



'EC gaslighting citizens': Rahul Gandhi attacks poll panel over ink row; BJP hits back

New Delhi: Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, launched a pointed criticism of the Election Commission of India, accusing the ECI of undermining public confidence in democracy by 'facilitating' vote theft -- a claim that the Congress party has persistently made for some time in an effort to discredit the poll panel.

Rahul Gandhi's stern criticism of the polling body came moments after the counting of votes began for 29 civic body elections in Maharashtra, including the BMC, seeking to embolden the opposition's claims of voter fraud in the municipal elections. A day ago, the Thackeray cousins also claimed election fraud, questioning the authenticity of indelible ink used to mark voters in the civic polls.

The BJP was quick to counter Gandhi's charge, claiming that this was an attempt to deflect



attention from the impending defeat and instead make the ECI a scapegoat.

The Congress MP took to X this morning and wrote, "Election Commission gaslighting citizens is how trust has collapsed in our democracy. Vote Chori is an

anti-national act."

The BJP leaders, mounting a strong defence of the polling procedure, said that the opposition was staring at an imminent defeat in the BMC as well as other civic bodies of Maharashtra and hence was

resorting to such tactics.

Labelling Rahul Gandhi-led opposition as "bahana brigade", Shehzad Poonawala said, "Accepting defeat before counting ends? Rahul is back to doing what he does best - Discredit, distort & disinform."

He also stated that though the ink controversy deserved a probe, not even a single incident of fraud was reported in Thursday's polling.

Another BJP spokesperson claimed that the 'parivarvadi' party was trying to evade scrutiny and, hence, fabricating false narratives.

"Every season the 'Parivarvadi' to escape scrutiny come up with one or other allegation which turns out damp squid in Court of law & court of public opinion," said Pradeep Bhandari in a post on X.

Notably, a major controversy erupted on Thursday over multi-

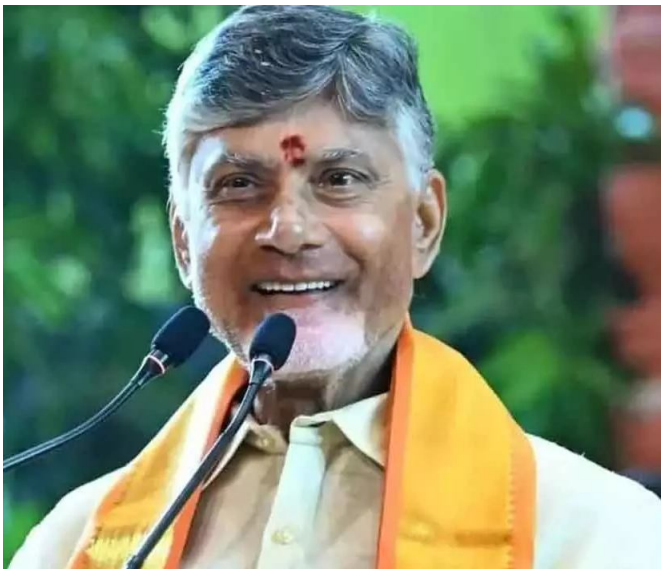
ple claims that indelible ink applied to voters after polling was getting erased easily, thus opening the space for compromising the elections.

Opposition leaders, including local Congress leaders, claimed that at multiple booths, markers and not ink were being used to mark voters, and these marks were getting wiped off with sanitiser.

As the issue snowballed into a bigger row, the State Election Commission, though initially hesitant, ordered a probe into the matter and told the media that a detailed enquiry would be conducted to ascertain the viral video claims and also to check whether they were genuine or mischievous.

It also told the media that there was no deviation from standard practice, and the same ink was being used in the BMC elections.

AP CM Chandrababu Extends Greetings on Kanuma Festival



Amaravati: On the occasion of the Kanuma festival, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu conveyed his heartfelt greetings to the people of the state, particularly the farming community. The Chief Minister highlighted that Kanuma, a significant part of the Sankranti celebrations, holds a special meaning for farmers, serving as a day to express gratitude towards the cattle that play a vital role in agricultural activities.

Naidu remarked that this festival transcends mere tradition; it reflects the deep bond between humanity and nature. He stressed that livestock represents true wealth for farmers, with oxen tilling the fields and dairy cattle providing essential sustenance. "These animals are an inseparable part of a farmer's existence," he stated. The Chief Minister underscored the importance of recognising the vital contributions of cattle to farming efforts and emphasised the cultural imperative of respecting these animals. He called upon everyone to instil these values in future generations, reminding society of the collective responsibility to protect these voiceless creatures.

In his message, Naidu asserted that respecting nature fosters a reciprocal relationship, promoting environmental balance through the protection of animals and birds, which in turn enhances agricultural profitability. He reassured farmers that the government will continue to support their needs, including ensuring that cattle receive adequate fodder and healthcare. Wishing a joyful and prosperous Kanuma festival to all farmers, Naidu expressed hopes for abundant harvests and happiness in their homes.

CM Naidu targets land dispute-free AP by 2027

TIRUPATI: Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has said that the state government aims to resolve all land-related problems and make the state free from land disputes by 2027.

Speaking at a press conference held on Thursday evening at his native village Naravaripalle in Chandragiri constituency, the Chief Minister said he has been celebrating the Sankranti festival in his native place for more than ten years to inspire people to stay connected with their roots and work for the development of their birth villages.

He said that his wife had started this tradition nearly 16 years ago, which inspired him to continue it. This, he said, strengthened his determination to do something meaningful for his native place.

From this idea, several



welfare and development programmes were launched, including the earlier Janmabhoomi programme and the present initiatives like P4, Margadarsi, and Bangaru Kutumbam, which aim to provide both short-term and long-term benefits to people. He expressed satisfaction over the positive response these programmes are receiving from the public.

The Chief Minister also

said that the Swarna Naravaripalle project, launched last year in Naravaripalle and nearby villages such as Kandulavaripalle, Chinnaramaapuram and Rangampeta panchayats, will start showing full results by next year.

On land issues, Chandrababu Naidu said that due to the unplanned actions of the previous government, lakhs of people in the state are facing

land-related problems. To address this, the government has started a comprehensive land survey that will continue for one year. Through this survey, land ownership rights of every citizen will be protected, he said.

He added that with the help of modern technology, land records will be made tamper-proof and provided with official state authentication, ensuring that no one can misuse or alter land documents. Reiterating his commitment, the Chief Minister said his clear goal is to resolve all land-related issues and ensure that there are no land disputes in Andhra Pradesh by 2027.

Chittoor MP D Prasad Rao, Tirupati District Collector Dr S Venkateswar, and several MLAs from the undivided Chittoor district were present.

Prabhalu Festival Celebrated with Grandeur in Jagannathota

The renowned Prabhalu festival is being celebrated today (Friday) with great pomp in Jagannathota village, located in the Ambajipeta mandal of Andhra Pradesh. Recognised by the state government as a significant cultural event, this year's festivities are anticipated to be even more extravagant. The festival, which boasts a history spanning approximately 450 years, features a vibrant procession of palanquins (Prabhalu) representing the Ekadasha Rudras, which will travel from 11 neighbouring villages to Jagannathota. A standout highlight of the celebra-



tion is the crossing of the Kaushika River by villagers transporting the palanquins from Gangalakurru and Gangalakurru Agraharam. Additionally, palanquins will also arrive from several other villages, including Vyaghreshwaram, K. Pedapudi, Irusumanda, and

Vakkalanka. With expectations of attracting around 500,000 devotees and tourists, local authorities have made extensive preparations for the festival.

Special parking facilities have been established for visitors to Jagannathota, alongside planned traffic diversions to ensure smooth access. Essential amenities, such as drinking water and toilets, have been provided for the convenience of attendees. Enhanced security measures have been implemented to ensure safety during the festivities, and medical personnel are on standby as a precaution.

The local community holds a strong belief that the Prabhalu festival, now recognised as a state festival, has the potential to achieve international acclaim.

Strict Action Against Excessive Bus Fares 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 charging excessive fares, the District Transport Officer said.

- For the past five days, with RTGS monitoring and specially formed Fare Monitoring Teams, bus fares on all online booking platforms (Abhi Bus, Red Bus and other apps) are being continuously monitored.
- Whenever excessive fares are detected, officials immediately coordinate with the concerned private bus owners and take steps to reduce and regulate the fares.
- It was clearly stated that private buses are allowed to charge a maximum of only



50% extra over the fares fixed by RTC. If tickets are sold at rates higher than this, legal action is being taken against the concerned bus owners.

Keeping passenger welfare in mind, a 24x7 state-wide helpline number – 92816

07001 – has been set up. Officials said that as soon as complaints regarding bus fares or other issues are received, they will respond immediately and resolve them.

Bus owners have been

- instructed to clearly display this helpline number in every private bus without fail.
- Similarly, special teams have been formed with Motor Vehicle Inspectors to conduct field-level inspections, register cases against private buses charging excessive fares, and impose fines.
- In the inspections conducted over the last two days, cases were registered against 4 buses for charging excessive fares and a fine of ₹20,000 was imposed. In addition, cases were registered against 22 buses for violations related to tax, permits and other rules, and a fine of ₹32,000 was imposed.
- These special inspections and monitoring will continue till January 18, and the same strict measures will be contin-

ued even during the return journeys after the festival.

- At Maddilapalem RTC Depot, transport department officials conducted an awareness program for auto-rickshaw drivers, advising them to follow traffic rules and safely transport passengers to their destinations during the Sankranti festival.
- As per the orders of the Transport Commissioner, it was warned that strict legal action will be taken if private buses continue to charge excessive fares.

The officials stated that providing safe, comfortable and secure travel to the public is the main objective of the Andhra Pradesh Government, and that all necessary measures are being taken to protect passenger interests during the festive season.

If the government does not take a clear stance on the bills of former Sarpanches in the cabinet meeting, we will campaign for people to vote against the Congress government in the municipal elections



Hyderabad, January 16, MetroUdayam

The former Sarpanches' association has requested Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to ensure the payment of pending bills of former Sarpanches at the state government cabinet meeting to be held on the 18th of this month near Mulugu Sammakka Saralamma. They also appealed to Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka and Panchayat Raj Minister Seethakka to take a decision on the matter. Telangana Sarpanches Association Joint Action Committee founding state president Survi Yadaiah Goud said that they are demanding the payment of pending bills amounting to Rs. 531 crore due to former Sarpanches. News reports in TV and newspapers stated that the government would release Rs. 277 crore in funds to Gram Panchayaths. However, Panchayat officials are telling our former Sarpanches that the money has not been received. They are saying that the government has not instructed them to give the funds to the former Sarpanches even if the Gram Panchayat funds have arrived. From 2019 to 2024, some individuals who carried out development works in the villages borrowed money at high interest rates to complete the projects. Their families are facing numerous financial difficulties, and some former sarpanches have committed suicide due to the burden of debt. Therefore, since there are reports that the central government will soon release ₹2500 crores to the state from the 15th Finance Commission, we request the government to issue a G.O. (Government Order) to ensure that the pending bills for the development works, which have been recorded in the MB (Measurement Book) records of the Gram Panchayaths and checked by the AE (Assistant Engineer) and DE (Divisional Engineer), are paid to the former sarpanchs and Panchayath Secretaries. This request was made by Vice President Gunti Madhusudhan Reddy, Rampaka Nagayya, Keshaboyina Mallaiah, Nemali Subhash Goud, Medaboyina Ganesh, Naveen Goud, Fakira Beerappa, Anjappa Goud, Ravi Sagar, Ravinder Rao, Arvind Reddy, and others.

Veerabhadra Rath Yatra Celebrated with Grandeur at Vangara

Hyderabad, Metro Udayam, January 16:

The century-old Veerabhadra Rath Yatra, a revered spiritual and cultural tradition of Vangara village, was celebrated on Wednesday with great devotion, colour and enthusiastic participation from the local community.

The grand procession was led by P.V. Prabhakar Rao, the third son of former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna late P.V. Narasimha Rao, along with P.V. Sharath Babu and P.V. Madan Mohan. The event was organised under the leadership of Jithender Rao Thanugula, President of the Telangana Youth Journalists Forum (TYJF), continuing a legacy deeply rooted in faith and family history. The Rath Yatra, which proceeds from Vangara village to the historic Kothakonda Veerabhadra Swamy Temple, is believed to have originated nearly a century ago. Local tradition traces its beginning to around 1925, when Rathnamma, widow of late P.V. Ranga Rao, fervently prayed to Lord Veerabhadra Swamy for a male heir to continue the Pamulaparthi family lineage. It is widely believed that her prayers were answered when her neighbours, P.V. Seetharama Rao and Rukminamma, agreed to give their eldest son P.V. Narasimha Rao in adoption. The adoption was formally solemnised around 1930, after which Narasimha Rao legally became the son of P.V. Ranga Rao



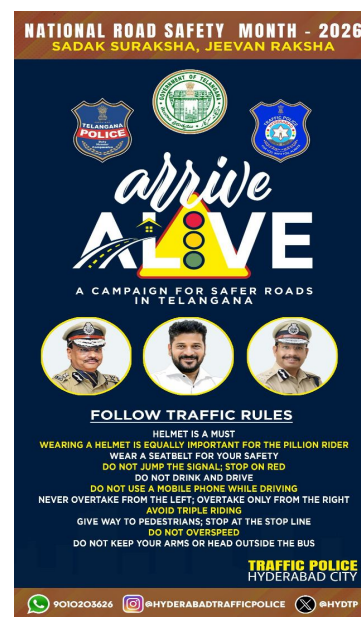
and Rathnamma. Rathnamma later arranged his marriage with Satyamma, one of her close relatives, further strengthening family ties. Overwhelmed with gratitude, Rathnamma is believed to have instituted the tradition of sending the ceremonial Rath to Kothakonda as a mark of thanksgiving to Lord Veerabhadra Swamy. Since then, the Rath Yatra has remained a lasting symbol of devotion, fulfilled faith and continuity of tradition. This year's procession featured vibrant cultural performances, including Shiva Shakti dances by members of the Yadava community, rhythmic Dappu and Dolak beats, and a visually captivating Kolatam performed by women of the village. The atmosphere resonated with temple

bells, devotional chants and ritual offerings of jaggery and rice. With over 2,000 devotees in attendance, the Rath Yatra commenced amid festive fervour, transforming Vangara into a hub of devotion and celebration, coinciding with the Sankranti festivities. Following Rathnamma's passing, the responsibility of conducting the Rath Yatra was taken up by P.V. Narasimha Rao, who continued the ritual despite his demanding roles as Union Minister and later as Prime Minister of India. The tradition was later carried forward by P.V. Rajeshwar Rao and his family. For the past six to seven years, the sacred responsibility has been diligently upheld by P.V. Prabhakar Rao. Several members of the P.V. family participated in the Yatra, with coordination and guidance provided by P.V. Manohar Rao from Hyderabad. The event was smoothly organised by Mondaiah, Venkat Reddy, Satish Reddy, Laxmikanth Rao and Vishnu Vardhan, with active support from the P.V. Global Foundation, which has been sponsoring the Rath Yatra for several years. Marked by unity, devotion and cultural splendour, the Veerabhadra Rath Yatra once again stood as a powerful testament to Vangara's living heritage, drawing people of all ages into a shared celebration of faith, history and tradition.

OU Traffic Police Conduct Road Safety Awareness Programme under 'Arrive Alive' Campaign

Hyderabad, metro udayam January 16 :

As part of the Arrive Alive road safety campaign, the OU Traffic Police Station on Friday organised a special traffic awareness programme at Tarnaka. During the programme, extensive awareness was created among auto drivers, car drivers and two-wheeler riders on the importance of following traffic rules and regulations. Addressing the gathering, traffic police officials said the main objective of the campaign was to create public awareness on road safety, encourage strict adherence to traffic norms and thereby reduce road accidents and save precious lives. The officials stressed that



both front-seat and rear-seat passengers in cars must compulsorily wear seat belts. They explained that strict compliance with traffic rules could signifi-



cantly minimise accidents. Corporate employees were advised not to use mobile phones while driving, to always wear seat belts and to adhere to speed limits. Students were sensitised about the dangers of minor driving and the importance of obeying traffic signals. The general public was urged to stay away from drunken driving and to follow lane discipline at all

times. Police officials stated that such awareness programmes play a crucial role in building a strong culture of road safety among citizens. The programme was attended by SIs Gnaneshwar and Sharath Chandra, ASI Venkat Rao, staff members Ananthalakshmi and Lingaiah, along with head constables and other personnel.

Sankranti muggles symbolizing culture.....

Senior leader Chaudam Venkataramaiah.....



Kodada January 15 Metro Morning

Sankranti celebrations in Dwarakunta village under Kodada Mandal are in full swing. Muggula competitions organized under the auspices of Uppi Memorial Youth mirrored the rural culture. Senior leader Chaudam Venkataramaiah attended the program as the chief guest and inaugurated the competitions. Speaking on this occasion, he said that festivals and festivals are symbols of our customs and traditions. The village elders praised the youth for undertaking such programs with social responsibility. Prizes were awarded to the winners after the competitions. Ward members Dasari Veerababu, Pattipaka Ramu, Komma Gani Papaiah, Kanne Ramakrishna, Govinda Venkataiah, Banda Yadayah, Mundra Mallikarjun, Chaudam Satish, Pittala Shobhan Babu, Kokku Guravaiah, Govinda Brahmaiah, Temple Chairman Mutteni Satyanarayana, Pattipaka Srinu, Mundra Apparao, Yata Narasimha Rao, Seelam Venkanna and others participated.....

Sports provide mental rejuvenation:

- BRS State Leader and former Single Window Chairman of Veldanda Mandal, Jupally Bhaskar Rao



Kadthal, January 16, (Metro udayam):

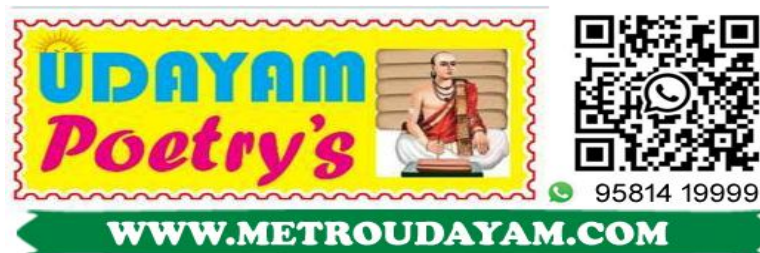
BRS State Leader and former Single Window Chairman of Veldanda Mandal, Jupally Bhaskar Rao, said that sports contribute to both physical fitness and mental rejuvenation. On Thursday, under the leadership of Jupally ward members DJ Gopal and Jangamma, Jupally Bhaskar Rao presented a volleyball kit to the youth of Nemaligattathanda in the Jupally Gram Panchayat area and inaugurated the competitions along with local leaders and public representatives. He expressed his happiness that sports competitions were organized in the village on the occasion of the Sankranti festival. Public representatives, party leaders, workers, players, villagers, and youth from Jupally and Juppally Gram Panchayats participated in large numbers in this program.

SLTA state language teachers association calendar launching



Jangaon, January 16, Metroudayam:

The District Calendar of State Language Teachers Association, Jangaon was launched today by the District Collector Rizwan Baha sheik. SLTA district president K. Sreekumar presided over the function, general secretary Ootla Srinivasa Chary addressed, urged the government to exempt in-service teachers from TET and give promotions to school assistant to the remaining language teachers.



Envelope

An envelope may softly keep
A secret buried fast asleep,
Or hold documents, firm and true

That shape a life in what they do.
A heartfelt note, a gift so dear,
For someone special, held sincere

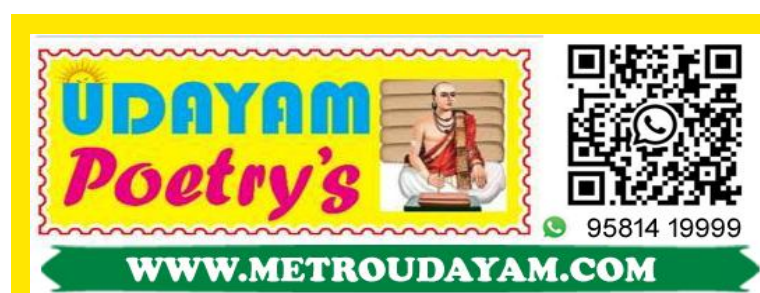
Can a postman, by touch
alone, guess the tale,
Inside unknown?
If wrong hands claim
what's meant with care,



A fate may change beyond repair

Handle gently-
Know and see
Am envelope may
Set lives free

--Poornima Sivaraman



January Mist over Cubbon

The green of Cubbon Park is shrouded in a low mist
A gentle veil of silver on a motionless morning

Bangalore's clean, crisp air
chases sleep away from hills and valleys
The city awakens in a lilac-hued glow as the first page is turned,
the ink still wet



While seeds of fresh hope sprout underfoot, the sun
ascends the ridge, a golden asset

A promise is being written in the clear, bright sky by
a new wind that is blowing through the Gulmohar trees

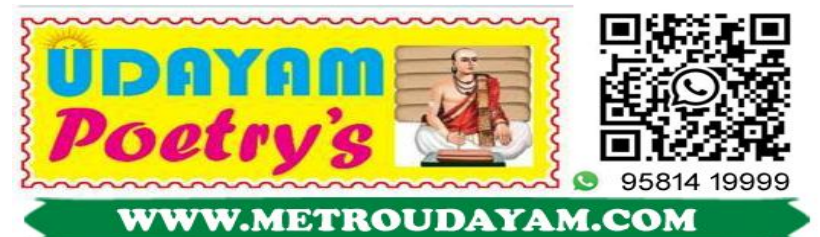
As the spirit of January lifts us up, we let go of every
burden with the softest breeze.

--Bhawana Sethi

Cricket competitions at Wadlakonda, Jangaon



Jangaon, January 16, Metroudayam: The cricket competitions were held at Wadlakonda village in Jangaon district and Mandal. The matches were held successfully, it was organised by the village leadership of the Navdurga Utsav Committee, cricket competitions were organized at the village level, the youth of Durga Bhawani and the youth of the village. It was arranged the youth to stay away from bad habits and practice good conduct. Vangala Malla Reddy Congress party district general secretary and former PACS director Cheetakodur was the Chief guest of the event and donated, handed over mementos worth five thousand rupees to the winners at his own expense. It was followed by the villagers and the youth members, others participated



कोई ईश्वर को माने या ना माने लेकिन सभी इस ब्रह्मांड के कार्यप्रणाली में एक शक्ति, एक ऊर्जा को इनकार नहीं करते।... (शकील उवाव -१८९)

ईश्वर के अस्तित्व में विश्वास का विषय यह किसी के कहने या दूसरे किसी के समझाने से नहीं बल्कि अपने खुद के अनुभव का विषय है। अगर कोई ईश्वर के अस्तित्व में विश्वास रखता है या कोई विश्वास नहीं रखता है तो यह उसका अपना निजी विषय है। मैं जो मानता हूँ उसी को दूसरे भी मानना चाहिए या मेरी तरह आप भी इस विषय को देखना चाहिए यह खयाल मूर्खता से बढ़कर और कुछ नहीं है। ईश्वर यह विषय चर्चा से सुलझाया नहीं जा सकता क्योंकि चर्चा शब्दों से होती है और ईश्वर शब्दों में आने वाला भौतिक वस्तु नहीं है।



वास्तव में इस संसार का अस्तित्व धरती यह आकाश, यह नदी, यह समंदर और यह सारी मखलूक (सृष्टि) यह हजारों करोड़ों, अरबों पशु, पक्षी और बेशुमार प्राणी, यह सूरज यह चांद, यह सितारे, यह बदलते मौसम, और यह इंसान के रूप में मेरा खुद का अपना उज्ज्वल (अस्तित्व), यह सब कुछ मुझे तो ईश्वर का पता देते हैं। मैं ईश्वर के अस्तित्व को कतई इनकार नहीं कर सकता। यह मेरा वैयक्तिक अनुभव है कि ईश्वर का अस्तित्व है। लेकिन मेरे विश्वास का अनुकरण आप भी करना चाहिए ऐसा मैं सोचता नहीं हूँ।

मेरी इतनी ही अपेक्षा है कि आपका विश्वास कुछ भी हो अनुभववात्मक होना चाहिए। अगर आप ईश्वर के अस्तित्व को इनकार करते हो तो मैं आपको रोकने वाला भी नहीं हूँ। यह आपकी अपनी मर्जी है। और मैं जो बात को इकरार करता हूँ उस बात को दलीलों से आपको समझाने की जिम्मेदारी भी मेरी नहीं समझता। अगर आप समझना चाहते हो तो मैं मानता हूँ कि जो जो इस कायनात में है वह सभी उसके सृष्टिकर्ता होने की दलील दे रहे हैं। इस सत्य को जानने के लिये ईश्वर को जाने हुए लोगों की दृष्टि जरूर मदद करेगी।

इस संसार में दिखने न दिखने वाली हर शै (प्रत्येक वस्तु) और हर एक भौतिक, अर्भौतिक तत्व ईश्वर के अस्तित्व की दलील दे रही हैं। मेरा अपना खयाल है कि अगर यह पूरा विश्व, यह पूरी कायनात बगैर किसी बनाने वाले के एक धमाके से अस्तित्व में आया है तो फिर एक और नया धमाका अभी तक हुआ क्यों नहीं? आज विज्ञान धमाका करके एक भी नई ज़िदगी बना कर क्यों नहीं दिखा रही है? मैं ने अभी तक धमाकों से सब कुछ बिखरते देखा हूँ किसी को संवरते नहीं देखा।

एक धमाका हो और उस धमाके से इतनी सुंदर सृष्टि की रचना हो इस बात को मैं मानने को तैयार नहीं हूँ। पूरी सृष्टि की सुनिश्चित, सुनियोजित और सुंदर कार्य प्रणाली के पीछे एक शक्ति को मैं अनुभव करता हूँ जिससे आप कोई भी नाम दे सकते हैं। उसे कोई अल्लाह, कोई ईश्वर, कोई गॉड, कोई वाहेगुरु, कोई यहोवा या अदोनाई तो कोई परमेश्वर, प्रभु कहता है। यहाँ कोई ईश्वर अल्लाह (सु.) का उपासक है। कोई त्रिदेव ब्रह्मा, विष्णु, महेश को पूजता है तो कोई पंचदेव विष्णु, शिव, गणेश, सूर्य और शक्ति का उपासक है। पवित्र कुरआन में कहा गया है कि तुम्हारा धर्म तुम्हारे लिये और मेरा धर्म मेरे लिये।

यहाँ कोई एक निरंकार, अकाल पुरख की उपासना करता है। और यहाँ कोई सृष्टि के, प्रकृति के पूजक भी है। कोई ईश्वर को माने या ना माने लेकिन सभी इस ब्रह्मांड के कार्यप्रणाली में एक शक्ति, एक ऊर्जा को इनकार नहीं करते। कोई बनने और मिटने वाले प्रकृति को सबकुछ मानता है तो कोई प्रकृति के सृष्टिकर्ता को सब कुछ मानता है। जो कुछ भी हो सृष्टि के आधार एक शक्ति को इनकार कोई नहीं करता चाहे वह नास्तिक हो या आस्तिक।

वास्तव में बात यही है कि एक दूसरे के विचारों को समझने की सलाहियत (क्षमता) आज सब में नजर नहीं आती। सब अपने आपको सच्चे साबित करने में लगे हैं। अपने विचार खुले दिल से सामने रखने के बजाय दूसरों पर लादने की ज़िद करते नजर आते हैं। आज विज्ञान के बलबूते आप एक धमाका करके आसमान या धरती क्यों नहीं बना देते? आज विज्ञान इतनी तरक्की कर चुका है तो फिर ऐसा करके दिखा दोगे तो लोग खुद ब खुद ईश्वर को मानना छोड़ देंगे। मेरी नजर में विज्ञान भी हमें उसी ईश्वर की ओर से दी गई बेहतरीन नेमत (उपहार) है, विज्ञान का विरोधी भी अज्ञानी है।

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Chandrababu Naidu Calls for Collective Effort to Meet People's Aspirations

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has urged everyone to strive towards realising the aspirations of the state's citizens, affirming that their needs have already been met. Speaking during a recent teleconference with ministers, public representatives, and TDP party workers, he remarked on the vibrant celebration of Sankranti across all villages in the state.



Wishing TDP leaders and workers a joyous Sankranti, Naidu highlighted the festive spirit lighting up every village. He underscored the government's commitment to good governance, citing the payment of 60 months of pending DA arrears to state employees and the settlement of bills related to the 'Neeru-Chettu' (Water-Tree) initiative. Looking ahead, Naidu announced plans to reduce electricity charges this year, emphasising that the goal of the alliance government is to ensure happiness across all segments of society. He called for the successful initiatives undertaken by the government to be effectively communicated to the public.

Creating Abundance Through Cosmic Rainbow Healing

Creating Abundance Through Cosmic Rainbow Healing, This Basant Panchami

Cosmic Rainbow Healing a structured energy-based program guided by Sharat known for his work in mindset and healing practices. This year, the Cosmic Rainbow Healing program is being offered as a 7-day remote healing initiative, beginning on Basant Panchami, 23rd January 2026, a day traditionally associated with wisdom, clarity, and new beginnings. Why Basant Panchami Matters Basant Panchami symbolises the awakening of knowledge, creativity, and fresh starts. In many traditions, it is considered an auspicious time to initiate learning, inner alignment, and goal setting. Beginning the healing program on this date is intended to align participants with renewed clarity and intention, particularly around areas of wealth, abundance, and self-worth. Understanding Wealth Blocks



According to the philosophy behind Cosmic Rainbow Healing, financial challenges are often linked not only to external circumstances but also to internal patterns such as fear, guilt, low self-esteem, and limiting beliefs. These emotional and mental blocks can influence how individuals make decisions, communicate about money, and recognise opportunities. The healing process focuses on addressing these internal patterns to support a healthier relationship with wealth and success. How Cosmic Rainbow Healing May Help Participants of the program are guided through daily

healing practices aimed at: Releasing fear, insecurity, and limiting beliefs related to wealth Building confidence, clarity, and a success-oriented mindset Improving decision-making and financial communication Awakening intuition to recognise suitable opportunities Aligning chakras and the aura to support balance and continuous abundance The program is designed to require only a small daily time commitment, making it accessible to people with varied schedules. Program Details Dates: 23rd January to

29th January 2026

Duration: 7 days

Mode: Remote healing

Instructions: Shared daily via WhatsApp Broadcast

Eligibility: Open to everyone, regardless of age.

Participants may also enrol family members or friends.

A Step Towards Inner Alignment

Cosmic Rainbow Healing positions itself as a gentle yet structured approach to shifting internal energy and mindset. By focusing on clarity, emotional release, and intention, the program aims to help participants step into a sense of financial ease and abundance.

As Basant Panchami marks new beginnings, this initiative invites individuals to reflect, realign, and explore the connection between inner balance and outer prosperity.

Check website for more details

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Kites distributed to children as Sankranti gift



Chikkadapally, January 16, (Metrodayam):

On the occasion of the Sankranti festival, Telugu Desam Party National Publicity Secretary J. Dasharath distributed kites to children in various areas of the Amberpet constituency on Thursday. He then joined the children in flying kites, sharing in the festive joy. The event created a festive atmosphere throughout the area, and the children's faces beamed with happiness. Dasharath stated that the program was organized with the aim of fostering unity and a spirit of service in society. On this occasion, he extended Sankranti greetings to the children and advised them to be careful while flying kites and to avoid using dangerous threads like Chinese manja. Srinivas, Ramakrishna, Lalu, Mahesh, and others participated in the program.

Leaders of Munnoor Kapu Sangam in the service of Srisailam Mallikarjuna Swamy.....



Kodada January 15 Metro Morning....

On the occasion of Makar Sankranti, the leaders of Hyderabad Munnuru Kapu Sangam visited Srisailam Mallikarjuna Swamy and conducted special puja programs. On this occasion, Ghanta Subbarao, who was posted as Inspector of Srisailam Two Town Circle, was honored with a shawl and garlands after having breakfast at Sri Sri Sri Poornananda Swamy Ashram in Sunnipenta, after staying at Sri Krishna Devaraya Nitya Annadana Satram and visiting the Lord in the morning. Retired Joint Collector Erra Nagendrababu, eminent industrialist Akula Rajith, famous Telangana poet Durgam Ravinder, High Court Advocate Usa Raghu, Praveen Kumar, S Rajender, Munnuru Kapu Sangam leaders Avula Rama Rao, Satyanarayana, etc. participated in this program...

Position Is Not Important, Commitment to Development Matters: Erixion Babu Guduri

Yerragondapalem: TDP In-charge of Yerragondapalem, Mr. Erixion Babu Guduri, said that strong determination and commitment to public service are more important than holding political positions. He stated that with dedication and sincerity, development can be achieved even without power. Addressing the gathering during the Sankranti celebrations in Yerragondapalem, he said that over the past 19 months, several development initiatives have been taken up across the constituency. As a Sankranti gift to the people, CC roads worth ₹6 crore were sanctioned, and the works have already been inaugurated and commenced. As part of the festivities, rangoli competitions were organised for women, which witnessed enthusiastic participation from various villages. Cash prizes were distributed to the winners ₹25,000

for the first prize, ₹15,000 for the second prize and ₹10,000 for the third prize. Cultural programmes such as Kolatam performances by women added colour and vibrancy to the celebrations. Later in the evening, Mr. Erixion Babu Guduri participated in a Youth Fest and addressed the gathering.

₹11 Crore for Health Infrastructure

Mr. Erixion Babu Guduri said the coalition government is giving high priority to public health. In this direction, the government has sanctioned ₹11.06 crore for the development of rural health centres. He informed that a letter confirming the sanction has been received from Health Minister Mr. Satya Kumar. He assured that the long-pending Velugonda Project would be completed at the earliest to ensure irrigation water for farmers and drinking water for the public. He emphasised that after the



formation of the government, there is no place for unnecessary politics and that the focus remains firmly on development and welfare. During the last 19 months, funds have been mobilised for the construction of tar roads, CC roads, Gokulams, schools and hostels, and development works will continue at a faster pace in the

coming days, he said.

"I Will Prove My Mark Through Development"

Mr. Erixion Babu Guduri said there is no need to respond to every statement made by political opponents. "I believe in speaking less and working more. I may not be good at making speeches, but I know how to

deliver development," he remarked. He said that although he lost the previous election due to unfortunate circumstances, his commitment to the people has never weakened. Having spent 30 years in politics, he said he has always worked beyond caste and religion, maintaining cordial relations with all sections of society. He pointed out that despite Congress and YSRCP winning several times from Yerragondapalem, development remained minimal. After the coalition government came to power, villages are now welcoming people with smooth roads. Reaffirming his resolve, Mr. Erixion Babu Guduri said the poor who approach him will always receive support and concluded by stating that he will not rest until the TDP flag is firmly established on the soil of Yerragondapalem constituency.