

PM Modi To Inaugurate Remaining Delhi–Meerut Rapid Rail Section On February 22

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to inaugurate the remaining portion of the Delhi–Meerut rapid rail corridor on February 22, alongside the launch of the Meerut Metro. A day earlier, on February 21, he will lay the foundation stone for north India's first semiconductor manufacturing unit in Gautam Buddha Nagar. The announcement was made by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath while addressing the Legislative Council during the Budget Session. He said the upcoming events highlight the state's rapid infrastructure development and improving connectivity across land, air, and waterways. According to the Chief Minister, the semiconductor facility is a major step towards positioning Uttar Pradesh as a centre for



high-end technology manufacturing. He added that the Prime Minister's visit underlines the state government's focus on attracting advanced industries and investment.

On February 22, the Prime Minister will inaugurate the remaining sections of the 82-km Delhi–Ghaziabad–Meerut Nam Bharat rapid rail corridor, which will connect Sarai Kale Khan in

Delhi to Modipuram in Meerut. At the same time, the 23-km Meerut Metro corridor, comprising 13 stations, will also be made operational. Officials said the newly opened stretches include a five-kilometre section between Sarai Kale Khan and New Ashok Nagar in Delhi, and a 21-kilometre stretch from Meerut South to Modipuram. Once fully operational, the corridor will significantly reduce travel time between Delhi and Meerut and strengthen regional connectivity. Recalling earlier conditions, Adityanath noted that travel between Meerut and Delhi once took nearly three hours and was often considered unsafe. Today, the journey can be completed in about 45 minutes via modern highways, with the rapid rail

expected to further improve efficiency and safety. The Chief Minister also highlighted that Uttar Pradesh now accounts for over half of India's expressway network and has the country's largest railway system. He said metro services are currently running on six corridors in the state, with the Meerut Metro being the latest addition. Touching on aviation and waterways, Adityanath said the state now has 16 operational airports, including four international airports, with the fifth international airport at Jewar ready for launch. He added that India's first Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) hub is also being developed at Jewar, reinforcing Uttar Pradesh's growing role as a major connectivity and logistics hub.

AP assembly addresses Rallapadu Reservoir issues in question hour



During a question and answer session in the Andhra Pradesh Assembly, Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu responded to members' inquiries regarding the progress of the Rallapadu Reservoir and Left Canal projects in Prakasam district. He stated that the reservoir, with a capacity of 1.10 TMC, supplies irrigation to 16,000 acres and drinking water to 116 villages. The Minister explained that 14,500 acres are irrigated via the right canal, while 1,500 acres are served by the left main canal. The Minister acknowledged that despite the reservoir being full, farmers' crops had dried up due to delayed irrigation. He mentioned that experts from Vizag and Polavaram were brought in to try lifting the gates but failed. Immediate action included engaging district officials, installing motors, and providing irrigation. He also disclosed that the coalition government is currently repairing the rock gates and undertaking canal works at a cost of Rs. 2.54 crore to ensure timely water supply to farmers. Additionally, Rs. 10.86 crore has been allocated for 190 projects aimed at developing small irrigation ponds and canals within the Kandukur constituency.

State budget hailed as blueprint for sustainable and inclusive devt

Kurnool: Dhone MLA Kotla Jaya Surya Prakash Reddy on Monday termed the State Budget as a visionary document designed to ensure holistic development and public welfare. Speaking to the media persons at the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) office in Dhone town, said that the budget reflects the government's commitment to long-term planning, with policies aimed at guiding the State's growth in a structured and sustainable manner. The MLA observed that the Budget goes beyond routine financial allocations and stands as a comprehensive action plan aligned with people's aspirations. He noted that equal priority has been given to rural and urban development, ensuring balanced progress across sectors while focusing on improving the overall quality of life of citizens. Referring to agriculture, he said significant allocations to the farming and allied sectors demonstrate the government's resolve to safeguard farmers' interests. Initiatives such as the Price Stabilisation Fund and enhanced funding for irrigation projects would provide stability to farm incomes and strengthen agricultural productivity, thereby supporting the rural economy. He further stated that increased allocations for housing schemes would help economically weaker sections realise their dream of owning a home, while special provisions for BC, SC, ST and minority welfare would promote social equity. Adequate funding for education, healthcare, women's welfare, Panchayat Raj and municipal sectors would accelerate infrastructure development. -With a Vision 2047 outlook and strict adherence to fiscal discipline, the Budget would steer the State firmly towards inclusive and sustained development, the MLA asserted.



Tirumala temple to remain closed during lunar eclipse, Salakata Theppotsavam scheduled



TTD Additional Executive Officer CH Venkaiah Chowdhury announced that the Srivari temple will be closed on the 3rd of next month due to a lunar eclipse. The temple will be shut from 9 am to 7.30 pm, with the eclipse occurring between 3.20 pm and 6.47 pm. On Monday, Chowdhury conducted a review meeting with officials regarding the upcoming Srivari Salakata Theppotsavam. The event is scheduled to take place in Tirumala from the 26th of this month until the 2nd of March. He instructed officials to make all necessary arrangements to ensure devotees face no inconvenience during the festival. Additionally, he announced that devotees will not be permitted to take a bath in the Pushkarini from the 20th of this month until the 5th of March.

Hyderabad Police Commissioner dismisses viral message about woman luring children as fake

Hyderabad: Hyderabad Police Commissioner V. C. Sajjanar has dismissed as completely false a message circulating about a woman trying to lure children for kidnappings in the city. "No such incidents or gangs have been reported. Citizens are advised not to believe or forward unverified messages that create panic. Please do not take the law into your own hands based on rumours," the Police Commissioner posted on 'X'. "If you notice any suspicious person or activity, immediately inform the police. We will verify the facts and take appropriate action. Trust official information - not forwarded messages. Think. Verify. Act responsibly," the Police

Commissioner posted. The Police Commissioner was reacting to a 'child safety alert' and a 'wanted' notice being circulated on social media. The notice carries a picture of an unknown woman and warns citizens about an attempt to lure kids. The notice gives a description of the unknown woman and also claims that she carries a bag full of chocolates. Rumours of child kidnapping gangs being active in the city have been doing the rounds for the last few days. Police have dismissed it as fake news. Meanwhile, the Hyderabad Police Commissioner, through another social media post, has warned that strict action will be taken against youths who

made a reel, in which they are showing drugs in front of a temple. "Showing drugs in front of God? Would you risk anything to become famous?" asked the Commissioner. "Mahashivratri is a proof of devotion.. a step towards salvation. On this most sacred festival, showing drugs in the name of divine grace is the most heinous act. It is a perverse madness," he posted. Sajjanar said that this is a serious crime that will put them behind bars. "Once the NDPS Act is invoked.. you will have to repent for the rest of your life," he said. He advised youth not to sacrifice their golden future for likes and views that give momentary pleasure. "We will not ignore such acts.

Supreme Court denies bail to accused in actress Pratyusha's death case, asks to surrender

The Supreme Court has delivered a significant verdict in the death case of actress Pratyusha, who gained fame in the Telugu film industry two decades ago. The court rejected the bail plea filed by the main accused, Gudipalli Siddhartha Reddy, and directed him to surrender to police immediately. Previously, the High Court had sentenced Siddhartha Reddy to two years in prison. The Supreme Court has now upheld that decision, confirming that the accused must serve his sentence. This marks a major milestone in the lengthy legal proceedings



Vision Junior College students excel in Mains

Director Srinivas Reddy said that the disciplined and continuous practice of Vision College was possible due to their dedication.

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Vision Junior College (Uppal Depot) students achieved national level success in JEE Mains 2026 (Session-1). In the JEE Mains results held across the country, college students A. Kanik Vardhan (99.132+), S. Sourya (89.29%+) and other students (87.01%+) showed excellent performance and qualified at the national level. They also qualified for IIT Entrance JEE

Advanced by securing seats in NITs, triple ITs and top branches. The college management congratulated the students with bouquets for this success. The college principal, vice principal, teaching staff, parents and friends expressed happiness. They revealed that this excellent result was possible due to disciplined preparation, continuous practice, guidance of teachers and encouragement of parents. Their aim is to secure seats in IITs in the future and serve the country. College Secretary Correspondent Bhavana Rishi said, "These results are a symbol of our students' discipline, continuous practice, perseverance and dedica-



tion shown in achieving their goals. Special thanks to our teaching team who worked hard for this success and the parents who always supported us. Our aim is more successes in the coming days."

Director Srinivas Reddy expressed happiness that the students succeeded with dedication due to the efforts of the college teaching staff, Principal Ramakanth and Vice Principal Sumati.

EAST COAST RAILWAY CLINCHES 1st PLACE AT ALL INDIA INVITATION BALL BADMINTON TOURNAMENT. DRM APPRECIATES THE TEAM

East Coast Railway Ball Badminton Team delivered an outstanding performance by securing 1st place at the All India Invitation Ball Badminton Tournament held at Gudlavalluru, near Gudivada, Krishna District, from 13.02.2026 to 15.02.2026.

The prestigious tournament witnessed participation from 20 teams drawn from across the country, showcasing high standards of competition and sportsmanship.

In a thrilling final, East Coast Railway emerged victorious against Integral Coach Factory, Chennai, to lift the championship title. Divisional Railway Manager Shri Lalit Bohra appreciated the ECoRSA team on their fantastic

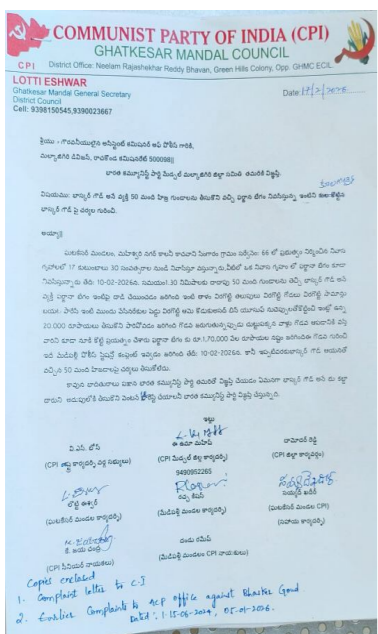


achievement. Sports Officer Shri M Haranadh and other dignitaries were also present. The exceptional individual performances of DV Ganesh (Tech. I / S&T) and Ch. Vengalarao (Senior Clerk / Personal) were recognized as they

were adjudged the Best Players of the Tournament for their consistent and match-winning contributions. The team's success was guided by Coach K. Yellarao, whose strategic planning and training played a crucial role in the

triumph. The achievement was also supported by N. Usha, General Secretary, ECoRSA, who extended encouragement to the players throughout the tournament.

CPI leaders complain to ACP to register a criminal case against Bhaskar Goud, who demolished a house in Kachavanisingaram



Appeal to senior police officers to stand by the victims

Uma Mahesh, CPI Medchal District Secretary

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The CPI Medchal District team has filed a complaint with Assistant Commissioner of Police



Mohan Kumar, protesting and condemning the attack by Bhaskar Goud and others on government-built residential houses in Ghatkesar Mandal, Maheshwari Nagar Colony, Kachavanisingaram village Survey No. 66. On this occasion, CPI Medchal District Secretary Uma Mahesh. Speaking to the police, he said that 17 families have been living in government-built houses in Survey No. 66, Kachavani Singaram village, Ghatakesar mandal, Maheshwari Nagar Colony for the past 30 years. They told the police that on the

10th of this month, at 2 pm, a person named Bhaskar Goud brought about 50 goons (transgenders) and attacked the house of Farhana Begum, who was residing in one of the houses. They broke the lock of the house, broke the doors, broke the walls, threw the belongings outside, broke the thatch shed in front of the house, beat her son Asad bin Yusuf with slippers, took 20,000 rupees from the house and fled. They said that they had complained to the Medipalli police about this clash, but they ignored it. They demanded that the

Communist Party of India would stand by the victim families and that cases be registered against Bhaskar Goud and transgenders immediately as per the law. Participants in the program included AIYF State Secretary K. Dharmender, Medipalli Mandal Secretary Rachha Kishan Ghatkesar, CPI Party Mandal Secretary Lotti Eshwar, Uppal Mandal Secretary T Satya Prasad, AITUC Deputy Secretary Dandu Ramesh, CPI party leaders Syed Bhasha, Istari, Bhootham Ailaiah, Farzana Begum, Niranjan, S K Nazima and others.



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In addition to the drainage water line, the foundation stone for the road was recently laid in Buggy Khana in Himayat Nagar division. Colony President Poorna Chander brought it to the attention of former corporator of Himayat Nagar Division, Mahalakshmi Raman Goud, that the existing transformer load was not sufficient due to the increase in current connections due to the coming of multi-storey buildings in place of the erstwhile independent houses. The Electricity Department spoke to them and requested new transformers in various areas of the Bagikana Mutyal Bagh division. Transformers were sanctioned. As part of this, it was informed that the Bagikanas needed an underground current cable line along with the transformer. Now that the new road work is going to start, if this underground cable is also laid during the road work, then the road will not have to be dug up again in the future. The Basti elders were called to decide where to place the transformer along with the underground cable system to teach the transformer. The officials responded and informed that it would be done soon. Municipal Works Inspector Ramu, Bus Srinivasulu and Congress leaders Mahesh, Sandeep, Shekhar, Jagadish and others participated in this program.

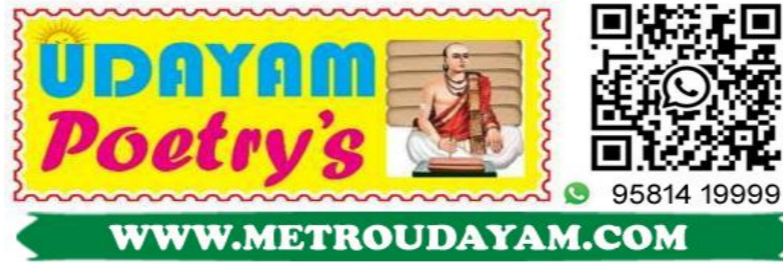
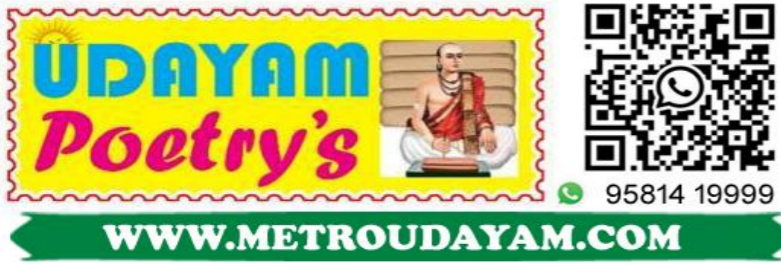


Bandari Ravinder extends birthday wishes to former MLA Malipeddi Sudheer Reddy

Medipalli February 17 (Metro udayam)

On the occasion of the birthday of former MLA Malipeddi Sudheer Reddy of Medchal constituency, former Medipally Deputy Sarpanch and senior Congress Party leader Bandari Ravinder, former Medipally ward member Mukund Venkatesh Yadav, Viharika Colony Presidents Sanghapaka Sudhakar and Danturi Venkatesh Goud met at their residence in Pratapsingaram on Tuesday and felicitated them with shawls and wished them a happy birthday.





रू जागरूकता में वासनाओं का कूड़ा करकट को और आत्मा के साम्राज्य को देख सकेंगे। सृष्टि भी दिखेगी और स्रष्टा भी दिखेगा।...

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इल्म (ज्ञान) और जाहिलत (अज्ञानता) दोनों अलग अलग बातें हैं। जो आदमी इल्म से काम नहीं लेता उसका मानवता और धार्मिकता दोनों से भी कोई लेना देना नहीं है। और जिस किसीने धार्मिकता से दूर है वह निजात (मोक्ष) पा ही नहीं सकता। जाहिल उसे कहा जाता है जो मूर्ख, बेवकूफ, असभ्य, नामुहज्जब, अशिष्ट, बदसलुक, उदेड, अक्खड, अज्ञानी और निरा अशिक्षित व्यक्ति। जाहिल व्यक्ति कभी खुद को जान नहीं सकता।



जाहिलत कई तरह की होती है, लेकिन सबसे बड़ी जाहिलत इंसान को खुद के बारे में ना जानना है। सबसे बड़ी मूर्खता अपने खुद के बारे में अपरिचित रहना है। पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) के पहिले उत्तराधिकारी इमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब अलैहिस्सलाम का फरमान है के, प्सबसे बड़ी जाहिलत इंसान का अपने बारे में अंजान रहना है। (हैदरी कुतुबखाना मुंबई द्वारा प्रकाशित उर्दू पुस्तक, तजल्लियाते हिकमत, बाब 52, जिहालत, हदीस क्रमांक 46, पुष्ट क्रमांक 119)।

आदमी अगर खुद को ना जानकर सबकुछ जान भी लेता है तो कोई लाभ नहीं होता। क्योंकि जो खुद को ना जाना वह खुदा को कैसे जानेगा भला? जो खुद को जान नहीं सकता वह कभी भी खुदा (ईश्वर) को जान नहीं सकता। और खुदा से अंजान व्यक्ति मुक्ति कैसे पायेगा? यहां नजात याने मुक्ति या मोक्ष का मतलब कुछ लोग मिटने से लेते हैं। जब मिटने की बात आती है तो सोचना पड़ेगा के आखिर मिटता क्या है?

नजात याने मोक्ष में मिटता कौन है? मृत्यु के आने पर मिटता तो शरीर है, मिटता भौतिक तत्व है। लेकिन यह भी ठीक माने में सही नहीं है, क्योंकि वास्तव में इस संसार की कोई चीज मिटती ही नहीं। मिटता कुछ नहीं सिर्फ रूप बदलता है। जैसे के लकड़ी को जलाओगे तो जल जायेगी, लेकिन मिटती ही नहीं। यह लकड़ी जलकर कोयला बनेगी। कोयले को और जलाओगे तो राख बनेगी। मिटा क्या? कुछ भी नहीं, सिर्फ रूप बदला है।

हम दर अस्ल रेत के एक जर्रे को भी नहीं मिटा सकते। तो फिर शरीर को कैसे मिटा सकेंगे? नहीं वह जिस जिस चीज से बना है मृत्यु के आते ही वह उस उस चीज में मिल जायेगी। हमारा शरीर पंच तत्वों से बना है तो मृत्यु के बाद वह पंचतत्व पंच महाभूतों में मिल जायेंगे। आग आग में मिल जायेगी। मिट्टी फिर मिट्टी बन जायेगी। पानी फिर पानी में मिल जायेगा और आकाश तत्व यानी शून्य शून्य में मिल जायेगा। और हवा फिर हवा में मिल जायेगी। यह सब घटेगा, मगर सूक्ष्म रूप से, यह सब होते हुये भी नहीं दिखता।

परिवर्तन निसर्ग का नियम है। परिवर्तन लगातार चल रहा था, चल रहा है और चलते रहेगा। जैसे झाड़ से बीज में और बीज से झाड़ में परिवर्तित चक्र घूम रहा है। जैसे बीज में पूरे का पूरा झाड़ रहकर भी नहीं दिखता जैसे वीर्य में पूरा शरीर रहकर भी नहीं दिखता वैसे ही सूक्ष्म से सूक्ष्म रूप से परिवर्तन होता है। जब भौतिक जगत की कोई वस्तु मिटती नहीं है तो फिर कैसे मुमकिन है कि अभौतिक जगत की कोई वस्तु मिटे? आत्मा तो अभौतिक है, तो फिर वह कैसे मिट सकती है।

जब शरीर नष्ट होते हुए दिखता है फिर भी नष्ट नहीं होता तो फिर कैसे संभव है की आत्मा मिट जाये? कैसे हो सकता है के हमारी आत्मा नष्ट हो जाये? मोक्ष के बारे में मिटना समझ लेना गलत है। दो शब्दों के अर्थ को हमने बहुत बिगाड़ा है। एक शून्य हो जाना दूसरा मुक्ति मोक्ष पा लेना। हम रिक्तता को शून्य समझा रिक्त तथा शून्य एक नहीं है। रिक्तता तो हम को छलती है, हम को सताती है, यहां तक के पागल भी कर देती है।

लोग ध्यान से रिक्तता का अर्थ लेते हैं, ध्यान रिक्तता नहीं ध्यान में शून्यता आती है। शून्यता का क्या मतलब? शून्यता याने सिर्फ हम बचे रहे। सिर्फ होश (जागरूकता) बची रहे। फिर उस होश में व्यर्थता भी दिखेगी और सार्थकता भी दिखेगी। वासनाओं का कूड़ा करकट भी दिखेगा और आत्मा के साम्राज्य को भी देख सकेंगे। सृष्टि भी दिखेगी और स्रष्टा भी। वैसे ही मुक्ती का है, मुक्ती का अर्थ मिटना नहीं है, मिटने वाली हर तत्व से अलग होकर न मिटने वाले तत्व से अपने आपको जोड़ लेना है।

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

EVER SAILS NEVER SINKS!

More than blood relation!
more than close relatives!
Last longer till last breath!
That one and only ship
never
sinks is the FRIENDSHIP!



Is it true to believe at all times, apply to all?
That's why a familiar quotation is there!
"Tell your friend, I tell what you are!"
It is like a Xerox from original!

once study the famous quotation, from the Drama HAMLET, that explain how to select a friend!
Well said by great poet Shakespeare!
"Grapple them with hoops of Steel!
To make it clear" Like bending iron to shape with fire and strokes!

Deep observation, character analysis, Dos and don'ts!
Knowledge of behaviour, about his friends is a must!
Only once satisfied welcome new one to accept as friend!
Study ten, filter five, eliminate four and one remain for friendship!

Do not think all friends are alike!
To meet their need there are some!
Some just passengers in journey, come and go!
A real one stay beside you in troubles!

True friends are rare and pure!
Never lose relation with such!
Who ever may leave you alone!
The dearest friend be ever with you only for all time!
The sweetness of life lies in true friendship only!

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

State Budget welfare-oriented with long-term economic vision: AP Chambers

Vijayawada: The Andhra Pradesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry Federation (AP Chambers) has welcomed the State Budget 2026-27, describing it as pragmatic, welfare-oriented, and guided by a long-term development vision. Commenting on the State Budget 2026, AP Chambers president Potluri Bhaskara Rao said Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu's commitment towards achieving Swarna Andhra Vision 2047 is clearly reflected in the policy direction and sectoral priorities outlined in the Budget. Despite the challenging fiscal deficit situation, the State government has made sincere efforts to balance welfare commitments with growth-oriented investments. In the present context, containing the fiscal deficit remains the most critical priority, and fiscal discipline must continue alongside development.

KCR's birthday celebrations at CT Central Library



Chikkadapally, February 17 metro udayam : On the occasion of the birthday celebrations of Telangana's first Chief Minister Kalvakuntla Chandrasekhar Rao, BRSV state leaders, poet, essayist, and reviewer Midde Suresh, cut the cake arranged at CT Central Library under the auspices of BRSV state leaders, poet, essayist, and reviewer Midde Suresh, and BRS party state youth leaders Mutha Jai Simha wished KCR. On this occasion, fruits along with study material were distributed to students preparing for competitive exams. Gandhi Nagar Division President Rakesh Kumar was the chief guest of the program. BRS senior leaders Mutha Naresh, Erram Srinivas Gupta, Punna Satyanarayana, Sridhar Reddy, Yadagiri, Vamsi, Kumara Swamy, Naresh, Pandu and others participated.

'Seetha Payanam' wins hearts; team holds a thank you meet

Veteran actor-filmmaker Arjun Sarja, popularly known as the "Action King," celebrated the success of his latest film Seetha Payanam at a Thank You Meet held on Sunday. The film, which he produced and directed under the Shri Ram Films International banner, released on February 14 and has been receiving strong appreciation from audiences and the media. The film marks the debut of his daughter Aishwarya Arjun and Niranjan, son of actor Upendra's elder brother, introducing two new faces to the industry. Speaking at the event, Arjun Sarja said the film revolves around gratitude, mindfulness, and life's journey. He revealed that the story was inspired by a real-life accident he witnessed 13 years ago, which left a deep impact on him. "People who watch the film say it feels like their own life story. That is the biggest reward for us," he said, expressing happiness over the response and appreciation for Aishwarya's performance. He also praised the performances of Prakash Raj, Sathyaraj, and Kovai Sarala, and highlighted the film's technical strengths. A special mention was made of Dhruva Sarja for his powerful cameo. Aishwarya Arjun thanked audiences and the media for their support, calling the film a "special and emotional journey," while Niranjan expressed gratitude to Telugu audiences for encouraging newcomers and supporting meaningful cinema. Music director Anup Rubens described the film as a courageous and value-driven project, adding that stories rooted in family emotions and gratitude are much needed today. With strong word-of-mouth and positive openings, Seetha Payanam continues its successful theatrical run, emerging as a film that connects emotionally with family audiences.

PM Modi To Inaugurate Remaining Delhi-Meerut Rapid Rail Stretch On February 22

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to unveil major infrastructure projects in Uttar Pradesh later this month, including the inauguration of the remaining portion of the Delhi-Meerut Namoo Bharat rapid rail corridor and the launch of a new metro stretch in Meerut. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced that the Prime Minister will first lay the foundation stone for north India's first semiconductor manufacturing facility in Gautam Buddha Nagar on February 21. The following day, on February 22, Modi will inaugurate the final stretches of the 82-kilometre Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut rapid

rail corridor, along with the 23-kilometre Meerut Metro line. The rapid rail corridor connects key urban and industrial hubs between Delhi and Meerut, significantly cutting travel time and improving daily commuting. Officials said the newly opened sections include a five-kilometre stretch within Delhi and a 21-kilometre stretch from Meerut South to Modipuram. The Meerut Metro corridor will feature 13 stations and will operate alongside the rapid rail system. Speaking during the Budget Session of the Legislative Council, Adityanath highlighted Uttar Pradesh's expanding con-

nectivity across road, rail, air, and waterways. He noted that travel between Delhi and Meerut, which once took nearly three hours, can now be completed in around 45 minutes via improved highways and will become even more efficient with the rapid rail service. The Chief Minister also underlined broader infrastructure growth in the state, stating that Uttar Pradesh accounts for more than half of India's expressway network and has the country's largest railway system. He added that metro services are already operational across multiple cities, with Meerut set to join



the list following the Prime Minister's visit. In addition, Adityanath pointed to progress in inland waterways, airport expansion, and logistics infrastructure, including the

upcoming international airport and maintenance hub at Jewar, positioning Uttar Pradesh as a major transportation and industrial hub in the country.

Talent of NRS students in JEE Mains.....

Kodada February 17 Metro morning.....



In the JEE Mains results announced on Monday night, the students of NRSIT & Medical Academy from Kodada town of Suryapet district have shown their talent and achieved good percentile, Academy Chairman Vadde Rajesh Chaudhary, Director Manohar Reddy, Correspondent Venugopala Rao and Academic Advisor Mainam Ramaiah said in a statement on Tuesday. Y. belonging to the college. Sharanya secured 93.52 percentile in all the sections. Similarly, in the Maths department, N. belongs to the college. Yashasvini 98.27, p. Amrita Sudha Varshini secured 97.69 percentile, they said. They said that more than 50 students from the college have secured more than 90 percentile and qualified to get seats in IITs and NITs. On this occasion, Chairman Vadde Rajesh, Director Manohar Reddy, Correspondent Venugopala Rao, Principal Gandham Venkataramana, Academic Advisor Mainam Ramaiah, Vice Principal PNR, Campus Incharge Maunika and many lecturers congratulated the college on this occasion.

Facilities should be provided at the polls.

District Waqf Board Member S. Its.....

Kodada February 17 Metro morning.....

To celebrate the festival of Ramzan, the members of the District Waqf Board, S. It asked for it. District Minority Welfare Officer



T. in Suryapet on Tuesday. The petition was handed over together with the nurses. He requested to make arrangements like drinking water, electricity and sanitation at places of worship in Kodada town as well as mandal and village levels. Kodada Constituency Social Worker MD Mazahar participated in this program. The officer responded positively to the request.. and ordered the concerned officials to take immediate action.....

Development of Amberpet under Congress government:

- Senior Congress Party Leader, Former MP V. Hanumantha Rao

Chikkadapally, February 17 metro udayam : After the formation of the Congress government in Telangana, special funds have been allocated to Amberpet constituency under the leadership of CM Revanth Reddy, said Congress Party Senior Leader and Former MP V. Hanumantha Rao. He clarified that the development works being carried out across the constituency in Bathukammakunta today are a good example of this. V. Hanumantha Rao supervised the CC and BT road works being constructed at a cost of Rs. 27 lakhs at the residence of V. Hanumantha Rao in Bagh Amberpet Division on



Tuesday along with Bagh Amberpet Division Contest Corporator Shambhula Usha Srikanth Goud and local leaders. Later, V. Hanumantharao said that Amberpet constituency did not see any development during the previous BRS government. He said that the development works are being carried out across

the constituency within a short time after the formation of the Congress government. He said that development works worth Rs. 1 crore 70 lakh have been completed in Bagh Amberpet division so far. Later, Bagh Amberpet division contest corporator Shambhula Usha Srikanth Goud said that special

funds are being allocated for Bagh Amberpet division in Amberpet constituency with the initiative of CM Revanth Reddy, in-charge minister Ponnamp Prabhakar, former MP. V. Hanumantharao, Amberpet constituency in-charge Dr. C. Rohin Reddy. He explained that so far, the construction works of CC roads, drainage construction works, committee hall construction works and water supply works in the division have been completed. Special thanks were extended to CM Revanth Reddy for allocating a special budget for this occasion. Congress leaders Narayana Swamy, Rammohan, people of Jamir Basti and others participated in this program.

Shashidhar Academy excels in badminton championship

- Many celebrities and players congratulate Shashidhar Academy

Chikkadapally, February 17 metro udayam : Shashidhar Badminton Academy excelled in the state-level masters badminton competitions. Recently, in the Yonex Sunrise 11th Telangana State Masters Badminton Championship - 2026 organized at Shalini Suresh Badminton Academy in Hyderabad, the academy players performed brilliantly and won several medals. Srikanth Srinivasan won the gold medal in the men's singles in the competitions held from February 14 to 16 under the joint auspices of the Badminton Association of Telangana and Sports Authority of Telangana State. Ramprasad Tulluri



won the gold medal in the men's singles (55) category, using his experience. In the men's doubles (40 category), the pair of Jagannath Wanguri and Srikanth Srinivasan defeated their opponents and won the gold medal. In the men's singles (45 category), the founder of the academy, international

badminton player CM Shashidhar, won the silver medal in his category and led the team. Speaking on the occasion, the head coach of the academy, CM Shashidhar, praised the discipline, continuous hard work and proper strategy of the players. The winners expressed their gratitude by stating that the reason

for their success is the international level training available at the academy. Sports personalities have praised the Shashidhar Academy, which stands as the go-to address for the best training in the field of badminton in Telangana.

National Consumer Helpline facilitates Rs 52 crore in refunds across 31 sectors

New Delhi: The National Consumer Helpline (NCH) has facilitated refunds amounting to Rs 52 crore across 31 sectors by addressing 79,521 consumer grievances related to refund claims during the last nine months (from April 2025 to January 31, 2026).

The refunds were secured at the pre-litigation stage, enabling consumers to obtain timely relief without approaching Consumer Commissions, according to a statement issued by the Department of Consumer Affairs on Tuesday. The e-commerce sector recorded the highest number of grievances, with 47,743 complaints, resulting in refunds exceeding Rs 36 crore. The Travel & Tourism sector followed, with refunds of more than Rs 4 crore facilitated through the Helpline. The top five sectors, which also include electronics products and general insurance, together

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accounted for over 85 per cent of the total refund amount. Refund grievances in the e-commerce sector were reported from across the country, spanning metropolitan cities as well as remote

regions, underscoring the extensive reach and accessibility of the National Consumer Helpline as a pan-India consumer grievance platform, the statement said. Cases that exemplify the effective-

ness of the National Consumer Helpline include a consumer's delivery, which was repeatedly rescheduled without a refund by an e-commerce entity. Following the NCH intervention, the refund was processed.

In the auto sector, there was a case of a consumer facing unresolved diagnostic issues with his vehicle. He received a full refund after NCH's intervention. Another case included a premium paid for an insurance policy that was never issued. The amount was refunded after NCH took up the case.

In yet another case, a customer ordered food through an online food delivery app but received the wrong items along with a reduced quantity. Despite his repeated requests, the company failed to respond. With the intervention of the National Consumer Helpline (NCH), the refund was successfully facilitated.

The National Consumer Helpline (NCH) functions as a single-point access platform for consumers across the country to register grievances in 17 languages. IT can be accessed at:

- Toll-free number: 1915
- INGRAM portal
- WhatsApp / SMS: 8800001915
- Email: nch-ca[at]gov[dot]in
- NCH Mobile App
- Web Portal
- UMANG App

NCH is a flagship initiative which plays a pivotal role in providing effective, accessible, and time-bound grievance redressal under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019.

It operates through a convergence model where grievances are digitally forwarded to companies for resolution within defined timelines, with continuous monitoring and consumer feedback tracking.

Bandi Sanjay slams Congress, BRS and AIMIM over Mayor poll conspiracy

Karimnagar: Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Monday alleged that the Congress, BRS and AIMIM had conspired to prevent the BJP from winning the Mayor and Deputy Mayor posts in Karimnagar, claiming that their "anti-democratic tactics" had been exposed before the public. Addressing the media in Karimnagar, he accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of being part of the alleged conspiracy. He questioned why the Congress, BRS and AIMIM had "joined hands to mock democracy" despite lacking the required numbers. According to him, Congress won 14 seats, AIMIM secured 3 and BRS 9, taking their combined tally to 26 — short of the majority mark.

Sanjay stated that even though the BJP had won 30 seats and enjoyed the support of Independent mem-



bers, attempts were made over two days to defeat the party. He alleged that from the Chief Minister to Ministers and leaders of Congress, BRS and AIMIM, several efforts were made to prevent the BJP from securing the mayoral post. He claimed that the rival parties feared that a BJP victory in the Karimnagar mayoral election would

pave the way for the party's rise to power in the State. However, he asserted that the BJP, with public support and "divine blessings", thwarted the alleged conspiracies and secured the post. Recalling his political journey, Sanjay said he felt happier than when he was first elected as a corporator in 2005, as the BJP had now won the mayoral post in

Karimnagar. He said the party would focus on the development of the town, adding that "politics is only until elections".

The Union Minister further stated that the BJP would continue its fight against the Congress government until its "six guarantees" were implemented.

He said Karimnagar would become the centre of the BJP's political campaign under the leadership of State BJP president Ramachandra Rao.

Sanjay thanked BJP national president Nitin Nabin, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah for their support. He also acknowledged the cooperation of senior BJP leaders, including G. Kishan Reddy, K. Laxman and D. K. Aruna, as well as party workers from other districts who campaigned in Karimnagar.

Dharani Madhukar takes oath as Mancherial's first Mayor

Mancherial: Dharani Madhukar was sworn in as the first Mayor of the newly formed Mancherial Municipal Corporation in Telangana on Monday, marking a significant milestone in the civic history of the town. Challa Ramya assumed charge as the Deputy Mayor following the oath-taking ceremony held at the Municipal Corporation office in Mancherial.

The ceremony was conducted in the presence of election observers K Gangadhar, RDO Srinivas and Municipal Commissioner Anvesh. The oath was administered to the winning corporators, Mayor and Deputy Mayor across 60 divisions. Soon after taking oath, Madhukar sought the blessings of local Mancherial MLA Kokkiralra Preamsagar Rao.

The Congress party secured a decisive mandate in the maiden elections to the Corporation, winning 44 out of 60 divisions. The BRS won 8 seats, BJP secured 5,



AIFB won 2 and Jana Sena claimed 1 seat. The Mancherial Municipality had recently been upgraded to a Municipal Corporation, with results declared on February 13, 2026, and the swearing-in ceremony following shortly thereafter. The election campaign was strongly influenced by MLA Preamsagar Rao.

In Bellampalli Municipality, Dava Swathi was unanimously elected as Chairperson, while Ragamsetty Satyanarayana was chosen as Vice

Chairperson. The election was held in the presence of Bellampalli Sub-Collector and Special Officer Manoj. The Congress party secured the leadership posts after obtaining 21 votes, including support from Independent members, BJP, Congress corporators and ex-officio member MLA Gaddam Vinod. At Luxettipet Municipality, MLA Preamsagar Rao presided over the oath-taking ceremony where Dontha Anjali was elected Chairperson and Mothkuri

Rajeshwari as Vice Chairperson. Out of 15 wards, Congress won 11, BRS secured 3 and BJP won 1, giving Congress an absolute majority. Both Anjali and Rajeshwari were recognised as the first women to hold the respective posts in the municipality.

In Chennur Municipality, officials administered the oath to councillors elected from 18 wards. Peddinti Padma took charge as Chairperson and Nayakapu Vinay as Vice Chairperson. Meanwhile, heavy police deployment was witnessed in Kyathanpalli Municipality during the council elections. Of the 22 wards, BRS won 10 seats, Congress 7, CPI 4 and an Independent candidate secured 1. BRS and CPI had contested together in the municipality. Amid allegations by party leaders regarding police deployment and lack of quorum, officials postponed the election process to the following day.

Congress bags Illendu municipality while BRS Ibrahimpatnam and Indresham



Elections for municipal chairman and vice-chairman, which were postponed, are currently taking place in 11 locations across Telangana. Major political parties are actively vying for the 'Pura' seats, with BRS and Congress supporters engaging in protests and demonstrations. So far, the Congress party has secured victory in Illendu Municipality, with Dodda Kiran Mitra elected as chairman and Pendela Raju as vice-chairman. The BRS has won the Ibrahimpatnam Municipality, where Teku Sudarshan Reddy was elected as chairman, though the vice-chairman election has been postponed. Additionally, BRS has also won the Indresham Municipality, with K. Pramila elected as chairperson and Harish Reddy as vice-chairman. Tensions escalated earlier at the Ibrahimpatnam Municipal Office, where BRS and Congress councillors clashed. The conflict arose amid disputes over secret voting procedures. During the unrest, police intervened to stop MLA Kova Lakshmi and former MLA Balka Suman from entering the office while accompanied by BRS councillors, leading to a scuffle.

BJP rewrites political history in Karimnagar



Karimnagar: In a significant political development, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has captured the Karimnagar Municipal Corporation for the first time and secured both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor posts. This has drawn the attention of the people of Telangana, as the party strengthened its foothold in the urban local body.

Under the leadership of Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar, the BJP won 30 out of 66 divisions in the corporation. With the support of Independents, the party consolidated its strength and claimed the top positions.

The election to the Mayor's post ended four days of political suspense. With the numbers in its favour, the BJP formally took control of the civic body, marking a key moment in the district's political history.

During the municipal elections in the Karimnagar Parliamentary constituency, including Karimnagar Corporation and municipalities such as Vemulawada, Sircilla, Huzurabad, Jammikunta and Choppadandi, the party leadership focused on giving tickets to committed grassroots workers. Union Minister Bandi Sanjay stated that around 80 per cent of corporator and councillor tickets were allotted to long-time party cadres.

Despite attempts by leaders from other parties to join the BJP ahead of the polls, priority was reportedly given to those who had worked for the party for several years. Many of the BJP candidates were from poor and middle-class families and were first-time contestants. Party sources said that Bandi supported the candidates with the necessary financial aid and campaign support was extended to several candidates.

The Sanjay's campaign included street-corner meetings, door-to-door visits and distribution of pamphlets highlighting development works carried out with Central funds. From early morning to late evening, party leaders reviewed campaign progress and monitored poll management at the division level.

AIFB secures Vaddepalli municipality

In a significant political development in Jogulamba Gadwal district, Nayaki Manjula Dharma has been elected as the new Chairperson of Vaddepalli Municipality.

The Chairperson post was secured by the All India Forward Bloc (AIFB), reflecting the party's growing influence in the region. The successful capture of the Vaddepalli Municipality by the party has been welcomed by its leaders and cadre alike.

On this occasion, AIFB Party President Joji Reddy felicitated Vaddepalli Srinivasulu in recognition of his efforts and contribution toward the party's victory in the municipal body. Party leaders praised the coordi-

nated teamwork of local leaders, councillors, and supporters, stating that the victory was the result of sustained grassroots engagement and public trust.

Speaking at the felicitation ceremony, party representatives expressed confidence that the new Chairperson and councillors would focus on strengthening civic infrastructure, improving sanitation, ensuring drinking water supply, and accelerating developmental works within the municipality. Local residents and party workers celebrated the occasion, expressing hope that the new leadership would prioritize transparent governance and address long-pending public issues in Vaddepalli town.



Aruna welcomes BJP's victory for Narayanpet Municipal Chair



Mahabubnagar: Member of Parliament DK Aruna expressed happiness over the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) securing the Narayanpet Municipal chair. She thanked the people of Narayanpet for extending their support to the party in the municipal elections and reiterated her commitment to the town's development. Aruna recalled that the voters of Narayanpet Assembly constituency and the town had earlier given her a strong mandate in the Parliamentary elections. She said the public had reposed faith in the leadership of Narendra Modi at the Centre and expected rapid development of the municipality under her representation. Stating that the people voted for the BJP with the hope of improving civic infrastructure and overall growth of Narayanpet, the MP assured that she would extend full cooperation for the municipality's development. She conveyed her thanks to every voter who supported the BJP candidates in the municipal polls and assured that efforts would be made to meet public expectations.

Netas urged to install Sri Krishna Deva Raya statues at temples



Puttaparthi: Historian MyNaa Swamy has urged the Andhra Pradesh government to install statues of Sri Krishna Deva Raya in front of temples across the State, describing the Vijayanagara emperor as a protector of Sanatana Dharma and a champion of Indian culture.

Addressing a gathering during the 555th birth anniversary celebrations of Sri Krishna Deva Raya at Vijayanagar in Gorantla mandal on Monday, MyNaa Swamy said it was the government's responsibility to honour the emperor's legacy.

He noted that Krishna Deva Raya, who ruled from 1509 to 1529 CE, constructed thousands of temples and donated vast wealth, including diamond jewellery, land and cattle, to several religious institutions. The value of his contributions, he claimed, would amount to lakhs of crores in today's terms.

The historian also highlighted that the emperor safeguarded temples from invasions and upheld dharmic values during his reign.

He said a delegation of historians and followers of Sanatana Dharma would soon meet the Endowments Minister to press for the installation of statues at temples.

He further appealed to political leaders to follow the ethical governance principles, or "Raja Neethi," exemplified by Krishna Deva Raya.

Somashekar, Director of the AP State Handicrafts Development Corporation, called for official State celebrations of the emperor's birth anniversary on February 16.

TDP leaders C Narendra and Lakshminarayana, along with Jana Sena leaders Nagesh, Santhosh and Viswambhara, were among those who attended the event.

Libel case: Mumbai court defers hearing on Sanjay Raut's appeal against conviction

Mumbai: A Mumbai court on Tuesday put off the hearing in Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut's appeal against his conviction in a defamation case filed by Medha K. Somaiya, wife of former BJP MP Kirit Somaiya.

The Sessions Court deferred the proceeding as there was no one present to represent Medha Somaiya.

Raut's advocate Manoj Pingle said, "Today was supposed to be the final hearing, but no one appeared on behalf of the respondent. We completed some remaining arguments today. We presented some case laws based on Supreme Court judgments, and now whatever decision the honourable judge gives, we will accept it."

In September 2024, a Mazgaon Metropolitan Magistrate Court held Raut guilty in the defamation case filed by Medha Somaiya in 2022 and awarded him 15 days' jail plus a fine of Rs 25,000.

Shortly afterwards, Raut moved an application before the court, which suspended his jail sentence to enable him to file an appeal and granted bail.



Sharing details of the conviction, Medha Somaiya's lawyer Vivekanand Gupta had said, "Raut has been convicted by the Metropolitan Magistrate, 25th Court, Mazgaon, in a defamation case filed by Medha Somaiya to 15 days in jail under IPC Section 500, and a fine of Rs 25,000 as compensation."

The order came in the two-year-old libel suit filed by Medha Somaiya against Raut, who had alleged a Rs 100-crore toilet construction scam in Mira Road (Thane), linked to an NGO run by the Somaiyas.

Medha Somaiya, a professor of Organic Chemistry at Ruia College in Mumbai, dragged Raut to court for his "defamatory allegations" against her and her

husband.

Raut has all along maintained that he had only posed relevant inquiries based on specific official documents, which had cast doubt on the toilet construction matter, a stance also supported by the leaders of the ruling Mahayuti alliance, and it was also discussed in the Assembly.

"So, where have I committed any defamation... This is merely a ploy to throw me in jail," said Raut after the court held him guilty.

Soon after Raut's conviction, Nationalist Congress Party (SP) Working President Supriya Sule and SS (UBT) Deputy Leader Sushma Andhare had slammed the case as politically-motivated. Among

other things, Raut had claimed that Medha Somaiya was involved in the scam after which she had lodged the libel case.

Medha Somaiya and her husband had expressed happiness over the verdict and said that their faith in the judiciary had been vindicated.

"I am an ordinary housewife, engaged in social service and educational activities, but I will fight anyone who tries to harm my family members. I am satisfied with the court's verdict. It will prevent others from making such absurd allegations," Medha Somaiya told mediapersons soon after Raut was held guilty.

In 2022, Raut had accused Medha Somaiya and her family members of the alleged scam and claimed he had documentary evidence to back it up, but failed to produce the same.

The Somaiyas first lodged a complaint with the Mulund Police Station and then filed a defamation suit in the Mazgaon Metropolitan Magistrate Court, challenging Raut's allegations and emphatically declaring that "not even a single rupee scam has been committed".

Alleged land registration scam surfaces in Kurnool sub-registrar office

Complainants allege deliberate manipulation of official records to conceal transactions from the Encumbrance Certificate (EC) system

Also alleges that several registered documents were deliberately given a "kept pending" status without uploading scanned copies into the index

Local sources claim that more than 30 plots were sold and registered on the disputed land, though these transactions allegedly do not appear in official EC records

ECs showing different survey numbers pertaining to the disputed government land illegally registered to Marella Ranemma.

Variakuntla Kurnool: Serious allegations of large-scale irregularities in land registrations have surfaced at the Kurnool Sub-Registrar Office, with complainants alleging deliberate manipulation of official records to



conceal transactions from the Encumbrance Certificate (EC) system.

According to the allegations, several registered documents were deliberately kept in a "kept pending" status without uploading scanned copies into the index, resulting in the registrations not reflecting in ECs and thereby bypassing mandatory legal scrutiny.

The dispute relates to nearly three acres of land in Survey No. 68/2A1V of

Joharapuram village under Kurnool Urban limits.

The land was reportedly purchased in 2004 by farmer Pedda Swamy from Krishna Murthy, who holds valid title deeds, pattadar passbook, adangal records, and proof of more than five decades of continuous cultivation.

Despite this, officials allegedly declared the land as government property, while at the same time

allowing illegal plotting and registrations.

Local sources claimed that more than 30 plots were sold and registered on the disputed land, though these transactions allegedly do not appear in official EC records. On Monday, when The Hans India sought clarification, Kurnool Sub-Registrar Srinivasa Rao stated that he had only signed the documents placed before him and claimed he was not fully aware of the seriousness of the issue at the time.

Meanwhile, Deputy Inspector General (DIG), Stamps and Registration, Kiran Kumar, told The Hans India that the department would examine the matter if formal complaints and documentary evidence were submitted and assured that action would be taken as per rules if irregularities were proved.

IOB NLR branch shifted to new premises

Nellore: Indian Overseas Branch (IOB) Nellore Branch was shifted to new premises at D No 16/1/120, Jonnalagadda Vari Street in Nellore city, which was formally inaugurated by Tirupati Chief Regional Manager (CRM) Sanjay Kumar Jha on Monday.

The CRM said that IOB has been offering several loans for MSME, education, housing, retail, agriculture, jewellery, Mudra, SHGs etc and also implementing government schemes such as PM Surya Ghar, PM Vishwakarma, PM Vidyalakshmi and facilitating enrollment in social security



ty insurance schemes.

He also informed that they are offering attractive deposit schemes at 6.6% interest for general public, 7.1%

Rajasekhara Reddy, Magunta Layout BMV Gowthami and others were present.

for senior citizens and 7.35% for super senior citizens for a special tenure deposit of 444 days.

Nellore branch Chief Manager Hemalatha Natarajan, Tirupati RO Senior Manager D Babu Rao, Tirumala BM G Mahesh Babu, Padipeta BM Ramesh Nath Reddy V, IOB Officers' Association AGS N

India, Ireland have immense potential to collaborate in AI, rural broadband: Scindia

New Delhi: As dynamic and innovation-driven democracies, India and Ireland both have immense potential to collaborate in quantum communications, AI, regulatory innovation, and rural broadband services, Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said on Tuesday.

In a bilateral meeting with Irish Minister Jack Chambers here, Scindia said we look forward to Ireland's support for India's candidature at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

"Together, we can build a strong and future-ready digital partnership," said minister.

The meeting focused on deepening cooperation in telecommunications, digital infrastructure, emerging technologies, and regulatory collaboration, reaffirming the strong and friendly ties between the two countries. According to an official state-



ment, both sides acknowledged strong complementarities between India's scale and rapid deployment capabilities, Ireland's research-driven innovation ecosystem, and EU-aligned regulatory architecture.

The potential for structured collaboration between DoT and Ireland's Commission for

Communications Regulation (ComReg), supported by academia, startups, and industry stakeholders, was also emphasised.

Scindia briefed the Irish side on India's ICT transformation journey since 2014.

He noted that India today represents one of the world's largest digital ecosystems, with over

1.23 billion telecom subscribers and nearly a billion internet users. 5G coverage extends to approximately 99.9 per cent of the districts, supported by data tariffs averaging around USD 0.10 per GB, making connectivity widely accessible and affordable.

The minister highlighted the availability of affordable voice and data tariffs, which are among the lowest globally, and underscored India's success in building Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI).

In particular, he referred to the transformative impact of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), which has scaled globally as a model for interoperable digital payments, and the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system that enables seamless transfer of government funds directly into beneficiaries' bank accounts, enhancing transparency and efficiency.

Chambers shared insights into Ireland's National Broadband Plan, noting that it offers valuable lessons in delivering universal, meaningful, and affordable connectivity, particularly to rural and remote areas.

He also acknowledged the significant contribution of the Indian community to the Irish economy, innovation landscape, and job creation. The Irish minister highlighted Ireland's multi-billion-euro fibre rollout project across the country and noted the strong and growing trade relationship between India and Ireland, which accounts for a significant share of India's trade with the European Union.

Both sides expressed the need to work closely within the ITU framework and to exchange best practices in regulatory and technological domains.

Gordhan Singh's journey in showbiz is inspiring



Indian actor Gordhan Singh is steadily emerging as a powerful new face in Hindi and Telugu cinema, carving his space through perseverance, passion, and versatility. He made his film debut in 2022 with filmmaker Ram Gopal Varma's film *Dangerous*, where he played the character "Kookie," marking his first significant on-screen appearance.

Gordhan Singh's next major project is the Telugu horror-drama *Maa Oori Baavi*, in which he plays the main lead villain. The film is produced by Pramod Kulkarni and directed by Shashank. The film's official poster was unveiled by National Film Development Corporation at the 56th International Film Festival of India held in Goa in November 2025, giving the project strong national visibility.

Apart from this, Gordhan Singh will also be seen in the Hindi film *Dulhaniyaan Le Aayenge*, where he shares screen space with Mahesh Manjrekar, Piyush Mishra, and Omkar Kapoor. He is currently working on a Telugu thriller that is in pre-production, with shooting scheduled to begin soon.

A trained actor from the prestigious National School of Drama (NSD), Gordhan Singh's journey is deeply inspirational. At just 14, he left home and traveled from Punjab to Mumbai with only ₹300 and two recommendation letters. Before entering films, he spent nearly 15 years working in the hospitality sector across Mumbai, Goa, and off-shore locations.

In December 2025, he appeared as a guest on *DD Morning on Doordarshan*, where he spoke about his journey and promoted *Maa Oori Baavi*. With discipline, training, and determination, Gordhan Singh is now building a promising career, emerging as a strong new talent in Indian cinema.

'Beginning of digital revolution in agriculture': Shivraj Singh Chouhan launches AI-powered app Bharat-Vistaar from Jaipur



Jaipur: Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Tuesday launched Bharat-Vistaar app, saying that it marks the beginning of a digital revolution in agriculture.

Through this AI-powered platform, farmers will gain timely and accurate access to a wide range of farming-related information, said Chouhan, the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

Launched nationally from the Pink City of Jaipur, Bharat-Vistaar will deliver comprehensive agricultural services to farmers through a unified digital platform and aims to enhance transparency in the agricultural sector, empower farmers, and promote self-reliance.

Addressing the launch ceremony at the State Institute of Agricultural Management, Durgapura, he noted that the platform provides easy access to real-time market prices, agricultural practices developed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), information on central agricultural welfare schemes, crop-specific scientific advisories, weather forecasts, agricultural credit facilities, eligibility criteria for government schemes, and application processes,

all on a single platform.

Currently available in Hindi and English, the platform will soon expand to 11 additional Indian languages. It will also be integrated with AgriStack, enabling farmers to access instant solutions to farm-related issues using their Farmer ID.

The Union Minister highlighted that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, continuous efforts are being made for farmers' welfare across the country.

Record procurement at Minimum Support Price (MSP) has been achieved he said.

Key initiatives such as the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, crop diversification, promotion of natural farming, integrated farming practices, and incentives for allied activities like animal husbandry and agro-forestry are significantly benefiting farmers, the Union Minister said.

Praising Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma, Chouhan said that under his leadership, Rajasthan is witnessing innovative advancements in agriculture. The state is also setting a national example in the adoption of agricultural

technology, he added.

He noted that Rajasthan has 10 agro-climatic zones, a substantial portion of which comprises desert terrain.

"Through sustained innovation and policy support, Rajasthan has emerged as the leading state in micro-irrigation and has successfully transformed desert regions into productive agricultural areas," Chouhan said.

Chouhan emphasised that farmers' welfare remains the highest priority of the Prime Minister, and no harm will be allowed to their interests.

Referring to policy decisions by the previous governments, he questioned why buffer stocks were not created when sugar production reached record levels in 2006-07 and why India, once self-sufficient in edible oils, later became import-dependent due to policy lapses.

He assured livestock farmers that milk and dairy products, including yogurt, ghee, and cheese, would not be imported, safeguarding the interests of domestic producers.

He reaffirmed the govern-

ment's commitment to protecting both farmers and cattle rearers.

Expressing gratitude to the Union Agriculture Minister, Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma described Bharat-Vistaar app as a historic step toward modernising agriculture through AI-driven systems. He stated that the initiative would significantly enhance farmers' prosperity.

"Modeled on robust digital public infrastructure platforms such as Aadhaar and UPI, Bharat-Vistaar establishes a national AI-based digital infrastructure for agriculture. It represents a technological transformation where technology, knowledge, and farmers progress together. Through Bharat Vistar, farmers will receive crop planning guidance, improved cultivation techniques, pest management advice, weather updates, market price information, fisheries and animal husbandry support, and details of government schemes directly on their mobile phones," he said.

The Chief Minister further stated that Bharat-Vistaar will enable farmers to receive instant agricultural information and services in their own language through direct interaction.

Tamannaah Bhatia's MahaShivratri was all about meditation, dance, devotion & music

Mumbai: Bollywood beauty Tamannaah Bhatia celebrated the auspicious occasion of MahaShivratri in the company of fellow devotees, surrounded by dance, music, and inner peace.

Tamannaah attended the grand Mahashivratri celebration at the Isha Yoga Centre in Coimbatore and even chose to share her fulfilling experience on social media.

Describing how they spend MahaShivratri in her own words, Tamannaah wrote on her IG, "Shivratri at Isha is not quiet. It's an all-night vigil. Drums in the distance. Voices rising in chant. Artists offering their art as seva. Annadanam being served with the same devotion as a prayer. Thousands of people choosing to stay awake, not out of compulsion, but participation. It's alive. (sic)."



She added that Shiva, in his Nataraja form, is a reminder that existence itself is movement. "Creation is not static. It is rhythm. Energy in motion. And at the center of that motion - Stillness", Tamannaah added.

Revealing how she sees the festival, she penned, "Some celebrate this night

as the wedding of Shiva and Parvati. Some as the night he conquered darkness. For those walking an inner path, it is a night when the energies of the planet naturally rise, when staying awake becomes an opportunity, not a ritual."

The 'Baahubali' actress stated in her post that her inner engineering has

brought her to the conclusion that spirituality is not belief, but a method, a technology for the inner well-being.

Tamannaah went on to add that "Science and spirituality are not opposing forces. They are simply two ways of exploring the same life."

"So yes, there is meditation. But there is also dance. There is devotion. There is music that moves through you. There is Bhole Nath - innocent, fierce, compassionate, meeting each of us where we are", the 'Odela 2' actress described her MahaShivratri on the photo-sharing app. She pointed out that "Spirituality isn't about withdrawing from life. It's about being fully available to it. And sometimes, that looks like dancing under the gaze of the Adiyogi - wide awake through the night."

'Magic Moments' sets the tone for a fresh youthful love story

The upcoming Telugu film Magic Moments, produced under the banner of Sri Lakshmi Srinivasa Films, is being positioned as a special Valentine's Day offering, celebrating love, youth, and heartfelt emotions. Starring Tallada Sai Krishna and Ekadantayya Siri in the lead roles, the film recently released a special romantic poster to mark Valentine's Day, instantly capturing the attention of young audiences.

The poster presents a tender and relatable moment — the heroine looking away shyly while the hero gently holds her hand, requesting her affection. This simple yet emotionally rich visual reflects what the makers describe as the "magic moment" found in every love story. The natural expressions and soft romantic tone of the poster have resonated strongly with viewers, making it one of the most talked-about Valentine's Day reveals among new Telugu projects.

The film is being presented by renowned director K. Dasharath, who is widely respected for his emotionally rooted family entertainers such as Santosham and Mr. Perfect.



Magic Moments is directed by Tallada Sai Krishna, who also plays the lead role, making it a unique dual-responsibility project. Ekadantayya Siri, who shares the screen with him, also takes on directorial responsibilities, adding a fresh creative dimension to the film.

Designed as a love-filled youth entertainer, the film carries the intriguing tagline "Not What You Expected," hinting at a narrative that goes beyond conventional romantic

storytelling.

Speaking on the occasion, Dasharath said the story felt new and refreshing, praising Sai Krishna's vision as both actor and director. Producer Tallada Srinivasa expressed pride in having Dasharath present the film,

calling the Sai Krishna-Siri pairing "fresh and promising." Co-producer Venkat Duggireddy added that the film's output has turned out exceptionally well and will appeal to both youth and family audiences alike.

With its romantic tone, fresh casting, and emotional storytelling, Magic Moments is shaping up to be a charming new-age love story that celebrates the beauty of simple, magical moments in relationships.

Bhagyashree swears by this 'magic water' for better immunity & healthy skin



Mumbai: Veteran actress Bhagyashree keeps on sharing helpful tips that can play a crucial role in one's journey towards a healthy lifestyle on a regular basis.

In her latest social media update, Bhagyashree shared the recipe for her "magic water" that helps with glowing skin, boosts immunity, and even helps reduce weight.

All one needs to do is take some simple ingredients which are easily found in the kitchen, such as Dalchini (Cinnamon), Laung (Clove), Elaichi (Cardamom), Tej Patta (Cinnamomum tamala), Pudhina (Mint leaves), and Chakri Phool (Star Anise), and soak them in lukewarm water for around 8 hours.

Dalchini and Laung help boost immunity, whereas Pudhina and Elaichi cool the body. Additionally, Tej Patta and Chakri Phool play a significant role in detoxing the body, also reducing inflammation.

Consuming this magic water regularly for 2 weeks will help make your body healthier.

Sharing this simple yet helpful tip on social media, the 'Maine Pyar Kiya' actress penned the caption, "#tuesdaytipswithb Magic Water! Simple ingredients from your kitchen that can transform your body. Looking after your internal health can make a huge difference to how you look. Try this simple tip and let me know which of these worked for you. Soak in lukewarm water and have regularly for 2 weeks to see a change. (sic)"

Along with sharing such healthy tips, Bhagyashree also uses her feed to shower love on her near and dear ones.

Recently, she penned a heartfelt birthday wish for her daughter Avantika Dassani.

She admitted that her world changed forever as she held Avantika in her arms for the very first time.

"From the time that I held you in my arms, I knew my world had changed. That piece of my heart that lived outside of me but forever will be mine. You were my child, but you mothered me, sometimes cradled me as I did too. You are my breath, my sunshine, my oxytocin... and I can never have enough of you. I love you my honeybun, my chipmunk, my tomboy, my beautiful doll, my warrior, my friend n daughter all rolled into one. God bless you. @avantikadassani," her post read.

'ViRosh' Wedding Card Goes Viral, Sending Fans into Frenzy

A viral wedding reception card featuring Vijay Rashmika Udaipur wedding has taken social media by storm. The card is available on different platforms and has quickly drawn thousands of reactions from fans.

As per the Vijay Deverakonda Rashmika Mandanna updates on the wedding, the couple is reportedly expected to marry in February 2026. A grand reception is fixed for March. The wedding card is quickly going viral, and fans have begun celebrating the special occasion. Netizens flood the platform with



special emotional responses. As quickly as the alleged card became available online, the fans began showing joy and happiness. One fan added, "It is finally happening. Our hearts are so full to see the beautiful wedding card. One more fan added, 'I still can't believe that she is really getting

married. Our little 'Puchkoo' is ready to become a bride. The rituals like Haldi and Mehendi are expected to begin on February 24 and final wedding ceremony is finalised for February 26 2026. In Udaipur, the wedding can be only attended by the family members and close friends. No celebrity is invited.

South Indian celebrity wedding 2026- No Phone and No Celebrities. Rashmika and Vijay are spending quality time preparing the wedding programs. According to Tollywood celebrity couple news, the couple is being extra cautious about photography and videos getting leaked. Therefore, no phone policy is being followed at the wedding.

Regena Cassandra Interview: Actress Opens Up About Bollywood Experience and Discrimination

In a recent interview, Regena said the truth about her struggles in the Bollywood industry. She has worked in Tamil and Telugu movies for more than 10 years before going to Hindi films in 2019. She said it's not easy to be a South India actress in Bollywood.

Regena shared that even though her Hindi is very good, she was still treated differently. In her Regena Cassandra statement, she said she faced derogatory behaviour in Bollywood. Some people made her feel like she didn't belong, just because she came from the South. She said this behaviour was shown not only through words but also through actions. Her story connects to the bigger issue faced by many South actors in Hindi film industry, and adds to the ongoing Bollywood discrimination controversy. In this Regena Cassandra latest news, she also talked about stereotypes. She said that women in films are often judged on the basis of their looks. This shows that actresses want to have different kind of roles and not have the same single image in the industry. Her experience is part of a larger film industry bias discussion. Even though Regena faced a lot of challenges, she always stayed positive. She always tries to make her workplace feel like home.



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