



Piyush Goyal upbeat over trade talks with EU

New Delhi: Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Tuesday listed the trade talks with the EU in Brussels and the rollout of the Export Promotion Mission in a roundup of "major highlights" from his Ministry in the last 10 days.

"Held a productive dialogue with the European Union Trade and Economic Security Commissioner, Mr Maros Sefcovic, in Brussels. We conducted detailed deliberations on key areas of the proposed India-EU FTA. Also emphasised the strategic importance of concluding a fair, balanced, and ambitious agreement that aligns with their shared values, economic priorities, and commitment to a rules-based trading framework," the minister said.

He further stated that he visited Liechtenstein and reviewed the implementation of the



India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement. "Also met H.S.H. Hereditary Prince Alois and the top political leadership. Encouraged greater participa-

tion of EFTA companies in key trade and investment events in India and invited closer collaboration through business dialogues and delegations."

Besides, the minister highlighted that as part of the initial rollout of the Export Promotion Mission, two key interventions under the NIRYAT PROTSAHAN sub-scheme have been launched to strengthen MSME exports and improve access to trade finance. These interventions will lower the cost of exporting for MSMEs, give them improved cash flow and liquidity, encourage them to explore new export markets, give easier access to bank loans to MSME exporters, make them less dependent on property or asset collateral and boost export growth, especially among small firms.

The first intervention under the scheme relates to interest subvention for pre- and post-shipment export credit, aimed at reducing the cost of export credit and easing working-capital constraints faced by MSME

exporters. Under this intervention, interest subvention will be provided on pre- and post-shipment rupee export credit extended by eligible lending institutions. A base interest subvention of 2.75 per cent has been provided, with a provision for additional incentive for exports to notified under-represented or emerging markets, subject to operational readiness.

The second intervention under Niryat Protsahan relates to collateral support for export credit, aimed at addressing constraints faced by MSME exporters and improving access to bank finance. Guarantee coverage of up to 85 per cent will be provided for Micro and Small exporters and up to 65 per cent for Medium exporters, with a maximum outstanding guaranteed exposure of Rs 10 crore per exporter in a financial year.

Chandrababu participates in Sankranti Celebrations in Naravaripalle



Sankranti festivities were celebrated with great enthusiasm in Nara Chandrababu Naidu's native village, Naravaripalle, where the Chief Minister joined family members for the occasion. Alongside his wife, Nara Bhuvaneshwari, and their son, Minister Lokesh, they were joined by Nara Brahmani, Devansh, and Balakrishna's wife, Vasundhara, among others.

During the celebrations, Bhuvaneshwari and Brahmani took part in observing the rangoli competitions, showcasing traditional floor art. Young Devansh was also

engaged in numerous sports activities held as part of the events, while the Chief Minister and his family cheered on the participants.

Earlier, Chief Minister Naidu addressed the concerns of the public by receiving petitions from attendees. Today, he is set to lay foundation stones and inaugurate several development projects in Naravaripalle. Naidu will be staying in his native village for the next three days, further immersing himself in the local celebrations and community matters.

Telangana Municipal Elections: Final Voter Count Revealed

In anticipation of the upcoming municipal elections in Telangana, the State Election Commission has published the final voters' list, which indicates a total of 52,43,023 registered voters in the municipalities and corporations slated for the polls. Among these voters, there are 25,62,369 males, 26,80,014 females, and 640 transgender individuals, highlighting a notable trend with a greater number of female voters compared to their male counterparts in urban local bodies.

The Nizamabad Corporation tops the list with the highest number of voters, totaling 3,48,051, while the Kothagudem Corporation records the lowest with 1,34,775 voters. In municipalities, Adilabad leads with 1,43,655 voters, whereas Amarachinta holds the distinction of the lowest voter count at just 9,147.



Hyderabad: City gears up for Wings India 2026 at Begumpet



A high-level preparatory meeting was held on Monday at the Telangana State Secretariat to review arrangements for Wings India 2026. The international aviation event is scheduled to take place from 28 to 31 January 2026 at Begumpet Airport, with Telangana serving as the host state.

The meeting was chaired by Vikas Raj, Special Chief Secretary (TR&B), and attended by Asangba Chuba Ao, Joint Secretary for the Ministry of Civil Aviation, along with senior officials from the GHMC, Police, Fire Services, and Begumpet Airport authorities. A detailed presentation was made regarding the logistics and scale of the event, with the Special Chief Secretary seeking seamless coordination across all departments to ensure the smooth conduct of the global summit.

Wings India 2026 is expected to see extensive international participation. Ministers and civil aviation authorities from countries including the United Kingdom, United States, Singapore, UAE, Germany, Russia, Qatar, and Ghana are slated to attend. Domestically, six states Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Odisha have confirmed their participation, while approximately 98 companies will showcase their technologies as exhibitors.

International Kite Festival: Kite flyers from across the globe mesmerise audience in Vadodara

Vadodara: With the beginning of the International Kite Festival in Gujarat, the skies in the city became a colourful canvas with kites of various shapes, sizes and colours, fluttering in the breezy weather. The spectacular show of jumbo-size kites occupying the skies dazzled the locals, domestic as well as foreign tourists with its beauty, vibrancy and visual appeal. More than 160 kite flyers from India and abroad showcased spectacular stunts with colourful and unique kites at the International Kite Festival, organised jointly by Gujarat Tourism, the District Administration, and the Vadodara Municipal Corporation. The event embodied the spirit of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (the world is one family). The presence of kite flyers from several countries and states created a festive



atmosphere, attracting a large gathering of people. Kite flyers from various countries, including Australia, the UK, Brazil, South Africa, and Thailand, flew kites of unique designs and various shapes. Kite flyers from various states, including Bihar, Rajasthan, and Tamil Nadu, also mesmerised the audience. The festival was attended by public representatives and a large number of citizens. At the

end of the programme, a special arrangement of Unjha Jalebi was made for the guests, making the celebration even more memorable.

Vadodara MP Dr Hemang Joshi told IANS that the International Kite Festival was being organised with great enthusiasm in Vadodara. More than 20 foreign guests from various countries participated in this event.

"This was the vision of PM Modi when he was Gujarat Chief Minister. The event truly reflected the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam," he said.

Vadodara Municipal Commissioner Arun Mahesh Babu told IANS that the people from eight states of India, as well as from abroad, have come here. He added that the people from outside Vadodara are also contributing to making this event a success.

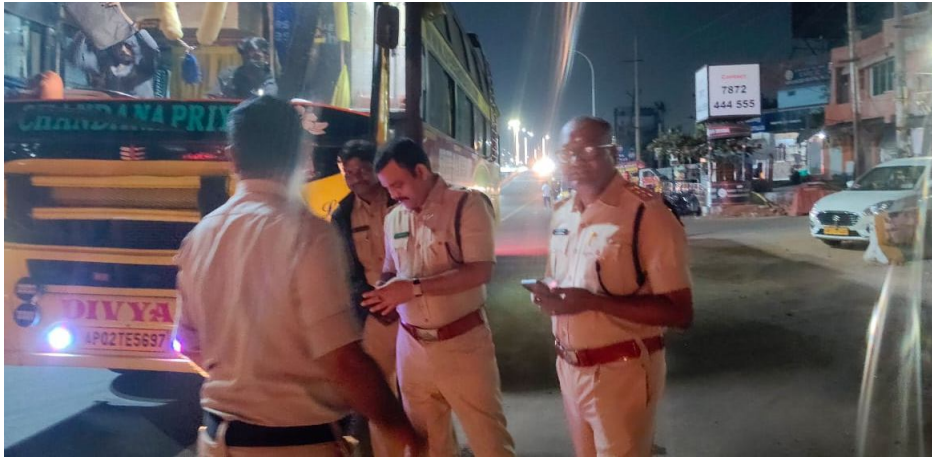
Strict Action Against Excess Fare Collection by Private Buses During Sankranti Festival – District Transport Officer, Visakhapatnam

In view of the huge increase in the number of passengers travelling to their native places during the Sankranti festival, the Andhra Pradesh Transport Department has taken strict measures to prevent private buses from collecting excess fares, said the District Transport Officer.

* For the past five days, with RTGS monitoring and specially constituted Fare Monitoring Teams, bus fares on all online booking platforms (AbhiBus, RedBus and other apps) are being continuously monitored.

* Whenever excessive fares are detected, officials immediately coordinate with the concerned private bus operators and ensure that the fares are reduced and brought under control.

* It was clearly stated that private buses are allowed to charge only up to a maximum of 50% extra over the fares fixed



by RTC. If tickets are sold at prices higher than this, legal action is being taken against the concerned bus owners.

* Keeping passenger welfare in mind, a 24x7 state-level helpline number – 92816 07001 has been set up. Officials will respond immediately to complaints regarding bus fares or any other issues and provide quick solutions.

* Bus owners have been instructed to clearly display this helpline number in every private bus without fail.

* Similarly, special enforcement teams with Motor Vehicle Inspectors have been formed to conduct field-level inspections, and cases are being booked and fines imposed on private buses collecting excess fares.

* In the inspections conducted



over the past five days, 1 bus was booked for charging excess fare and fined ₹5,000/-. Additionally, 33 buses were booked for violations related to tax, permit and other rules, and a total fine of ₹90,100/- was imposed.

* These special inspections and monitoring activities will continue till January 18, and the same strict measures will be continued

even during the return journey period after the festival.

The main objective of the Andhra Pradesh Government is to provide safe, comfortable and secure travel to the public. All necessary steps are being taken to protect passenger interests during the festive season, said District Transport Officer Shri R.C.H. Srinivas in this statement.

Swami Vivekananda should be taken as an ideal:

- Former IPS officer Dr. C. N. Gopinath Reddy



Chikkadapally, January 13, Metro Udayam : Former IPS officer Dr. C. N. Gopinath Reddy stated that Swami Vivekananda, who profoundly influenced the Indian youth, should be taken as an ideal. Under the auspices of the Pinakini Youth Welfare Association, a poetry symposium on the life history of Swami Vivekananda and an awards ceremony were grandly held on Monday morning at the Kala Venkata Dikshitulu auditorium in Tyagaraya Gana Sabha, on the occasion of Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary. The chief guests first lit the ceremonial lamp. Subsequently, the recipients of the Swami Vivekananda Inspiration Award – Unnam Venkateshwarlu, Kunda Bhaskar, S. Ramachandra Rao, Aliya Bhanu, Dr. Y. Srinivasa Babu, Dr. Amancha Anjaiah, Dubba Bhaskar, L. Anurudra Reddy, M.S.K. Shah, Battina Narasimhulu Goud, and M.D. Srinivas – were felicitated with awards. The program was attended by Sevaratna Dr. Munaga Rama Mohana Rao, retired revenue officer Muddapati Surya Narayana, Sevaratna Vadlakonda Venkatrao, founder of Medidi Venkata Subbaiah Trust Dr. Medidi Venkateswara Rao, Kanakadurga Nitya Vibhavari Director Lion Nirmala Prabhakar, Kusuma Dharmanna Kala Peetham President Dr. Radhakusuma, Association President K. Murali Mohan Raju, poets, artists, and others.

Financial literacy and Inclusion Event held at GVL Maha Sankranti celebrations



Visakhapatnam.....All public sector banks, including the State Bank of India (SBI) are playing a pioneering role in ensuring that the PM flagship schemes aimed at financial inclusion reach every intended beneficiary, stated chief General Manager of State Bank of India, Mr Rajesh Kumar Patel. He appreciated the efforts of GVL Narasimha Rao former Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) in organising financial inclusion initiatives as part of the grand GVL Maha Sankranti celebrations being organised in Andhra University engineering College grounds, Visakhapatnam. Senior representatives of the reserve Bank of India and several leading banks including the

State Bank of India, Union Bank of India, Bank of India, Central Bank of India, Punjab, National Bank, and apex institutions like SIDBI and NABARD participated in a conference on financial inclusion and literacy at the grand GVL Maha Sankranti venue. Speaking on the occasion, General Manager of RBI, Rajesh Kumar Mahana urged all the banks to utilise this opportunity to create awareness among bank customers about regular e-KYC updation of their accounts to ensure accounts remain active, availing different products and recovering money from their unclaimed deposits through UDGAM portal. Praising former BJP MP GVL Narasimha Rao for his



unique Sankranti initiative and it's continuation for the third year, he urged all banks to utilise this Sankranti occasion to create wider public awareness and access to the services. Former Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha),

GVL Narasimha Rao informed all the banks and other financial institutions that the organisation of GVL Maha Sankranti celebrations drew inspiration from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to develop Atmanirbhar Bharat by ensuring better inclusion and access to financial services for every citizen and particularly the vulnerable sections of the society. He expressed happiness that a large number of people from Visakhapatnam and even surrounding districts are visiting the Sankranti Pavilion and would not only celebrate the festival in a collective atmosphere, but will go back with valuable education about financial aspects.

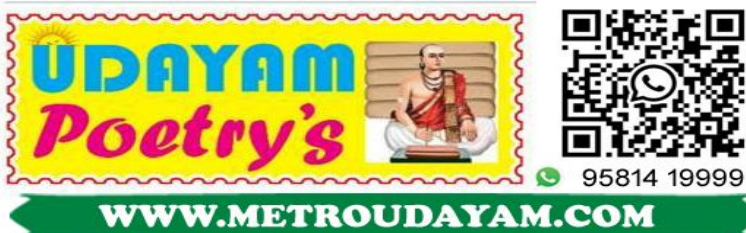
SC delivers split verdict on validity of Section 17A of Prevention of Corruption Act

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday delivered a split verdict on the constitutional validity of Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act. The section mandates prior sanction from the competent authority before initiating an inquiry or investigation against a public servant for decisions taken in the discharge of official duties. A division bench of Justice B.V. Nagarathna and Justice K.V. Viswanathan pronounced separate judgments on the challenge to Section 17A, which was introduced through an amendment in 2018. Justice Viswanathan upheld the constitutional validity of Section 17A, observing that the provision seeks to protect honest public servants from frivolous and vexatious complaints that could otherwise lead to administrative paralysis. However, he added that the decision on granting sanction for investigation should ideally be



vested in an independent body such as the Lokpal or Lokayukta, rather than the government. "If honest public servants are not given a basic assurance that decisions taken by them will not be subjected to frivolous complaints, it is the nation that will suffer. Public servants will resort to a 'play-it-safe' syndrome, resulting in policy paralysis. The panacea of striking down will

turn out to be worse than the disease," Justice Viswanathan observed. Rejecting concerns over potential misuse, he further noted: "There is no merit in the submission that Section 17A could be struck down because there is a possibility of the power being abused. Mere possibility of abuse of an otherwise valid provision cannot be a ground for declaring it unconstitutional." Justice Nagarathna, however, held the provision to be unconstitutional, ruling that it violates Article 14 of the Constitution. She reasoned that Section 17A creates an impermissible classification by extending protection only to a select class of public servants -- those involved in decision-making or recommendation at higher levels -- while excluding others from similar safeguards. "Section 17A of the Act is struck down as it violates Article 14 of the Constitution, inasmuch as it seeks to pro-



बुराई हमारी गलतियों से आई है, इसमें खुदा (ईश्वर) को दोष देना कौनसा इन्साफ है? इसमें ईश्वर को कटघरे में खड़ा करना कौनसी अक्लमंदी है?।...

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खुदा (ईश्वर) ने तो इंसान को कर्मों में आजादी दे रखी है। अक्ल और बुरा दोनों ही कर्मों के चुनाव में आजादी दिया है। जिस जिस धर्म और पंथों में जन्मत और दोख (स्वर्ग और नरक) का सिद्धांत है उस धर्म और उन पंथों में इंसान को अक्ल बुरा करने की आजादी है। अगर आदमी मजबूर होता तो स्वर्ग और नरक का स्वयं कर्ता (अधिकारी) न रहता। धर्म आदमी को मजबूर नहीं किया है और ना ही उसे रोबोट बनाया है। ईश्वर के अस्तित्व की गवाही, कर्म सिद्धांत की वास्तवता, स्वर्ग और नरक की सत्यता हमें दी हुई आजादी का सबूत है।

अगर खुदा (ईश्वर) ने यह अजादी न देता तो सवाल योग्य था कि तू ने हमें मजबूर क्यों किया बुराई करने के लिये? हमारे जन्म के लक्ष्य में और स्वर्ग, नरक के सिद्धांत में नैतिकता तभी पैदा होती है जब हमारे पास चुनाव की आजादी हो। अक्लई हो या बुराई हो यह दोनों भी हमारे अपने चुनाव हैं। खासकर जो बुराई है वह तो इंसान का अपना चुनाव है। बुराई हमारी गलतियों से आई है, इसमें खुदा (ईश्वर) को दोष देना कौनसा इन्साफ है? इसमें ईश्वर को कटघरे में खड़ा करना कौनसी अक्लमंदी है?

इसमें दोष खुदा का नहीं इंसान का है यह छेटीसी बात हमारे समझ में क्यों नहीं आती अखिर? सवाल यह उठाना जाता है कि अक्लाह (ईश्वर) है तो कुरु करता क्यों नहीं? ईश्वर क्यों कुरु करे? उस (ईश्वर) ने तो अक्लाह और बुराई का फर्क बताकर एक कानून बना दिया है। जिस कानून के तहत अक्ल करने वालों के लिये जजा (अक्ल प्रतिफल) और बुरा करने वालों के लिये सजा (दण्ड) निर्धारित किया है। अभी वह हमें न अक्ल करने पर मजबूर करेगा और ना ही वह हमें बुरा करने से रोका करेगा। हां! लेकिन उसके बनाये हुये कानून के मुताबिक जजा और सजा जरूर देगा। अक्लाह (ईश्वर) हमेशा क्यों तुम्हारे कर्मों में दखल दे? वह दखल नहीं



देता। इसका मतलब यह नहीं है कि वह दखल दे ही नहीं सकता, दखल दे भी सकता है और देता भी है, लेकिन उसकी अपनी मर्जी से। आप कौन होते हो के उसे मजबूर करे? इतिहास गवाह है हर जुल्म का खान्दा हुआ है। हर जालिम का अंत हुआ है। फिरओन, नमरुद, शदाद, अबू जहेल, अबू लहेब और यजीद जैसे जालिमों का अंजाम वयों नहीं देख पाते हैं हम?

वया इन जालिमों का अंजाम गवाही नहीं देता कि ईश्वर सर्वशक्तिमान है?। अगर खुदा (ईश्वर) चाहे तो हर पल हमारे कर्मों में दखल दे सकता है, हर बार मोजिजे (बमकार) दिखा सकता है। लेकिन अगर ऐसा दखल देते रहे तो फिर उसके ही बनाये हुये कानून का क्या उपयोग रहेगा?। हम एक आंख से देखने वाले काने हैं, हमें मरने वाले लोग तो दिखते हैं लेकिन उसी हजारी मरने वालों के बीच सही सलामत बचे रहे लाखों लोग नहीं दिखते।

अक्लाह (ईश्वर) दुआएँ सुनता भी है, दुआओं को कबूल भी करता है। अक्लाह रहमान (दयावान) भी है, रहीम (अत्यंत कृपावान) भी है, वह रहमत (दया, करुणा, कृपा, मेहरबानी, या आशीर्वाद) भी भेज रहा है। जहां हजारी लोग मर रहे हैं वहीं लाखों लोगों को बचा भी रहा है। आपने देखा होगा कि जालिमों (अत्याचारियों) द्वारा पीड़ितों को मदद करने से रो कने की लाख कोशिशों के बाद भी पीड़ितों तक मदद भी पहुँच रही है। क्या यह सब बातें खुदा की रहमत (ईश्वर के कृपा) की दलील नहीं है तो और क्या है?

हम कहते हैं कि बुरा करने से अक्लाह (ईश्वर) लोगों को रोकना चाहिए। वया उसने अपने धर्मदोशों द्वारा लोगों को बुराई करने से रोका नहीं? पवित्र कुरआन, अध्याय क्रमांक ६७, सूराह मुल्क आयत क्रमांक ०२ में आया है कि, "उसी (अक्लाह) ने मौत और जिंदगी को बनाया, ताकि वह तुम्हें आजमाए कि तुममें से कौन अमल (कर्म, आचरण) में सबसे अक्ल है। और वह (सृष्टिकर्ता, पालनहार, परमात्मा ही) सर्वशक्तिमान और माफ करने वाला है।

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

BE SMART AND TRAVEL SAFE – DRM ADVISES PASSENGERS



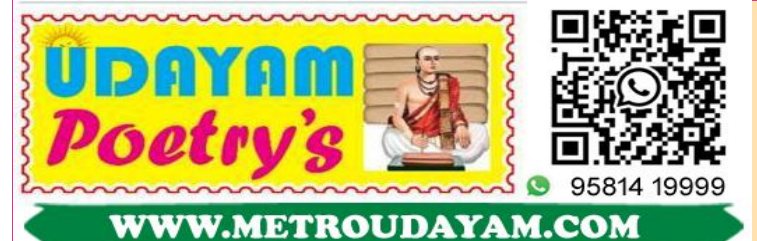
Shri Lalit Bohra, Divisional Railway Manager, Walair Division, East Coast Railway, conveyed warm greetings of Bhogi, Sankranti and Kanuma to the people of the region and extended his best wishes to farmers celebrating the return of crop yields during this festive season.

On the occasion, the DRM appealed to passengers to adopt safe and smart travel practices while travelling by train or staying at railway stations. He advised passengers to remain alert, report any unattended or stray luggage and suspicious persons to railway staff, and not to fall prey to touts, chain snatchers and pickpockets. He also cautioned passengers against footboard travel and urged them not to pull the alarm chain without genuine reasons, as such actions endanger lives and disrupt train operations.

Emphasizing the importance of digital initiatives, Shri Lalit Bohra encouraged rail users to make use of QR code-based payments and the Rail ONE App for queueless ticketing, digital payments and hassle-free journeys. He stated that these facilities not only save time but also help passengers avoid long queues and the inconvenience of arranging exact change.

The DRM informed that to clear the extra rush during the Sankranti festival season, Walair Division is operating more than 50 Sankranti special train services, along with Jansadharan Special trains to destinations such as Vijayawada, Parvatipuram, Brahmapur and Araku.

To ensure smooth passenger movement and effective crowd management, additional ticket counters, ATMs and special task forces have been put in place across the division. A dedicated War Room being operated in Control office for effective monitoring. Frequent public announcements, along with round-the-clock security surveillance through CCTV cameras, are being maintained to ensure the safety and security of passengers.



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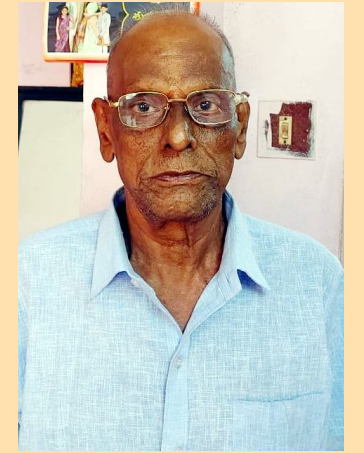
Most politicians feel Voter is less in grasp! Greedy for free alms! Poor in judgement!

They are wrong in assumption! Voter may be like a sleeping lion! Do not go near and drag the tail! Once it got up your address is gone!

Till the democracy is saved! Until social justice prevail! So far equality is given priority! Voter never interfere!

Once the ruler's attitude go out of track! Bossism, harrasement torture on down trodden noticed! At once Voter jumps into action!

His weapon is non vio-



lent! Simple a piece of paper! Comes to his hand once in five years! His right of franchise!

Once excercises with full understanding! Can topple any political leader! Dethrones and shows him exit way! Do not under estimate! THAT IS POWER OF VOTER!

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

Arrive Alive' Road Safety Awareness Programme Held at Manikeshwari Nagar



Hyderabad, metro udayam January 13 :

As part of the Arrive Alive Road Safety Campaign and in accordance with the instructions of the Tiger Officer, a road safety awareness programme was conducted on Tuesday at the Ganesh temple near Kaman, Manikeshwari Nagar, within the limits of Traffic OU Police Station.

The campaign was held from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm under the supervision of ACP A. Srinivas, along with the SHO, OU City Traffic Police Station satyanarayana, si.sharat chandra. Nearly 100 youths and elderly residents from the locality actively participated in the programme. On the occasion, Arrive Alive table calendars were distributed to colony members to reinforce the message of road safety. During the interaction, police officials educated the public on various traffic violations and their serious consequences. Key focus areas included the importance of wearing seatbelts by both front and rear seat passengers, the dangers of using mobile phones while driving, drunken driving, wrong-side driving, signal jumping, and stop-line crossing. Awareness was also created about the risks posed by autos playing on highways with overloading, improper use of high-beam headlights, and overtaking from the left side. Traffic staff from the Secunderabad Zone, including TTI Inspector Ashok, along with OU City Traffic Police personnel, participated in the programme. The officers emphasized that strict adherence to traffic rules is essential to prevent road accidents and save lives, urging citizens to act as responsible road users.

Officials stated that the Arrive Alive campaign continues to play a vital role in spreading awareness and promoting a strong culture of road safety across the city.

ASMITA Yogasana League Valedictory Function Held in a Grand Manner

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The valedictory function of the A S M I T A Yogasana League Y o g a s a n a Competitions was held in a grand manner, marking the successful conclusion of three days of intense and inspiring yogasana events. Welcoming the gathering, the organizers extended a warm welcome to the chief guest, Sri Etala Rajender Garu, Member of Parliament, along with Sri Marri Rajashekar Reddy Garu, MLA, Malkajgiri Constituency, and Sri Harish Babu Garu, Regional Deputy Director, Sports Authority of India, Bengaluru. Speaking on the occasion, the speakers highlighted that immense talent was witnessed during the three-day competitions, with participants displaying exceptional skill,



discipline, and dedication. They emphasized that yoga should be widely propagated from an early age in schools as well as in society, as it plays a vital role in nurturing a healthy mind and body.

It was noted that yoga, an ancient practice rooted in Indian tradition for thousands of years, has today gained widespread popularity across Western countries. The speakers stressed that every individual should adopt yoga as a daily practice to build a healthier and stronger nation. Referring to the vision of Prime



Minister Narendra Modi, they expressed confidence that a strong and healthy Bharat would continue its progress towards global leadership in the coming decades. The organizers congratulated all the winners and appreciated the efforts of nearly 350 participants who took part in the league from six different states, contributing to the success of the event. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all dignitaries, participants, officials, and supporters for making the ASMITA Yogasana League a memorable and successful event.

Youth should move forward with the inspiration of Vivekananda:

- Vivekananda Inspiration Awards ceremony held at Gana Sabha

- Former Union Minister Samudrala Venugopalachari attended as the chief guest

Chikkadapally, January 13, Metro Udayam : Former Union Minister Samudrala Venugopalachari said that the youth should move forward with the inspiration of Vivekananda. He stated that Vivekananda's words are a powerful weapon for achieving one's goals. A young poets' meet and the Vivekananda Inspiration Awards ceremony were organized at Tyagaraya Gana Sabha by the Telugu National Literary Parishad and Adileela Foundation jointly, on the occasion of Swami Vivekananda's



birth anniversary. Speaking as the chief guest at the event, Venugopalachari said that today's youth should move forward with self-confidence, recalling Swami Vivekananda's inspiring words to the youth. He expressed his anguish that

today's youth are committing suicides due to momentary impulses, wasting their time and ruining their lives with drugs and marijuana. Telangana Land Acquisition Court Judge Sri Narsi Reddy said that Swami Vivekananda had asked, "Give

me a hundred young people, and I will put this country on the path of development." He added that strong mental and physical strength are stepping stones to the country's progress, and that Vivekananda's words are a powerful weapon for achieving one's goals. Former BC Commission Chairman Dr. V. Kalabharanam Krishnamohan said that young people should take Swami Vivekananda's life as an ideal and strive to achieve their goals just like Vivekananda did. National Telugu Literary Parishad National President Dr. Ramprasad spoke about the greatness of the Telugu language. Throughout the meeting, Vivekananda's sayings and witty remarks were used to energize the audience and successfully conduct the proceedings. Vivekananda Inspiration Awards

were presented to approximately 30 young people for their distinguished services in various fields. Before the start of the meeting, a poetry recitation inspired by Vivekananda was held with 40 poets participating. Those who participated in this program included Adinarayana, Chairman of the Adileela Foundation from New Delhi, Kalidindi Viswanatha Raju, President of the Telangana chapter of the National Telugu Literary Parishad, General Secretary Chandrabas Ippalapalli, Pragnaraja, Chairman of the Lakshya Sadhana Foundation, P. Badesab, State President of the Telugu Language Awareness Committee, and Sri Ramakrishna Chandramouli, among others.

Former ECB chief executive David Collier passed away aged 70

London: Former England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) chief executive David Collier passed away on Tuesday, aged 70.

In October 2004, Collier was appointed as the second chief executive of the ECB, serving until 2014 when he announced his departure. During his tenure, the England men's team won the Ashes four times, while the England women's team secured the Ashes five times.

During his time at the helm, the women's team won both the ICC Women's World Cup and the ICC Women's T20 World Cup in 2009, while the men's team secured the ICC Men's T20 World Cup in 2010. The highlight of Collier's period came in 2005, when England completed a double Ashes victory. In the 2015 New Year Honours, Collier was named an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in recognition of his contributions to cricket. "The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) is deeply saddened to learn of the passing of former Chief Executive David Collier. Collier served as the organisation's second Chief Executive, succeeding Tim Lamb. He was at the helm of the England and Wales Cricket Board from 2004-2014, having previously worked at Essex, Leicestershire, Gloucestershire and Nottinghamshire," the ECB wrote in their obituary.

"During Collier's time, England Men won the Ashes four times and England Women won the Ashes five times. There was also global success, with England Women lifting both the ICC Women's World Cup and the ICC Women's T20 World Cup in 2009, and England Men following suit with the ICC Men's T20 World Cup in 2010.

"Most likely the high point of Collier's time at the ECB was the double Ashes success of 2005, which saw thousands of fans lining the street to celebrate two memorable victories," it read further. ECB Chief Executive Richard Gould, speaking of the loss, said, "It's immensely sad to learn of the death of David Collier. Everyone who knew and worked with David will speak to what a gentleman he was, and to how hard he worked in leading our game.

"He served cricket with great distinction, and he was instrumental in a period of growth which has contributed to where the game is today. Some of our earliest advances in the women's and disability games were made under David and I know he was proud of taking the game forward during his time at the ECB - his contribution speaks for itself. The thoughts of all of us at the ECB are with everyone who knew and loved David."



HV Angels Makeup Institute to Host Face-to-Face Beauty Business Meet and Competition on Jan 26

Hyderabad, metro Udayam January 13 : HV Angels Makeup Institute, based in Habsiguda, will organise a beauty seminar and competition show in the city on January 26, aimed at showcasing and enhancing skills in the beauty and wellness industry, the organisers announced.

The programme, to be held under the banner "Face to Face Beauty Business Meet", will focus on Bridal Makeup, Hair Styling, Cosmetology, Skin Care and Wellness. The organisers said the event is designed to provide awareness, exposure and growth opportunities for women interested in building a career in the beauty industry. Addressing a press conference held in Habsiguda, Institute President Hema Verma, along with General Secretary Madhav, Vice President Srinivas and Treasurer Shiva Singh Rathod, shared details of



the event. They stated that makeup and hairstyle competitions will be conducted as part of the programme, and prizes will be awarded to participants who demonstrate outstanding talent. Encouraged by the positive response received during a similar competition held recently in Nizamabad, the institute has decided to organise the event in Hyderabad.

Hema Verma, who has carved a niche for herself in the makeup industry by transforming beauty into an art, is the founder of HV

Angels Makeup Institute. With over 15 years of dedicated experience in the beauty and makeup field, she is an advanced beauty and prosthetic makeup artist, makeup educator and hair and makeup technician based in Hyderabad.

Her extensive portfolio includes bridal makeup, fashion shoots, catwalk models and media personalities. Holding international-level art qualifications, Hema Verma is known for her personalised approach with every client, which she describes as her key strength. Her journey is

driven by the vision of helping people look beautiful and move forward with confidence.

Recently, she was recognised as "Latest Creative Talent" by an independent fashion and lifestyle magazine, adding another feather to her cap. Through HV Angels Makeup Institute, Hema Verma continues to train professionals in advanced beauty and prosthetic makeup, offering new direction and opportunities to aspiring artists in the makeup industry.

Abolition of districts will lead to Cong downfall: KTR

BRS Working President KT Rama Rao on Monday issued a stern warning to the Congress government, stating that any attempt to abolish existing districts would trigger a fierce political battle and ultimately lead to the collapse of the ruling party.

Rama Rao lashed out at Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy's recent remarks that districts were created "unscientifically" by the previous administration. He alleged that the Congress government seeks to scrap districts because it cannot tolerate the decentralisation of power, which brought collectors and district superintendents of police closer to the public. "This government cannot bear to see the fruits of governance and development reaching the people directly," he claimed.

The BRS leader reminded the people that the reorganization led by K Chandrashekar Rao was aimed at



administrative decentralisation. He highlighted how hamlets were converted into Gram Panchayats and new mandals were created to ensure that the entire district administration remained accessible. "If any district in Telangana is abolished, we will ignite a fire and wage a fierce battle alongside the people," Rama Rao warned.

Turning his focus to irrigation, Rama Rao criticised Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for what he termed the deliberate neglect of the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Project. He alleged that although 90

per cent of the work was completed with an investment of Rs 30,000 crore, the current government is stalling the final 10 per cent.

"Because the previous government provided water to lakhs of acres, migration from Mahbubnagar had effectively stopped. Now, Revanth Reddy is obstructing the project merely to deny credit to K Chandrashekar Rao and to avoid upsetting his former boss, Chandrababu Naidu," Rama Rao alleged.

He further questioned the government's credibility, noting its failure to provide basic essentials like urea bags to farmers. With the Chief Minister scheduled to visit Palamuru on 17 January, Rama Rao stated that the public is waiting for answers regarding the stalling of vital regional projects and the perceived "betrayal" of farmers.