



Simhachalam gears up for 'Mukkoti Ekadashi'

Visakhapatnam: The sacred hills of Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy temple are resonating with spiritual fervour as preparations gather pace for the grand celebration of Mukkoti Ekadashi, one of the most auspicious days in Hindu calendar. The ancient temple, revered across the country, is all set to witness an ocean of devotion on Tuesday (January 30), coinciding with the holy occasion of 'Pushya Shuddha Ekadashi'. By having darshan of Lord Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy on Vaikuntha Ekadasi day, it is believed that wishes get fulfilled as the gates of Vaikuntha (heavenly abode) are believed to remain open. Sharing details of the event, Devasthanam Executive Officer N Sujatha and



chief priest G Srinivasacharyulu stated that elaborate arrangements have already been put in place to ensure a smooth and convenient experience for devotees arriving from across Andhra Pradesh and other States. To manage massive crowds, online darshan tickets have been made available, including Rs 100, Rs 300, 'seegra' dar-

shan tickets and Rs 1,000, 'maha seeghra' darshan tickets. Anticipating unprecedented crowds, temple authorities have introduced a special darshan platform at northern gate, with minor modifications to facilitate better crowd movement. In an added arrangement this year, devotees will be allowed to have darshan of Lord Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha at northern Rajagopuram before entering main temple. Also, a separate queue has been earmarked for protocol VIPs, while combined queue lines are expected to stretch up to five kilometers. Adding to the festive splendour, Rajagopuram and surrounding temple premises are illuminated with colourful electric lights. A newly constructed shed oppo-

site northern gate, built at a cost of Rs 3 crore, is set to offer shelter and comfort to devotees waiting for darshan. The spiritual proceedings will begin in the early hours of 'Pushya Shuddha Ekadashi' with Suprabhata Seva, followed by special rituals. At around 5 am, the idol of Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy will be ceremonially brought to northern gate, allowing thousands of devotees to get a divine glimpse at dawn. Anticipating pilgrims' surge on Vaikuntha Ekadashi, temple authorities have announced that darshan inside the sanctum sanctorum will be suspended for the day. Except for protocol darshan, all devotees will be provided darshan from the entrance of the 'Neeladri Gumman'.

Graduating students are architects of Viksit Bharat 2047: VP Radhakrishnan

Puducherry: Vice President and Chancellor of Pondicherry University C. P. Radhakrishnan on Monday exhorted graduating students to shoulder the responsibility of nation-building, describing them as the architects of Viksit Bharat@2047. Addressing the 30th Convocation of Pondicherry University, Radhakrishnan drew from the ancient Tamil text Naladiyar and reminded students that while knowledge is limitless, the time available to acquire it is limited. He urged graduates to discern and absorb what is valuable, ethical, and meaningful from the vast ocean of information. The Vice-President also inaugurated the Mahakavi Subramania Bharati International Convention Centre on the University campus. On Monday, Radhakrishnan began his two-day visit to



Puducherry, Kerala and Tamil Nadu, said an official.

As part of his engagements in Puducherry, the Vice President inaugurated the Senior Secondary Block of Petit Seminaire CBSE School, a statement said. The Vice President appreciated the school's commitment to holistic education and value-based teaching, built upon its 181-year legacy. Highlighting education as

the only imperishable wealth, the Vice President urged students to pursue knowledge with depth, integrity, and social responsibility. He observed that Viksit Bharat@2047 will be realised through the integration of knowledge, character, and service. Lt. Governor of Puducherry K. Kailashnathan, Chief Minister N. Rangasamy, and other dignitaries were present on the occasion. Radhakrishnan also

unveiled the statue of Mahakavi Subramania Bharatiyar at the Bharatiyar Memorial in Puducherry. He paid rich tribute to the legendary poet who awakened a nation with fearless words, revolutionary ideas, and boundless love for Tamil and Bharat. Expressing deep pleasure, the Vice President said it was a matter of great pride to unveil the statue of Bharatiyar on the very soil where Mahakavi Subramania Bharati lived for nearly a decade with free thought and creative brilliance. Recalling Bharatiyar's years in Puducherry, the Vice President noted that the poet immersed himself deeply in philosophical inquiry and the pursuit of wisdom, a period widely regarded as the golden age of modern Tamil literature.

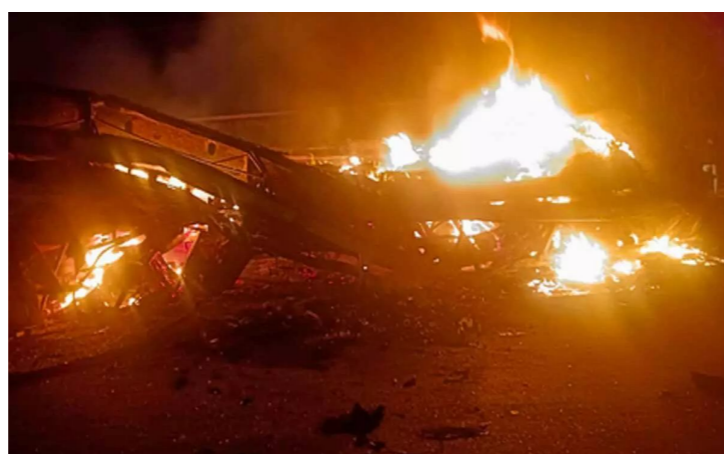
CM Revanth prepares to face BRS on irrigation projects



Hyderabad: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy is gearing up for debates on river waters and irrigation projects in the Assembly, starting from Monday, December 29, to take on the opposition BRS party. In preparation, the Chief Minister held a review meeting with the Irrigation Department on Sunday. Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy and senior officials participated in the discussions, focusing on river water allocations and irrigation projects. The Chief Minister enquired specifically about Telangana's river water share, ongoing disputes with Andhra Pradesh, and policies followed during the previous BRS government. A major focus of the review was the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Project, a key topic expected during Assembly discussions. The CM examined developments since the project's proposal, decisions taken under the BRS government, and progress made over the last two years under the Congress regime. Additionally, the CM reviewed the PowerPoint presentation to be delivered by Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Thursday at Praja Bhavan, highlighting irrigation projects across the State.

Fire on Tatanagar-Ernakulam Express started from linen storage

Visakhapatnam: The fire in the Tatanagar-Ernakulam Express started from the linen storage, according to the initial investigation by the Railway authorities. A passenger died in the fire in two coaches of the train at Yelamanchili in Anakapalli district in the wee hours of Monday. Initial investigation shows that the fire was not on the electrical panel side of the coach (which is normally the case). It was on the linen storage side, said South Central Railway (SCR). Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS), South Central Circle, will hold a detailed inquiry into the fire incident. One coach of the Express caught fire, which spread to the second coach. Coaches were immediately detached by making a gap and



pulled away by deploying a shunting loco. While all passengers deboarded, one passenger, Chandrasekhar Sundar, aged 70 years, could not deboard and died due to fire. SCR said that ex-gratia will be paid to the family. A fire incident

The Railway staff swiftly acted and immediately informed the Fire brigade. Railway officials also swung into action immediately and took up measures and assist passengers in deboarding the train. The fire brigade reached the spot and extin-

guished the fire. There were 82 passengers in the B-1 coach and 75 in the M-2coach when the train caught fire. Railway officials said the affected coaches were detached, and one more AC III Tier Coach (M1) was detached as a precautionary measure. The leftover train formation was moved to Samalkot Railway Station. The affected train departed for its destination at 10.45 hrs with the augmentation of an additional three coaches.

All the stranded passengers were also shifted from Yelamanchili by road to Samalkot Railway Station and were made to board in the augmented coaches of the train. Meanwhile, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu

Naidu commended the Yelamanchili Police and the Fire Department for their swift and coordinated response, which ensured the safe evacuation of more than 150 passengers from the Tatanagar-Ernakulam Express after fire broke out in its coaches and the train was halted. "I also appreciate the prompt action of the RPF and Railway staff, who immediately separated the front and rear coaches, preventing further damage. Their professionalism, timely assistance, and effective crowd management ensured the situation was handled safely and smoothly. Unfortunately, one life has been lost in the incident. I offer my heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family," CM Naidu posted on 'X'.

Telangana Citizens Council Honours Visionaries with Ratan Tata Excellence Awards; Emphasises Ethical Leadership

Hyderabad, metro udayam
December 29 :

The Telangana Citizens Council (TCC) organised a grand Memorial Meeting and Felicitation Ceremony at the Press Club Auditorium on Saturday to mark the birth anniversary of the late Padma Vibhushan Ratan N. Tata. The event paid rich tributes to the legendary industrialist and philanthropist, highlighting his enduring philosophy of "Ethics over Profit."

The programme brought together eminent personalities from the judiciary, academia, industry and social sectors, who reflected on Ratan Tata's life and values, calling upon present and future leaders to uphold ethical leadership in modern India. Chief Guest Prof. (Dr.) V. Balakista Reddy, Chairman of the Telangana State Council of Higher Education (TGCHE), lauded the Tata legacy, stating that Ratan Tata not only built industries but also strengthened India's intellectual and ethical foundations. He said professional success is incomplete without a strong commitment to social justice and national development.

Special Guest Hon'ble Justice Dr. Gurajala Radha Rani, President of the Telangana State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, observed that Ratan Tata proved integrity to be the most valuable asset in busi-



ness and public life, serving as a guiding light for balancing corporate ambition with compassion and justice.

Guest of Honour Prof. Akber Ali Khan, former Vice-Chancellor of Telangana University, emphasised the role of character-building in education, describing Ratan Tata's life as a timeless case study for future leaders. Guest for the Day Lt. Dr. Komatireddy Gopal Reddy urged the award recipients to continue the spirit of selfless service inspired by Ratan Tata. Presiding over the event, Dr. Rajanarayan Mudiraj, State President of the Telangana Citizens Council, remarked that Ratan Tata symbolised the conscience of Indian humanity. He said the awards were not merely a recognition of achievements but a reaffirmation of values such as ethics, humility and nation-building.

Ratan Tata Excellence Awards...

The ceremony featured the presentation of the Ratan Tata Excellence Awards to distinguished individuals for their outstanding contributions in academics, industry, governance and public service. The awardees included:

Prof. A. Patrick (Dept. of Commerce, Osmania University), Prof. R. Prasanth Kumar (School of Management Studies, University of Hyderabad), Dr. Mohammed Abdul Azeem (Professor & Head, Dept. of Management & Commerce, MANUU), Prof. Neela Gollapudi (Director, MBA Programme, Kasturba Gandhi College for Women), Sri Prakash Goenka (Managing Director, Devashree ISPAT Pvt. Ltd.), Sri Marri Prabhaker Mudhiraj (Convenor, All India Forum for Small & Medium Industries, Telangana State),



Smt. G. Ratna (Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University), Dr. S. K. Amjad Ahmed (Medical & Health Department), Sri K. Ravinder (TG Secretariat Outsourcing Employees Association), Smt. K. Aruna Prabha (Government Nizamia Tibbi College), Smt. C. Shanthi (Insurance Medical Services), and Dr. G.V.K. Acharyulu (Chief Editor, Nagarjuna Patrika).

Ratan Tata Sevaratna Awards ...The Ratan Tata Sevaratna Awards were conferred on individuals for exemplary community service. The recipients were Dr. B.K. Uma Rani (Rajyogini In-charge, Malakpet Branch), Sri Mattam Shashidhar (Social Activist, Shadnagar), Samba Lalitha (Principal, Sharda Vidyalaya Degree & PG College), Mrs. P. Arpitha (Junior Assistant, ZPHS Chinthagattu), Kadirimangalam Savithri (Founder & Chairman, Power

NGO, Tirupati), Mrs. Komali Krishna Reddy (State Level Coordinating Agency, New Hope Association), Mrs. Padma Kalavoori (PGHM, ZPHS Chinthagattu), Mohammadi Fatima (Principal, Super Grammar High School), V. Jyothi (Teacher, Hanamkonda), Mekala Chandrashekhara Rao (BJP State Secretary, SC Morcha, Telangana) and Porika Annapurna (GHMZPGS, Singaram, Inavole). In a joint statement, the awardees expressed their gratitude to the Telangana Citizens Council, stating that receiving an honour bearing Ratan Tata's name was a profound inspiration that strengthened their resolve to serve society with greater dedication, integrity and compassion.

Former Mayor Jakka Venkat Reddy courteously met with Deputy Commissioner Shailaja



Medipally, December 29 (Metro udayam) Former Mayor Jakka Venkat Reddy courteously met with A. Shailaja, who recently assumed charge as the Deputy Commissioner of GHMC Boduppal Circle, at the circle office on Monday. He presented her with a bouquet and extended his best wishes. On this occasion, the leaders requested that she dedicate special time to address the problems faced by the people in the Peerzadiguda and Medipally areas. Deputy Commissioner A. Shailaja responded positively, stating that she would be available to the public at the Medipally office from 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM. Former corporators Kolthuri Mahesh, Donthiri Harishankar Reddy, Madhusudan Reddy, BRS General Secretary Yedavalli Raghavaradhan Reddy, Women's President Nirmala, Youth President Prabhu, Mallam Venkatesh Goud, Yasaram Srinivas, Pasham Narender Reddy, Bullet Shankar, Koneti Venkat, Amar Patel, Kiran Naik, Kalyani, and others participated in this program.

Vemireddy appointed AP GSTAT judicial member

Hyderabad: Bhaskar Reddy Vemireddy, a distinguished senior advocate with extensive expertise in taxation laws, has been posted as Judicial Member of the Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT), Andhra Pradesh. He has been directed to assume charge on January 21, 2026, at the Andhra Pradesh State Bench of the Tribunal located in Vijayawada. The appointment of Bhaskar Reddy Vemireddy is expected to significantly strengthen the functioning of the AP GST Appellate Tribunal. Members of the Bar and stakeholders have expressed confidence that his vast experience, judicial acumen and deep understanding of tax jurisprudence will aid in the effective and expeditious disposal of GST-related disputes in the state.



Journalists Need Social Awareness"

- West Zone ACP Prithviraj
- Journalists play a crucial role in social welfare
- Kancharapalem CI Ravikumar
- Associations like SCRWDWA are essential for journalists' welfare
- Airport CI Shankar Narayana
- Media's role in creating public awareness on helmet usage through news reports is commendable
- West Traffic CI Srinivas
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- Kancharapalem Crime SI Maroof
- Diaries and sweets distributed to SCRWDWA Kancharapalem-to-Pendurthi Unit members

(NAD - December 29): West Zone ACP Prithviraj stated that journalists must possess social awareness. On Monday morning, at GKR Function Hall near ITI Junction, a programme was organized for the distribution of diaries and sweets to members of the Kancharapalem-to-Pendurthi Unit under the leadership of Smart City Reporters Welfare Association Vice President Ravikumar and Secretary Chandu Yadav. ACP Prithviraj attended the event as the chief guest and addressed the gathering.

He said that along with writing impactful news stories that influence society, journalists should participate in programmes conducted by associations like SCRWDWA and interact with



others, which helps enhance social awareness. He appreciated the services of the Smart City Reporters Welfare Association for organizing training programmes to improve professional skills among journalists.

SCRWDWA Founder President Bangaru Ashok Kumar stated that the association is committed to the welfare of journalists and assured that its activities would be expanded in the coming days to stand by working journalists.

Kancharapalem CI Ravikumar said that journalists continuously work for public welfare, acting as a bridge between the government and the people. West Traffic CI Srinivas expressed concern that many people are losing their lives in road accidents due to riding vehicles without helmets. He said the media plays a key role in educating the public about the importance of helmets through regular news coverage. He called upon people to come forward as community traffic police, similar to the initiative



launched in the Gajuwaka area, to help regulate traffic and prevent road accidents, and urged everyone to strictly follow traffic rules. Airport CI Shankar Narayana said that journalists play a vital role in the all-round development of society and are capable of performing their duties even under the most challenging circumstances. Kancharapalem Crime SI Maroof stated that media cooperation is very important in controlling crime and emphasized the need for associations to look

after journalists' welfare. Later, diaries and sweets were distributed to SCRWDWA. A Kancharapalem-to-Pendurthi Unit members by the guests. SCRWDWA General Secretary Ashok Reddy, Vice President Ravikumar, Secretary Chandu Yadav, and other executive members felicitated the guests with shawls. Association members Avatharam, Pawan Sai, Sriram, Prasad, Venky, and others participated in the programme.

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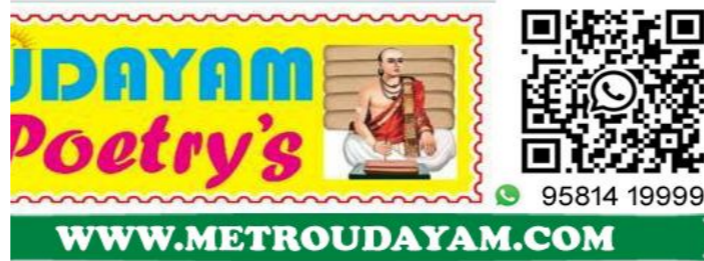
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Singireddy Padmareddy congratulated Boduppall Circle Deputy Commissioner Shailaja

Medipally, December 29 (Metro Udayam)

On the occasion of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Boduppall Circle Deputy Commissioner A. Shailaja assuming charge, former Boduppall corporator Singireddy Padmareddy met her on Monday and extended his best wishes. In this program, Medchal district B Block General Secretary Kotha Kishore Goud, former corporators Kotha Chander Goud, Bhukya Suman, Kumbham Kiran Kumar Reddy, Cheerla Narasimha and others participated and congratulated Deputy Commissioner Shailaja.



SAVE DHRAMA!

All religions say!
Save dharma,so
that it can save
you!

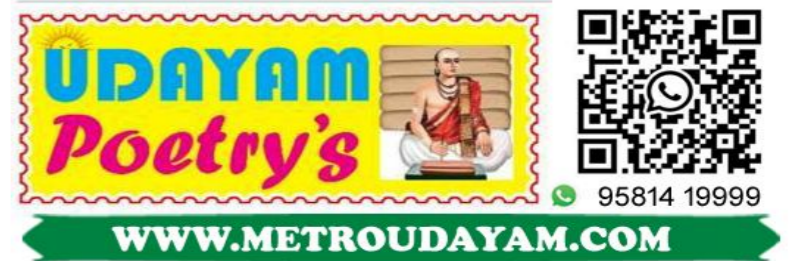
What is this Dharma?
Discharging one's duty
without hurting any one!
Means any living beings!
Even not to cut down
trees
unless needed for living!

What ever preaching you
take!
Hinduism, Islam, Christianity,
Buddhism any other religious
books!
All say one and only one,
strictly adhere to pious
way of life!

Irrespective of caste and creed,
the following of Dharma is a must!
God's are not so many, only one
God is there!
Names may differ, some say Ram,
some other mohammed and some
may Christ!
They never differ with each regarding
Dharma!

Dharma not only saves you, but
make you kindhearted, disciplined,
helpful to others!
If followed by all our brothers and sisters
men and woman!
Certainly Peacefulness will be there
all around the Universe!

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



जिसके पास मानवता नहीं उसके पास ना विश्वास है और ना ही धर्म है। दीनदार (धार्मिक) होने के पहिले इंसान (मानव) बनना होगा।... (शकील उवाचा -१७७१)

आज तक दुनिया में जो लोग इंसान बने बिना दीनदार और मजहबी (धार्मिक) बने हैं वही दीन (धर्म) को बदनाम किया है। ऐसे लोग ही इस्लाम के नाम पर दुनिया में दहशतगर्दी को फैलाए हैं। ऐसे ही लोग रज्जीदी बनकर जुल्मी सितम किया है। ऐसे ही लोग बेकसूर लोगों को जेहाद के नाम पर कत्ल किये हैं। ऐसे ही लोग इस्लाम के नाम पर इंसानियत को शर्मसार (मानवता को लज्जित) करने वाले कामों को अंजाम दिया है।



ऐसे ही लोग इस्लाम के नाम पर औरतों को इल्म से महरूम रखकर उन्हें गुलामी के जंजीरों में जखड़ने की कोशिश की है। लेकिन बदनाम दीन (धर्म) हुआ यह केवल किसी एक धर्म या धर्म के एक पंथ की बात नहीं है। धर्म और धर्म के हर एक पंथ के साथ यही हुआ है। किस किस धर्म और किस किस पंथ का नाम लूं? सभी में यही है। मानवता का गला घोटकर जो धार्मिक बने फिर रहे हैं ऐसे लोग हर धर्म और हर पंथ में हम्म मिलेंगे। इसी कारण दुनिया नास्तिकता के तरफ झुक रही है। आदमी ईश्वर के द्वारा प्रदान किये हुये बुद्धी का त्याग करके, ज्ञान का त्याग करके धार्मिक होने का ढोंग कर रहा है। धर्म का बेड़ा गर्क करने का काम उन तथाकथित झूठे, पाखंडी, हृदय रहित धार्मिक लोगों से हुआ है जो धार्मिक होने का दिखावा करते हैं। आज कल मानवता को त्याग कर जो लोग धार्मिक बने झूठे धार्मिक हैं उनसे ज्यादा प्रेम, दया, करुणा का भाव हम मानवता को संभाले हुए नास्तिकों में पा सकते हैं।

आज कल समाज में मानवता को त्याग कर जो लोग झूठे धार्मिक बने हैं उनसे ज्यादा सात्विकता, उनसे ज्यादा प्रमाणिकता और उनसे ज्यादा मानवीय एवं धार्मिक मूल्य मानवता को संभाले हुए नास्तिकों में हम देख सकते हैं। जबकि मानवीय मूल्य के आवरण के बिना कोई भी व्यक्ती धार्मिक ही नहीं बन सकता वयों के दीन की शुरुआत, धर्म का आरंभ ही मानवीय गुणों के आवरण से शुरू होता है। जो मानवीय गुणों को त्याग कर धार्मिक होने का ढोंग करते हैं उनसे ज्यादा पथभ्रष्ट कोई नहीं।

एक भारतीय होने के नाते मैं कहता हूं के अशोक चक्र में जो चौबीस तीलियां हैं जो चौबीस गुणों को दर्शाती हैं (वह चौबीस गुण तो) इंसान (मानव) में कम से कम होना ही चाहिए। जिसमें न्याय, करुणा, ज्ञान, प्रज्ञा, धर्म, उदारता, विनम्रता, सहनशुक्ति, संवेदना, नैतिक मूल्य, परोपकार, आशा, प्रेम, साहस, धैर्य, शांति, अखंड, तफादारी, दयालुता, निस्वार्थता, आत्म-संयम, आत्म-त्याग और सत्य है। उपरोक्त इन गुणों से रिक्त इंसान इंसान कहलाने का अधिकारी नहीं होता।

उपरोक्त बताये गये यह गुण किसी विशेष धर्म या पंथ के नहीं बल्के धर्म और धर्म के सभी पंथों का सार है। यह विशेष गुण ईमान (विश्वास) का हिस्सा है। सबके पास धर्म का दावा होगा लेकिन इंसानियत नहीं हो सकती, सभी के पास धर्मका दावा होगा लेकिन ईमान (विश्वास) नहीं हो सकता। और सबसे बड़ी अहम बात यह है के सभी के पास ईमान का दावा तो जरूर होगा लेकिन ईमान नहीं हो सकता। अगर ऐसा ना होता तो पवित्र कुरआन कभी धार्मिक लोगों को उद्देशित करते हुए ये ना कहता के "ऐ ईमान वालों! ऐ धार्मिक लोगों! ऐ विश्वासी लोगों! ईमान (ईश्वर पर विश्वास) ले आओ।"

पवित्र कुरआन में अध्याय क्रमांक ०४, सुराह निसा, आयत क्रमांक १३६ में, अध्याय क्रमांक १७, सुराह हदीद, आयत क्रमांक २८ में, और अध्याय क्रमांक ०३ में ईमानदारों को ईमान लाने का आदेश दिया गया है। याने केवल ईमान का दावा नहीं चलेगा। ईमान हमारे आवरण में दिखना चाहिए और ईमान का तकाज़ा (मांग) ही इंसानियत है। विश्वास की मांग ही मानवता है। जिसके पास इंसानियत नहीं उसके पास ना ईमान है और नहीं दीन है। जिसके पास मानवता नहीं उसके पास ना विश्वास है और ना ही धर्म है। दीनदार (धार्मिक) होने के पहिले इंसान (मानव) बनना होगा।

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GM ECOR CONDUCTS EXTENSIVE INSPECTION AT VISAKHAPATNAM

Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal, General Manager, East Coast Railway, conducted an extensive inspection of various railway units in Visakhapatnam to review ongoing development initiatives, maintenance systems, safety measures, productivity levels, and future infrastructure plans. He was accompanied by Shri Lalit Bohra, Divisional Railway Manager, Waltair Division, along with other senior officials of Division, Construction etc. During the inspection, the General Manager reviewed the progress of key projects, examined operational challenges, and explored opportunities to further enhance passenger amenities.

At Mudasarlova, Visakhapatnam, Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal inspected the under-construction New Zonal Office Building of South Coast Railway and held detailed discussions with Shri Ankush Gupta Chief Administrative Officer and Senior Construction Organization officials, regarding project progress, design objectives, and timelines.

General Manager later inspected the Diesel Loco Shed, Visakhapatnam, where he interacted with Siemens Locos technical teams and reviewed



ongoing project works, future expansion plans, and maintenance activities. Siemens officials also made a brief presentation highlighting the scope of ongoing initiatives at the shed.

In the afternoon, Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal visited the Wagon Workshop at Vadlapudi, Visakhapatnam, where he reviewed maintenance operations, infrastructure facilities, and development works underway. The Chief Project

Manager Shri S. K. Senapati briefed him on the workshop's operational capabilities, maintenance strategies, and upcoming infrastructure upgrades.

The General Manager also inspected the circulating area at Visakhapatnam Railway Station, where several new passenger-centric facilities are under construction. He reviewed proposals for additional initiatives and later chaired a meeting with



Divisional Officials to assess the progress of developmental projects across the Division, including works under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.

Further, Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal participated as the Chief Guest of valedictory function of the 4th State Camp and Rally of Bharat Scouts and Guides, organized by Waltair Division at Aranya—the camping arena in Visakhapatnam. He appreciated the excellent arrangements made for the five-day event, which witnessed participation from more than 400 cadets and officials from across East Coast Railway. He also visited various activity zones, gate displays, and exhibition stalls, and praised the enthusiasm and performance of the participating teams.



On the occasion of Vaikuntha Ekadashi Himayat Nagar TTD Chairman Shankar Goud, senior Congress leader G. Raman Goud, Domalguda SHO Amjad Ali, and officials from other departments and the TTD temple inspected the arrangements to ensure that devotees can have darshan without any inconvenience at the TTD temple in Himayat Nagar division.



Suresh Babu elected Telugu Film Chamber president

Hyderabad: Veteran producer and Suresh Productions chairman Daggubati Suresh Babu has been unanimously elected as the President of the Telugu Film Chamber of Commerce (TFCC) for the 2025-27 term. Contesting on behalf of the Progressive Panel, Suresh Babu secured the top post without opposition, marking a significant moment for the Telugu film industry. Along with him, producer Suryadevara Naga Vamsi was elected as Vice-President, Ashok Kumar as Secretary and Mutyala Ramdas as Treasurer. From the studio sector, Gemini Kiran was elected Vice-President, while Bharat Chowdary won from the distribution sector. In the executive committee elections, the Progressive Panel emerged dominant, winning 31 out of 48 seats, while the Mana Panel secured 17 positions. The elections witnessed a voter turnout of 43 per cent. Out of a total of 3,287 eligible



votes, 1,421 were polled. The voting included participation from 809 producers, 375 distributors, 172 exhibitors and 65 members from the studio sector. Notably, young actors Nani, Sandeep Kishan, Sri Vishnu and Sudheer Babu exercised their voting rights in their capacity as producers. This year's elections saw a keen contest between the Progressive Panel, backed by top producers Allu Aravind, Suresh Babu and Dil Raju, and the Mana

Panel, which was supported by leaders representing smaller producers, including Chadalavada Srinivasa Rao, C Kalyan and Prasanna Kumar. Despite the competition, the Progressive Panel secured a clear majority, leading to Suresh Babu's election as president. As per the chamber's rotational system, the presidency is chosen from a different sector each term. While this term was expected to see an exhibitor elected as president, Suresh Babu's unan-

imous selection stood out. The newly elected executive committee comprises 12 members from the producer sector, 16 exhibitors, 12 distributors, and four from the studio sector, along with sector chairpersons. The elections were delayed despite the previous committee's term ending in July, due to administrative reasons. With the polls now completed, the new body will hold office until July 2027. The committee is expected to play a crucial role in addressing pressing issues such as theatre-related challenges, support for small films, digital release policies, and better coordination among producers. Speaking after his election, Suresh Babu said the committee would work collectively to resolve both local and non-local issues, engage with the governments of both Telugu states, create employment opportunities, and strengthen the industry through unified decision-making.

Sustained Social Change Possible Only Through Service: Sriram Venkatesh



Hyderabad, Metro Udayam December 29:

Social service should not remain confined to government programmes alone but must become a shared responsibility of voluntary organisations, youth and every citizen, said social leader Sriram Venkatesh. He was speaking as the chief guest at a National Awareness Seminar on the theme "Collective Responsibility in Nation Building", organised under the auspices of the Constitution Club of India in New Delhi. Addressing the gathering, Sriram Venkatesh said that the Government of India is implementing large-scale nationwide initiatives to enhance public participation in key sectors such as health, nutrition, environmental protection, farmer welfare, women empowerment and rural development. He added that these programmes are being carried out in coordination across all States. He emphasised that sustainable and long-term transformation in society is possible only through social service, and that leadership rooted in a spirit of service is the foundation of national development. Meaningful and lasting results can be achieved only when the Central and State governments, voluntary organisations and youth work together in a coordinated manner, he observed. Calling upon youth, women and rural communities to actively participate in the service movement, he said service should not be limited to words but must be reflected in action. He further urged citizens to contribute by following laws, upholding ethical values and protecting natural resources. Padma Shri awardee Dr. Ram Chandra Sihag, popularly known as the "Honey Bee Man of India", attended the programme as a distinguished guest and lauded the contributions of individuals working in the social service sector. He said Dr. Sihag's work in bee conservation, natural farming and biodiversity protection stands as an inspiration to the nation. Members of Parliament, MLAs, public representatives, NGO members and several eminent personalities participated in the seminar. Sriram Venkatesh Felicitated. Sriram Venkatesh was felicitated on the occasion by Padma Shri Dr. Ram Chandra Sihag, who honoured him with a shawl and a memento in recognition of his contributions.

Former Mayor Jakka Venkat Reddy courteously met with Deputy Commissioner Shailaja

Medipally, December 29 (Metro udayam)

Former Mayor Jakka Venkat Reddy courteously met with A. Shailaja, who recently assumed charge as the Deputy Commissioner of GHMC Boduppal Circle, at the circle office on Monday. He presented her with a bouquet and extended his best wishes. On this occasion, the leaders requested that she dedicate special time to address the problems faced by the people in the



Peerzadiguda and Medipally areas. Deputy Commissioner A. Shailaja responded positively, stat-

ing that she would be available to the public at the Medipally office from 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM. Former

corporators Kolthuri Mahesh, Donthiri Harishankar Reddy, Madhusudan Reddy, BRS General Secretary Yedavalli Raghuvaradhan Reddy, Women's President Nirmala, Youth President Prabhu, Mallam Venkatesh Goud, Yasaram Srinivas, Pasham Narendra Reddy, Bullet Shankar, Koneti Venkat, Amar Patel, Kiran Naik, Kalyani, and others participated in this program.



Hyderabad December:28 (Metro udayam) On the occasion of Vaikuntha Ekadashi Himayat Nagar TTD Chairman Shankar Goud, senior Congress leader G. Raman Goud, Domalguda SHO Amjad Ali, and officials from other departments and the TTD temple inspected the arrangements to ensure that devotees can have darshan without any inconvenience at the TTD temple in Himayat Nagar division.



Devpt works worth Rs 144 cr are on: Anam

Nellore: Endowment Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy has disclosed that various development works with Rs 144 crores were taken up till date in Atmakur constituency.

The minister along with former Atmakur MLA Bollineni Krishnama Naidu has laid foundation for construction of road from Bombay National highway to Vasili village with Rs 49 crores on Sunday.

Speaking the occasion, he said that even though government is facing serious financial crunch but Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan liberally sanctioning the funds for the purpose.

He said that in view of supplying water for agriculture operations even in tail end lands repair works for 5 Lift Irrigation Schemes (LIC) were taken up in the constituency while Rs 50 crores worth 761



developmental works are under progress in various stages in the constituency. He said that he said that recently government has sanctioned Rs 9 BT roads with Rs 12 crores, and 76 works with Rs 27 crores under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). He said that Social Security Pensions (SSP's) under NTR Bharosa will be distributed on December 31 in the constituency.

While asserting that TDP lead coalition government is committed to complete all promises made to the people as per manifesto during 2024 electioneering, Anam Ramanarayana Reddy appealed the people to bless the Chief Minister for continuing the same in future also. Party leaders were present.