vijayawada. He shared that he has acted as a hero in 27 films and in a total of 74 films, apart from performing in popular television mega serials. He said he felt fortunate to visit Vijayawada unexpectedly and celebrate Christmas in the presence of the prestigious Bezwada Bar Association members. TDP State spokesperson and senior advocate Gottipati Ramakrishna Prasad and Bezwada Bar Association president AK Basha also spoke on the occasion. Several dignitaries attended the celebra-



tions, including Anantapur advocate and former vice-president Adi, Nandigama Bar Executive Committee member Azad, Corporation Floor Leader N. Bala Swamy, general secretary KV Rangarao, executive committee member Rajyalakshmi Pendum, senior advocate Sheikh Aneef, John Victor, and several senior and junior advocates.

Temperatures drop across AP, Telangana creating hardships to people

Cold weather is intensifying across the Telugu states, with a noticeable increase in low temperatures and dense fog. For the past two weeks, nighttime temperatures have plummeted, particularly in the agency areas, causing considerable hardship for residents venturing outdoors, especially in the early morning and evening. Reports indicate that the chilly conditions are affecting people, from infants to the elderly, with many experiencing coughs, colds, and fevers. Even regular morning walkers are opting to stay indoors due to the freezing temperatures. Small vendors and vegetable sellers are also reluctant to set up shop in the mornings, resulting in deserted streets and minimal foot traffic. In Andhra Pradesh's agency



areas, the cold is particularly severe, with dense fog discouraging residents from leaving their homes until after 10 AM. Even then, many are returning home by 5 PM to avoid the biting cold. While the weather is keeping locals indoors, it has attracted an influx of tourists to the picturesque agency landscapes.

Government Lands are in the hands of land grabbers

- Bogus land pattas are mushrooming
- Despite numerous complaints, no action is taken
- Brokers' racket in government lands
- Even after coming under GHMC limits, the land grabbing spread continues in Medipally mandal
- The way some public representatives and land grabbers are colluding and looting crores of rupees
- Lack of supervision by higher officials
- Revenue officials acting arbitrarily
- Demolitions carried out as a mere formality... followed by reconstruction
- Land grabbers running rampant with the support of Boduppal and Peerzadiguda RI (Revenue Inspector)s
- Locals appeal to higher authorities to remove the encroachments and allocate government land for public benefit

Medipally, December 26
(Metro udayam)

While the Telangana state government has established an



autonomous body called HYDRAA to protect government lands, lakes, ponds, and canals that were encroached upon during the previous government's tenure, the situation is quite different in Medipally mandal of Medchal-Malkajgiri district, which is just a stone's throw away from Hyderabad. Here, government lands are left unprotected. Some land grabbers, with the connivance of revenue officials, are arbitrarily running a real estate racket on government lands. They are targeting innocent daily wage earners, creating bogus land pattas, and swindling them out of lakhs of rupees. Poor and innocent people are being deceived by trusting such fraudsters. Going into the full details:

Land grabbers running rampant under the watchful eyes of revenue officials

In Medchal-Malkajgiri district, in the Peerzadiguda circle under

GHMC limits in Medipally mandal, government lands in Survey Numbers 103 and 62/1, and in Survey Number 63 in Boduppal circle, appear to be on the verge of disappearing. They are seizing vacant government land and making crores of rupees.

There are numerous allegations that some public representatives and land grabbers, targeting innocent and poor people, are creating bogus land Pattas and, with the support of Revenue officials, are looting crores of rupees.

Rapid construction of houses on holidays

If the poor people were genuine patta holders and the pattas were issued by the government itself, they could build houses confidently without any fear. But since these are bogus pattas, they are rapidly undertaking house constructions and applying whitewash during holidays and at night. Threats from land grabbers and public representa-



tives have become commonplace whenever anyone questions them, files complaints, or writes articles in newspapers.

Revenue officials carrying out demolition drives as a mere formality

Revenue officials, who should be acting strictly on complaints about illegal constructions on government lands, are acting indifferently, giving rise to much criticism. Despite numerous complaints about illegal constructions being carried out during holidays, they are being ignored at the MRO (Mandal Revenue Officer) office. Even after news Articles appear in newspapers, revenue officials, having no other option, merely remove a couple of bricks and pretend to carry out demolitions, a charade that is drawing public criticism.

Lack of supervision from higher authorities... Revenue officials

acting arbitrarily

Due to the lack of protection for government lands and the absence of supervision from higher authorities, the local Mandal Revenue Officers are acting arbitrarily. Despite illegal encroachers freely seizing land, no action is being taken against them, leading locals to express various suspicions. Even though it is known that conducting a survey of vacant government lands and establishing boundaries would stop the encroachments, the failure to conduct surveys and provide protection has benefited the encroachers. Locals are now urging higher government officials to conduct surveys of government lands in Survey Number 63 in Boduppal and Survey Numbers 103 and 62/1 in Peerzadiguda, demolish the houses built with bogus land pattas, and utilize the land for public benefit.

Ganga sellers arrested



Medipally, December 26 (Metro udayam)

An incident of arresting four people selling ganja took place within the limits of Medipally police station limits. According to the police, in an operation conducted by the Eagle Force and RNPS teams along with the Medipally police on Thursday, Gundla Prithviraj, T. Rahul, Mohammed Akram and Abdul Shafi were arrested and 3 kg of ganja and 4 cell phones were seized. Prithviraj (27) from Chengicherla brought ganja from Odisha to earn easy money and started selling it in Hyderabad. After being caught by the police in the past and sent to jail and released, he started the racket again with three people along with Jaswanth from Odisha. Abdul Shafi went to Vijayanagaram and collected 5 kg of ganja from Jaswanth from Odisha and handed it over to Akram. Akram sold some quantity of ganja on the 18th of this month and was caught by the police while selling the remaining 3 kg on Thursday.

The Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee Meeting Held in Kerala

Hyderabad, December:26,
Metroudayam

Today in Kerala, an important organisational meeting was held with the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) Organising General Secretary, Shri Sanal Ji, and KPCC Administration Officer, Shri Hari Ji, to discuss in detail the present situation and future Roadmap of the Adivasi Congress in Kerala.

During the meeting, an in-depth and constructive discussion was held on the current organisational condition of the Adivasi Congress in Kerala, with special emphasis on Wayanad and other tribal-dominated regions, where Adivasi communities continue to face long-standing social, economic, and political challenges. Key issues such as land alienation, denial of forest rights, livelihood insecurity, unemployment among Adivasi youth, lack of access to quality education and healthcare, and continued political marginalisation were discussed at length. It was observed that despite Kerala's progressive image, Adivasis, particularly in Wayanad, continue to struggle for the protection of their constitutional rights and dignity. The leadership stressed the need to place Adivasi rights and justice at the core of the Congress Party's political and organisational agenda in Kerala.

The meeting unanimously agreed on, the urgent necessity of strengthening the Adivasi Congress at the grassroots level by building a cadre-based organisational structure, ensuring active participation of Adivasi youth and women, and nurturing committed local leadership emerging from within the community. In this context, it was decided that in the coming period, the Adivasi Congress will organise cadre training programmes,



leadership development initiatives, and structured organisational training camps, aimed at strengthening ideological clarity, organisational discipline, and leadership capacity among party workers across Kerala. Serious concern was expressed over the systematic attempts by the BJP and its affiliated organisations to mislead and exploit Adivasi communities, particularly through bodies operating under the banner of Vanavasi Kalyan Parishad. It was strongly stated that such forces are using Adivasis merely as political instruments while failing to address core issues such as land rights, forest rights, and social justice.

In contrast, the Congress Party reaffirmed its firm and uncompromising commitment to Adivasi justice, constitutional values, and democratic struggle, and resolved to intensify its political fight to protect Adivasi rights and dignity, both in Kerala and across the country. The discussions were held in a spirit of seriousness and mutual understanding with Shri Sanal Ji and Shri Hari Ji, and there was a shared consensus that decisive organisational measures are required immediately to revitalise and restructure the Adivasi Congress in Kerala.

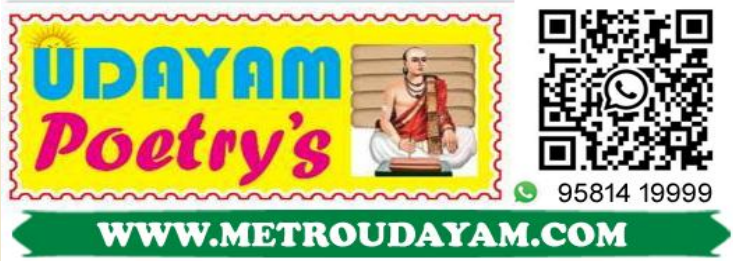


The meeting was also attended by Senior Congress leader Dr. Rajesh Naik Dharavath, who shared his views and emphasised the importance of strengthening the Adivasi movement within the Congress Party through sustained grassroots engagement and organisational discipline.

It was further reiterated that under the leadership of Vikram Buria, National Chairman, Adivasi Congress, and K. Raju, SC, ST, BC & Minority Coordinator and Jharkhand In-charge, the Adivasi Congress will move forward with renewed strength and clarity.

The meeting reaffirmed its collective resolve to work under the visionary leadership of Rahul Gandhi, with the determination to defend the Constitution, uphold social justice, and move forward towards forming a Congress-led government at the Centre, thereby taking decisive steps in the direction of making Shri Rahul Gandhi the Prime Minister of India.

This meeting is regarded as a significant milestone in the reorganisation and strengthening of the Adivasi Congress in Kerala, and a crucial step in advancing the broader movement for Adivasi rights and social justice led by the Indian National Congress.



जिसके आमाल (कर्म, आवरण) बुरे हो उसे मौत भी डराती है। लेकिन जिसके कर्म अच्छे हो और जो सच्चा हो वह मौत से कभी डरता या घबराता नहीं है।... (शकील उवाचा -१७९२)

जो इंसानियत (मानवता) को कदमों तले रौंद कर मजहबी (धार्मिक) बने बैठे हैं ऐसे लोग अपने आपको श्रेष्ठ और दूसरों को निकृष्ट समझते हैं, जबकि ईश्वर की सृष्टि में जन्म के एतबार से सब समान है। और किसीकी श्रेष्ठता या निष्कृष्टता तय होती है तो केवल हमारे द्वारा किये जाने वाले अच्छे बुरे कर्मों से ही निर्धारित की जाती है। और यह भी बात सच है कि जिसके आमाल (कर्म) बुरे हो उसे मौत भी डराती है। लेकिन जिसके कर्म अच्छे हो और जो सच्चा हो वह मौत से कभी डरता या घबराता नहीं है।



पवित्र कुरआन में आया है कि, "ऐ पैगम्बर साहब (स्व.)! तुम कह दो कि, तुम्हें यह गुमान (खयाल) है कि सारे मनुष्यों को छोड़कर तुम ही अल्लाह (ईश्वर) के प्रेमपात्र हो और लोग नहीं। तो अगर तुम (अपने दावे में) सच्चे हो तो मौत की तमन्ना (मृत्यु की कामना) करो।" (पवित्र कुरआन, अध्याय क्रमांक 62, सुराह अल जुमआ, आयत क्रमांक 06)। याने जो व्यक्ति खुदा का प्यारा (परमात्मा का प्रिय) हो वही मृत्यु से नहीं डरता। और खुदा का प्यारा वही होगा जो केवल उसी ईश्वर के इच्छा के अनुसार अपना जीवन बिताता होगा।

लेकिन जो गुनाहों (पापों) से अपना जीवन मलिन कर चुके हैं। विशेषकर दूसरों पर अत्याचार कर चुके जालिम (अत्याचारी) लोग हैं वह कभी मरना नहीं चाहते। पवित्र कुरआन में आया है कि, "और ये लोग उन आमाल के सबब (उन कर्मों के कारण) जो पहिले कर चुके हैं कभी उस (मृत्यु) की आरजू (कामना) न करेंगे। और खुदा जालिमों (ईश्वर अत्याचारियों) को जानता है।" (पवित्र कुरआन, अध्याय क्रमांक 62, सुराह अल जुमआ, आयत क्रमांक 07)

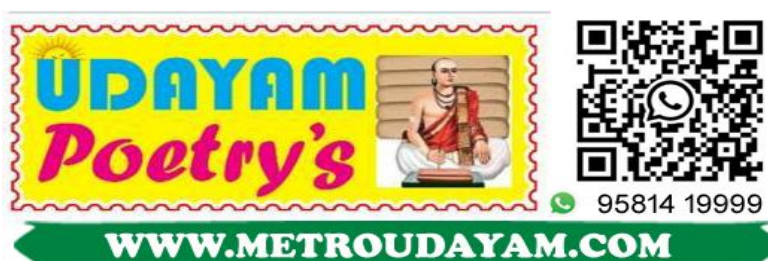
नजात (मुक्ति) याने मृत्यु नहीं है, क्योंकि हर पैदा होने वाला मरेगा, अगर मरना नजात (मोक्ष) है तो फिर सभी मरने वाले नजात (मोक्ष) पाएंगे। इसलिए मरना नजात नहीं है। नजात (मोक्ष) यह है की मौत जिन चीजों को नहीं छीन सकती उनसे अपने आप को जोड़ लेना है। मौत भौतिक जगत को छीन लेगी हमें भौतिक जगत के पार होना है। मौत आत्मा को नहीं मार सकती हमें आत्मिक होना है। मौत शरीर को आनी है, हमें शरीर के पार होना है।

जिस दिन मैं अपने वासनाओं से छूट जाऊंगा वह दिन मेरे लिए मुक्ति का पहला कदम होगा। मुक्ति के सीढ़ी पर वही कदम रख सकेगा जो अपनी गलत इच्छा आकांक्षाओं का त्याग करेगा। नजात के सफर ही मिटनेवाली दुनिया से अपना नाता (संबंध) तोड़कर याने मोह त्यागकर और न मिटने वाली दुनिया से अपना नाता जोड़ने से शुरू होता है। भौतिक जग के प्रेम में जो अंधा होता है वह कभी अभौतिक जग में प्रवेश कर नहीं सकता।

बका (हमेशा की) ज़िंदगी जिस किसी के खयाल में रहेगी वही नजात (मोक्ष) की राह पर चल सकता है। जिस की नज़र में परलोक की वास्तविकता स्पष्ट हो वही मोक्षदायक कर्मों की ओर ध्यान केंद्रित कर पायेगा। फिर हमारे द्वारा किये जाने वाले सभी कर्म केवल इस भौतिक दुनिया में ही लाभ पहुंचाने वाले न रहकर इस दुनिया के साथ साथ आखेरत (परलोक) में भी लाभ पहुंचाने वाले भी रहेंगे। नजात का मतलब ही इस दुनिया में रहकर इस दुनिया के साथ साथ परलोक के लाभ के लिये शुभ कर्म करते रहना है।

बका यानी मुक्ति और मोक्ष के लिये भौतिकता से छूटकर अभौतिकता से जुड़ना जरूरी है। पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) के पहिले उत्तराधिकारी ईमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब अलैहिस्सलाम कहते हैं कि, "मौत जिन चीजों को तुमको छीन लेती है जीते जी तुम उन चीजों को छोड़ दो और मौत आपसे जिन चीजों को तुमसे नहीं छीन सकती तुम उन चीजों से अपने ताल्लुक (संबंध) मजबूत कर लो।" यह वास्तव कितनी खूबसूरत बात है, कितनी सरल और कितनी अच्छी व्याख्या है।

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



WHAT IS THE TRUTH?

No doubt there is truth!
It can not be hidden by
any one!
That too relating to religeon
custom!
Different arguments roaming!
On Mahaprasadam of Tirumala
(Laddu)

Rumour generally catches
more!
Even the fire can not com-
pete!
Many rulers have come
and gone!
Never happened to hear
this doubt!
Who did? For what? is the
question!



However the matter
reached the
court door!
Hon.judges questioned whether
Laddu is examined and found
adulterated!
No doubt good question!
Is confirmed report is there?
another doubt the bench expressed!

Though I am not an expert in law!
For my small brain a doubt arise!
"In previous, and recently, some
ghee tankers are returned without
taking delivery" some reliable information
is there!

Now better intially, to find out why those
tankers returned!
Reason for not taking delivery of ghee!
Who examined what was found!

This is my personal opinion,in due course,
The trial court may touch this point also for discus-
sion.
Let us hope the issue comes to end within
a shot time since linked with religious belief!

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

National Shooting C'ship: Suraj Sharma sweeps senior and junior 25m rapid fire pistol titles

New Delhi: Madhya Pradesh's Suraj Sharma delivered a golden double, sweeping both the Senior and Junior men's national titles in the 25m Rapid Fire Pistol (RFP) with two composed and authoritative performances in the 68th National Shooting Championship Competitions at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range in New Delhi on Friday. Suraj first stamped his authority in the junior final, closing with 30 hits to secure the gold medal, before returning later to control the senior final and add a second title with 31 hits. Suraj began the senior final in dominant fashion, hitting 19 of his first 20 targets, and went on to close the contest with 31 hits, finishing three clear of defending champion Vijayveer Sidhu of Punjab, who settled for the silver medal with 28 hits. Rajasthan's Bhavesh Shekhawat rounded off the podium, claiming bronze with a total of 24 hits. Ankur Goel finished fourth with 14 hits after being involved in three successive shoot-offs against Andhra Pradesh's Mukesh Nelavalli, who ultimately placed fifth with 12 hits. Haryana's Adarsh Singh



concluded the final in sixth position with five hits. Earlier in the qualification round, Ankur Goel topped the standings with a strong score of 582-20x. He was followed

closely by Vijayveer Sidhu, who shot 580-18x, while Adarsh Singh finished third with 579-22x.

Mukesh Nelavalli placed fourth on 579-17x, ahead of eventual gold medallist Suraj Sharma, who qualified fifth with 579-12x. Bhavesh Shekhawat completed the top six with 577-22x. Earlier in the RFP junior men's final, Suraj Sharma produced another composed display to win the gold medal with 30 hits. Mukesh Nelavalli secured the silver medal, finishing with 25 hits. Haryana's Jatin settled for the bronze medal with 22 hits after a shoot-off, having earlier shot 575-13x in qualification. Sameer finished fourth with 17 hits (571-18x), followed by Bhavya Sharma in fifth with eight hits (570-16x) and Abhinav Choudhary in sixth with six hits (569-15x).

In the senior team category, Punjab claimed the gold medal with an aggregate score of 1725, led by Vijayveer Sidhu, Udhayveer Sidhu, and Rajkanwar Singh Sandhu. Haryana secured the silver medal with 1722 through the com-

BJP steps up organisational push in Assam ahead of 2026 polls with Nitin Nabin's visit



Guwahati: As Assam heads towards the Assembly elections scheduled in 2026, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has stepped up its organisational preparations with the visit of the party's National Working President, Nitin Nabin, who on Friday participated in key party meetings in Guwahati to energise the cadre and strengthen grassroots outreach.

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma welcomed Nabin at the Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport and said the senior BJP leader would take part in the BJP Assam State Executive Meeting and the State Core Committee meeting.

Chief Minister Sarma said the visit was aimed at motivating party workers and sharpening the organisation's focus ahead of the crucial electoral battle.

Addressing the BJP Assam State Executive Meeting, Nitin Nabin praised the commitment and energy of the party's cadre, describing them as the driving force behind the BJP's growth in the state.

He urged party workers to intensify engagement at the booth level and deepen their connect with the people.

Nabin emphasised that the BJP's success in Assam depends on effectively communicating the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the achievements of the NDA government to every household.

He called upon party workers to take the BJP's development agenda and welfare initiatives to the grassroots, ensuring that voters remain aligned with the party's narrative of governance and growth.

Chief Minister Sarma, who also addressed the State Executive Meeting, said party workers renewed their collective resolve to strengthen their bond with the people of Assam and fulfil their aspirations under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi.

He said the BJP's focus continues to be on responsive governance, development and organisational discipline.

Party leaders said the meetings reviewed organisational preparedness, electoral strategies and outreach programmes in view of the 2026 Assembly elections.

Emphasis was laid on booth-level strengthening, coordination among various party wings and effective communication of government initiatives.

Nitin Nabin's Assam tour is being seen as part of the BJP's broader strategy to consolidate its organisational base well ahead of the elections. With Assam emerging as a key political battleground in the Northeast, the party is keen to ensure early mobilisation of cadres and a strong connect with voters.

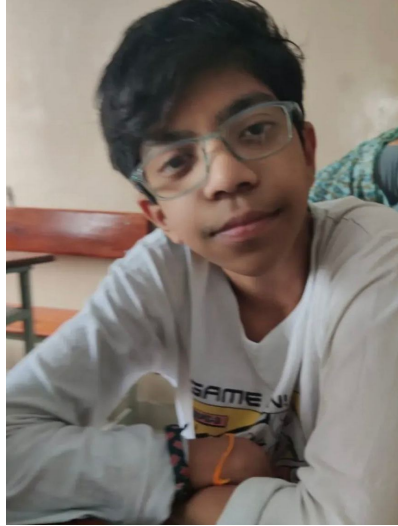
bined efforts of Adarsh Singh, Mandeep Singh, and Sameer, while the Navy claimed bronze with 1711, courtesy of Pradeep Singh Shekhawat, Rajat Kumar Yadav, and Omkar Singh. In the junior team category, Haryana topped the standings to win gold with an aggregate of 1705, fielding Jatin, Sameer, and Nishant Rathee. Madhya Pradesh finished second to take silver with 1689, anchored by Suraj Sharma, Sahil Choudhary, and Hariom, while the Navy completed the podium with the bronze medal on 1667 through Bhavya Sharma, Vansh Pratap, and Bhanupratap Singh Shekhawat. The action continues on Friday, December 27, 2025, at the MP State Shooting Academy in Bhopal, where the 50m Rifle 3 Positions Women finals are scheduled to take place. The first final of the day is set to begin at 9:00 AM.

Intermediate student dies of cardiac Arrest while writing an exam at Sri Chaitanya College in Bagh Amberpet

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A student collapsed and died of a heart attack while writing a slip test at the college. KVS Pranav Ram (17), son of Srinivas from Ramnagar, was studying in the second year of Intermediate at Sri Chaitanya College in Bagh Amberpet. On the morning of December 26th, at around 8:30 AM, Pranav Ram was writing a slip test at the college. At that time, he unexpectedly suffered a heart attack and collapsed on the spot. Students and teachers immediately shifted him to a nearby private hospital, where doctors declared that he had already died due to the heart attack. It is learned that Pranav Ram had undergone treatment for a heart condition in his childhood. He was reportedly suffering from a heart-related illness.

BRS leader Nagesh Mudiraj expressed his anger, stating that these private educational institu-



tions are not only extorting exorbitant fees but also imposing an additional burden on students in the name of private exams even on holidays, subjecting them to severe mental stress for the sake of merit-based education. He said it is regrettable that such a situation has arisen in a state where the Chief Minister himself holds the education portfolio. He alleged that even though the management was informed that Pranav Ram had a pre-existing heart problem, they



ignored it and made him climb and descend four floors, causing him to suddenly collapse. The father, who had dropped his son off at the college for an exam, was devastated when he received news of his son's death from the college even before he reached home. The parents and senior leader Nagesh Mudiraj stated that the student died due to the college conducting exams secretly on a holiday, and forcing him to climb and descend four floors on foot despite knowing he had a



heart problem, instead of allowing him to use the lift. BRS leader Nagesh Mudiraj demanded that appropriate action be taken against the management of Sri Chaitanya College for the student's death due to their negligence. Nagesh Mudiraj visited the parents at their residence in Ramnagar to offer his condolences.

Thalapathy Vijay welcomed with Silat performance in Malaysia ahead of 'Jana Nayagan' audio launch

Mumbai: Thalapathy Vijay arrived in Malaysia to attend the audio launch of his next "Jana Nayagan". He was accompanied by his mother and the music director of the drama, Anirudh Ravichander.

As he arrived in Malaysia, Vijay was given a warm and grand welcome, with a Silat performance, Malaysia's national martial art, as a tribute to his presence and global popularity.

The traditional performance, which included music and some powerful moves, reflected Vijay's strong bond with his admirers across countries.

Vijay, his mother, and Anirudh also received a warm welcome at the Kuala Lumpur airport. They were greeted by cultural dancers in beautiful



multi-colored dresses performing folk dances. Vijay and Anirudh also greeted the dancers with smiles and their palms pressed together in a namaste.

For the unaware, "Jana Nayagan" will be Vijay's last release before he becomes a full-time politician with his party, Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam.

The audio launch of this

highly discussed drama is slated to take place on December 27 at the Bukit Jalil Stadium, which enjoys a capacity of 85,000 people.

The event has been divided into two parts - "Thalapathy Thiruvizha", a tribute concert featuring 30 singers, and the actual audio launch, which will feature speeches from Vijay, director H Vinoth,

along with the entire cast and crew of "Jana Nayagan".

Directed by H. Vinoth, the project enjoys a promising ensemble cast including Bobby Deol, Pooja Hegde, Mamitha Baiju, Prakash Raj, Gautham Vasudev Menon, Priyamani, and Narain in significant roles, along with others.

The technical crew of the drama further includes Sathyan Sooryan as the cinematographer, and Pradeep E. Ragav as the editor.

Backed by KVN Productions under producer Venkat K. Narayana, "Jana Nayagan" is slated to get a worldwide theatrical release on January 9, 2026, coinciding with the Pongal weekend.

'Dhandoraa' success meet highlights strong word of mouth and growing audience response

The success meet of Dhandoraa was held in the presence of the film's cast, crew, producers, and media, celebrating the strong early response the film has received since its theatrical release on December 25. The event reflected the steady buzz around the film, driven by positive reviews, high ratings, and encouraging word of mouth. Actor Kamal stated that Dhandoraa is currently among the highest-rated films of the week and confidently described it as a genuine blockbuster in the making. HanuMan producer and distributor K. Niranjan Reddy praised director Muralikanth

for choosing a bold subject and noted that every character, even the smallest, left a strong impact. He lauded the performances of Sivaji and Bindu Madhavi for breaking stereotypes. Producers, including Benny, thanked the media for supporting the film and emphasized the importance of reviews and audience recommendations in taking small films to a wider audience. Several actors shared personal experiences of audience reactions. Ravi Krishna spoke about the strong response during theatre visits, while Rajasekhar revealed that viewers strongly reacted to his character,

proving the film's emotional reach. Bindu Madhavi described the film as her theatrical homecoming after a decade and said the release felt deeply personal. Director Muralikanth called Dhandoraa his life's work of over three years and expressed gratitude for the overwhelming reviews, recalling a standing ovation during a theatre visit. Concluding the event, Sivaji thanked audiences and the media, quoting director Neelakanta's words that films like Dhandoraa come once in a decade, and expressed confidence that the film will be discussed well into 2026.

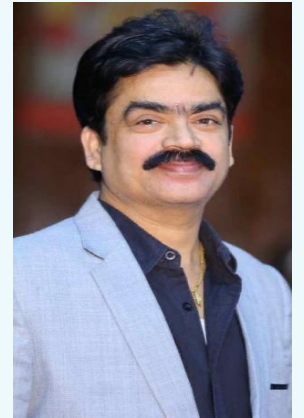
Rising Gold and Silver Prices Leading to Increase in Crimes: Dr. Jitender Rao Tanugula

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Senior journalist, President of the Telangana Youth Journalists Federation (TYJF), and representative of The South India Times, Dr. Jitender Rao Tanugula, has warned that the continuous rise in gold and silver prices is adding to economic pressure in society and indirectly contributing to an increase in crime rates. Speaking to the media, Dr. Tanugula stated that rising inflation, unemployment, and growing economic inequality are pushing vulnerable sections of society toward criminal activities. He explained that the lack of access to basic necessities and limited employment opportunities are creating frustration, particularly among the youth, which is resulting in an increase in thefts, cybercrimes, and other illegal activities.

He noted that the rise in crimes—from petty offenses to organized crime—clearly indicates a weakening of social stability. Delays in the judicial system, lack of moral education, and the absence of strong social support mechanisms are further worsening the situation, he added.

Dr. Jitender Rao Tanugula urged the government to adopt a comprehensive approach by focusing on employment generation, price control, strengthening law enforcement, and improving educational standards. Failure to address these issues in a timely manner could lead to serious law-and-order challenges in the future, he cautioned. "Economic imbalance is not limited to markets; it directly impacts society and public safety," he said, emphasizing that immediate reforms and collective responsibility are essential to control the rising crime rate.



Have embraced that World Champions feeling very well as a team, says Mandhana

Thiruvananthapuram:

India vice-captain Smriti Mandhana said the team had embraced the feeling of being crowned world champions, but also pointed out that the tag also brought added responsibility. Last month, India won the 2025 Women's ODI World Cup in Navi Mumbai and got their first-ever ICC trophy in senior women's cricket. "It feels amazing, to be honest (on being called world champions). I still remember that moment at the World Cup when our team walked out, and they announced us as champions - it was surreal. 'It's been about a month now, and as a team we've embraced that feeling really well. But along with the pride, it also brings responsibility. It reminds us to prepare even better and to keep that success going because we'll be known as world champions for the next few years. Hopefully the marketing team doesn't let us forget it either!'" said Smriti in a chat with broadcasters ahead of the third T20I against Sri Lanka in Thiruvananthapuram.



During the ongoing series, Smriti became the first Indian women's cricketer to score more than 4,000 runs in T20Is. Though she is yet to get a fifty in the series, Smriti expressed happiness with how her form has been in 2025. "For me as a batter, it's about keeping things simple: reacting to the ball, backing my strengths, and not overthinking. If I do that well, I know I can contribute to the team. 'I don't like talking too much about myself, but I'm happy with how things have gone. This format is something I keep working hard on every single day, and it's nice when the effort translates into performances,'" she added. India will chase another silverware when the 2026 Women's T20 World Cup takes place in England in June-July, and Smriti said their focus will be on playing a lot more T20Is in the run-up to the mega event. "We played a lot of ODI cricket leading up to the World Cup - almost a year of preparation. But we always knew the next phase would be heavy on T20 cricket, with the T20 World Cup, this series, and the WPL coming up."