



IAF's 'Op Sindoor' formation to be show-stealer in R-Day flypast

New Delhi: The IAF aircraft's "Operation Sindoor" formation, demonstrating air power and precision that embodies the air force's theme "Achook, Abhedya va Sateek", will be the showpiece of the Republic Day flypast, an official said on Thursday.

The flypast will feature 29 aircraft, comprising 16 fighters, 4 transport, and 9 helicopters, operating from six different bases, said the Defence Ministry official. Organised into eight distinct formations, the flypast will commence with the Dhvaj formation, where four Mi-17 IV helicopters will carry the National Flag alongside the flags of the three services, said a Defence Ministry statement.

The display will showcase the capabilities of the Rafale, Su-30 MKI, MiG-29 and Jaguar aircraft, complemented by strategic assets which will include the C-130 and C-295, as well as the Indian



Navy's P-8i aircraft. Attack helicopters, such as the IAF's ALH MK IV and the Indian Army's ALH WSI, Apache and Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) will also participate in the flypast showcasing jointmanship, said an official statement. The IAF marching contingent will be representing a distinguished blend of tradition and modernity. Composed of 144 young Air Warriors selected from across the service in recognition of their exemplary military bearing, the contingent has undergone weeks of rigorous training to honour a legacy of pride and glory, while steadfastly upholding the core values of the IAF, said the statement.

The IAF marching contingent will be led by Squadron Leader Jagdesh Kumar, with Squadron Leader Nikita Choudhary, Flight Lieutenant Prakhar Chandrakar and Flight Lieutenant Dinesh as Supernumerary Officers.

The IAF Band, led by Sergeant Charles Antony Daniel, will be supporting the marching contingent. The band comprises of 72 elite musicians, including 57 Agniveervayu and 9 Agniveervayu women (who are being introduced for the first time), along with 3 Drum Majors.

As the band passes the Presidential dais, it will perform the tune "Sound Barrier," showcasing its versatility and the modern composition of the Force.

The theme for the Veteran's Tableau will be "Sangram se Rashtra Nirman Tak" (From Battle to Nation Building), said the statement.

The front portion of the tableau features the Amar Jawan Jyoti, 3D models of historical war machines, which include the T-55 and Vijayant Tank, Hunter, MiG-21, Mirage and Jaguar aircraft, INS Mysore and INS Rajput, and representations from the 1965, 1971 wars and 1999 Kargil Operation Vijay.

The rear portion highlights the role of veterans in national development, focusing on their voluntary efforts in flood relief, medical services, education and the 'Make in India' initiative, said the statement.

Stalin defends DMK record on govt employees

Chennai: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. K. Stalin on Thursday mounted a strong defence of the DMK government's approach towards government employees and their protest movements, saying that they had never jailed the agitators or used harsh measures against them.

The third day of the Assembly session began with ministers responding to questions raised by members, and Stalin used his response to a question raised by an AIADMK member to highlight his government's approach.

Stalin categorically stated that his government had never resorted to harsh measures against protesting government employees.

"We did not jail government staff who took part in protests. We did not invoke draconian laws such as the Tamil Nadu Essential Services Maintenance Act (TESMA) or the Service Matters Act against them," he said.

Drawing a contrast with the previous (AIADMK) regime, the Chief Minister alleged that teachers and



government employees were arrested and detained overnight during the AIADMK government's tenure.

Citing past incidents, Stalin recalled that under the AIADMK administration, several government employees were arrested and imprisoned for participating in protests. He also criticised AIADMK General Secretary and former Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami, stating that his "demeaning remarks" about government employees' salaries were still remembered by many. "Why was there no concern for

government employees then?" he asked, addressing the Opposition benches.

The Chief Minister said government employees had welcomed the announcement of the assured pension scheme, describing it as the fulfilment of a long-standing demand.

"This was a 23-year-old demand of government employees, and our government fulfilled it. That is why they came to my office in the Secretariat and offered sweets," he said.

Stalin further alleged that the AIADMK was uncomfortable with the happiness of government employees following the implementation of welfare measures.

Acknowledging that protests were taking place in various parts of the state on different issues, he asserted that his government would not remain indifferent.

"When protests arise, we will call the protestors, listen to their demands, and hold discussions. Their genuine demands will certainly be addressed," he said.

Former MP Vijayasai Reddy appears before ED in Liquor Scam Case



Former MP Vijayasai Reddy appeared before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in Hyderabad on Tuesday for questioning in connection with the alleged Andhra Pradesh liquor scam.

Mr Reddy arrived at the ED office following the issuance of notices by the agency as part of its probe into suspected money laundering linked to the case. The investigation is focused on alleged financial irregularities in the state's liquor policy and related transactions. Earlier, Vijayasai Reddy had also appeared before the Special Investigation Team (SIT), during which he is reported to have shared several details relevant to the case. The ED's questioning forms part of its ongoing efforts to trace money flows and establish the extent of alleged violations under money laundering laws.

Pawan Kalyan Offers Prayers at Kotappakonda Temple



Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan visited the Trikoteswara Swamy temple at Kotappakonda on Tuesday. He arrived by helicopter and was accorded a warm welcome by district officials and public representatives. Mr Kalyan later had darshan of the presiding deity and performed special prayers at the temple. He is also scheduled to inaugurate the Kothapalem-Kotappakonda road later in the day.

Minister Anam Visits Tirumala, Highlights Spiritual Initiatives

Andhra Pradesh State Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy offered prayers to Lord Venkateswara Swamy at Tirumala on Thursday morning.

Speaking to the media after the darshan, the minister said that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu would return to the state on Friday after completing his foreign tour. He noted that during the tour, the Chief Minister held meetings with several industrialists to promote the development and welfare of Andhra Pradesh.

Minister Anam stated that temples across the state are in a resplendent condition and that the Vaikuntha Ekadashi festival was celebrated in a grand manner. He added that Sankranti festivities



were also conducted successfully in accordance with Hindu religious traditions.

Emphasising the government's vision, he said efforts are underway to develop Andhra Pradesh as a spiritual capital. He informed that Minister Atchannaidu would

offer silk garments on behalf of the state government for the Ratha Saptami celebrations at the Arasavalli Suryanarayana Temple. Union Minister Ram Mohan Naidu and Minister Atchannaidu will jointly oversee the arrangements.

The minister further said that the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) board and officials have made all necessary arrangements for the Ratha Saptami celebrations at Tirumala, and assured that the state government would extend full support for all such festivals.

WALTAIR DIVISION of EAST COAST RAILWAY INTRODUCES HUMANOID ROBOT 'ASC ARJUN' AT VISAKHAPATNAM RAILWAY STATION

In a significant step towards leveraging advanced technology for enhancing passenger safety, security and service delivery, Waltair Division of East Coast Railway has introduced a humanoid robot "ASC ARJUN" at Visakhapatnam Railway Station under the aegis of the Railway Protection Force (RPF). This is the first of its kind in Indian Railways.

The Humanoid was unveiled by the Inspector General (RPF) Shri Alok Bohra and Divisional Railway Manager Shri Lalit Bohra in presence of the Senior Divisional Security Commandant (RPF) Shri AK Dubey at Visakhapatnam railway station.

The humanoid robot, deployed as part of the RPF's modernization and digital transformation initiatives, is designed to supplement various railway operations, particularly in the areas of security, passenger assistance, crowd management, cleanliness monitoring and safety awareness.

The robot has been entirely designed and developed in Visakhapatnam, incorporating state-of-the-art technology through indigenous innovation. Under the guidance of Shri Alok Bohra, Inspector General, RPF, and Shri Lalit Bohra, Divisional Railway Manager, the team led by Shri A. K. Dubey worked diligently for over one year to suc-



cessfully develop this advanced technology.

Addressing the media Divisional Railway Manager Shri Lalit Bohra said that the ASC ARJUN is equipped with advanced Artificial Intelligence (AI), IoT connectivity and real-time monitoring capabilities, enabling it to act as a smart assistant for RPF personnel and passengers alike. He gave the elaborate working of the robot and its capabilities.

Key Functionalities and Benefits are as follows:
Intrusion Detection: The robot can identify intruders using Face Recognition System (FRS) and instantly alert RPF personnel through IoT-enabled alerts, ensuring rapid response and reduced detection time.

Crowd Management:

AI-based passenger density analysis helps in preventing congestion and enables proactive crowd control measures during peak hours. The robot will send messages to the control and alert the security personnel for quick response.

Public Announcements:

Autonomous safety and information announcements are delivered in English, Hindi and Telugu, improving passenger awareness and compliance. This will enable public to guide effectively during peak hours.

Platform Patrol:

Semi-autonomous navigation along predefined paths with obstacle avoidance allows continuous patrolling and 24x7 presence, reducing manpower



burden. This will improve in effective security management.

Passenger Assistance:

ASC ARJUN interacts with passengers through friendly gestures and information support, enhancing public trust and the perception of RPF authority.

Situational Awareness:

Continuous monitoring with an integrated dashboard provides real-time intelligence to support effective decision-making by RPF and control rooms.

Fire & Smoke Detection:

Early detection of fire and smoke with instant alerts enables swift emergency response and enhanced passenger safety.

Interactive Capabilities:

1. Multi-language announcements for safety instructions and crowd guidance
2. Cultural gestures such as Namaste for passengers and salute to RPF officers
3. Real-time IoT connectivity with RPF control rooms
4. Passenger-friendly user interface for public interaction and assistance

Shri Alok Bohra, IG (RPF) said that the introduction of ASC ARJUN marks a pioneering initiative by Waltair Division in adopting cutting-edge technology to strengthen railway security, improve passenger experience and support frontline staff. Indian Railway remains committed to embracing innovation for creating a safe, secure and passenger-friendly railway ecosystem.

Mandatory Eye Check-ups for Drivers Vasan Eye Care's Social Initiatives Contributing to Road Safety

Hyderabad, metro
udayam January 22 :

As part of its ongoing commitment to social responsibility, Vasan Eye Care Hospitals has been actively organizing free eye care camps across various parts of Hyderabad, reaffirming its dedication to community service and public health. In this initiative, free eye examinations were conducted on Thursday for heavy motor vehicle drivers in the city. With the objective of reducing road accidents through improved vision care, Vasan Eye Care Hospitals has launched a special awareness campaign titled "Driver Drishti - Road Safety through Better Vision." The campaign will continue until February 11, 2026. The programme aims to identify vision-related issues that directly impact road safety at an early stage and to create awareness among drivers about the importance of regular eye check-ups. Special focus is being placed on commercial vehicle drivers, who are being screened free of cost for common eye conditions such as refractive errors, cataracts, and other vision impairments that could pose risks while driving. The initiative was formally inaugurated in the presence of Vasan Eye Care doctors Dr. Nalini Kantha M., Dr. Udit Azmani, Dr. Nayana T., and Dr. Manoj Kumar P., along with Malakpet Traffic Police Station Inspector K. Ramakrishna and Sub-Inspector Vinod Kumar. Through this proactive outreach, Vasan Eye Care Hospitals reiterated its commitment to enhancing road safety and improving community eye health by combining awareness initiatives with quality eye care services. The hospital management emphasized that better vision among drivers plays a crucial role in preventing accidents and safeguarding lives on the roads.



A special national commission should be established for the implementation of EWS reservations

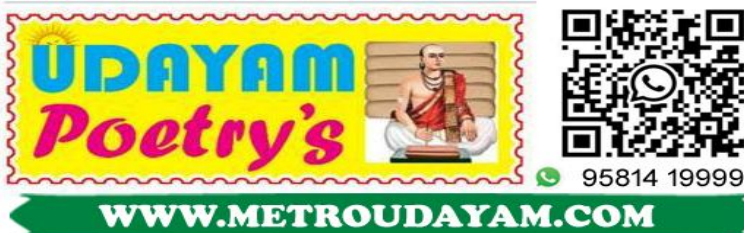


Hyderabad, January :22,
Metro Udayam

Poladi Ramarao, National President of the Federation of OC Social Welfare Associations, demanded that a special national commission be established for the implementation of EWS Reservations. He announced that the grand protest of the OC community will be held at Jantar Mantar in Delhi on February 23rd instead of February 27th. A meeting of the national leaders of the OC JAC was held on Thursday at Gandipet in the city. On this occasion, Federation National President Poladi Ramarao, along with OC JAC National Advisor Pendyala Keshava Reddy, General Secretary Gattu Mahesh Babu, and Vice President Buchiram Reddy, spoke and alleged that some people, for their political gain, are misleading the people of various castes

and spreading false propaganda regarding the constitutionally mandated 10 percent EWS reservations. He warned that they would not allow such conspiracies to continue. He called upon the people to be vigilant regarding the conspiracies surrounding EWS reservations. He demanded that the age limit for EWS students in education, employment, and competitive examinations be increased, and that the remaining backlog posts allocated to EWS candidates should also be filled by people from those categories. He said that the income limit for issuing EWS certificates should be increased to 10 lakhs. He requested that political reservations be provided to the OC communities within the existing 50 percent reservations. They appealed to members of the OC (Other Castes) community across the state, irre-

spective of political affiliations, to come together and make the national-level mega-protest organized by the OC JAC at Jantar Mantar in Delhi on Monday, February 23rd, a success in order to achieve these demands. The meeting was attended by OC JAC National Advisor Pendyala Keshava Reddy, General Secretary Gattu Mahesh Babu, Vice President Katangoori Buchiram Reddy, AVOPA President Renikuntla Namashivaya, Joint Karimnagar District VOC Ikya Vedika President Junnutula Raji Reddy, Ikya Vedika State Vice President Chandupatla Narasimha Reddy, Organizing Secretary Chakilam Ramanaiah, Thout Reddy Raji Reddy, Gautham Sharma, Aitha Bal Rajeshwar, Prabhakar Rao, and others.



Is the thread more valuable or the pearl ?

The mala's beauty is often praised,
For the pearls that shine and amaze.
But true praise belongs to the thread,
That holds each pearl, a bond that's steadfast.

The thread weaves through each pearl with care,
Connecting them, a story to share.
It's the thread that gives the mala its might,
Holding together, day and night.

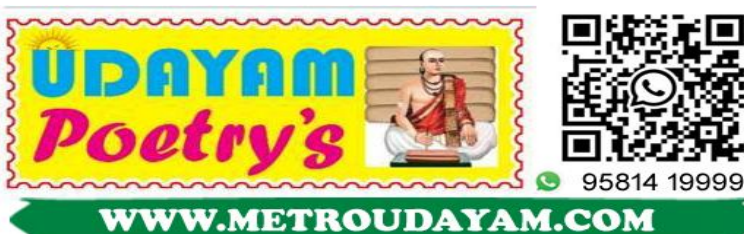
Like the thread, relationships bind,
Connecting hearts, a love that's kind.
The pearls may shine, but it's the thread that's strong,
Keeping everything together, all day long.

So let's praise the thread, not just the pearls,
For it's the thread that makes the mala whirl.
The thread is the foundation, the backbone so true,
Holding everything together, for me and you.

The thread may be thin, but it's mighty and fine,
Keeping the pearls in place, a bond that's divine.
It's the thread that gives the mala its charm,
A symbol of love, a bond that's warm.

So let's appreciate the thread, it's only fair,
For it's the thread that makes the mala shine so clear.
The pearls may be beautiful, but it's the thread that's key,
Holding everything together, a bond that's meant to be.

Dr. LATHA (TEACHER)
KB ASIFABAD DISTRICT.



EYES TELL THE TRUTH!

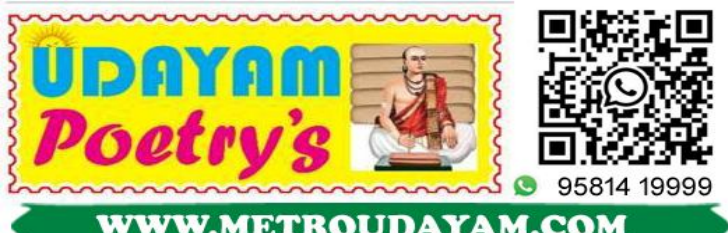
Why open the eyes with surprise?
Oh, I got it, you doubt, how eyes tell!
You feel eyes only can see!
Yes, you are correct but same time wrong too!

You see, how can I say you are surprised!
Because you opened your eyes so wide!
Means that though not you speak,
Your eyes spoke to me!
Dear, it is not magic one, it is real!

Not this one in many instances eyes can tell truth!
Eye balls if rotate often express fear complex!
If eyes down shed means accepting fault!
The eyes half close, hearing with calm!

If eye balls red in colour, expression of angry!
If they glow it is sign of happiness!
If shed tears feeling sorrow!
By the way the eye move it is a silent talk!
This is a type of crime investigation to find a defaulter!

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



वही एक आराध्य है
जिसे किसी विशेषण
से या भ्रम एवं
अनुमान से जाना
नहीं जा सकता।
और उसका कोई
विश्लेषण नहीं
किया जा सकता।...
(शकील उवाच
-१९९४)

सृष्टिकर्ता परमात्मा (ईश्वर, अल्लाह) अनोखल है। अनोखल का अर्थ है जिसे जाना न जा सके, जो समझ से परे हो। जिसे शायद अज्ञेय कहा है। दुनिया में दो चीजें हैं, एक द नोन याने जिसे हम जानते हैं। और दूसरा द अन नोन याने जिसे हम नहीं जानते। दुनिया में दो ही बातें हैं जिसे हम जानते हैं या जिसे हम नहीं जानते। यह दुनिया की बातें हैं लेकिन अल्लाह (ईश्वर) दुनियावी शै (वस्तु) नहीं है। जिसके बारे में हम जानते हैं या नहीं जानते कह सके। यह किसी दुनियावी शै (वस्तु) के लिये कहा जा सकता है, लेकिन ईश्वर के बारे में नहीं।

अगर अल्लाह (ईश्वर) दुनिया की वस्तुओं में आता तो द नोन या द अन नोन के इस दायरे में आ सकता था। जानने या न जानने का कानून दुनिया के वस्तुओं पर लागू होते हैं। वस्तु जितनी कह देते ईश्वर को हम जानते हैं, या नहीं जानते। और जिस के बारे में आज हम नहीं जानते उसे एक ना एक दिन जाना भी जा सकता है। इंसान जिसे नहीं जानता तो थोड़ा बेवैत होता है और उसे जानने की कोशिश भी करता है। जब जान लेता है तो मुतामईन (संतुष्ट) होता है और खुश भी होता है।

लेकिन अल्लाह (ईश्वर) का मामला इतना सीधा नहीं है, बहुत टेढ़ा है। जैसे देखा जाये तो इससे सीधा कोई और मामला है ही नहीं। इंसान के पास दिमाग है और दिल। जब दिमाग से चलो तो उसका रास्ता बहुत टेढ़ा भी है और बहुत दूर भी। लेकिन दिल से चलो तो बहुत सीधा भी है और बहुत करीब भी। यह फर्क है बुद्धि और भाव का, अल्लाह और एहसास का। खुदा (ईश्वर) अल्लाह में आता भी नहीं और एहसास (अनुभूति) से जाता भी नहीं।

अगर ईश्वर ना जानने की हद (परिधि) में होता तो एक न एक दिन जानने की हदों में भी आजाता था। लेकिन वह जानने या ना जानने की हदों में नहीं आता बल्कि जो जाना और



समझा ना जाने वाला है। जिसे केवल अनुभव किया जा सकता है। याने ईश्वर को केवल जिया जा सकता है। जिसे जाना नहीं जा सकता उसे तस्वुशत (खयाली) से या अपनी अल्ला (बुद्धि) से देखने की दिशा में उठारा है हर कदम नाकाम हो जाता है।

खुदा (ईश्वर) को अनोखल (अज्ञेय, जाना नहीं जा सकता) ऐसा मानना उस की राह पर रखा गया पहला कदम है। धर्म और धर्म शास्त्र यही कहते हैं कि अगर ईश्वर अल्ला और फहम (बुद्धि और समझ) में आता है तो वह कुछ भी हो सकता है लेकिन खुदा (ईश्वर) नहीं हो सकता। पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (रव.) के पहिले उत्तराधिकारी इमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब अलौहिस्सलाम के कहने के मुताबिक वही एक आराध्य है जिसे किसी विशेषण से या भ्रम एवं अनुमान से जाना नहीं जा सकता। और उसका कोई विश्लेषण नहीं किया जा सकता।

इमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब अलौहिस्सलाम का फरमान है कि, "मैं गवाही देता हूँ कि उस अल्लाह (सृष्टिकर्ता पालनहार परमात्मा) के अलावा और कोई माबूद (पूजनीय, उपासनीय) नहीं। वह अल्ला (प्रथम) है इस तरह की उससे पहिले कोई वस्तु नहीं। वह आखिर (अन्तिम) है इस तरह की उसकी कोई इतेहा (सीमा) नहीं। और " (अल्बास बुक एजेंसी लखनऊ द्वारा प्रकाशित हिंदी धर्मग्रंथ, नहजुल बलागह, खुतबा क्रमांक ८३, पुष्ट क्रमांक २२१ और २२२)।

इमाम अली अलौहिस्सलाम इसके बाद कहते हैं कि, "उस (ईश्वर) की कोई सिफत (विशेषण) से वहनो गुमान (भ्रम एवं अनुमान) बाखबर (जात) नहीं हो सकते। न उसकी कैफियत (स्थिति) पर दिलों का अकीदा (विश्वास) जम (ठहर) सकता है, ना उस के अज्जा (अंश) हैं कि उसका तज्जिया (विश्लेषण) किया जा सके। और न कल्बो वशम (हृदय और आंख) उसका एहाता कर (घेर) सकते हैं।" (अल्बास बुक एजेंसी लखनऊ द्वारा प्रकाशित हिंदी धर्मग्रंथ, नहजुल बलागह, खुतबा क्रमांक ८३, पुष्ट क्रमांक २२२)।

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

Childhood should not fall victim to the drug menace...

Tungathurthi Ravi

Tungathurthi Ravi unveiled the 'Run for a Drug-Free Life' wall poster on February 22.



Medipally, January 22 (Metro Udayam)

GPMC Boduppal Circle Peerzadiguda Congress Party President and RV Foundation Chairman Tungathurthi Ravi stated that childhood should not be sacrificed to the drug menace, and students should not become addicted to drugs during their student life and ruin their bright future. He said that students, knowingly or unknowingly, are getting addicted to drugs at an age when they should be studying, thereby shattering the hopes and aspirations of their parents. They unveiled the 'Run for a Drug-Free Life' wall poster at the RV Construction office in Saipriya Colony. Speaking on the occasion, they announced that a 16K, 10K, 5K, and 3K run will be held on Sunday, February 22nd, at Bhagyanagar Nandavanam Park in Narapally. They emphasized that everyone has a responsibility to participate in this event and help eradicate the drug menace. They stated that health is paramount and expressed their wish for everyone to be in perfect health. They advised against unnecessarily spending money on hospitalizations, reminding everyone that their health is in their own hands. They also mentioned that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has taken steps to eliminate the drug menace. The event was attended by Shanthivanam Runners organizers Dr. Katta Shekhar, Mahender Reddy, Somashekar, Narasimha Naik, and journalists Rajapeta Naveen Chari, GM Kishore, Uday, Venkat, Srinivas, Chandrasekhar, and others.

Araku MP attends YSR Congress Party Parliamentary Party meeting

Dr. Gumma Tanuja Rani

(Amaravati)
Tadepalli, Date:
22-01-2026.

At the YSR Congress Party central office, a YSR Congress Party Parliamentary Party meeting was held under the chairmanship of the former Chief Minister of the state and YSR Congress Party President Shri Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. The meeting was attended by Araku Member of Parliament (MP) Dr. Gumma Tanuja Rani, along with YSR Congress Party Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha MP..



Bank employees' demand to implement five day working days

Kodad Janavary
23 Metro
Udayam....

In Kodada, all the banks' unions took out a massive bike rally in the town demanding immediate implementation of five-day working days per week in public sector banks. Employees and staff of various banks staged a large-scale protest in front of the local State Bank of India (SBI) main branch on Thursday evening. On this occasion, the leaders said that the demand for five-day working days has been pending since time immemorial and demanded that the central government should



leave its stubborn stand on this. Similarly, he expressed concern that there is a severe shortage of staff in banks, and due to this, the work pressure on the employees is increasing tremendously. They urged the Center to fill up the vacant posts immediately and make new



appointments. Manager Sivakumar, Chief Manager Veeraswamy, Venkataratnam, Uma Mahesh, Chittibabu, Ramu, Nandan Reddy, Saujanya, Ramya, Sai representatives and staff of various banks participated in this protest. Participated in...

Alumni reunion after 25 years... an emotional gathering



Kadthal, 22 January Metro Udayam : A grand reunion of former students who studied 10th grade at Akuthotapalli Zilla Parishad High School during the 1999-2000 academic year was held in BN Reddy Nagar, Hyderabad. Students who studied from 6th to 10th grade at the Akuthotapalli school in Amangal mandal of the erstwhile Mahbubnagar district met after 25 years, catching up on each other's lives and well-being. On this occasion, they reminisced about their childhood memories. They acknowledged that the school they studied in, the discipline instilled by their teachers, and their education have led them to their current positions in various fields. They created a lively atmosphere by recalling some sweet memories from their school days. Before the program began, they observed a moment of silence to pay tribute to their deceased friends.

Telangana High Court likely to give verdict on Group-1 Exams Today

The Telangana High Court is set to deliver its verdict today on the Group-1 examination conducted by the Telangana State Public Service Commission (TGPSC), with the judgment expected to be pronounced before 11 am. The ruling will decide the fate of 563 Group-1 officers who have already been issued appointment letters. The High Court division bench had earlier clarified that these appointments would be subject to the outcome of today's judgment. The Group-1 examination was conducted in 2024. Following the declaration of results, several unsuccessful candidates approached the High Court, alleging irregularities in the conduct of the examination. After hearing the petitions, a single bench of the High Court ordered the cancellation of the selection list and directed that the examination be held afresh. Subsequently, the division bench stayed the single bench's order and took up the matter for detailed hearing. After concluding full arguments on 30 December last year, the division bench reserved its verdict, which is scheduled to be delivered today.



Road Safety Awareness Programme Held Under 'Arrive Alive Campaign-2026'



Hyderabad, January 22: As part of the 'Arrive Alive Campaign-2026' initiated by the Telangana State Government, a road safety awareness programme was conducted at Value Zone Shopping Mall, Nacharam, with the aim of promoting responsible driving and reducing road accidents. The programme was attended by Nacharam SHO Mr. Dhanunjay, who expressed deep concern

over the increasing number of road accidents resulting in the loss of innocent lives. Addressing the gathering, he urged the public to strictly adhere to traffic rules and regulations to ensure road safety. He emphasized that two-wheeler riders must compulsorily wear helmets, while car drivers and passengers should always use seat belts. He also advised pedestrians to remain alert while crossing



roads, particularly during daily commutes to and from workplaces. The SHO highlighted that drunk driving and speeding are among the primary causes of road accidents. He cautioned motorists against carrying passengers beyond the permitted limit and warned drivers not to use mobile phones while driving, stating that such negligence often leads to fatal accidents.

The programme was also attended by Admin SI Mr. Venkataiah, SI Mr. Prabhakar Reddy, and around 50 to 60 employees. Police officials stressed that road accidents can be significantly reduced only when every individual takes responsibility and follows traffic and road safety norms diligently.

Preparations gather pace for Sammakka-Saralamma festival

All arrangements are in full swing for the biennial Sammakka-Saralamma tribal festival, dedicated to the forest goddesses Sammakka and Saralamma, as the event draws near. The district administration has stepped up efforts to ensure smooth conduct of the festival and to facilitate the large influx of devotees.

The four-day festival, held once every two years, culminates on the full moon day of the Magha month. Though it is primarily a tribal celebration, the Sammakka-Saralamma festival attracts devotees from all communities, who offer prayers to the forest goddesses with deep faith and reverence.

From the 28th of this



month, devotees are expected to begin arriving in large numbers to offer prayers. As part of the traditional offerings, devotees purchase jaggery, which is regarded as equivalent to

gold in the ritual practices. This has led to brisk business at jaggery markets, with shops witnessing heavy crowds.

Traders said 10 kg blocks

of jaggery are currently being sold at prices ranging between Rs 50 and Rs 55 per kg, reflecting the surge in demand ahead of the festival.

Varun Sandesh, Vithika starred 'Dear Astronaut' FL poster unveiled

The makers of Dear Astronaut recently unveiled the first poster of the film, offering audiences a glimpse into what promises to be an inspiring and emotionally driven story. Directed by Karthik Bhagyaraja and produced by Yuvan Krishna Entertainments under the banner of Manaswini Bhagyaraja, the film features real-life husband-and-wife duo Varun Sandesh and Vithika Sheru in the lead roles.

Speaking on the occasion, members of the film's unit revealed that Dear Astronaut revolves around the journey of a

woman who dreams of going into space from a very young age. Fascinated by the stars and the vastness of the universe, she grows up determined to become an astronaut. The film traces her path, highlighting the challenges, sacrifices, and struggles she faces while pursuing a dream that often seems beyond reach, with the sky quite literally being the limit.

Describing the project as fresh and inspiring, the team said the narrative stands out for its contemporary theme and emotional depth. Varun Sandesh and

Vithika Sheru are said to have delivered heartfelt performances, bringing authenticity to their characters. Music for the film is composed by Karthik Kodakandla, adding another strong layer to the storytelling.

The makers emphasized that Dear Astronaut is being made with strong production values, a new-age narrative style, and a unique presentation. With its motivational core and relatable emotions, the film aims to strike a chord with audiences across age groups.

