



Hyderabad CP Warns Youth Over Dangerous Bike Stunts



Hyderabad's Chief Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar has issued a stern warning to youths performing risky stunts on bikes. Responding to viral social media videos of dangerous stunts, he urged young riders to drive responsibly. Sajjanar warned that while these stunts may seem thrilling, they can quickly threaten lives. He stated that such actions can "ruin a hundred-year-old life" and even cause lifelong disabilities from minor accidents. The CP emphasised that a small mishap could result in a person being bedridden for life, and others could also be injured in the process. He advised against risking the future for social media likes and views, warning that such behaviour endangers both the rider and passengers. Sajjanar added that performing such stunts is a crime under law and could lead to serious trouble. On X, he posted, "Drive responsibly," urging youths to avoid reckless behaviour on the roads.

Mahashivaratri Brahmotsavams continue with sacred rituals

Srisailam: The eleven-day Mahashivaratri Brahmotsavams, being conducted with Navahnika Deeksha at the revered Srisailam Devasthanam, continued with religious fervour on the second day on Monday. On this occasion, special pujas were performed for Sri Swamy and Ammavarlu as part of the ongoing Brahmotsavam rituals associated with the auspicious Mahashivaratri festival. Subsequently, special worship was offered to Sri Chandeeswara Swamy in the Yagashala. Japas and parayanams were performed for universal welfare. In accordance with Agama Shastra traditions, rituals such as Mandaparadhana, Panchavarana Archanas, Japa Anushtanam, Nitya



Havanams, Rudra Homam and Chandi Homam were carried out by the temple priests in a highly sanctified manner. Temple authorities stated that Pradosha Kala pujas, Japa Anushtanam, Rudra Parayanams and homams will be performed

in the evening as part of the day's ritual schedule. These ceremonies form an integral part of the Brahmotsavams and are aimed at invoking divine blessings for devotees and the well-being of the world. As part of the Vahana Sevas during the

Brahmotsavams, the Brungi Vahana Seva will be held on Monday evening. The Utsava Murthies of Sri Swamy and Ammavarlu will be seated on the Brungi Vahanam at the Akkamahadevi Alankara Mandapam and special pujas will be performed, followed by a grand Gramotsavam along the main streets of Srisailam. The procession will feature a rich display of traditional and folk art forms including Nadaswaram, Kolatam, Chekka Bhajana, Kerala Chandi Melam, Veerabhadra Dolu Kunitha, Karnataka Jani Pathak drums, Gorava dance, Thappeta Chindu, Nandi Kola Seva, tribal Chenchu dances and various other cultural performances, adding colour and cultural grandeur to the celebrations.

Bandla Ganesh's Sankalpa Yatra Reaches Tirupati

Film producer and actor Bandla Ganesh's Sankalpa Yatra arrived in Tirupati on Monday, greeted by TDP leaders and party supporters. The Yatra began from Shad Nagar near Hyderabad on 19 January, covering a distance of 507 km by foot to reach Tirupati. Speaking on the occasion, Ganesh stated he would proceed from Alipiri to Tirumala on Tuesday to offer prayers.



Telangana Declares Holiday for Municipal Election Polling Day

The Telangana government has



announced a holiday on Wednesday for the municipal elections, allowing voters to cast their ballots. The holiday applies to factories, shops, and industries within the jurisdiction of the municipalities and municipal corporations where elections are taking place, as well as employees and workers working in these areas. The order was issued on Tuesday to facilitate voter participation. Municipal elections will be conducted across the state in a single phase, covering 116 municipalities and 7 corporations. A total of 12,930 candidates are contesting. The Election Commission has set up 8,203 polling stations and 16,301 ballot boxes for the elections, scheduled for tomorrow from 7 am to 5 pm. Results are expected to be announced on 13 February. All arrangements for the polling process have been completed, with liquor shops ordered to remain closed during voting hours. Strict security measures are in place, and officials are urging residents to exercise their right to vote. The decision aims to ensure maximum voter participation in the elections.

Job fair tomorrow to boost employment

Dharmavaram: In a positive development for unemployed youth in the Dharmavaram constituency, a Job Fair-2026 will be organised on February 11 at the Government Polytechnic College, Dharmavaram, under the aegis of the Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC). According to an official release from the Minister's Office, the job fair is being organised with the initiative and full support of State Medical and Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav. The programme is part of the State government's ongoing efforts to promote skill-based employment opportunities for youth. Several leading companies are expected to participate in the job fair, including EMMVEE Group, Apollo Pharmacies, Kotak Mahindra Bank (Microfinance), BigBasket, Tata Electronics, Dr Reddy's Laboratories, Premier Energies, Dixon SVS Services and Concentrix Staffing Solutions.



Malreddy Ranga Reddy threatens resignation over Cabinet berth

Ibrahimpattanam MLA Malreddy Ranga Reddy made a forceful demand on Monday for a ministerial position for the Ranga Reddy district. He asserted that he would not hesitate to resign from his post if caste considerations are used as a reason to overlook the district for representation in the Cabinet. Speaking to the media, he assured the party high command that he would actively work to ensure the victory of any candidate from a different community should they be given a ticket in his place. He emphasised that a ministerial berth must be allocated to the district following the elections. Highlighting his extensive contributions to the region's development, Ranga Reddy declared his readiness to take any necessary steps for the welfare of the local people. These comments follow widespread rumours that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had assured a ministerial post to former MP Ranjith Reddy. However, the Chief Minister has since clarified that no such assurance was given regarding a Cabinet position for the former MP.



Chandrababu Continues Delhi Visit, Meets Union Minister CR Patil



Telangana Chief Minister Chandrababu's visit to Delhi is ongoing. On Tuesday morning, he held a meeting with Union Minister for Jal Shakti, CR Patil. The discussion focused on the progress of the Polavaram project and other state development initiatives. During the meeting, the CM highlighted concerns regarding funding for the Jal Jeevan Mission scheme.

Chandrababu Meets Amit Shah Over Amaravati and State Issues

AP Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu met Union Home Minister Amit Shah, reportedly to discuss the legality of Amaravati as the state's capital. Ahead of the Centre's plan to introduce a bill in Parliament, discussions were held on related matters. Naidu is said to have requested that the bill be introduced during the second phase of the budget session. Additionally, he discussed several other issues concerning Andhra Pradesh with the Union Home Minister.





Hyderabad February:10 (Metro udayam)

To the people of Himayat Nagar Division, our well-wishers, our activists, our leaders, the presidents of the Basti Committee, the Basti Committee, the apartment committee, the colony residents, and all the people of all walks of life, our heartfelt thanks to all those who have been with us for the past five years and have been cooperating as partners in development. We have already taken the lead in developing Himayat Nagar Division in all fields. As part of that, tomorrow is the first time that we have inaugurated it. Our heartfelt thanks to our MLA Danam Nagender, Mayor Gadwala Vijayalakshmi, Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar, Municipal Commissioner, as well as the Zonal Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner, who have helped us achieve development with these crores of rupees. In order to continue this development, yesterday at the Standing Committee meeting, our Mayor and Commissioner said that there were still many problems in our division, and funds of four crore rupees were immediately released, thank you to them. Our salutations to every officer who is helping to continue this development, as well as to every activist and leader who is with us, who has devoted many days and hours of time to us and has gone out among the people for these five years. Our goal is to make Himayat Nagar division a beautiful and problem-free division in order to continue this development. The development programs that need to be done first are the construction of a community hall on a 300-yard plot near Melkote Park. Funds have already been sanctioned for a community hall in Chandranagar Basti. There are works to be done in Old Kamela area and some other areas like this. We assure you that we will definitely complete them. The remaining works of Dattatnagar Community Hall and some basti are also in the government, so we will discuss with Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and ministers and MLAs and take steps to complete all the other works.

GHMC With the funds of Commissioner and Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar, 2 crore 56 lakhs and 3 thousand rupees have been allocated for Street No. 2 with 26 lakhs, CC road at Street No. 15 Dattannagar with 18 lakhs and another bit 16 lakhs, CC patch work and storm water line at Janardhana Bada with about nine lakhs, new CC road has been proposed with 8.30 lakhs when the road in front of the college on BJR line is in good condition, road work including drainage and storm water in Vittalwadi Ward Office with 45 lakhs, road work including drainage and storm water in Shamshirbagh with 48 lakhs, new CC road work with 30 lakhs in Hari Nagar, Avanti Nagar, Hyderguda, Chandranagar Committee Hall maintenance work with six lakhs and storm water drainage catch pits on road work with 49 lakhs. The foundation stone for new works will be laid in Himayat Nagar with a total of Rs 2.56 crores. As a member of the Standing Council, the Mayor requested the Commissioner to allocate some more funds for the development of the division in the last Standing Council meeting. Mayor Gadwala Vijayalakshmi and the Commissioner sanctioned Rs 4.15 crores. With these funds, Rs 20 lakhs will be spent on Balaji Bajrang Sweet Shop Line, Rs 1.12 crores for CC roads in Avanti Nagar, Rs 8 lakhs for footpath around the park, Rs 49 lakhs for CC road in Vasavi Line, Rs 49 lakhs for Street No. 16, Oxford School Line, Rs 49 lakhs, Rs 28 lakhs for Street No. 5 CC road and footpath work, Rs 40 lakhs for the construction of a new committee hall in Dattannagar, A committee hall at Street No. 5 in Narayanguda has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs 28 lakhs and a new community building at a cost of Rs 72 lakhs in Chandra Nagar Basti.

Thus, keeping in mind the development of all areas in Himayat Nagar division, the development works allocated from GHMC funds for water works drainage in some areas are to be started soon, Thus, your Mahalakshmi Raman Goud, Himayat Nagar Corporator.

INTENSIVE INSPECTION OF KK LINE BY DRM WALTAIR

In order to review the progress of ongoing developmental works, including Amrit Bharat Station Scheme works, infrastructure development, and passenger amenities, the Divisional Railway Manager, Waltair Division, Shri Lalit Bohra conducted an intensive and surprise inspection of the Kottavalasa-Kirandul (KK) line today.

During the inspection, DRM was accompanied by senior divisional officers from various departments. A detailed inspection of the section between Silakjori and Koraput was carried out. Shri Lalit Bohra inspected the station, yard, and railway offices at Silakjori station.

At Dilimili, DRM inspected the Railway Colony and interacted with the residents to understand their grievances and requirements, if any. He also inspected the station, the Traction Distribution Office substation, and the yard.

Subsequently, Shri Lalit Bohra reviewed the progress of ongoing Amrit Bharat Station Scheme works at Jagdalpur station. He inspected the station yards at Jagdalpur, Amagura, Jeypore, and Koraput stations and observed safety inspections of railway tracks. The DRM interacted with concerned officials to assess their working knowledge, adherence to safety



norms, and implementation of safety practices. He also inspected railway quarters at enroute stations. Further, the DRM reviewed

infrastructure maintenance works including tracks, bridges, points and crossings, level crossing gates, tunnels, and signalling systems. During the inspection, Shri Lalit Bohra interacted with gangmen to gain insights into their working conditions and the effectiveness of safety protocols being followed.

Queen Victoria and Stephen Kumar set another record in swimming



- 27.4 km.8 hours, 57 minutes and 18 seconds.

Chikkadapally, February 10 Metro Udayam : Hyderabad's mother & son duo of Queeni Victoriya and Stephen Kumar Gandham on Monday completed the Cook Strait that connects New Zealand's north and south islands, enhancing their profiles as top class open water swimmers. They were part of a six-member relay team who finished the 27.4-kilometre stretch in 8 hours, 57 minutes and 18 seconds. They started at Perano Head in the south at 6.23 am local time and reached Terawhiti/



Ohau in the north. Queeni is the first South Indian female to swim the Cook Strait while Stephen is the first Telangana male swimmer to do so. However, the duo had their share of problems with an earlier swim aborted due to navigation issues. That required them to stay back in New Zealand and seek a fresh slot for the second attempt. "We were very nervous and against the tide, figuratively. Booking another slot required additional finances and I am thankful to Raja Sundaramurthy for the timely help," Queeni said after the swim. The Cook Strait is among the seven channels of the world, a set that Queeni aims to complete. The 45-year-old has already swam the

English Channel (between England and France, 33 kilometres) and Catalina Channel (California, USA - 32.3 km). The Kaiwi Channel (Hawaii, 42 km), Strait of Gibraltar (between Spain, Europe and Morocco, Africa 14.4 km), North Channel (Northern Ireland to Scotland, 34.5 km) and Tsugaru Channel (Honshu to Hokkaido in Japan, 19.5 km) are the ones remaining on her list. Queeni has also done the 34.5 km Palk Strait between India and Sri Lanka. The mother and son also swam 17 km from the Mandwa Jetty to the Gateway of India last year, raising awareness for ocean conservation.

Opposition crossed all limits, entire country ashamed of what is happening in Parliament: Kangana Ranaut



New Delhi: BJP MP Kangana Ranaut on Tuesday accused the Opposition of crossing all limits. She further claimed that not only Parliament, but the entire country is ashamed of what is happening in the House.

This comes amid continuous uproar in Parliament over Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi citing from a published article excerpts from former Army chief M.M. Naravane's unpublished memoir. The Opposition has also been repeatedly alleging that they are not being allowed to speak in Parliament.

Speaking to reporters outside Parliament, Kangana Ranaut said, "The Opposition has crossed all limits. Not just Parliament, the entire country is ashamed. You saw how Rahul Gandhi brought an illegal, unauthorised book here yesterday and insulted the entire judiciary. Penguin Publishing House has now said that it is completely illegal and unauthorised."

She further claimed that even the Opposition's own party members were embarrassed by the developments. Referring to alleged incidents inside the House, she said the Opposition was targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"The Opposition, I feel even their own party is ashamed. They are conspiring against PM Modi. The way they tore papers and threw them at the Speaker and then climbed on the table — if they are doing so, then what is the guarantee that they will not snatch papers from the hands of PM Modi and will not throw papers at PM Modi? We want a guarantee for all of this so that the Prime Minister can come there," she added.

Calling the issue serious, Ranaut said such actions were unacceptable and questioned what dignity would remain for Parliament if the situation continued.

"This is the need of the hour. If they try to snatch papers from the Prime Minister or push him, and they are putting women MPs in front, what dignity will remain for this country and for Parliament? We want clarity on this," she said.

Meanwhile, the Lok Sabha was adjourned for the second time just six minutes after reconvening, as the Opposition refused to continue with a proper discussion on the Union Budget and created a ruckus.

Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju requested the Congress MPs, who were shouting 'We want justice' slogans, to let the discussion proceed, as the members want to lay down their points on the Union Budget.

"Yesterday also, we requested the Congress party with folded hands that there should be discussions on the Union Budget. Shashi Tharoor's name was also called; every party gave their list of speakers... Everyone wants to speak, but Congress does not want to start speaking. They create a ruckus every day by coming into the Well of the House," he said.

Suresh Gopi hails Centre's green signal for two railway projects in Kerala

Thiruvananthapuram: The Union government has approved two major railway projects aimed at providing long-term relief to Kerala's chronic rail travel constraints, BJP MP Suresh Gopi said on Tuesday.

The projects -- doubling of the Alappuzha-Ambalappuzha railway line and construction of the Palakkad Town-Parali bypass line -- have received clearance from the Union Railway Ministry, said Gopi. According to Suresh Gopi, the decision marks a significant step forward for railway development in Kerala and reflects the Centre's commitment to strengthening

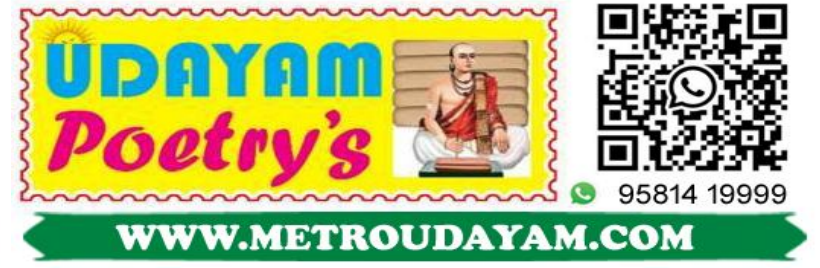
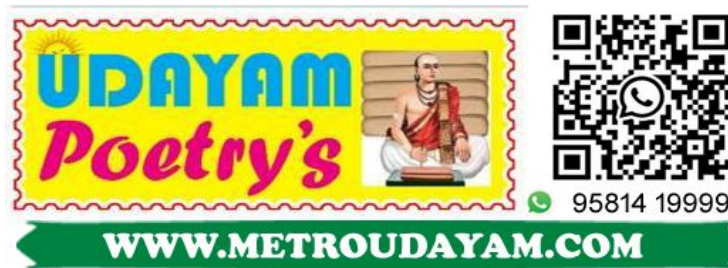
transport infrastructure in the state. He said the approvals were granted under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, and would help address long-pending operational bottlenecks affecting both passenger and freight traffic.

The Alappuzha-Ambalappuzha line doubling project is expected to bring immediate operational benefits.

The 12.66-kilometre stretch lies on the busy Ernakulam-Thuravoor-Kayamkulam route, where a single-line section has long been a major obstacle to smooth train movement.

An amount of Rs 324.16 crore has been sanctioned for the project.

Once completed, the doubling of the line will allow the introduction of nine additional passenger train services per day in both directions. Railway officials also expect a significant improvement in punctuality and operational flexibility on one of the state's most heavily used coastal rail corridors. The Palakkad Town-Parali bypass line, though details are yet to be fully outlined, is expected to decongest rail operations in the Palakkad region, a key junction connecting Kerala with Tamil Nadu and the rest of the country.



खुदको धार्मिक कहते हुए अधार्मिक कार्य करने वालों से धर्मिकता को नहीं आंकना चाहिए बल्के सच्चे धर्म के कसौटी पर धार्मिक लोगों को आंकना चाहिए।... (शकील उवाच -६१३)

आजतक धर्म के विरोध में वही गया जिसने मनुष्यों द्वारा विकृत किये गये धर्म सिद्धांतों को सच्चा धर्म समझ लिया। धर्म का दुश्मन वही बना जिसने सच्चे धार्मिक मूल्यों से अनभिज्ञ रहा। धर्म के विरोध में वही खड़ा रहा जो खुद को धार्मिक कहते हुये अधार्मिक एवं अमानवीय कार्यों में लिप्त रहे लोगों को धार्मिक समझा। खुदको धार्मिक कहते हुए अधार्मिक कार्य करने वालों से धर्मिकता को नहीं आंकना चाहिए बल्के सच्चे धर्म के कसौटी पर धार्मिक लोगों को आंकना चाहिए।



धर्म परंपरागत पद्धति से चली आ रही रूढ़ी परम्पराओं और रूढ़ी सिद्धांतों का अनुकरण का नाम नहीं है। धर्म केवल अंध-विश्वास को मानने की बात नहीं है बल्के स्वयं को जानने का नाम है और स्वयं में जीने का नाम है। धर्म केवल भ्रष्टा का नाम नहीं बल्के अनुभविक भ्रष्टा से अर्जित किये हुये अटूट विश्वास का नाम है। धर्म हमारे शरीर, मन, बुद्धि, तर्क और विज्ञान के साथ सत्य के प्रकाश में चलकर अपने स्वयं के अनुभूतियों के साथ जीवन बिताने का नाम है। धर्म सच्चा न हो, आवरण से खाली हो और अनुभव रहित हो तो हमारी दुर्गति निश्चित है। वही धर्म अगर सच्चा हो, आवरण युक्त हो और आनुभविक हो तो हमारी ऊन्नतोन्नत सदगति है। ईश्वर कोई काल्पनिक वस्तु नहीं है। ईश्वर सत्य है वही सृष्टिकर्ता है। इंद्रियातीत और असीम है इसलिए हमारी मर्यादित बुद्धि एवं समझ की गहराई उस तक नहीं पहुंच सकती। फिर भी अनुभव करने वालों की अनुभूति से वह बाहर भी नहीं है। उसका आरम्भ ऐसा है जिसकी गणना काल से नहीं की जा सकती। और उसकी कोई अवधि भी नहीं है के जो कहीं जाकर खत्म हो सके। वही सबके पहिले याने आदि है और वही आखिर याने सबके बाद रहने वाला है।

खुदा (ईश्वर) के बारे में इमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब अलैहिरसलाम का फरमान है के, "समस्त वंदना उस खुदा (ईश्वर) के लिये है जो सृष्टि से अपने विद्यमान होने का और सृष्टियों से अपने पुरातन एवं आदि होने का और परस्पर समान रूप से वे जोड़ और अद्वितीय होने का पता देने वाला है। ना इंद्रियां उसे छू सकते हैं। और ना पदें उसे छुपा सकते हैं। वृंकि बनाने वाले बनने वाले, घेरने वाले घिरने वाले, पालने वाले पलने वाले में अंतर होता है। वह खुदा (ईश्वर) एक है लेकिन इस तरह नहीं के उसे गतिविधि करना और कष्ट उठाना पड़े।" (वह एक है लेकिन गिनती के हिसाब में नहीं)।

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फैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) के पहिले उत्तराधिकारी इमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब अलैहिरसलाम आने फरमाते हैं के, "वह प्रकट है लेकिन आंखों से दिखाई नहीं देता। वह वैयक्तिक रूप से गुप्त है लेकिन शारीरिक मृदुलता के आधार पर नहीं। वह सभी वस्तुओं से इसलिए पृथक है की उन पर छाया हुआ है और उन पर सत्ता रखता है।" (अल्बास बुक एजेसी लखनऊ द्वारा प्रकाशित हिंदी धर्मग्रंथ, नहजुल बलागह, खुतबा क्रमांक ११०, पृष्ठ क्रमांक ३६६)।

ऐसे खुदा (सृष्टिकर्ता पालनहार परमात्मा) के बारे में अगर कोई यह कहता हो के "ईश्वर है तो दिखाओ" तो कोई उसे कैसे दिखा सकता है? उस सृष्टिकर्ता पालनहार परमात्मा को जिस किसी ने प्रत्यक्ष देखने की कोशिश की उस से वह छुपा रहा और जिस किसीने उसकी कुदरत के जुरिए (शक्ती के माध्यम) से उसे जानना चाहा उस पर जाहिर (प्रकट) हुआ। उसकी कुदरत (शक्ती) के माध्यम से जुरे जुरे (कण कण) में मौजूद है। लेकिन इस इंद्रियां उसे छू नहीं सकते। अगर वह इंद्रियों के पहुंच में आता तो सब कुछ हो सकता है लेकिन खुदा (ईश्वर) नहीं हो सकता।

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

THEORY OF "KARMA"

(Philosophy)

To start with What is Karma?
Doing any act is called Karma!
Birth and death are result of Karma!
Simple logic as Newton said every action will have reaction!
Same to same apply to doer of Karma!

May be some won't believe this
Theory of Karma!
And throws it away as Trash!
Let us take a simple example!

It is a naked fact there's no any difference in birth and death!
But the way we live differs from One another! Why?
There comes the Theory of Karma for discussion!
How? Like this: some are rich, some poor! Difference from person to person even in wealth and health!
Some clever, some timid! why there disparity?

It is the effect of Karma(action), said



to be legacy of previous birth!
Reaction will be there in future birth for past and present deeds!
Question is no remedy! There is. you see this simple analysis!

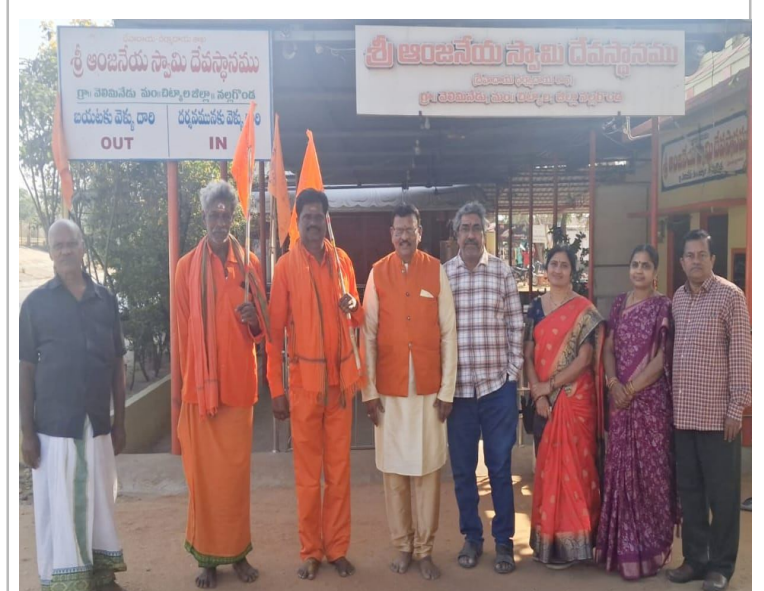
How any bank loan outstanding will be cleared?
By remittances you make, at a stage you are free from loan burden!

The piled up sin effect may also be reduced gradually by good deeds!
At one stage NIL balance appears!

Of course the subject of Theory of Karma is not all this only!
Just for simple understanding!

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

Shirdi Sai Mahayatra reaches Hyderabad..



Chikkadapally, February 10 metro Udayam : The Mahayatra undertaken by devotees to have darshan of Shirdi Sai Baba is continuing steadily, with the group reaching Hyderabad on Tuesday night. These details were shared by Shanam-Pudi Srihari, who is leading the pilgrimage. Srihari, a devoted follower of Sai Baba, is the managing trustee of the small Shirdi temple and the NTR establishment in Perakalapadu village of Kanchikacherla mandal. Known for his unwavering devotion, he has been continuously carrying out this holy pilgrimage for the last 13 years and this year marks his 14th Shirdi Yatra. From the Perakalapadu village yatra on the 4th of this month. The group of devotees, driven by devotion and discipline, reached Chandanagar in Rangareddy district as part of their next journey to Shirdi in Maharashtra. According to Srihari, the yatra will cover over 900 countries, reflecting the spiritual commitment and endurance of the devotees. The band was congratulated by singer Chinthalapati Suresh, their family members and relatives.

CRS INSPECTS NEWLY LAID 2ND LINE BETWEEN MANABAR-JARATI STATIONS



Shri Brijesh Kumar Mishra, Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS), South Eastern Circle, conducted a thorough inspection of the newly constructed 2nd line between Jarati- Manabar stations on 09.02.2026. This 10 km stretch forms part of the Kottavalasa- Kirandul doubling project in Waltair Division, East Coast

Railway. Accompanying the CRS were Shri Lalit Bohra, Divisional Railway Manager, Waltair; Shri AG Srinivas, Chief Administrative Officer; Shri KS Varma, Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer (Construction); Shri Ashok Kumar, Chief Bridge Engineer; Shri Akilesh Varma Chief



Signal Engineer, Shri Gowri Shankar and other senior officers from Construction and Railways took part in the inspection.

The section features 60 kg rails and two major bridges, constructed to conform to 25T axle load standards. The inspection concluded successfully, with speed trials passing

without issues, leading to authorization for full-fledged commissioning.

This milestone reflects the dedicated efforts of the Civil Engineering, Construction, Signal & Telecom, and Electrical departments in close coordination with Waltair Division's operations and traffic planning teams.

B. Shyamu Felicitated on Election as State General Secretary of Telangana Gazetted Officers Association

Hyderabad, metro udayam february 10.

B. Shyamu, who has created history by becoming the first Dalit officer to be elected as the State General Secretary of the Telangana State Gazetted Officers Association (TSGOA), was felicitated in a grand ceremony held at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan, Lower Tank Bund, Hyderabad.

The felicitation programme was organised by the Officers' Forum and was presided over by Kaki Madhava Rao, former Chief Secretary of Telangana. Speaking on the occasion, speakers described Shyamu's election as a significant milestone in the journey towards social inclusion and representation in officers' associations. P.V. Ramana, National President of the All India ST Employees Association, along with other association leaders, participated in the programme and honoured B. Shyamu on behalf of the organisation. The event was attended by sev-



eral distinguished personalities, including Mallepalli Lakshmaiah, President of the Centre for Dalit Studies; P.S.N. Murthy, retired IDAS officer; Siddoji Rao, Convenor of the Officers' Forum; K.K. Raja; Dr. C.H. Balakrishna, Chairman of the People's Education Trust; Rajendra Kumar and Jagadish Kumar. A large number of IAS, IPS, Group-I officers

and officers from various government departments were also present. Eluri Srinivasa Rao, State President of the Telangana State Gazetted Officers Association, also attended the programme and congratulated B. Shyamu on his historic achievement.

Defence Ministry nod for buying 114 Rafale fighter jets from France likely this week

The Defence Ministry is likely to approve a Rs 3.25 lakh crore deal this week to buy 114 Rafale fighter jets from France for the Indian Air Force, according to reliable sources.

The clearance is scheduled to take place ahead of French President Emmanuel Macron's forthcoming official visit to Delhi.

After the Defence Ministry's approval, the deal will eventually need clearance from the Cabinet Committee on Security chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

According to the proposal, India will purchase 18 off-the-shelf Rafales from French defence giant Dassault Aviation, while the remaining 96 fighter jets will be 'made in India'.

Some of these jets will be twin-seater aircraft to be used for training. The deal will involve the transfer of state-of-art fighter jet technology and a strategic partnership to give a fillip to the 'Make in India' programme.

The Indian Air Force already has 36 Rafales in its fleet, comprising two squadrons, with the last delivery of the 'C' variant taking place in December 2024. Another 26 Rafale jets of the 'M' version, have also been ordered for the Indian Navy in a deal worth Rs 63,000 crore. The naval variants will be operated from the aircraft carriers INS Vikrant and INS Vikramaditya.

That deal includes facilitation of fleet maintenance, logistics support,

and personnel training under a MRO (maintenance, repair and overhaul) agreement.

The Rafale jets were successfully used in Operation Sindoor to hit precision targets in Pakistan, as part of India's military response to the Pahalgam terror attack in May last year.

The Rafales were used to launch the SCALP, an air-launched cruise missile developed that can strike hardened targets over 250 km away with extreme precision. It can also carry Meteor long range air-to-air missiles and the Hammer, a stand-off strike weapon, and the Spectra, an advanced e-warfare suite, as well as advanced radar and targeting systems.

All set for municipal polling RDO Suryanarayana



Kodada February 10 Metro Morning

The election officials on Tuesday moved the polling materials from the distribution center of CCR Vidya Nilayam in Kodada town to the respective centres. On this occasion, RDO Suryanarayana said that a total of 491 personnel are participating in PO, APO and OPO duties for conducting the elections. It is stated that the staff reached their allotted booths with ballot boxes and other materials. He explained that a tight security with around 200 policemen has been arranged to ensure peaceful polling. He clarified that strict action will be taken against those who violate the rules and the entire town is under police watch. Voters are asked to exercise their right to vote fearlessly.

Opposition uproar in Bihar Assembly over rising rape cases, proceedings disrupted

The Bihar Assembly witnessed massive disruptions on Tuesday as Opposition parties created an uproar over the rising number of rape cases in the state, during the ongoing Budget Session.

Even before the House proceedings began, Opposition MLAs staged protests outside the Assembly premises, alleging a complete breakdown of law and order in Bihar. MLAs of the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) were seen raising slogans at the Assembly gate, holding placards and accusing the Bihar government of failing to ensure the safety of women. Protesters shouted slogans claiming that daughters were unsafe in Bihar and held the Chief Minister Nitish Kumar-led government responsible for the breakdown in the law and order situation in the state.

As soon as the House convened, Opposition MLAs rushed into the Well of the Assembly, raising loud slogans against the government.

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, both Deputy Chief Ministers, and several Cabinet ministers were present during the commotion.

The Opposition demanded answers over the death of a NEET student after alleged rape in a Patna girls' hostel and the sexual assault and murder of a minor girl in Darbhanga.

Amid the chaos, Assembly Speaker Prem Kumar ordered marshals to remove posters from the House and repeatedly appealed to the members to maintain order. However, the protests continued and ultimately the Opposition MLAs staged a walkout. They later returned to their seats following the Speaker's intervention. Reacting to the protest and walkout, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Vijay Kumar Chaudhary accused the Opposition of indulging in disruption instead of constructive debate. He said the Opposition was confused and unwilling to listen to the government's response. RJD MLA Bhai Virendra termed the issue extremely serious and said the government must act with full responsibility to address crimes against women. Earlier, Congress MLAs also staged a dramatic protest before the House proceedings began. They entered the Assembly premises carrying a mannequin adorned with bangles, symbolically accusing the government of failing to protect women.

Congress legislators alleged that despite repeatedly raising concerns over law and order and incidents such as the NEET student's suspicious death case, the government was attempting to suppress the issues.

Special Buses Arranged for Mahashivratri Devotees to Kotappakonda



DPTO T Ajitha Kumari announced that 618 buses are being organised to facilitate devotees travelling to Kotappakonda from Palnadu, Guntur, Prakasam, and Bapatla districts for Mahashivratri. Speaking to reporters at the District Public Transport Officer's office in Narasaraopet on Monday, she also stated that the Sree Shakti scheme will be implemented on special buses. A total of 95 buses have been arranged to carry devotees from lower to upper Kotappakonda. Additional buses include 213 from Narasaraopet bus stand, 121 from Chilakaluripet, 50 from Vinukonda, 39 from Addanki, 50 from Chirala, and 50 from Ongole. She mentioned that 1,800 staff will work at the Narasaraopet depot and 750 at the Chilakaluripet depot. Six special bus stations are operational in Kotappakonda, Chilakaluripet, and Narasaraopet. Women will also be provided free travel on buses travelling to and from Kotappakonda. A new bus station is being established on Petlurivaripalem road for return journeys from Kotappakonda to Narasaraopet. This year, fares will be Rs. 30 from Narasaraopet to the hill and Rs. 25 for the journey from the bottom to the top of the hill.

Zee Studios, Umesh Bansal team up with Perna Arora for Kiran Abbavaram's untitled pan-India epic

Telugu star Kiran Abbavaram is all set to headline an untitled pan-India action-adventure film, marking a major new collaboration between Zee Studios, Umesh Bansal, and producer Perna Arora. The ambitious project is being mounted on a large scale, positioning it as a high-energy entertainer aimed at audiences across multiple languages and regions. The film is being produced by Zee Studios and Umesh Bansal in association with Perna Arora, with Keerthan coming on board as co-producer. Designed as a mass-action adventure, the project is expected to showcase Kiran Abbavaram in a powerful new avatar, further strengthening his growing presence in the pan-Indian space. The makers have planned to begin shooting in September, with pre-production activities already underway. This collaboration also reunites Perna Arora and Zee Studios after their earlier Hindi-Telugu bilingual project Jatadhara, which performed decently at the box office and helped establish a strong working relationship between the two production houses. Building on that success, the new film aims to scale up in terms of storytelling, production values, and market reach. Expressing her excitement about working with the Telugu film industry, Perna Arora shared her admiration for its work culture, saying, "Working with the Telugu industry is very, very satisfying to me. Their discipline and ethics are very inspiring." Her statement reflects the growing cross-industry collaborations that are increasingly shaping pan-Indian cinema.

'Partisan conduct': Opposition moves no-confidence motion against LS Speaker Om Birla

New Delhi: The Opposition parties on Tuesday moved a no-confidence motion against Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, alleging "partisan conduct" in the functioning of the House. The notice has been submitted to the office of the Lok Sabha Secretary-General.

The motion was moved by Congress Deputy Leader in the Lok Sabha, Gaurav Gogoi, under Rule 94(c) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Lok Sabha, invoking Article 94(c) of the Constitution, which provides for the removal of the Speaker. In the notice, the Opposition accused the Speaker of conducting House proceedings in a "blatantly partisan manner" and repeatedly denying Opposition leaders, including Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi, the opportunity to speak. The motion cited several instances to substantiate its charge. It said that on



February 2, Rahul Gandhi was not allowed to complete his speech on the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address. On February 3, eight Opposition MPs were "arbitrarily suspended" for the remainder of the Budget Session, which, the notice claimed, amounted to penalising members for exercising their democratic rights. The Opposition also pointed to an incident on February 4, when a BJP MP was allegedly allowed to make "wholly objectionable and personalised attacks" on two former

Prime Ministers without any reprimand from the Chair, despite repeated requests from Opposition members. No action was taken against the MP concerned, whom the notice described as a "habitual offender". The motion further objected to remarks made by Speaker Om Birla on February 5, after the adoption of the Motion of Thanks through a voice vote. In his statement to the House, Birla had accused Opposition members of creating unprecedented scenes and said he had request-

ed the Prime Minister not to attend the House to avert a possible "unpleasant incident". According to the Opposition, these remarks cast blatantly false and derogatory allegations against Congress MPs.

"The Speaker, who is required to be the custodian of the Rules of Procedure and parliamentary decorum, chose the floor of the House to make such statements, which amounts to an abuse of this constitutional office," the notice said.

The Opposition said that while it holds the Speaker in personal regard, it is "pained and anguished" by what it described as a consistent pattern of preventing Opposition MPs from raising issues of legitimate public concern in the Lok Sabha.

A total of 118 MPs have signed the notice of no-confidence motion.

YSRCP slams withholding of panchayat funds, holds protest

Penukonda: Former Minister and Sri Sathya Sai district YSR Congress Party president Usha Sri Charan on Monday staged a protest in support of village sarpanches in front of the Penukonda Sub-Collector's Office, condemning the alleged withholding of funds spent by gram panchayats.

Addressing the gathering, Usha Sri Charan strongly criticised the actions of Minister Savita, accusing her of issuing directions to officials to stop the release of funds utilised by YSRCP-backed sarpanches.

She alleged that despite repeated representations by sarpanches seeking

reimbursement of funds spent on basic infrastructure, officials failed to respond.

The former minister said that sarpanches were forced to borrow money at high interest rates to carry out essential works in villages, and the continued delay in releasing funds had caused severe financial distress.

She alleged that officials were acting under political pressure and warned that private cases would be filed against those responsible for keeping the bills pending. Usha Sri Charan termed it "unfortunate and inhuman" to block panchayat funds at a time when villages were



witnessing a rise in seasonal diseases and urgently required sanitation and public health measures. She asserted that denying funds meant for public welfare amounted to punishing village administrations and the rural population.

The protest was organised to demand immediate release of pending panchayat funds and accountability from officials, with YSRCP leaders and sarpanches raising slogans seeking justice and intervention from the authorities.

T20 WC: Scotland beat debutants Italy by 73 runs in Group C game

Scotland beat debutants Italy by 73 runs here at the Eden Gardens on Monday to open their account in Group C of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup. Batting first, Scotland posted an imposing target of 208 runs, courtesy of George Munsey (84), Brandon McMullen (41) and Michael Leask's (22 not out) fiery knocks. In reply, Italy's chase never really got going, and they were bowled out for 134 in 16.4 overs.

Chasing 208, Italy got off to a disastrous start with Justin Mosca dismissed for a golden duck. His brother Anthony Mosca (13) and JJ Smuts (22 off 11) showed brief intent, with the latter striking at 200, but neither could convert their starts as wickets kept tumbling at regular intervals.

The resistance came through the Manenti brothers. Harry Manenti played a spirited knock of 37 off 25 balls, while Ben Manenti top-scored with 52 off 31, hitting five fours and a six to momentarily lift Italy's hopes. However, the lack of support from the other end ensured the required rate continued to spiral.

Italy collapsed once the Manentis were dismissed, losing their final wickets quickly. Michael Leask was the standout bowler for Scotland, ripping through the middle order with figures of 4/17, while Mark Watt chipped in with two wickets and kept things tight. Contributions from Brad Currie, Brad Wheal, and Oliver Davidson ensured sustained pressure throughout the innings.

With Italy falling short of one batter after their skipper dislocated his shoulder in the first innings, they lost nine wickets inside 17 overs as Scotland completed a comprehensive 73-run victory.

Earlier, Scotland produced a commanding batting display, posting 207/4. It was the first 200-plus total of the tournament and also marked the first time an associate nation has scored over 200 in a T20 World Cup. After being sent in to bat, Scotland built a strong platform through openers Munsey and Michael Jones, who added 126 runs for the first wicket. Munsey led the charge with a superb 84 off 54 balls, striking 13 fours and two sixes, while Jones contributed 37 off 30. Their partnership ensured Scotland stayed in control despite a steady powerplay of 49 runs.

Following the openers' dismissals, Brandon McMullen and skipper Richie Berrington kept the momentum going. Scotland accelerated sharply in the death overs, with Berrington and McMullen exploiting the Italian attack before Leask provided a late flourish, smashing 22 runs in the final over as Scotland finished strongly with 207 runs on board.

Ali Hasan was Italy's leading bowler, finishing with 1-21, highlighted by a brilliant 19th over in which he conceded just four runs and picked up a wicket. Brief Scores: Scotland 207/4 (George Munsey 84, Brandon McMullen 41; Ali Hasan 1-21, JJ Smuts 1-38) beat Italy 134 in 16.4 overs (Ben Manenti 52, Harry Manenti 37; Michael Leask 4-17, Mark Watt 2-24) by 73 runs.

Budget 2026's Skill Mission Needs a Reset: Why Outcome-Based Training Will Shape India's Workforce

Budget 2026 has sent a clear signal: India's long-term economic growth is closely linked to the strength of its workforce. With increased focus on education, skilling and job creation, the policy direction reflects a broader shift from expanding access to improving outcomes.

In a global economy shaped by automation, AI, and services-led expansion, the real competitive advantage for nations will increasingly be the quality and adaptability of their talent.

However, one challenge remains clear. India does not lack training programmes. What the ecosystem needs is stronger alignment between training and workplace requirements.

For the skilling push to translate into meaningful career opportunities at scale, training models need to evolve beyond traditional classroom instruction and move toward job-role aligned, industry-relevant, and outcome-oriented learning approaches.

The changing expectations of employers

Hiring patterns across sectors are evolving. Employers today are placing greater emphasis not only on qualifications but also on practical readiness and workplace skills.

Candidates are increasingly evaluated on:

Practical and technical capability
Communication and workplace behaviour
Familiarity with tools and processes
Ability to adapt and learn quickly
Basic digital literacy
Many organisations report that new hires often require additional on-the-job training before reaching full productivity. This highlights a broader gap between academic training and workplace expectations. Budget 2026 acknowledges this reality, but addressing it will require continued collaboration between industry, training institutions, and policymakers.

Bridging the gap between curriculum and real work

Number of centres opened
Number of students enrolled
Number of certifications issued
While these indicators remain important, industry stakeholders are increasingly focusing on another question:

How effectively does training prepare learners for real workplace environments?

Workplaces today reward practical capability, consistency, and adaptability. These qualities are best developed when curriculum design reflects real industry practices and evolving job roles.

Key priorities for the skilling ecosystem

Budget 2026 presents an opportunity to strengthen the skilling landscape by focusing on three key areas:

1. Industry-aligned curriculum

Training programmes tend to be more effective when the curriculum is mapped to job roles, developed with industry input, and updated regularly to reflect market changes.

2. Hands-on learning environments

Practical exposure-through labs, simulations, real-world case exercises, and continuous assessments-helps learners build confidence and apply skills more effectively.

3. Career readiness and industry exposure

Internships, employer engagement, and structured career guidance can help learners better understand workplace expectations and improve their transition into professional environments.

Skilling as economic infrastructure

India has made significant investments in physical infrastructure such as roads, airports, and logistics networks. Increasingly, workforce development is being viewed through a similar lens-as an essential component of economic infrastructure.

A strong skilling ecosystem typically includes:

High-quality training partners
Standardised delivery models
Certifications recognised by employers
Assessment systems that measure practical capability
Such systems help create a



workforce that is more adaptable to evolving industry needs.

The role of industry-led training models

Industry-linked training institutions are playing an important role in connecting education with workplace expectations. Models such as Tech Mahindra Smart Academy focus on structured training pathways that emphasise:

Alignment with industry standards

Role-specific training
Practical skill development
Career readiness support

These approaches reflect a broader shift in the skilling ecosystem toward improving workforce preparedness and long-term employability.

The Growing Importance of Industry-Oriented Training Institutes

As industries evolve, the role of industry-oriented training institutes is becoming increasingly important in strengthening India's workforce pipeline. Traditional education provides foundational knowledge, but specialised training institutions help learners develop applied skills that are directly relevant to modern workplaces.

Institutions such as Tech Mahindra Smart Academy focus on structured, role-based learning environments where students are introduced to real-world tools, workflows, and per-

formance expectations. This type of practical skill training helps learners better understand industry requirements and workplace standards.

Skill-Based Training in High-Growth Sectors

Several sectors in India are experiencing steady demand for trained professionals, particularly in areas such as:

Healthcare support services
Medical administration
Logistics and supply chain operations
Digital and technical support roles

Training programmes that focus on healthcare training courses and logistics and supply chain training are helping learners build relevant technical and workplace skills aligned with sector needs.

Skill-based learning in these domains emphasises hands-on practice, communication skills, and familiarity with industry tools-factors that employers increasingly value during hiring and onboarding.

The impact of AI and evolving job roles

Artificial intelligence and automation are transforming job roles across sectors, including:

Healthcare operations

Logistics and supply chain
Customer support
Data analysis and reporting
Compliance and documentation
As job roles evolve, the need for

continuous learning and adaptable training systems will become even more critical. Countries that are able to develop agile and responsive skilling ecosystems are likely to remain more competitive in the global economy.

The road ahead

The next few years will be crucial in determining how effectively Budget 2026's skilling initiatives translate into measurable impact.

Going forward, there is likely to be greater emphasis on:

Outcome-based evaluation
Industry collaboration
Practical workplace exposure
Career readiness as a key indicator of programme effectiveness

Conclusion

Budget 2026 has reinforced the importance of skilling as a central pillar of India's economic strategy. As industries evolve and new technologies reshape work, the ability to build a capable and adaptable workforce will be a defining factor in sustained growth.

The future of skilling will depend not only on expanding access, but also on strengthening relevance, quality, and real-world applicability-ensuring that training helps individuals build meaningful and sustainable careers over time.

BIG U-TURN: India-Pak T20 WC match on



Mumbai: The India vs Pakistan T20 World Cup 2026 match is on, according to sources. As per the latest update, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has relented after its government had earlier decided to boycott the February 15 Group A match in solidarity with Bangladesh, who were removed from the tournament for refusing to travel to India for their matches. The development came a day after the PCB, the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), and the International Cricket Council (ICC) met in Lahore as part of ongoing negotiations.

Vivek slams previous BRS govt for fiscal mismanagement

Siddipet: Minister for Labour, Employment and Mines Gaddam Vivek Venkatswamy criticised the previous BRS government for its alleged fiscal mismanagement and disregard for the concerns of the populace.

He asserted that the current difficulties faced by the people of Telangana are a direct consequence of the previous government's failures, which resulted in significant state debt while neglecting equitable development.

While addressing attendees at the Dubbaka Municipal election campaign near the double bedroom housing complex on Sunday, the minister indicated that the BRS government had encumbered the state with a staggering debt of nearly Rs 8 lakh crore, yet it did not provide essential amenities to the general public.

Venkatswamy pointed out that the recent protests by families dis-

placed by the Mallanna Sagar project underline the injustices and neglect encountered by farmers and displaced individuals during the prior administration.

He further claimed that the BRS government deceived beneficiaries of the Double Bedroom housing scheme by constructing residences without granting ownership documentation, thereby leaving numerous families in a state of uncertainty.

The minister criticised the local MLA for not addressing the long-standing issues experienced by residents. He assured the public that if Congress is bolstered within the municipality, ownership documents would be issued within 100 days, and all challenges faced by residents of Double Bedroom colonies would be resolved.

In emphasising the welfare-oriented governance of the Congress party, the Minister noted that new pen-

sions are currently being awarded to eligible beneficiaries.

He urged voters to evaluate political parties based on their performance rather than mere rhetoric, emphasizing that while the BRS has sought votes through documentation, Congress is actively providing funding and fostering development at the grassroots level.

Highlighting the significance of local self-governance, Venkatswamy declared that the comprehensive development of the Dubbaka municipality can only be achieved through the election of Congress councillors.

He committed to making earnest efforts to secure Revenue Division status for Dubbaka if Congress candidates are elected in all 20 municipal wards, ensuring expedited administrative services and enhanced development.

Nikhil's 'Swayambhu' promises epic period action



Nikhil Siddhartha, who earned pan-India recognition with 'Karthikeya 2', is now gearing up to unveil his biggest and most demanding project yet — 'Swayambhu'. Directed by Bharat Krishnamachari and produced by Bhuvan and Sreekar under the Pixel Studios banner, with Tagore Madhu presenting, the film is mounted as a massive period action drama on an extraordinary scale. The makers have heightened excitement by confirming that the teaser will be unveiled on February 11, just three days away. Audiences can expect an explosive first glimpse into the intense world of 'Swayambhu'.

The striking teaser poster showcases Nikhil as a fearsome warrior charging through chaos with unrestrained fury. With long hair flowing, he storms forward in battle gear — a dark armored vest and red trousers tucked into boots — wielding a massive curved sword high in the air. Swirling smoke, flying debris, fiery explosions, and blazing flames surround him, hinting at high-voltage action and an epic battlefield saga rooted in India's cultural heritage.

Nikhil dedicated nearly two years to preparing for the role, undergoing rigorous physical training to ensure authenticity. The film also stars Samyuktha and Nabha Natesh as the leading ladies.

The project boasts top-notch technical standards, with KK Senthil Kumar handling cinematography and Ravi Basur composing the music. Production design is led by M. Prabhakaran and Raveendra.

The makers are expected to announce the film's release date soon.

Nani rocks 'Aaya Sher' intro song



Natural Star Nani is turning up the heat on the sets of his ambitious film 'The Paradise', which is currently progressing at a rapid pace in Hyderabad. Directed by 'Dasara'-fame Srikanth Odela and produced by Sudhakar Cherukuri under the SLV Cinemas banner, the period action drama is building massive hype with its latest update from the shoot floor. The team has begun filming Nani's explosive introduction song, "Aaya Sher," on a colossal set teeming with hundreds of dancers. Rockstar Anirudh Ravichander has composed an electrifying mass banger packed with grit and high-adrenaline vibes, perfectly complementing Nani's raw and uninhibited dance style. Choreographer Sudhan Master, who recently worked on Vijay's 'Jana Nayagan', brings sharp, dynamic formations and fierce visual flair, transforming the number into a goosebump-inducing spectacle. Nani's trademark energy and dynamic moves promise to dominate the screen, making this song one of the film's biggest highlights. Director Srikanth Odela is crafting 'The Paradise' with meticulous attention to detail in every aspect of production. The film also features Mohan Babu, Bollywood actor Raghav Juyal, and Sampooranesh Babu in prominent roles. Cinematography is handled by Ch Sai, editing by Navin Nooli, and production design by Avinash Kolla. The movie is slated for a grand pan-world release in eight languages.

'Yama Yamm' — The 3rd single from 'FUNKY' brings a full-on mass blast!

The makers of Vishwak Sen's upcoming entertainer 'FUNKY' have unveiled the film's third single, "Yama Yamma...", a high-energy mass number that is sure to strike a chord with audiences.

Written by Dev Pawar, the song features electrifying vocals by Bheems Ceciroleo and Rohini Sorrat, with music composed by Bheems Ceciroleo, who once again delivers a foot-tapping chartbuster. Featuring Vishwak Sen and Kayadu Lohar, the track is packed with vibrant beats and energetic dance moves, choreographed by Aata Sandeep Master, making it a complete treat for fans of mass songs.

With the first two singles from the 'FUNKY' album already emerging as huge hits, "Yama Yamma..." adds further momentum, strengthening the film's musical buzz. Meanwhile, the recently released trailer has been receiving a blockbuster response, drawing attention for KV Anudeep's trademark comedy and Vishwak Sen's impeccable timing.



Bringing together a power-packed team synonymous with humour and entertainment, director KV Anudeep — known for the blockbuster 'Jathi Ratnalu' — returns with his signature quirky storytelling, promising an even bigger and louder comic ride. The film is produced by S. Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya under the

banners of Sithara Entertainments, Fortune Four Cinemas, and Srikara Studios, known for their rich production values and stylish presentation.

'FUNKY' is all set to deliver unlimited entertainment on the big screen on February 13, 2026, making it the perfect entertainer for the Valentine's Day weekend.

Konkona Sen Sharma and Pratibha Rannta's upcoming psychological thriller titled "Accused" directed by Anubhuti Kashyap is all set to premiere on Netflix on 27 February.

Talking about the film, Team Accused, shared, "Accused is the kind of story that stays with you because it refuses to simplify human behaviour or moral conflict. Anubhuti has crafted a deeply nuanced film that places women at the centre of a narrative we rarely explore, one where power, perception, and belief are constantly shifting."

"With Konkona and Pratibha leading the film, we're looking at a relationship tested not just by accusation, but by doubt itself. It's a story told with restraint, empathy, and courage, and we're proud to bring it to Netflix, a platform that has supported the film's intent to provoke thought rather than judgment."

Produced by Dharma Productions, Accused follows a celebrated doctor in London whose carefully



constructed life begins to fracture after she is accused of sexual misconduct.

As scrutiny intensifies and public opinion hardens, the film explores the strains this places on her closest relationships, and how quickly perception can take hold when certainty is out of reach. By centring on a woman as the accused, Accused asks viewers to sit with discomfort and doubt, unfolding as a story of one woman's word against

another.

Ruchikaa Kapoor Sheikh, Director, Original Films, Netflix India, shared, "Accused is a meaningful, emotionally resonant film that explores truth, belief, and the personal consequences of an accusation."

"Anubhuti Kashyap's sensitivity and restraint add depth to a powerful subject. With standout performances from Konkona Sen Sharma and Pratibha Rannta, the film embodies

the kind of layered, character-driven storytelling Netflix stands behind."

Accused will stream exclusively on Netflix from 27 February.

Konkona made her debut as a child artist in the film Indira in 1983. She had her first leading role as an adult in the Bengali thriller Ek Je Aachhe Kanya. She gained notice with the English-language film Mr. and Mrs. Iyer in 2002, directed by her mother, which won her the National Film Award for Best Actress. She forayed into Hindi cinema with the drama Page 3 in 2005.

Meanwhile, Pratibha made her acting debut with the television soap opera Qurban Hua. She expanded to films with a leading role in the comedy-drama Laapataa Ladies.

Aadi Saikumar's upcoming horror thriller 'Jungle' gears up for release soon

Aadi Saikumar, who delivered the biggest blockbuster of his career with 'Shambhala', is now gearing up to return with another intense and atmospheric thriller. His next film, 'Jungle', co-starring the stunning Vedhika, promises a fresh narrative packed with eerie tension, gripping moments, and a distinct visual tone, according to the makers.

Raghava Reddy Pabbathi of Friday Pictures will release the film on a grand scale in Telugu after securing the full suite of rights — theatrical, satellite, and digital. The project is currently in its final phase of post-production, with VFX work progressing swiftly. With completion in sight, the team is preparing to announce the release date soon.

Aadi steps into a role unlike anything he has done before, while Vedhika's character is said to be one of the



film's standout strengths. Designed as a blend of horror, suspense, and thriller elements, 'Jungle' aims to keep viewers on edge from start to finish.

The makers will soon unveil the first look and trailer, followed by regular

promotional updates.

Mounted on a high budget with impressive production values, the film rides on Aadi's blockbuster momentum and is positioned as a major highlight in his current line-up.

Sri Lanka clears obstacles, now India and Pakistan T20 World Cup match showdown in Colombo

There is good news for the cricket lover that the India-Pakistan T20 World Cup is going to be held as Sri Lanka hosts IND vs PAK. The match is now possible after the late-night telephone conversation took place between Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake and Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

The telephonic call proved quite helpful in finalising Pakistan's participation Pakistan T20 World Cup match in Colombo. The conversation was initially started on 8 February 2026.

As per the reports, Sri Lanka's Ministry of Foreign Affairs officially contacted to Pakistani authorities. The meeting is aimed to bridge the gap between the Sri Lankan High Commission in Islamabad and the Pakistani High Commission in Colombo. A direct call between President Dissanayake and Prime Minister Sharif was scheduled to discuss. According to Sri Lanka's Foreign Minister Vijitha Herath, 'this conversation lasted nearly half an hour. The conversation was focused on fostering trust, regional cooperation, and the strength of sportsmanship. In an interview with The Hindu on Tuesday morning, Mr Herath spoke on the effort as a clear example of "cricket diplomacy,"



highlighting how sport can work as a bridge even amid political sensitivities.

This successful intervention of the IND vs PAK match confirmation has been widely seen as a highlight of the T20 World Cup.

Sri Lanka President thanks Pakistan PM for agreeing to play India in Colombo

New Delhi: Sri Lanka President Anura Kumara Dissanayake thanked Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for confirming that the T20 World Cup 2026 match between India and

Pakistan will go ahead.

The Pakistan government made a U-turn on its earlier stance and has now allowed the men's cricket team to play its scheduled match against India in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup on February 15.

"Thank you Prime Minister @CMShehbaz for ensuring the game we all love goes on. Delighted that the eagerly awaited India and Pakistan match at the ongoing T20 Cricket World

Cup in Colombo will proceed as planned," he shared on X.

"As co-host of the tournament, Sri Lanka thanks the @ICC and all concerned for their efforts. Sri Lanka hasn't forgotten the solidarity shown by both India and Pakistan during the 1996 World Cup, when they played in Colombo at a time when others refrained due to security concerns," he added.

The Pakistan government had earlier asked the team not to take the field for the clash against archrivals India to show support to Bangladesh, which was thrown out of the ICC T20 World Cup and replaced by Scotland after its demand for relocating its matches from India to Sri Lanka was rejected by the ICC.

But with the ICC taking a hard-line stance on Pakistan's threat to boycott the India match and with the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) and the Sri Lanka government requesting Pakistan to reconsider its decision, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has given the green light to the Pakistan men's team to play the match. The Pakistan government said it has permitted its team to play the February 15 match because of requests from Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

"In view of the outcomes achieved in multilateral discussion, as well as the request of friendly countries, the Government of Pakistan hereby directs the Pakistan National Cricket Team to take the field on February 15, 2026, for its scheduled fixture in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup," said a statement issued by the Pakistan Government on Monday night.

The stand-off between the ICC and the Pakistan Cricket Board started on February 1 when Pakistan's premier Sharif cleared the team to feature in the World Cup but barred them from taking the field in Colombo against India.

Pakistan's boycott came in the aftermath of a stand-off between the ICC and Bangladesh, which started last month. The ICC rejected Bangladesh's demands to relocate their matches from India to co-hosts Sri Lanka over security fears, replacing them with Scotland.

The Pakistan team is currently in Sri Lanka and will play its second Group A game against the United States on Tuesday.

New guard, new grades: BCCI contracts signal Indian cricket's big shift

New Delhi: Indian cricket just got a glimpse of its future — and it's wearing fresh names at the top. The Board of Control for Cricket in India's 2025-26 annual player contracts aren't just about retainers and grades. They tell a bigger story: a generational handover is well and truly underway.

For years, Indian cricket revolved around the twin pillars of Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma. Now, while both remain centrally contracted, their move to Grade B underlines a shift from automatic leadership status to experienced support roles. Taking their place in Grade A are: Shubman Gill — Now officially seen as the face of India's batting future. Jasprit Bumrah — Still the attack leader and the only fast bowler in the top tier. Ravindra Jadeja — The ever-reliable three-dimensional asset. Gill's promotion feels symbolic. The stylish opener has moved from "promising" to "pillar," and the board has stamped that belief in ink.

Bumrah's presence in the top bracket once again proves India's pace plans still orbit around his fitness and skill. Jadeja,



meanwhile, continues to be cricket's ultimate utility cricketer — bat, ball, field, all elite.

Being in Grade B doesn't diminish the stature of Kohli or Rohit — it redefines it.

They now sit alongside key multi-format players like: KL Rahul, Mohammed Siraj, Hardik Pandya, Rishabh Pant. This tier now looks like the experienced engine room — players who can still win matches but are no longer the long-term blueprint.

The longest list belongs to Grade C, and that's exactly how selectors want it.

Names like Rinku Singh, Tilak Varma, Ruturaj Gaikwad, and Arshdeep

Singh highlight India's growing white-ball depth, while youngsters such as Dhruv Jurel and Sai Sudharsan are being groomed as the next long-term investments. This isn't just a backup pool anymore — it's a parallel production line.

Women's contracts: Stability at the top, surge below

In the women's setup, the leadership core remains solid in Grade A: Harmanpreet Kaur, Smriti Mandhana, Jemimah Rodrigues, Deepti Sharma.

But what stands out is the expanding middle tier. Players like Shafali Verma and Richa Ghosh

reflect India's aggressive, fearless new batting identity, while several new names entering the contract list show how quickly the women's talent pool is widening.

This is less about transition and more about rapid expansion.

This year's list isn't just administrative — it's directional. India is planning beyond legends. Youth is no longer "emerging," it's "established." Depth is now a strategy, not a luxury.

The message from the BCCI is crystal clear: the next Indian era isn't coming.

Ashoke Pandit opposes India playing with Pakistan in the T20 World Cup: I am completely against this

IFTDA President Ashoke Pandit has expressed his displeasure at India playing the T-20 World Cup against Pakistan.

On Monday, Pakistan announced that it will play against India on February 15 in Colombo in the Group A match of the Men's T20 World Cup 2026. The announcement comes after the

Government of Pakistan gave the necessary go-ahead. Reacting to the update, Ashoke Pandit told IANS during an exclusive conversation that he is against India playing any sports with the neighbouring country, which is known to promote terrorism. The filmmaker added that if India plays against Pakistan, it will be an insult to the emotions of the citizens of the country and our security forces who sacrifice their lives to keep the country safe. During an exclusive conversation with IANS, Ashoke Pandit shared, "I am completely against this. India should never play against Pakistan. A country that is a terrorist nation and does not believe in peace and only grooms terrorists, to play with them for any reason, I do not think it is a good thing. This is against people's emotions, and against our security forces and their families, who sacrifice their lives for the nation."

Reiterating the sentiments, he concluded, "So, personally, I am against any kind of sports or business with Pakistan." For those who do not know, a few days back, Pakistan announced that it would not be playing against India.

However, they later decided to reverse the decision and announcing the same on social media, a Tweet from the official handle of the Pakistan government read, "The Honorable Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Shehbaz Sharif has been formally briefed by the Chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), Mr. Mohsin Naqvi, regarding the outcomes of high-level deliberations held between the PCB, representatives of the International Cricket Council (ICC), and the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) In view of the outcomes achieved in multilateral discussions as well as the request of friendly countries, the government of Pakistan hereby directs the Pakistan National Cricket Team to take the field on February 15 in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup."

