



Rekha Gupta returns fire on 'memes', says AAP jealous of Delhi's dedicated woman CM

Hitting out at AAP leaders for targeting a woman serving as the government head, Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said on Friday that team has achieved much more in its first 11-months than what the AAP government did in 11 years. Concluding the discussion on Motion of Thanks on Lieutenant Governor's Address in the Delhi Assembly, a combative CM Gupta said, "Some words uttered by me by mistake have been made weapons by AAP leaders to target me." "My slip-ups were inadvertent, but you are committing blunders intentionally," she said, pointing to disrespectful language used by AAP leaders for Sikh Gurus. "We will not tolerate disrespect of Sikh Gurus," said CM Gupta, referring to the alleged "objectionable words" used by Leader of Opposition Atishi while referring to Sikh Gurus during a dis-



cussion in the House and the corruption perpetrated by the AAP government over 11 years.

Reiterating her resolve to resolutely face the Opposition campaigns to tarnish her image, the Chief Minister said she would

continue to serve the people of Delhi to the best of her capability. "These people don't like to see a female Chief Minister working 24x7. It bothers them; they can't tolerate it. Sometimes they'll say things that hurt her honour. Then they'll make cheap

comments. Then they'll level baseless accusations. Then sometimes they'll nitpick words," she said. "But what you did wasn't a mistake of words. You deliberately lied to the people of Delhi. The journey from the fast to 'Sheeshmahal' didn't happen by mistake... it was intentional. It was calculative politics. It was a conspiracy," she said. Presenting a report card of her government's performance, she highlighted "clear policy and clean intent" as the corner stone of the BJP government's 11 months in office.

She said after years of suffering, the national capital is trying to emerge from confrontation and mismanagement through coordination between all its agencies and the Central and Delhi government. This Vote of Thanks is not a customary exercise but a platform to showcase

the roadmap of efforts being made to improve services and deliver welfare schemes, the CM said. "We are working at a war-footing level to make Delhi's public transport 100 per cent EV. New ISBTs, renovation of old depots, increasing capacity, and setting up EV charging stations—all these efforts are continuously underway. We will also make travel free for women and ensure a friendly, transparent system through pink cards," she said. "We are fulfilling every promise made to Delhi. With the thought that no hardworking person or poor person in Delhi should go hungry, we are opening 100 Atal Canteens. 45 have already opened, and 55 more will open soon. This is a new model of service. This is the difference between their 11-year government and our 11-month government," she added.

Jaganna Thota Prabala Theertham has 400 years history , says Chandrababu



Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has announced that the Jaganna Thota Prabala Theertham will be celebrated as a state festival. This spiritual and cultural event, which has a history spanning approximately 400 years, takes place annually on the day of Kanuma. It features the palanquins of the Ekadasha Rudras from 11 ancient Shiva temples, displayed on a single platform. In a post on 'X', Naidu expressed his respect for the devotion and faith of the people of Konaseema, who have upheld this tradition for generations. The Chief Minister revealed that the cabinet has decided to support the festival, which attracts around 500,000 attendees. He emphasised that this initiative will further enhance cultural tourism in the Konaseema region.

Severe Cyclonic Circulation Set to Impact Telugu States

A severe cyclonic circulation in the Bay of Bengal is expected to make landfall by Saturday afternoon, according to the Meteorological Department. This weather phenomenon is predicted to bring varying rainfall to the Telugu states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, while colder temperatures are anticipated alongside predominantly dry weather conditions. The Amaravati Meteorological Centre reported that the severe cyclonic circulation has been moving northwest at a speed of 10 kilometres per hour over the past six hours. As of 8:30 AM on January 9, 2026, the system was located at 7.4° North Latitude and 83.2° East Longitude, approximately 160 km east-northeast of Pottuvil, Sri Lanka, and 540 km southeast of Puducherry. It is forecasted to continue northwestward and is likely to cross the northern coast of Sri Lanka between Trincomalee and Jaffna on January 10.

In Andhra Pradesh, the weather



outlook for the coming days indicates dry conditions across North Coast and Yanam, with possible fog in isolated areas. South Coastal Andhra Pradesh is expected to remain dry on Saturday, while light to moderate rains may occur in select locations on Sunday and Monday. Rayalaseema will likely see light rains on Saturday, with increasing rainfall expected on Sunday and Monday. Meanwhile, in Telangana, dry weather is forecast for the next three days,

although some areas may experience minimum temperatures 2°C to 4°C below the seasonal average. The region will also see easterly and northeasterly winds predominating. The Meteorological Department has issued alerts for light to moderate rainfalls expected in various areas across both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, while advising residents to stay informed and prepared for changing weather conditions.

Students threaten to intensify protest over Telangana's move to take back land from varsity

Students of Moulana Azad National Urdu University on Friday warned that they will intensify their protest if the Telangana government does not drop its move to take back 50 acres from the university. A group of students from the university on Friday called on Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president K. T. Rama Rao to discuss their plan of action over the show-cause notice issued to the university authorities by the State government. Revenue authorities recently sent a show-cause notice to MANUU Registrar Ishtiaq Ahmad seeking an explanation as to why vacant land within the campus in Manikonda village, Gandipet mandal, should not be resumed, as it has not been used for the purpose for which it was allotted. The students voiced concern over the State government's move and told the BRS leader that it posed a threat to the future of the university.



Talking to reporters, a student leader claimed that he received threatening calls after he announced that they would launch a protest over the notice. He said that they see "no difference between the policies of the BJP government at the Centre and the Congress government in Telangana". Stating that 60,000 students from across the country are studying at MANNU, he warned that if any attempt was made to harm the interests of the university, the image of the Congress

party would be tarnished all over India. K. T. Rama Rao alleged that the Congress government is trying to weaken MANUU, the only Urdu university in the country and a "jewel of Hyderabad". He accused the Congress government of trying to illegally acquire 50 acres of the university land for a real estate business. KTR remarked that the state government has become a "serial land grabber, like a serial killer." "The Congress government has made it a practice to seize the lands of all universities. First, it took the land of the Agriculture University, citing the High Court. It then tried to seize 400 acres of Hyderabad Central University. But due to the students' protests, public opposition, and the intervention of the Supreme Court, it was temporarily stopped," he said. The BRS leader said even though the Supreme Court said that the Rs 10,000 crore land scam took place in the

Hyderabad Central University, the Central government has not yet initiated any investigation. Stating that the state government is acting like a real estate broker, taking over the lands of educational institutions, KTR assured MANUU students that BRS will stand with them. KTR also gave the assurance that after BRS returns to power, it will provide the necessary funds from the State government for the expansion of the university. He wanted to know why Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, who claims to be the protector of minorities in the country, was allowing the Congress government in Telangana to encroach upon MANUU land. "Is this your Mohabbat Ki Dukaan. Is weakening a university where minority students from all states of the country come to study, your idea of protection?" he asked Rahul Gandhi.

Sankranti Celebrations Held with Grandeur at Deccan Springs Global School

Hyderabad, metro udayam January 9 : Sankranti festivities were celebrated with great enthusiasm and traditional fervour at Deccan Springs Global School, Nacharam, on Friday. The event was graced by the Chairman of the school, K. Navaneetha Rao, and Managing Director Naveen Kumar as the chief guests. The programme was attended by Core Head-Operations Kishore Kumar Reddy, Principal Swarna Akkineni, Vice Principals, Coordinators, teaching staff, students, and parents.



Speaking on the occasion, Chairman K. Navaneetha Rao stated that Sankranti is a true reflection of India's rich culture and traditions. He urged everyone to celebrate the festival with joy and togetherness. Principal Swarna Akkineni said that festivals play a vital role in enriching one's lifestyle and help students stay connected to cultural values. She encouraged children to celebrate festivals with enthusiasm while also advising them to follow safety precautions while flying kites. She highlighted that Indian culture, which gives equal importance to education and traditions, is admired across the world. On behalf of the school, she extended Sankranti greetings to students and parents. As part of the celebrations, the school campus was beautifully decorated with Bommala Koluvu displays and traditional rural-themed settings. Students presented colourful cultural programmes including folk dances, skits, and songs, entertaining the audience. Rangoli competitions and kite flying added to the festive spirit, creating a lively and joyful atmosphere throughout the campus. Students spent the entire day celebrating Sankranti with happiness and enthusiasm, making the event a memorable one for all.

Araku Member of Parliament, Smt. Dr. Gumma Tanuja Rani, along with her family, visited Tirumala and had the darshan of Lord Sri Venkateswara Swamy.



On the occasion of the New Year 2026, and on the last day of the auspicious Vaikuntha Ekadashi festival, she, along with her husband Sri Chetti Vinay, and the couples of Vikas and Kiran, offered prayers and had the darshan of the Lord at Tirumala. On this occasion, she specially prayed to the Lord for good health, happiness, peace, and prosperity for all the people of the country, and especially for the people of the Araku Parliamentary Constituency.

Junior lawyers appeal to Thotakura Vajresh Yadav to provide basic facilities at the Uppal Court complex.

Medipally, January 9 (Metro Udayam) Junior lawyers met with Congress Party District President and Medchal constituency in-charge Thotakura Vajresh Yadav on Friday and submitted a memorandum requesting the provision of basic facilities and the establishment of a Bar Association office at the newly constructed Uppal Court complex in Medipally mandal headquarters. Junior lawyers Lode Pawan Goud, Putta Lakshman, Nagaraju, Minukuri Srinivas, Ravi, Neha, Kavya, Krishna, Prashanth, and others participated in this program.



100 Families Join YSR Congress Party from TDP



Kanaka Reddys efforts to strengthen the party in Ward No. 35 are commendable. Former MLA Vasu Palli welcomes them into the party by draping scarves. Former MLA and South Constituency Coordinator Vasu Palli Ganesh Kumar said that the joining of people into the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) is proof of the inefficient governance of the coalition government. From Kallupakalu in Ward No. 35, Devara Ratnam, Devara Raju, along with 100 families, joined the YSR Congress Party from the Telugu Desam Party. Vasu Palli Ganesh Kumar welcomed them into the YSR Congress Party by draping party scarves. Speaking on the occasion, Vasu Palli praised Kanaka Reddy for his tireless

efforts to strengthen the party in the ward. He alleged that the coalition government is incapable of fulfilling the promises made before the elections. He said that the promises given to women and youth have been ignored. He criticized that the Chandrababu government has weakened the welfare schemes that were provided to the poor during Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy's tenure. He said that Chandrababu's conspiratorial politics, aimed at keeping the poor as poor, is not right. He further alleged that the coalition government is handing over government lands to corporates at cheap prices and is unable to allocate house sites to the poor to build their own houses. He said that the development carried out

by Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy and the distribution of house sites to the poor have been completely dismantled. He criticized that people believed the promises of Chandrababu, Pawan Kalyan, and Lokesh before the elections and voted for them, but were ultimately cheated. He said that people are ready to teach a fitting lesson to the coalition government. The programme was attended by former Ward No. 35 Durgamma Temple Chairman Nayan Malli Babu, YSRCP City Secretary Abbi Reddy, Adivishnu Reddy, YSRCP senior leaders Nayan Thammanna Reddy and Alupana Ramanamma, Visakhapatnam South Public Wing President Jeeru Suryanarayana Reddy, YSRCP Visakhapatnam City Secretary Kottiyada Gangadhar, Visakhapatnam City Employees and Pensioners Wing Secretary Karri Ramu, Visakhapatnam City YSR TUCI General Secretary Bathula Ramu, Ward Party

Vice President Gorusunagi Reddy, Ward Women's President Polavarapu Ramanamma, Ward Party General Secretaries Blood Bank Lakshman, Eeswara Appalaraju, Nayan Srinivas Reddy, Pilli Kanakamahalakshmi, Ward affiliated organisations Youth President Pilli Nagesh, Commercial Wing President Doddi Krishnaveni, Social Media President Patnana Meena, YSR TUCI President Adireddy Chandrasekhar, Booth Committee Wing President Pilli Vinod Kumar, Student Wing President Durgaprasad, SC Cell President Matta Durgaprasad, Municipal Wing President Notla Ramana, Grievance Cell President Doddigopi, Ward Party Secretaries Muddada Ganesh, Mali Babu, Cheppala Lakshmana Rao, Ward Women's General Secretary Ramya, Volunteer Wing President Puli Hemalatha, Alupana Santosh Kumar Reddy, and others participated.

New Year 2026 Message of Reset, Compassion and Clarity

Dr Seshni & Trevor Blackman on Maritime Radio / Get Live Radio

As the world steps into 2026, voices of reflection and hope took to the airwaves as Dr Seshni joined renowned broadcaster Trevor Blackman on Maritime Radio / Get Live Radio with a powerful New Year's message of Reset, Compassion, and Clarity.

Pre-recorded from Miami, Florida, the programme will be aired on 11 January 2026 across London, the USA, and to a global audience, reminding listeners that the New Year is not just a change of calendar, but an opportunity for renewal.

During the show, both speakers encouraged listeners to pause and acknowledge how far they have come. Reflecting on the highs and lows of 2025 and previous years, Dr Seshni emphasized the importance of recognising growth, resilience, and lessons learned through life's challenges.

»»Goals matter, she shared,



»»but New Year's resolutions are really promises we make to ourselves --- to start something new or to break habits that no longer serve us.»»

Dr Seshni drew inspiration from two globally respected voices. Quoting Dr Deepak Chopra, Founder of The Chopra Foundation, she reminded listeners of the power of uncertainty: »»If only I knew then, as I know now, that there is wisdom in uncertainty -- it opens a door to the unknown, and only from the unknown can life be renewed constantly.»»

She also echoed wisdom shared by

Oprah Winfrey, encouraging people to look at the mountain ahead, but also to look back and appreciate how far they have already climbed. A key message throughout the broadcast was reassurance --- that we do not need to have everything figured out. Instead, the focus should be on gratitude, self-love, meditation, and mindfulness, practices that bring balance and clarity in an increasingly fast-paced world.

Trevor Blackman reaffirmed his commitment to wellbeing broadcasting, announcing that he will continue sharing Dr Seshni's meditation and mindfulness series on the radio, offering listeners practical tools for calm, focus, and emotional resilience.

The New Year 2026 message resonated deeply with audiences worldwide, serving as a reminder that true progress begins within --- with compassion for ourselves, clarity in our intentions, and the courage to reset and move forward.

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Poet & Cultural Commentator

Responsible journalism benefits society

Media plays a key role in reaching government schemes and programmes to the public.

Visakhapatnam Rural Tahsildar Paul Kiran

Smart City Reporters Welfare Association pays a courtesy visit to the MRO

(Visakhapatnam, January 9) Representatives of the Smart City Reporters Welfare Association paid a courtesy visit to Visakhapatnam Rural Tahsildar (MRO) M. Paul Kiran on Friday. On this occasion, they presented the New Year diary prepared by the Association to the Tahsildar and conveyed New Year greetings. During the meeting, they discussed



the activities of the Association, the problems faced by journalists, and the role of the media in taking government programmes to the people. Speaking on the occasion, MRO Paul Kiran said that the media plays a crucial role in properly delivering government schemes and pro-

grammes to the public. He stated that responsible journalism benefits society. He assured that they would always extend their support for the welfare of journalists and for providing necessary information from government offices. He also expressed his wish that the Smart City Reporters Welfare Association should grow further.

Later, the Association representatives felicitated the MRO by draping him with a shawl. The programme was attended by Smart City Reporters Welfare Association President Bangaru Ashok Kumar, Executive Member Sappidi Santosh Kumar, and others.

A Literary Salutation to Madam

A teacher--poet who adorned words
with fragrance,
At the touch of her pen,
Emotions came alive.
A guiding lamp who taught
Education and values
As a single, inseparable lesson

A mentor who gently revealed
The hidden meanings behind letters
With graceful ease.
Her speech is soft,
Yet her message is strong.
A sculptor who planted
Self-confidence in students' hearts

She transformed literature into a way of life,
Gave form to culture and values.
Her letters stand tall beyond time,
A lamp showing the path to generations.
Thoughts that awaken society,
A great poetess...
A noble soul who lights lamps of knowledge.
Birthday wishes to our beloved Suguna Madam...



--- Bonasi Renuka

आदमी जिन जिन
चीजों को नहीं जानता
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लगता है। और जिससे
वह दुश्मनी करता है
उसके विरोध में खड़ा
हो जाता है।... (शकील
उवाव -१८९७)

हमारी अपनी सबसे बड़ी तकलीफ यही है कि हमने अभी तक हमने अपने शरीर को ही ठीक से नहीं समझा सके। हमें अभी तक यह भी ठीक से पता नहीं है कि हमारे सृष्टिकर्ता पालनहार परमात्मा ने किन किन अनुकूल व प्रतिकूल धातुओं से हमें बनाया है। हम अभी तक अपने ही उन शरीर के अंगों का विज्ञान भी ठीक से नहीं समझ पाये हैं जिन अंगों द्वारा हम पल-पल सेवा लेते हैं। और ना हम अपनी मानसिक स्थिति को ठीक से समझ सके हैं जो पल-पल बदलते रहती है।

याने कम से कम हम अपने दिल की हालात भी समझ लें तो हालात के मुताबिक कर्म करके ईश्वर को प्रसन्न करते हुये आनंदित जीवन बिता सकेंगे जिन कर्मों के माध्यम से नरक का भय दिल से मिट सके। और हम अपनी बौद्धिक क्षमताओं को भी ठीक तरह से नहीं जानते। यह उपरोक्त सभी बातें एक सर्व सामान्य व्यक्ति के लिए कहे जा रहे हैं जो समाज में बहु संख्या में हैं, उनके लिये नहीं जो ज्ञानी हैं और सच्चे धार्मिक हैं। और बड़े आश्चर्य की बात यही है कि आजकल जो खुद को नहीं जानते वही आस्तिक या नास्तिक बने बैठे हैं।

इल्म (ज्ञान) कोशिश करने वालों को हक (सत्य) तक जरूर जरूर पहुंचाता है। और जाहिलत (अज्ञानता) इंसान को गुमराह (पथभ्रष्ट) कर देती है, भ्रमित कर देती है। और सीधे मार्ग से भटकाकर लक्ष्य से कर देती है। पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) के पहले उत्तराधिकारी इमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब अलैहिस्सलाम का फरमान है कि, "जाहिलात (अज्ञानता) गुमराही (पथभ्रष्टता) है।" (हैदरी कुतुबखाना मुंबई द्वारा प्रकाशित उर्दू पुस्तक, तजल्लियाते हिकमत, बाब 52, जिहालत, हदीस क्रमांक 14, पुष्ट क्रमांक 117)।

कहने का तात्पर्य यही है कि जब हमें हमारे शरीर, मन, बुद्धी का वास्तविक ज्ञान नहीं है तो फिर क्या खाक आत्मा तक हम पहुंच सकेंगे? फिर हम जब हमारी आत्मा तक नहीं जानते तो इस आत्मा को राह दिखाने के लिये ईश्वर की ओर से भेजे गये मार्गदर्शकों को क्या खाक पहचान पाएंगे? जब हमारे मार्गदर्शन के लिये



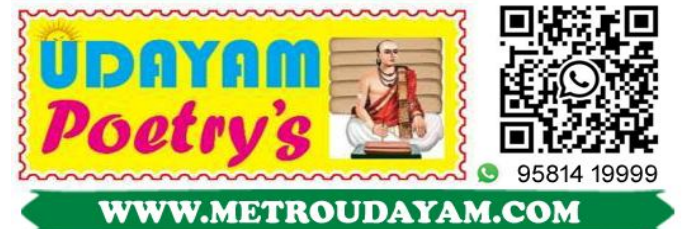
आये हुये मार्गदर्शक हमारे समझ में नहीं आते है तो फिर हमारा सृष्टिकर्ता पालनहार परमात्मा क्या खाक समझ में आयेगा?

फिर जब हम हमारे परमात्मा को जानते ही नहीं तो फिर उसकी इबादत (भक्ती, उपासना) कैसे कर पाएंगे?, जिसके लिए हमें इस दुनिया में भेजा गया है। जो हमारे मुख्य मूल कर्तव्य (जिसे ईश्वर की भक्ती कहते हैं) को किये बगैर नजात कैसे? मुक्ति कैसे? और मोक्ष कैसे? हम कितने अल्पज्ञानी हैं? हम कितने अनुभवशून्य हैं। याद रहे अनुभव रहित हर बात महत्वहीन ही रहेगी। हम अपने इसी अज्ञानता को छुपाने के लिए हमारी अपनी जुबान पर शास्त्रों, सिद्धांतों और अच्छी अच्छी बातों को सजा कर रखा है, जो हमें कोई लाभ नहीं देते।

हम अपने आप को धार्मिक के रूप में दुनिया के सामने प्रस्तुत करते हैं। याद रहें हम अपने आप को जाने बगैर सब शास्त्र बेकार है। हमें ना मंदिर मस्जिदों की परिक्रमा फायदा पहुंचाती है, ना ही रोजा उपवा, सों से कुछ हो सकेगा। सार यही है कि पशुओं की तरह वासनाओं में घिरे नहीं रहना है। केवल मात्र शरीर तक सीमित नहीं रहना है। आत्मा को जाने बगैर, परमात्मा जाने बगैर नजात की बातें झूठी हैं। मुक्ति का खयाल अर्थ हीन है। मोक्ष की कल्पना मिथ्या है। यह सभी बातें खुद को, और दूसरों को धोखा देने से ज्यादा कुछ नहीं।

आदमी जिन जिन चीजों को नहीं जानता उन चीजों से दुश्मनी (शत्रुता) करने लगता है। और जिससे वह दुश्मनी करता है उसके विरोध में खड़ा हो जाता है। पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) के पहले उत्तराधिकारी इमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब अलैहिस्सलाम का फरमान है कि, "आदमी अज्ञान चीजों का दुश्मन है।" (हैदरी कुतुबखाना मुंबई द्वारा प्रकाशित उर्दू पुस्तक, तजल्लियाते हिकमत, बाब 52, जिहालत, हदीस क्रमांक 16, पुष्ट क्रमांक 117)। फिर यह दुश्मनी अपने प्रति, दूसरों के प्रति या ईश्वर के प्रति भी हुआ सकती है।

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



The Eagles Shadow: A Cry from a Weeping World

The iron eagle spreads its wings once more,
Not to shelter, but to settle the score.
From Venezuelas heart to the mystic East,
The tyrant feasts on a sovereign beast.
They snatch the rulers,
they shackle the land,
Crushing the weak with a heavy hand.

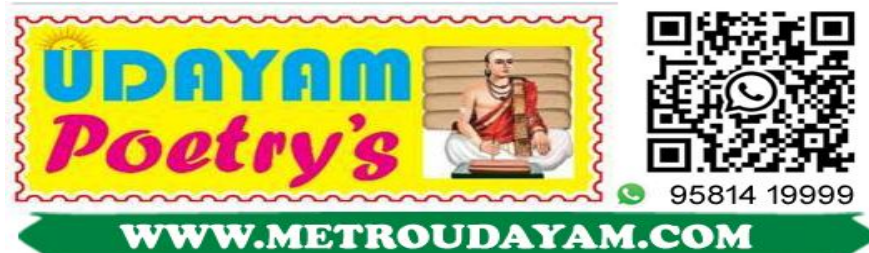
For oil, for gold,
for a throne of dust,
They trade our peace
for their endless lust.
The globe is trapped in
an invisible cage,
Trembling in fear of the
Empire's rage.

From Gazaps rubble to Ukraines snow,
The rivers of blood continue to flow.
What is this madness?
This hunger for power?
While the clock ticks down to the final hour.
Trump, Putin, do you not see?
You are but mortals,
brief as can be.
A thousand years you will not reign,

But you leave behind eternal pain.
The atom sleeps with one eye open wide,
While humanity has nowhere left to hide.
Forests burn and the oceans choke,
Is this the legacy of which you spoke?
To rule a graveyard?
To conquer the dead?

With a crown of ashes upon your head?
Here I stand, with a poet's tear,
Writing the sorrow that you refuse to hear.
Stop the plunder, put down the sword,
Before we are erased by a silent world.
Let love return,
let the wars cease,
Give us back our breath,
give us back our peace.

--- By Dr. Simhachalam Laxman Swamy



A MERE PAPER

A piece of paper, one runs after,
If you don't have enough
You try to own it faster.

It can get everything for you
But not happiness,
So its absence should not
lead to unhappiness.

All are in a crazy race,
Forgetting relations in the
mad chase.

Fortunate ones have it in
abundance
Without it, struggle for existence

If you have it in plenty you
get respect.
Without it, you have to introspect.

In its scarcity, your struggle
is on for survival,

When in plenty, everyone
waits for your arrival.

When in excess, it leads to fear
And if it is scanty, it leads to tears.
Is it true my dear?

It is the cause of corruption,
When it is lost, it causes
depression.

For those who realise, less
is more,
That's the time peace is
restored.

Another paper most sought
after

Not realising there after,
That it is a person's skill,
Which will create the thrill,
If it's getting too serious, just
chill.

--- Anindita Lahiri Biswas
Science educator,

By 2026, the undergraduate research experience has entered a completely new phase. For a TYBSc student, the difficulty is no longer accessing information --- it is navigating an overwhelming abundance of it. Every research topic is now surrounded by thousands of journal articles, datasets, preprints, simulations, and technical reports. The modern challenge is not scarcity, but saturation.

This shift has quietly changed the way science is practiced at the undergraduate level. What once took months of manual reading and fragmented note-taking can now be compressed into a focused, data-driven workflow powered by artificial intelligence. At the center of this transformation is a framework known as Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) --- a system that allows students to turn large bodies of scientific literature into a searchable, reasoning-based knowledge engine.

This is not about letting AI write research papers. It is about letting AI support scientific thinking.

Why AI Does Not Replace Researchers

The fear that artificial intelligence will make scientists irrelevant comes from a misunderstanding of what scientific work truly involves. Science is not simply the accumulation of facts.

Scientific Discovery at 10x: How AI Is Reshaping Undergraduate Research

It is the ability to recognize patterns, question assumptions, and notice when data behaves in unexpected ways.

AI does not possess intuition, curiosity, or scientific judgment. However, it excels at something humans cannot do at scale: rapidly processing and organizing enormous volumes of information.

A TYBSc student might be able to study three or four papers in a day. An AI model equipped with modern embedding and retrieval systems can analyze thousands in minutes. This allows the student to step out of mechanical reading and move toward higher-order thinking --- evaluating trends, identifying contradictions, and designing better experiments.

In this sense, AI does not replace the scientist. It removes the cognitive bottleneck that slows scientific discovery.

How Retrieval-Augmented Generation Works

Retrieval-Augmented Generation is a hybrid architecture that combines large language models with document-level search and semantic indexing. Unlike traditional chatbots that rely only on what they



were trained on, RAG systems operate on custom knowledge bases created by the researcher.

The process has three core layers.

First is document embedding. Scientific papers are broken into small segments and converted into numerical vectors using neural embedding models. These vectors capture the semantic meaning of each passage, not just its keywords.

Second is semantic retrieval. When the student asks a question, the system searches this vector database to find the most conceptually relevant sections

across all uploaded documents. This allows it to retrieve information even when the phrasing differs.

Third is grounded generation. The language model generates a response using only the retrieved material, ensuring that the output is anchored to real academic sources rather than probabilistic guesses. Many systems also return citations, page numbers, and authorship for verification.

The result is a research assistant that does not invent knowledge --- it navigates it.

Accelerating the Search for Research Gaps

This architecture changes one of the most difficult stages of undergraduate research: finding what has not yet been studied.

Consider a TYBSc student working on urban heat islands in Mumbai. They build a RAG system from hundreds of recent climate, satellite imaging, and urban-planning studies. Instead of manually scanning PDFs, they can ask highly targeted questions such as:

»»How do current thermal models treat vertical vegetation in high-humidity coastal cities?»

Within seconds, the system compares all relevant papers, identifies trends, and highlights where the literature is thin or inconsistent. It may reveal that

most models focus on rooftops, a few mention green walls, and almost none integrate humidity-dependent heat absorption.

That is not just faster reading --- that is computationally assisted insight.

What once required months of manual comparison can now be achieved in days of analytical inquiry.

The New Meaning of Scientific Skill

In 2026, the most valuable skill for a science graduate is no longer memorization. It is the ability to design intelligent research workflows that combine human reasoning with machine-scale analysis.

Students who know how to build RAG pipelines, evaluate retrieved evidence, and critically interpret AI-assisted outputs will think faster, see further, and work with greater precision.

AI becomes a cognitive amplifier. The student remains the scientist.

And together, they form a new model of discovery --- one where curiosity is no longer limited by the sheer weight of information.

-KRITIKA NAHA

Leopard Sighting on Srivari Mettu Footpath Causes Concern Among Devotees

A recent sighting of a leopard on the Srivari Mettu footpath has raised alarm among devotees visiting the sacred route. The leopard was spotted near the 400th step, prompting immediate notification of the authorities. TTD (Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams) security personnel quickly responded and temporarily halted foot traffic on the path this morning (Friday) to ensure the safety of visitors. Following the sighting, extensive searches were conducted along the entire Srivari Mettu route. TTD officials have advised devotees to remain vigilant and assured that they are closely monitoring the situation while implementing necessary security measures. They have urged visitors to adhere strictly to the guidance provided by security staff. This incident follows a series of leopard sightings along the Alipiri, Srivari Mettu, and Mokalla Mettu footpaths, resulting in heightened anxiety among pilgrims. TTD has previously closed the footpaths after detecting leopard movements via CCTV cameras in these areas. Increased surveillance has been established, and devotees are now permitted to walk in groups only during night hours. Solo travel on the footpaths has been prohibited, and visitors are cautioned against discarding food in forested regions. TTD officials have reiterated the importance of informing security personnel immediately if a leopard is seen to ensure the safety of all.



As we celebrate Pravasi Bharatiya Divas on 9 January 2026, it is timely and meaningful to reflect on the year 2025—a year marked by remembrance, scholarship, cultural continuity, and sustained global collaboration in the field of Girmityology and diaspora heritage.

January 2025 -- Honouring Indias Global Citizens

Every year on 9 January, India observes Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, recognising the achievements and contributions of the Indian diaspora. In 2025, the celebrations were held from 8--10 January, bringing together leaders, entrepreneurs, academics, and cultural representatives from across the world. The occasion commemorates Mahatma Gandhiji's return from South Africa in 1915, symbolising leadership, resilience, and global connectedness.

On 7 January 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivered a message acknowledging the vital role played by the global Indian diaspora in strengthening Indias cultural, economic, and social ties. Importantly, he articulated a forward-looking vision for the establishment of a centralised database for Girmitya countries in Delhi. This commitment was reiterated at Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2025 in Bhubaneswar, during his visit to Mauritius in March 2025, and again in May 2025 at Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, reflecting a sustained national emphasis on preserving Girmitya history and diaspora connections.

In parallel, the ICC Indo-Caribbean Cultural Centre Weekly Sunday Talks commenced another year of uninterrupted dialogue on Indo-Caribbean history, culture, and migration. Early sessions featured Dr. Kumar Mahabir, Shalima Mohammed, and Shakira Mohammed. Across the globe, universities and diaspora institutions initiated heritage workshops and seminars focused on migration narratives, memory preservation, and cultural continuity.

February 2025 -- Heritage, Memory, and Global Dialogue
ICC Weekly Sunday Talks continued. Internationally, there continued to be workshops, seminars and conferences.

March 2025 -- A Historic Milestone

On 22 March 2025, Baba Professor Dr. Shardhanand H. Singh inaugurated the Girmityology Centre, GGLASC Global Girmitya Lineage Archive Searching Center in Bishanpur village, Madubani, Bihar, Patna, marking a landmark step in institutionalising research, education, and global collaboration on Indian indentureship. The inau-

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guration was attended by Dr. Binod Kumar Singh, Chandan Singh, and other distinguished academics and community representatives, underscoring the Centre's scholarly and cultural significance.

Throughout the month, ICC talks continued uninterrupted, ensuring sustained engagement with migration histories, labour experiences, and cultural retention. Globally, universities in the Caribbean, Mauritius, and South Africa hosted heritage-focused seminars, exhibitions, and lectures highlighting diaspora narratives and cultural preservation.

April to August 2025 -- Continuity, Scholarship, and Global Heritage

From April through August, ICC Weekly Sunday Talks provided steady and in-depth dialogue on plantation systems, labour resistance, women's narratives, and intergenerational memory. Concurrently, teams worked behind the scenes on research coordination, planning, and international collaboration to strengthen Girmityology's global mission.

During this period, numerous global heritage and diaspora initiatives complemented these efforts. On 11 April, the Heritage in Transition Symposium in Liverpool explored sustainable heritage management. From 15--30 May, a major digitisation initiative focused on preserving Girmitya records and indentureship documents. Heritage Week at the University of Bonn and Africa Week at UNESCO, both on 21 May, highlighted diasporic memory and global heritage. Windrush Day was commemorated in the UK on 22 June, while South Asian Heritage Month ran from 1 July to 17 August, celebrating diaspora identity, art, and oral histories.

In July, the British Library hosted a workshop titled »»Archival Gaps, Silences and Omissions: Belonging and the Legacy of Indian Indentureship.««

In July discussions between Patna museum and GGLASC. On 16 August, at the Durban International Book Fair, Dr. Seshni Moodliar Rensburg launched Annamma Vathers Moodley, documenting her great-grandmother's journey during the indentureship era in South Africa. August also saw cultural programmes at the Indira Gandhi Centre for Indian Culture in Mauritius, strengthening India--diaspora ties.

September and October 2025 -- Commemoration and

International Reach

On 15 September, a solemn homage was paid at the Hooghly River in Kolkata, led by Party Roy and team, honouring departed Girmityas. The occasion also featured the Dr. Sarita Bodhoo Memorial Lectures, adding academic depth to this act of remembrance at a historic departure point for indentured labourers.

On 24 September, the Indentured Labour Conference in Lucknow, led by Professor Upadhyay Onkar, advanced scholarly discourse on migration and labour history. October witnessed engagements in Mauritius, Northumbria, and India, reinforcing Girmityology's international presence. Other notable events included the Echoes of Migration Summit in London on 10 October, the Northumbria Conference on Indentureship at the Discovery Museum on 14 October, global Diwali celebrations on 19 October, and the SOAS Cultural Heritage Symposium in London. From 28--30 October, the Indore Conference led by Rita Abraham convened scholars and diaspora leaders, with participation from Mehen Poinosawmy of France and the GIO team.

November 2025 -- Diwali, Literary, and Heritage Recognition

Diwali was celebrated worldwide on 8 November, including vibrant celebrations in Paris organised by Mehen Poinosawmy in collaboration with GIO. On 2 November, the Annual Aapravasi Ghat Yaj Ceremony 191st celebration of indentured labourers in Mauritius, with a presentation by Dr. Sarita Bodhoo, honoured the memory of Indian indentured labourers.

From 11--13 November, the Global Film Festival in Delhi, curated by Sandeep Marwah, showcased films on migration and diaspora narratives. On 16 November South African Indenture Day celebrated, commemorating Indian arrival in KwaZulu-Natal, celebrated in India, South Africa, and globally. On 18/11/2025 Government of India extends eligibility of OCI to 7th generation South African descendants. On 24 November, the 13th Annual Conference of Creative Hindi was held in Phulparas, jointly organised by the Creative Hindi Trust (Delhi) and the Madhukar Singh Nayak Trust. The programme featured international Girmitya recognition, book launches including

Bhartiya Samachar and a poetry collection by Dr. Deepti Agarwal, youth academic awards, and a session titled »»My Village, My History«« led by poet Anand Mohan.

December 2025 -- Global Reflection, Awards, and Heritage Preservation
December was marked by intense scholarly and heritage activity. The UWI Migration Conference held from 9--10 December in St Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago, explored migrant voices and regional movement.

From 8--10 December 2025, at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, an international conference organised by Professor Shyam Ghan featured a prestigious session chaired by Professor Brij Maharaj of South Africa, strengthening academic engagement on migration and diaspora studies.

Dennis Ram conducted archival surveys in Kolkata on 11--12 December. On 16th December, Professor Chan Choenni launched his book History of Hindustanis in Chennai on Vijay Diwas, with Shri B. Jagannath chairing and Dr. Malini presenting. From 8--13 December, the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage session in New Delhi reinforced the importance of safeguarding living heritage.

On 16 December in Suva, Fiji, Sitiveni Rabuka was honoured with a replica of the Ayodhya Ram Mandir by Dr. Vijay Jolly, symbolising peace, prosperity, and people-to-people friendship between India and Fiji. Between 20--23 December, Dr. Anil Pahladsingh, Global Girmityology Movement Ambassador from the Netherlands, participated in a Diaspora Conference on EU--India cooperation, held consultative discussions with Indian officials, and delivered lectures at Jawaharlal Nehru University and the International Law Institute. On 30 December, Devendra Chaubey launched This Is Not That Country: Mauritius -- A Social Journey.

In December, Girmityology Awards were conferred on fifty individuals for their exceptional contributions to spreading awareness of Girmitya heritage worldwide. The awards were organised by GGLASC, guided by Dr. Shardhanand H. Singh, with support from Dr. Binod Kumar Singh and Chandan Singh.

By 28 December 2025, the ICC Weekly Sunday Talks reached a

remarkable milestone: 292 unbroken weeks of continuous engagement, featuring 1,177 presenters from around the world across 292 topics over five years, eight months, and one week.

On 28 December, the Centre for South African Heritage was launched at La Woods Hotel in Chennai, fulfilling a 50-year vision of K.M. Gopinath. Supported by Karunanidhi Duraimanickam and Agnesh SK, and inaugurated by Selvan Naidoo, Verushka Pather, Dinesh Naidoo, K.M. Gopinath, Karunanidhi Duraimanickam, and Agnesh SK, the Centre now serves as a vital repository of cultural and historical information on Indian Africans in South Africa, in collaboration with organisations such as the 1860 Heritage Centre, Durban.

Gratitude, Ancestral Memory, and Looking Forward to 2026

As we observe Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, we honour our Girmitya ancestors whose sacrifices shaped communities across continents. Their stories--preserved through memory, scholarship, and cultural practice--continue to guide present and future generations. With gratitude to academics, cultural practitioners, organisers, speakers, writers, and community members, 2025 stands as a year of deep reflection and global collaboration. Guided by the message of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas and strengthened by collective effort, Girmityology enters 2026 with renewed commitment to remembrance, research, and the celebration of Indias enduring global connections.

It must be acknowledged that the events, conferences, book launches, memorials, awards, and cultural celebrations documented here represent only a selection of the many significant initiatives that took place across the world in 2025. Numerous other commemorations, scholarly engagements, heritage activities, and community-led programmes were organised throughout the year, reflecting the depth, diversity, and global spread of Girmitya and diaspora heritage work. Together, these collective efforts demonstrate an enduring commitment to remembrance, scholarship, and cultural continuity that extends far beyond any single record or review.

Jai Hind

Dr. Seshni Moodliar Rensburg?United Kingdom / India?Doctor, Psychiatrist, Writer, Poet & Cultural Commentators

Do Not Collect Excess Fare from Passengers During Sankranti Festival

As per the instructions of the Transport Commissioner, an awareness meeting was held today at the office of the Deputy Transport Commissioner in Visakhapatnam with private travels, contract carriage (CC) bus owners and operators. During the meeting, the officials clearly stated that passenger safety must be the top priority. They instructed the operators to behave with passengers in a polite and friendly manner. They also warned that cancelling or postponing pre-announced travel schedules under any circumstances should not be done, as it causes severe inconvenience to passengers.

They emphasized that over-speeding and rash driving must be strictly avoided. Road safety rules should be implemented strictly, and only experienced drivers should be appointed on every bus to prevent accidents. For long-distance journeys, it is mandatory to have two drivers, and this rule must be strictly followed.

They also instructed that every bus must be equipped with fire safety equipment, and it should



always be in proper working condition. For the benefit of passengers in any emergency, the government helpline number 9281607001 must be clearly and visibly displayed inside the bus.

In addition, they advised that vehicle taxes, fitness certificates (FC), permits, insurance, and other records must always be kept up to date and that all government orders must be strictly followed. The Transport

Department informed that inspections will continue and requested every operator to extend full cooperation in the interest of passenger safety.

Road Safety Month Awareness Program -- 2026

As part of the Road Safety Month Awareness Program 2026, a safety awareness program was jointly organized today at the Visakhapatnam Lorry Operators Welfare Association office by the



Transport Department, Police Department, Medical & Health Department, and the YOUNG INDIA voluntary organization under the theme:

»»Safety through Training, Transformation through Technology.µµ

On this occasion, drivers were advised to strictly follow traffic rules and regulations and to take a pledge to uphold road safety.

The association office bearers stated that not a single accident

was caused by their association members in the year 2025, and that zero accidents were recorded. They also said that no one was caught in drink-and-drive cases.

They appreciated the efforts of every driver for following traffic rules and contributing to road safety, calling it a very positive and encouraging development. They once again advised everyone to strictly adhere to road safety rules and regulations.

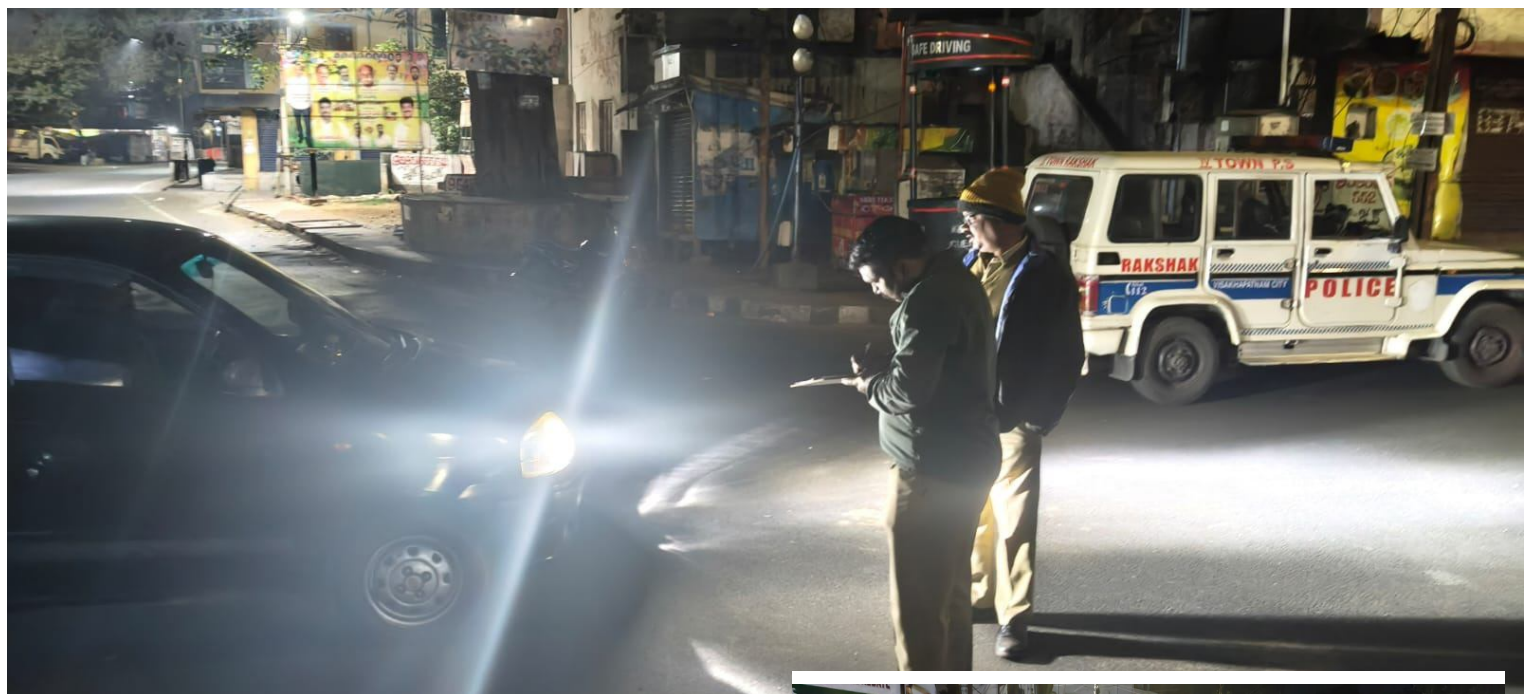
Services Rendered by rayala Adavaiah Yadav for Public Welfare Are Remarkable: Adam Santhosh Kumar



Hyderabad, January 9 (Metro Morning):

Former Mettuguda Corporator late Rayala Adavaiah Yadav was remembered on his 11th death anniversary on Friday. On the occasion, Secunderabad Assembly constituency contested MLA and Constituency In-charge Adam Santhosh Kumar paid rich tributes by offering floral wreaths to the portrait of the late leader. Speaking on the occasion, Adam Santhosh Kumar recalled the invaluable services rendered by Adavaiah Yadav and described him as a »»great leader who worked with dedication and commitment for the welfare of the people.µµ As part of the commemorative programme, sarees were distributed to the poor in memory of the late leader. The event was attended by party leaders, the sons of Adavaiah Yadav --- Rayala Mahender Yadav and Rajender Yadav and several others.

Vehicle Checks on Cars and Two-Wheelers



On Tuesday night, Fourth Town SI Chinna Babu conducted inspections of cars and two-wheelers. He instructed vehicle riders to strictly wear helmets and seat belts. He warned that if anyone is caught driving without a license, not only will the vehicle be seized, but a case will also be registered against the person in

whose name the vehicle is registered. He said that triple riding will not be tolerated under any circumstances. He also advised people not to roam unnecessarily on the roads during late night hours.

He further appealed that the public should cooperate with the police for crime control, and in view of the festival sea-



son, those who are going to their native places should inform the police in advance, SI Chinna Babu said.

Grand Celebration of Barigela Familyys New Silk Garment Ceremony...

Kadthal, January 9, (Metroodayam): The new silk garment ceremony of Lakshmi Prasanna (Chakkani) and Krishna Prasad (Nani), daughter and son of senior Congress party leaders Barigela Srinu and Mounika from Bogguladona village, Dindi mandal, Nalgonda district, was celebrated grandly on Friday. The ceremony, held at their residence in

Bogguladona village, was attended by Bogguladona village Sarpanch Buddula Srivani Srinu, Deputy Sarpanch Arkapalli Mamatha Eedamaiah, 5th ward member Shobha Sridhar, senior journalist Mallepakula Parushuram, leaders B. Venkataiah, Shekhar, Hussain, Ellayya, Krishnaiah, Veeraswamy, Anjaneyulu, Ramesh, Karthik, Vinay, youth

leaders, employees, leaders and activists from various parties, fans, relatives, and friends, who blessed the children. Village leaders, youth, Barigela family members, villagers, relatives, and young people participated in large numbers in this celebration.

