



## AP CM Chandrababu Attends India AI Impact Summit in Delhi



Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu participated in the India AI Impact Summit 2026 at Bharat Mandapam in Delhi. The conference was attended by representatives from leading global companies in the quantum and AI sectors.

During the event, the state government signed MoUs with several prominent firms, including IBM, in the presence of the Chief Minister. Seven agreements were inked to develop skills and infrastructure in quantum and AI fields across Andhra Pradesh, aiming to establish the state as a quantum-AI hub. The government also plans to gain national and international recognition for the Quantum Valley in Amaravati. Focus areas include training students and youth in AI and quantum technologies, integrating AI-quantum solutions into government departments, and enhancing public services through technological innovation.

## Temple doors to remain closed on March 3 due to lunar eclipse

Srisailem: The Executive Officer of Srisailem Devasthanam, M Srinivasa Rao has announced that the temple doors will remain closed on March 3, 2026, in view of the lunar eclipse.

According to the official press release on Thursday, the temple will be closed to devotees from 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on that day as per traditional and religious practices observed during the eclipse period.

Owing to the closure, all Arjitha Sevas, Paroksha Sevas, and Kalyanotsavam tickets of Sri Swamy and Ammavaru will stand completely cancelled for March 3. In addition to the main temple, the doors of allied temples such as Sakshi Ganapati, Hatakeshwaram, Phaladhara Panchadhara, and Sikhaheswaram will also remain closed. The same restrictions will be applicable to all temples under the control of the Devasthanam.

The temple doors will open briefly in the early hours of March 3 at 3:00 a.m., during which Mangala Vaidyam, Suprabhatam, Pratahkala Pujas, and



Mahamangala Haratis will be performed.

Devotees will be allowed Alankara Darshan of Sri Swamy and Ammavaru only between 4:30 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. After this limited darshan window, the temple doors will be closed again at 6:00 a.m. in observance of the eclipse. Following the completion of the lunar eclipse, the temple doors will reopen at 7:30 p.m. After conducting temple purification, Mangala Vaidyam, Susandhya, and Samprokshana rituals, the Mahamangala Haratis will be performed at 9:00 p.m. Devotees will then be permitted darshan from 9:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

## Min Savitha, MLAs participate in handloom promotion event



Amaravati/Anantapur: Handlooms and Textiles Minister Savitha, along with Raphthadu MLA Paritala Sunitha and MLA Bandaru Shrivani, participated in a handloom promotion programme held at the Assembly premises, calling for greater public support to traditional weavers.

The leaders visited handloom stalls set up by the Department of Handlooms and Textiles and interacted with exhibitors showcasing renowned products from across Andhra Pradesh.

They examined various silk and cotton fabrics and enquired about the weaving process, designs and pricing. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister emphasised the need to strengthen the handloom sector and ensure sustainable livelihoods for weavers. MLA Paritala Sunitha reiterated that preserving the handloom tradition is a shared responsibility and urged citizens to wear handloom garments at least two days a week. MLA Bandaru Shrivani also highlighted the global recognition earned by Andhra Pradesh's traditional weaves and stressed the importance of promoting indigenous textiles.

## Telangana announces half-day school summer holidays schedule

The sun is gradually setting in Telangana as the recent chill in the air dissipates, and the state prepares for new educational arrangements. Responding to health considerations for students, the Telangana government has announced a change to the school timetable, effective from 16 March.

The Education Department has ordered that both government and private schools across the state conduct single-day classes. Schools will now open at 8:00 am and close at 12:30 pm. However, schools serving as class 10 examination centres will have slightly different timings, with classes or exams from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, allowing students to reach home before the sun's intensity increases. Alongside this timetable change, the department clarified the summer vacation schedule for this academic year. The holidays will run from 24 April to 11 June, offering students approximately 48 days of summer break. The new academic



year (2026-27) will commence on 12 June 2026.

With the vacation schedule announced early, many parents have begun booking train and bus tickets to travel to their hometowns, preparing for the upcoming break. The decision aims to ensure the health and safety of students while also facilitating smooth travel plans for families.

## Ambati Rambabu Meets YSRCP Chief YS Jagan in Tadepalli

Former Minister Ambati Rambabu met with YSR Congress Party leader and former Chief Minister YS Jagan at his residence in Tadepalli. Rambabu, who was recently released on bail after being arrested in a case, briefed Jagan Mohan Reddy on the illegal cases filed against him by the government, the destruction of his house by TDP cadres, and an assassination attempt he faced.



Jagan Mohan Reddy assured Rambabu that there was no need to worry about the false charges and that they would be challenged legally. He also expressed concern over certain police officers supporting the ruling party, criticising their behaviour. Jagan emphasised that the party would confront the obstacles and harassment faced in the struggle on behalf of the people. He urged party leaders and cadres to remain steadfast and not worry, reaffirming their commitment to the public. Among those present during the meeting were MP Pilli Subhash Chandrabose, former MP Nandigam Suresh, ex-MLA Malladi Vishnu, and NTR district YSRCP president Devineni Avinash.

## CBI Court in Nampally Receives Another Bomb Threat



The CBI court in Nampally received a bomb threat via email on Friday. Court staff alerted police, fire brigade, and quick response teams, who quickly reached the premises. Lawyers and clients were evacuated as a precaution. The bomb squad and sniffer dog units are now conducting thorough searches within the court grounds. The email threat claimed a bomb had been planted and set a specific time for its explosion. Authorities are carrying out extensive checks to ensure safety.

## AP Minister assures action to safeguard Godavari during Pushkaralu

AP Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu has assured that measures will be taken to safeguard the sanctity of the Godavari River during the upcoming Pushkaralu to prevent pollution. The minister was responding to a question raised in the Legislative Assembly by MLA Nallamilli Ramakrishna Reddy regarding the river's pollution levels. He stated that a ministerial sub-committee has already been formed to oversee the management of Pushkaralu and that appropriate steps will be implemented to ensure devotees face no difficulties. When Jana Sena MLA Bolisetty Srinivas called for waste removal from the canals, Minister Nimmala responded that relevant laws are currently being considered to address the issue.



## Telangana CM Revanth Reddy Highlights AI's Impact at Conference



Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy took part in the ongoing AI conference, emphasising the transformative power of ideas. He stated, "Inventions such as vaccines and airplanes have changed the world. While humans have many limitations, we are now witnessing the results of AI, which is mankind's greatest invention. AI is more intelligent than humans. The AI era has already begun."

## Better medical services should be provided to the poor.



**Municipal Chairperson Erneni Kusuma, Venkataratnam Babu.....**

**Kodada February 20 Metro morning.....**

Kodada Municipal Chairperson Erneni Kusuma Venkataratnam Babu inaugurated Shree Lekha Hospital, which was established with the objective of providing state-of-the-art medical services to the people of Kodada surrounding area. Speaking on the

occasion, she asked the doctors to provide quality medical care at low cost to the poor and middle class people. Dr. Jasti Subbarao, a prominent doctor of the town, said that remembering the saying Vaidyo Narayano Hari, they should provide services to patients with a social perspective rather than seeing medicine as a mere business. Hospital doctors Dr. Misa Rohit MBBS, MD Critical Care and Pulmonary Specialist, Dr.

Kurapati Srilekha MBBS, DGO Obstetrics and Gynecology Specialist said that it is commendable that two young doctors have come forward to provide services in Kodada. He said that medical services will be available 24 hours in the hospital. Karingula Anji, Dr. Dasharatha, Dr. Rama Rao, Ashok, Gaurinath, Prasad, Karunasree, Suresh, Kothamasu Janardhan and others participated in this program.



## India-Japan people-to-people friendship is unprecedented

- A grand reception for the Japanese delegation that visited India on a cultural tour..

Chikkadapally, February 20 metro udayam : The friendly relations between the people of India and Japan that have continued for more than six decades are unprecedented," said G. Vasundhara, Deputy Secretary, State Treasury and Accounts Department. On the occasion of the visit of a group of 8 young members from Saitama YMCA under the auspices of the Wise Men Clubs of Eastern Japan to the city, Hyderabad Wise Men Club and Hyderabad YMCA jointly organized an introductory program at Narayanguda YMCA on Friday. Vasundhara, who was the chief guest of the program.. The Japanese delegation consisted of Kusunoki Yosei, Miurayuto, Ninomiya Daito, Okatowa, Sanoriko, Tachibanada Mua, Nakagawa Kentaro, Tamegai The leaders were felicitated with garlands and shawls and spoken. He said that such cultur-



al tours enhance friendship and camaraderie between the people of different countries. Dr. G. Upender Reddy, Goodwill Ambassador of Nagoya City, Japan, presided over the program and introduced the Japanese representatives. Vemaraju Vijayaku Mar explained that as part of this tour, the Japanese representatives will

study the culture, traditions, lifestyle of the people, and education and teaching methods of India. He also said that they will visit historical monuments. Hyderabad YMCA General Secretary Priest Gaius, Dr. B. J. Vinaya Swarup, Hyderabad Club President Nishtala Sudhamala, B.V. Narayana Rao and others participated in this program.

## Today Singer P.Susheela to receive Crown of the Music Award

**Chikkadapally, February 20 metro udayam :** Seal Well Corporation and Sruthila Arts Academy will organize the 'Crown of the Music' 2026 Award Ceremony for renowned singer P.Susheela on Saturday, the 21st of this month, at Thyagaraya Gana Sabha. To this extent, the organizers of the organization Seal Well Bandaru Subbarao, Sruthila Chairman Bheem Reddy and Amani said in a statement on Friday. Telangana State Legislative Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar will participate as the chief guest of the program, and former Police Housing Corporation Chairman Koleti Damodar will preside. Renowned literary figure Dr. Voleti



Parvatheesham, Kala Patrika editor Du Rafi, Sagara Maha Sabha leader Mutyala Harikishan, Adarsh Foundation Kusuma Bhogaraju, Shobhan Babu Seva Samiti Rama Krishna, Padma Rao and others participated. On this occasion, to commemorate the 90th birth anniversary of actor Shobhan Babu, songs from Shobhan Babu's films will be sung by Aamani, Chandra Teja, Subhash, Krishna Prasad, Anusha, Indusree and others from 11.30 am to night. They requested the poets, artists and fans of the twin cities to attend in large numbers and make the program a success.

## CM Revanth Reddy and Sridhar Babu to Attend AI Impact Summit in Delhi

Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Minister Sridhar Babu will participate in the prestigious AI Impact Summit at Bharat Mandapam in Delhi today. Revanth Reddy is scheduled to deliver the keynote address at the event. Sridhar Babu, along with the

State Government's Special Chief Secretary, will meet with a delegation of Swedish business representatives. The Minister will speak on the topic "Heterogeneous Compute for Democratizing Access to AI: From Workload Awareness to Scalable

Deployment". Later, Sridhar Babu will take part in a session focused on "AI Agents for a Better Tomorrow, Government Services, Climate Action and Resilience".

## Murders of Husbands by Wives: Not Just a Crime... But a Systemic Failure

.....Editorial

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Hyderabad, metro udayam february 20...The phrase "murders of husbands by wives" is no longer confined to crime columns. It has become a disturbing reflection of deeper cracks within the family system. Behind every such incident lies not merely an individual decision, but years of accumulated silence, neglect, emotional trauma, and systemic failure. Traditionally, society views women only as victims. When a woman becomes the accused, the reaction is shock. But the real question is not about the final act — it is about the journey that led there. Why did society fail to respond earlier? What circumstances were ignored until they exploded into tragedy?

Silence That Breeds Violence.

In many households, domestic violence is still dismissed as a "private matter." When women face abuse, they are often advised to "adjust" or "endure for the sake of children." This culture of silence and normalization of suffering can eventually lead to extreme consequences.

Let it be stated clearly:

Violence is never justified by violence.

However, a society that begins to question the causes only after a murder occurs cannot claim innocence either. Ignoring early warning signs, trivializing emotional abuse, and failing to provide support mechanisms make the system complicit in the outcome. Equality Before Law

No matter how intense the emotional suffering, murder has no legal justification.

Whether committed by a wife or a husband, it remains a grave criminal offense. Life imprisonment, broken families, and shattered futures of children are consequences no one can escape.

Taking the law into one's own hands is never a solution. Justice must be sought through legal and institutional channels.

Not a Gender War

Turning such incidents into a battle between men and women is a dangerous trend. This is not a gender war; it is a failure of human relationships. Power imbalance, domination, resentment, and lack of communication are the real enemies.

Families must be built on mutual respect, dialogue, and empathy. When these foundations erode, tragedies follow.

What Must Change?

If we are serious about preventing such incidents, we must act early: Domestic violence should never be trivialized.

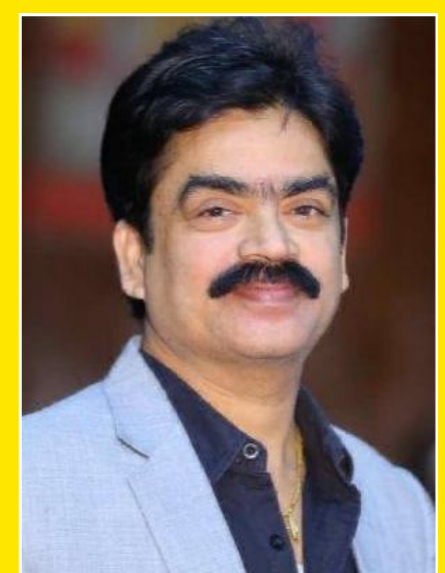
Counseling and legal assistance must be accessible and affordable.

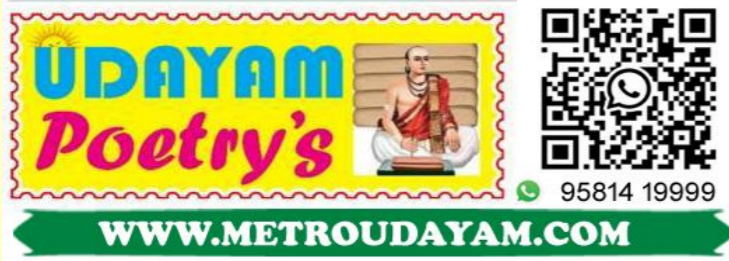
Elders must stop hiding behind the advice to "compromise at any cost." Mental health must be treated as a necessity, not a stigma.

Murders of husbands by wives are a warning sign. They are not just isolated crimes; they are questions posed to society itself. If we remain silent, tomorrow the same headline will reappear in another home.

Violence cannot solve violence.

The path forward lies in timely dialogue, lawful action, and humanity.





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आपके लिए कठिनाई  
नहीं चाहता, बल्कि  
आपके लिए आसानी  
चाहता है।... (शकील  
उवाव -६२३)**

पवित्र रमजान के महीने में रोजा (उपवास) रखने आद. श इस्लाम में दिया गया है। अब सवाल यह उठता है के इस महीने में किसके लिए यह रोजा रखने की आवश्यकता नहीं है? पवित्र कुरआन में इस विषय पर व्यापक रूप से स्पष्ट आदेश दिये गये हैं। उपवास एक धार्मिक आदेश है, हम इसे सभी धर्मों में देख सकते हैं। उपवास रखना यह केवल मुसलमानों के लिए नहीं बल्कि समस्त मानव जाति के लिए दिया गया आदेश है।

याने उपवास केवल इस्लाम में ही नहीं, बल्कि हर धर्म में उपवास रखे जाते हैं। इंसान की शुद्धि के लिए रोजे (उपवास) का विशेष महत्व है। पवित्र

कुरआन में आया है के, 'तुम्हारे लिए भी रोजा उसी तरह फर्ज किया गया है जैसे तुमसे पहले वालों के लिए फर्ज किया गया था। (पवित्र कुरआन, अध्याय क्रमांक 02, सुराह अल बकरा, आयत क्रमांक 183)। कहते हुए पवित्र कुरआन में स्पष्ट रूप से कहा गया है कि आत्म-संयम उपवास के लाभों में से एक लाभ है।

इस्लामी आदेश के रूप में बीमारों, यात्रियों, गर्भवती और स्तनपान कराने वाली महिलाओं को उपवास रखने की आवश्यकता नहीं है। साथ ही उन बुजुर्गों (ज्येष्ठ लोगों) के लिए उपवास रखना आवश्यक नहीं है जो उपवास रखने में असमर्थ हैं। इसका कारण पवित्र कुरआन में, अध्यात्मक 02, सुराह अल बकरा, आयत क्रमांक 185 में बताया गया है। इस आयत में अल्लाह (सु) यह कहकर अपनी दया दिखाता है कि "अल्लाह (ईश्वर) आपके लिए कठिनाई नहीं चाहता, बल्कि आपके लिए आसानी चाहता है।" इस आयत से पता चलता है के परमात्मा असीम दयावान और शब्द ज्यादा कृ पा करनेवाला है।

जो लोग शारी. रिक रूप से कमजोर हैं यानी बूढ़े लोग है याने उपवास रखने में सक्षम

नहीं हैं उन्हें यह उपवास रखने की कोई आवश्यकता नहीं है। यदि ऐसे लोग आर्थिक रूप से सक्षम हैं तो उन्हें प्रति रोजा के बदले एक सामान्य व्यक्ति के भोजन की कम से कम मात्रा उन रोजों के लिए दान करनी चाहिए जो वे नहीं रखते हैं, यानी छूटे हुए उपवास के दिनों के अनुसार। साथ ही बीमारी से पीड़ित लोगों को रोजा के दिनों में रोजा रखने से छूट दी जाती है। ऐसे लोगों के इस्लाम का आदेश है कि वह पूरी तरह स्वस्थ हो जाने के बाद अपने छूटे हुए उन दिनों का रोजा पूरा करें जो उन्होंने नहीं रखा है।

इसके अलावा, इस्लाम का यह भी नियम है कि जो लोग सफर याने प्रवास में हैं, उन्हें घर पहुंचने पर वे रोजे रखने चाहिए जो उन्होंने निर्वासन के दिनों में नहीं रखे थे। इसके बारे में पवित्र कुरआन में कहा गया है, 'रोजे एक महीने के लिए निर्दिष्ट दिनों के लिए रखे जाते हैं, लेकिन यदि आप में से कोई बीमार है या यात्रा पर है, तो जो लोग रोजे रखने में सक्षम नहीं हैं (रोजे छोड़ दें)। उसके बाद निर्धारित दिनों की संख्या पूरी करनी चाहिए।' (पवित्र कुरआन, अध्याय क्रमांक 02, सुराह अल बकरा, आयत क्रमांक 184)।

पवित्र कुरआन के इसी आयत में आगे कहा गया है के, "(परन्तु फिर भी जो लोग कुछ व्रत नहीं कर सकते) उनके लिए मुक्ति (रास्ता) है। (अर्थात्) प्रतिदिन छूटे हुए रोजे (व्रत) के बदले में एक व्यक्ति को भोजन कराना। जो कोई स्वेच्छा से आवश्यकता से अधिक



भलाई करता है, उसके लिए यह अच्छी बात है। लेकिन रोजा रखना तुम्हारे लिए बेहतर है अगर तुम जानते हो तो..." (पवित्र कुरआन, अध्याय क्रमांक 02, सुराह अल बकरा, आयत क्रमांक 184)।

याने अगर सफर में या बीमारी के कारण या और किसी मजबूरी के कारण कोई रोजा (उपवास) रखने में समर्थ ना हो तो उसे रोजा रखने की कोई आवश्यकता नहीं है लेकिन उस रोजे के बदले जब भी रोजा रखने में समर्थ हो तब उसे रोजा रखने की छूट दी गई है। और इसी तरह अगर कोई मजबूरी में रोजा न रख सके तो एक रोजे के बदले में कम से कम एक व्यक्ति को भोजन कराने की व्यवस्था करनी चाहिए। उपरा. क आदेश इस रोजे (उपवास) की अहमियत को दर्शाता है।

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

## Sunitha urges stabilisation of 1.03 lakh acres under Handri-Neeva phase-II

**Meets Water Resources Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu Highlights the persistent water scarcity in the constituency Requests construction of distributary canals from the main canal and seeks approval of Rs 17.628 crore for preparation of a Detailed Project Report**



Nantapur/Amaravati: Rapthadu MLA Paritala Sunitha has urged Water Resources Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu to take steps for stabilising 1,03,362 acres of ayacut under Phase-II of the Handri-Neeva project in Rapthadu Assembly constituency. During the ongoing Assembly session, Sunitha met the Minister in his chamber and highlighted the persistent water scarcity in the constituency. She said that certain ayacut areas proposed under various packages of the Handri-Neeva main canal were later removed, leaving dry and upland areas without irrigation support.

Farmers in Rapthadu, Kanaganapalli, Ramagiri, CK Palli, Kalyandurg, Atmakur and Kuderu mandals are facing severe hardship due to recurring drought conditions, she said.

Despite earlier assurances that water would be provided to all regions, several acres remain uncultivated due to lack of irrigation.

The MLA requested construction of distributary canals from the main canal and sought approval of Rs 17.628 crore for preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR) to ensure water supply to the identified ayacut.

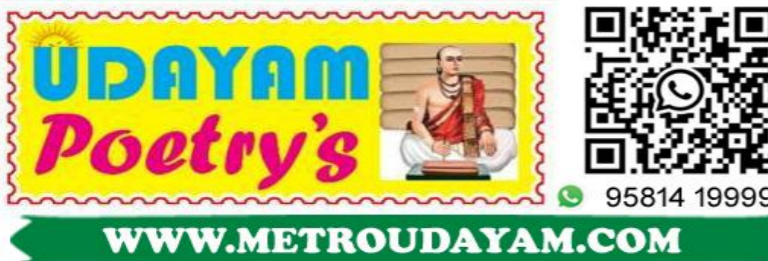
She also appealed for water supply to MI tanks in Chennethapalli mandal, where groundwater levels have fallen sharply, affecting drinking water and agriculture. Villages including Venkatampalli, Obulampalli, Ontikonda, Chinna and Pedda Mogalayipalli, Medapuram and Kanumukkala are reeling under water stress.

An estimated Rs 6.30 crore is required for excavation of a canal from the HNSS canal near Venkatampalli to supply water to Kanumukkala Erra Cheruvu and Medapuram MI tank. Mr. Ramanaidu responded positively and assured that funds would be sanctioned after obtaining reports from officials.

## Kadiyam Srihari questions 'Father of Telangana' claim



Senior leader Kadiyam Srihari on Thursday questioned how much longer BRS leaders intend to conduct politics using Telangana sentiment. He asserted that Mahatma Gandhi alone is the Father of the Nation of India and strongly questioned attempts to project anyone else with that title. While touring Jangaon district and participating in various programmes, Srihari spoke to the media and strongly objected to efforts by KCR to claim the title of Father of Telangana. He questioned the legitimacy of such titles being self-bestowed without broader public acceptance from the citizens. Who is this person being called the Father of the Nation, Srihari asked. He questioned what right anyone has to claim such a prestigious title, stating it is not enough for someone to call themselves that as the people of the country must accept it. In a sharp attack, Srihari questioned why such leaders were not coming among the public or discussing issues in the Assembly.



### KNOW ABOUT NUMBER "9"!

Sentiment is there in many!  
Number 9 is an auspicious one!  
True or false is another issue!  
Need not touch it now!

But one thing is fact!  
Mythology say planets are 9(Navagrahas)!  
Precious stones like gems, pearls etc. also 9!  
Kind of grains too 9!



Treasures stored in earth  
Also 9( nava nidhulu)!  
Food items prepared in functions termed as 9 only!(  
Navakaya pindi vantallu)  
Nava Narasimha diety, Nava Nandis there!  
Nine night festival too!  
( Nava rathri)

Above all multiply 9 with any number!  
Add the product you get  
Nine as total!  
Reason whatsoever 9 became lucky and fancy number to almost all!

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

# Food Carnival held in Sarvepalli

Kurnool: The "Food Carnival" was held wonderfully at Sarvepalli Educational Institutions. Kurnool (Member of Parliament) MP Bastipati Nagaraju was the chief guest for this programme.

Speaking to the students on this occasion, he said that he has not seen such programmes in any other school, and he is very happy to see that the students of "Sarvepalli" Educational Institution are not limited to classrooms and textbooks but are preparing them to excel in all fields.

He gave a message that parents should know the value of rice and rice and should not waste food. He said that in these educational institutions, not only should students study, but also develop all kinds of skills and achieve good results.

He wished. He visited the food stalls prepared by the students on this occasion and appreciated that all the ingredients were very wonderful.

In this food carnival, more than 60 food stalls like Tasty

Buds, Mamse Cafe, Ammachethi Vanta, Andhra Kitchen, Kadims Restaurant, 3 Star Chefs, Master Chef, Royal Chef, Karachi Chef, Mehfil Restaurant, Friends Stall, Western Foods, Diamond Cafe etc.

served more than 180 different dishes like Malaipuri, Gobi Manchuria, Dilpasand, Samosa, Veg Biryani, Jeera Biryani, Carrot Halwa, Palakova, Bread Cutlet, Pavbaji, Bisibelebaat, Parota Paneer Butter Masala, Kheer Fruitcakes, Jamun.



## Sivakumar to be awarded the Matru Bhasha Pratibha Puraskar tomorrow..

- Hyderabad, Thyagaraya Gana Sabha venue on 22nd of this month at 10 am..

Charakonda, February 17 metro udayam :

A. Shivakumar, who is working as a data entry operator at the Primary Health Center (PHC, DEO) in Vanguru mandal, Nagarkurnool district, has been selected for the Matru Bhasha Pratibha Puraskar. On the occasion of International Mother Language Day, under the auspices of Pinakini Youth Welfare Association, awards will be presented to leaders from various fields at Thyagaraya Gana Sabha in Chikkadapalli, Hyderabad on Sunday, 22nd of this month at 10 am. On this occasion, A. Shivakumar, a resident of Ellikal village, Kalvakurthi mandal, Nagarkurnool district, was selected for this award in recognition of his special services to the people during the Corona period, the organization's organizers said. MLC Sirikonda Madhu Sudhanachari will be the chief guest at the event and will present the award. Many dignitaries, villagers, and PHC employees and staff expressed their joy at being nominated for this award.



## Senior Congress Leader T. Jeevan Reddy Hospitalised Amid Health Concerns



Senior Congress Party figure and former MLC T. Jeevan Reddy was taken seriously ill on Saturday. His condition suddenly worsened, prompting family members to urgently take him to NIMS Hospital in Hyderabad. It is initially believed that food poisoning may be the cause of his illness. However, his family has indicated that he is also under significant mental stress due to ongoing political developments in the state. They suggest that concerns over recent political manoeuvres and party changes have contributed to his condition. Doctors at NIMS are providing emergency treatment and are closely monitoring his health. Medical sources have assured that there is no cause for alarm. Many Congress leaders and supporters, upon hearing of Jeevan Reddy's illness, have extended their wishes for his speedy recovery.

## Rahul dangerous for India's security: Rijju

Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju on Wednesday accused Leader of Opposition Lok Sabha of having connections with anti-India forces, stressing that the Congress leader was the most dangerous person for India's security. In an interview with ANI, Rijju raised questions on Gandhi's various meetings, alleging that the Opposition leader kept meeting with Naxalites, extremists, ideologues, and people like George Soros both during his foreign trips and within the country. "Rahul Gandhi has become the most dangerous person for India's security. Because he associates with anti-India forces. He meets people abroad and at home, Naxalites, extremists, ideologues, people like George Soros," Rijju said. On February 12, BJP Member of Parliament Nishikant Dubey said he moved a motion in the Lok Sabha against the Leader of Opposition in the Lower House of Parliament, accusing him of misleading the country. Dubey is seeking termination of his parliamentary membership and a lifetime ban on the Congress leader on contesting elections. "I have moved a motion in Lok Sabha today against Rahul Gandhi on how he is misleading the nation with the help of forces like (George) Soros, who want to harm the nation. In the motion I have moved, I have requested that Rahul Gandhi's membership should be terminated and he should be barred for life from contesting elections," Dubey told ANI. Gandhi accused the Central government of compromising national interests.

## DRM Waltair Inaugurates Newly Constructed Railway Officers' Accommodation at Vaisakhi Railway Colony



Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Waltair, Shri Lalit Bohra today inaugurated the newly constructed railway officers' accommodation at Vaisakhi Railway Colony, Visakhapatnam, in the august presence of Smt. Jyotsna Bohra, President, ECoRWWO.

The newly developed residential complex comprises

four units of Type-V quarters with cellar facilities and one unit of Type-VI quarter. The project has been executed by the Civil Engineering Department of Waltair Division, with focus on enhancing residential infrastructure for railway officers.

Speaking on the occasion, the DRM appreciated the efforts of the Civil

Engineering team for timely completion of the project with quality standards. He stated that providing modern, well-equipped residential facilities is essential for ensuring the comfort and well-being of officers, which in turn contributes to improved efficiency and service delivery.

The quarters are designed

with improved amenities and facilities to meet contemporary residential requirements. ADRM Infra Shri E Santharam, ADRM Operations Shri K Rama Rao, Senior officers from various departments, staff members, and representatives of ECoRWWO were present during the inauguration ceremony.

## 'Culturally Insensitive': Mamata Banerjee Criticises PM Modi Over Ramakrishna Title Usage

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday took a swipe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, accusing him of cultural insensitivity over the manner in which he referred to revered saint Ramakrishna Paramahansa in a social media tribute.

In a post on X, Banerjee objected to the Prime Minister's use of the prefix "Swami" while paying homage to the saint on his birth anniversary. She said

the title was inappropriate and not aligned with Bengal's cultural and spiritual traditions.

Calling Ramakrishna Paramahansa a "Yugavatara" — an incarnation of divinity in the modern age — Banerjee said the saint has traditionally been referred to as "Thakur Sri Ramakrishna" or simply "Sri Ramakrishna" in Bengal. She described the Prime Minister's choice of wording as another example of insensitivity towards

the state's revered cultural icons.

The Chief Minister's remarks triggered political reactions within the Trinamool Congress, with senior party leaders echoing her criticism. Party spokesperson Kunal Ghosh said that while the term "Swami" is commonly used for spiritual teachers or gurus, it is not customarily associated with Ramakrishna Paramahansa in Bengal's religious tradition. Ghosh urged the Prime

Minister to correct the reference, stressing that cultural accuracy and respect for local traditions are important when addressing figures of deep spiritual significance.

The exchange has added to the ongoing political sparring between the Trinamool Congress leadership and the Centre, with cultural identity once again emerging as a flashpoint.

## Life sciences central to Telangana's 3 trillion dollar vision: Sridhar Babu

The Telangana government has set an ambitious target of building a Rs 250 lakh crore economy by 2047, with the life sciences sector identified as a central growth driver, IT and Industries Minister D Sridhar Babu said on Wednesday. Addressing the valedictory session of BioAsia 2026, Sridhar Babu said the Telangana Rising 2047 initiative was conceived with inputs from citizens and domain experts to increase the contribution of the state to the national GDP to ten per cent.

Participating in a fireside chat titled Telangana Rising 2047 Building a World-Class Life Sciences Ecosystem, the Minister outlined the roadmap to



position Telangana as a global hub. Since December 2023, Telangana has attracted investments worth Rs 73,360 crore in life sciences, generating nearly one lakh jobs. Outlining the strategy to strengthen the ecosystem, he referred to the Telangana

Next-Gen Life Sciences Policy 2026 to 2030, the establishment of the Telangana Life Sciences School and the OneBio Incubator.

The plan also includes the expansion of Genome Valley, the development of Pharma Villages, and the

creation of world-class infrastructure backed by global partnerships. Highlighting the industrial base, he said Telangana is home to over 2,000 life sciences companies. The state accounts for nearly one-third of pharmaceutical production in India and about one-fifth of the pharma exports of the country.

Sridhar Babu said several global companies, including Sanofi, Opella, Vaxxinova Animal Health, Tredence and Rx Propellant, expressed interest in investing during the summit. Emphasising that life sciences possess significant social impact, the Minister invited industry leaders to partner in advancing innovation-led growth for the future.

# India rolls out Rs 32,000-cr critical minerals mission

New Delhi/Hyderabad: India is set to emerge as a global leader in the critical minerals sector with the launch of the Rs 32,000 crore National Critical Minerals Mission. G Kishan Reddy, Minister of Coal & Mines, announced that the mission aims to transform India from a resource-dependent nation to a value-creating hub in the global critical minerals landscape.

Speaking at the second edition of Indian Critical Minerals Landscape: Foundation for a Sustainable Future – Empowering Innovation, Growth & Self-Reliance, organised by FICCI in collaboration with the Ministry of Mines, Reddy emphasised that India currently imports 95 per cent of its critical minerals. He underscored the urgency of building a resilient ecosystem across exploration, extraction, processing, recycling, and advanced manufacturing to secure India's strategic and economic future.



The Minister highlighted that nine Centres of Excellence (CoE) have been identified to strengthen research, innovation, and skill development. Over 4,000 exploration activities have already been initiated nationwide. He urged industry stakeholders to invest in advanced technologies, urban mining, recycling, and overseas asset acquisition to ensure India's emergence as a trusted global leader.

Reddy further announced that production of permanent magnets will commence by the end of this year under a Rs 7,280 crore Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme. Four states—Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Maharashtra, and Gujarat—have been selected to host critical minerals processing units, boosting domestic value addition and reducing import dependence. Additionally, 143 coal mines have been identified for clo-

sure by 2028, by focusing on sustainable transition and resource optimisation.

The summit also witnessed the unveiling of the FICCI Portal on Global Critical Minerals Assets and the release of the FICCI-Deloitte Report on Critical Minerals. International collaboration was emphasised by Ed Jager, Minister (Commercial), High Commission of Canada, who reaffirmed Canada's commitment to partnering with India in building resilient supply chains.

Industry leaders, including representatives from Hindustan Zinc, JSW Group, and FICCI, echoed the government's vision, stating that critical minerals have now moved to the core of India's national strategy. Together, they pledged to work in "Sankalp mode" to build integrated domestic value chains and ensure India's long-term mineral security.

## Court pulls up MCD for non-compliance, summons DC in property dispute case



A Delhi court has issued a notice to the deputy commissioner of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and directed senior engineers to appear in person after finding that a status report filed by the civic body in a property dispute case was not in compliance with its earlier directions. Senior Civil Judge-cum-Rent Controller, Animesh Bhaskar Mani Tripathi, was hearing a civil suit concerning the demolition of an unauthorised, disputed property by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD).

"Court notice be issued to the deputy commissioner (DC), MCD, calling upon him to either file a proper status report in compliance with the order dated December 2, 2025, on his behalf or to remain personally present before this court on the next date of hearing," the judge said in his order dated February 17.

The defendants had earlier been restrained from carrying out any further construction at the disputed suit property. On December 2, 2025, the MCD filed a status report, according to which the demolition order dated October 23, 2025, had been passed. "The status report has been filed in a cursory and mechanical manner, only to complete the formality of filing a status report today," the court noted in its order dated December 2, 2025. The court then sought an explanation in writing from the concerned executive engineer, assistant engineer, and junior engineer, which was to be duly forwarded by the concerned deputy commissioner along with an updated status report by February 17.

However, the status report filed on February 17 bore "only the signatures of the assistant engineer and junior engineer", and was neither accompanied by separate written explanations nor duly forwarded by the deputy commissioner, as directed. "Perusal of the record clearly reveals that the status report filed today is not in compliance with the order dated December 2, 2025.

Consequently, the same cannot be treated as a proper or valid status report," the court said Tuesday. The counsel for the defendant argued that the restraint order granted by the court on October 29, 2025, was based on an earlier MCD status report, and not merely on the plaintiff's submissions. It was also submitted that according to the latest report, the deviations and excess coverage area in the suit property were "compoundable in nature" and that the owner had undertaken to get them compounded at the time of issuance of the completion certificate. On that basis, the defendant sought vacation of the restraint order.

## Assam CM involved in personal attacks: Priyanka Gandhi on Sarma's assertions on Gaurav Gogoi's Pak links

Guwahati: Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Thursday launched a sharp attack on Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, accusing him of indulging in personal attacks instead of focussing on governance, development and employment for the state's youth.

When asked about the serious allegations against Gaurav Gogoi of having links with Pakistan, Priyanka Gandhi taking an apparent dig at Sarma, said that it was inappropriate to target families and children through false allegations.

"There is no need to attack someone's family or children by spreading lies. Instead of doing this, the Chief Minister should work for the development of Assam. What the youth of Assam need today are jobs and employment opportunities," she said.

Referring to the political atmosphere ahead of the Assembly elections, the Congress leader alleged that the Chief Minister was resorting to fear-mongering as the polls draw closer.

She strongly defended Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi, terming him a positive leader who believes in value-based politics.

"Gaurav Gogoi is a positive individual who wants to do politics rooted in values in Assam. The Chief Minister is scared as elections approach," she said.

Priyanka Gandhi further dismissed allegations made by Sarma regarding Gogoi's alleged Pakistan links, stating that such claims would not be accepted by the people of Assam.

"The accusations levelled by the Chief Minister against Gaurav Gogoi are not something the people of Assam will believe," she



asserted.

The Congress leader also commented on the controversy surrounding popular Assamese singer Zubeen Garg, urging political parties to keep artists out of political battles.

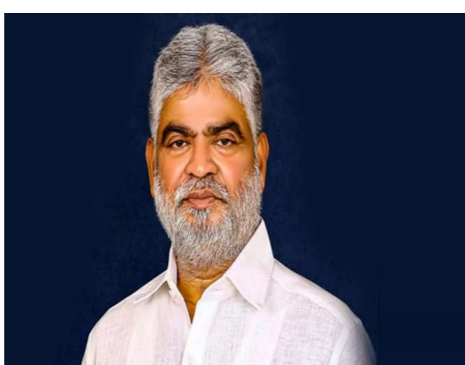
"Zubeen Garg is the soul of Assam. He is an individual who stands above politics. There should be no politics over Zubeen Garg," she said, describing him as a beloved cultural icon of the state.

Priyanka Gandhi reiterated that the Congress party would focus on issues affecting common people, particularly unemployment, rising prices and development, while fighting the elections.

She added that the party was prepared to take on the ruling BJP politically and democratically, with an emphasis on respect, values and people-centric governance.

# Speaker takes up disqualification plea against Kadiyam Srihari

Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar took up the hearing of the disqualification petition against MLA Kadiyam Srihari on Thursday. BRS leader KP Vivekananda, who filed the petition, appeared before the Speaker for the proceedings. Advocates representing Kadiyam Srihari cross-examined Vivekananda during the session. This follows a similar cross-examination held a day earlier involving Padi Kaushik Reddy regarding Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender, where advocates questioned the evidence



of Nagender joining the Congress.

The Supreme Court recently directed the Speaker to com-

plete the hearing and reach a decision, granting a final opportunity to resolve the matter. The apex court warned that it would initiate contempt orders if a decision is not taken this time. Following the hearing, Vivekananda informed reporters that the BRS would approach the court again regardless of the outcome.

He alleged that the Speaker has not yet provided copies of previous verdicts and claimed the process is being stalled. He further asserted that Chief Minister

Revanth Reddy is attempting to deceive the judiciary.

Vivekananda predicted that by-elections are certain in ten constituencies as he believes ten MLAs will inevitably face disqualification. He sharply criticised Kadiyam Srihari, suggesting his mental condition was poor and that he had betrayed the party that gave him political life. He noted that KCR had appointed Srihari as Deputy Chief Minister and challenged him to resign and face the electorate if he has the courage.

The BRS leader further alleged that the Congress party secured previous local election victories through violence and predicted they would be swept away in the next assembly polls. He concluded by stating that the country is not in a position to trust Rahul Gandhi or the Congress. The political standoff continues as the Speaker evaluates the evidence under strict judicial scrutiny from the Supreme Court.

## Section 22A cloud looms over Anand Nagar Colony



Hyderabad: Residents of Anand Nagar Colony in Nadargul, under Balapur mandal revenue limits of Rangareddy district, have objected to the Revenue Department's claim that Section 22A is applicable to lands in Survey Numbers 197/2 to 197/35.

Colony members questioned the rationale behind invoking Section 22A for the said lands, stating that there appears to be inconsistency in the official stand taken by the authorities. They pointed out that the District Collector had earlier clearly described the land as "Lavani Patta" land. However, at a later stage, the same land was reportedly termed as coming under Assignment Lands provisions, leading to confusion among residents.

The residents expressed concern over what they termed as contradictory statements, asking how land identified as Lavani Patta could subsequently be classified under Assignment Laws. They demanded clarity from the authorities regarding the exact status of the land.

Speaking on the issue, Mohamad Nazrul Hasan, senior member of the Anand Nagar Welfare Society, alleged that such inconsistent positions were causing hardship to genuine residents. He questioned whether the Revenue Department exists to resolve public grievances or to push citizens into further difficulties by issuing unclear or conflicting orders.

The residents have urged the Revenue authorities to provide a transparent clarification on the applicability of Section 22A and the legal status of the land to avoid further complications for property holders in the area.

## Govt opens 25 Atal canteens; each to serve 1K meals/day



The Delhi government on Thursday inaugurated 25 Atal Canteens across the national capital as part of a scheme to serve affordable and nutritious meals to urban poor, labourers and other underprivileged residents. Inaugurating one such canteen at Krishna Nagar, Delhi Chief Minister Gupta said the Atal Canteen Scheme was guided by the vision that no resident of Delhi should go to bed hungry.

Union Minister and local MP Harsh Malhotra, Delhi Urban Development minister Ashish Sood, and BJP MLA Anil Goyal were also present at the programme. The chief minister praised officials of the Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB) for executing the project within a short timeframe, and said that the initiative was in line with the ideals of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

Each canteen will serve approximately 1,000 meals per day, benefiting over 1 lakh people daily across the city, the CM added.

The government has allocated Rs 104 crore for the operation and management of this scheme, which was launched on December 25, 2025 – the birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

# Thefts prompt DMRC to replace copper cables with aluminium

New Delhi  
Repeated thefts of copper signalling and power cables seem to have forced the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) into a strategic overhaul of its network. The corporation plans to replace copper wiring with aluminium across 175 kilometre of its system to "theft-proof" the network.

The DMRC will invest Rs 32.59 crore over the next 18 months to swap 33-kilovolt (kV) copper wiring for aluminium. According to the corporation officials, existing 33kV copper cables will be removed and replaced with aluminium cables (1CX400 sq mm), which will be laid in trefoil formation along metro viaducts.

The overhaul targets the most vulnerable sections of the network, including the Yamuna Bank line near the riverbed, the Airport



Express Line and the Pink Line near Seelampur and Welcome stations.

The DMRC said the project aims to improve the reliability of the auxiliary power supply. Copper thefts have frequently caused power supply failure and signalling disruptions, forcing trains to operate at restricted speeds and causing delays. Last year, 89 instances of

cable theft cases were reported. Of these, 32 involved signalling cables and 22 involved electrical wirings. One major incident in March last year between Seelampur and Welcome stations severely disrupted the signalling system, forcing trains to slow to 25 kmph between Mansarovar Park and Seelampur. The disruption caused a cas-

cading effect across the Red Line, delaying commuters journeys for the entire day. The metro system depends on hundreds of kilometres of cables running through viaducts and tunnels to support traction, telecommunication and electrical systems.

Any damage to these cables causes unwarranted delays. Replacing damaged cables during operation hours is challenging and risky as trains operate every three to five minutes.

Despite previous preventive measures, including cementing cables, installing anti-theft clamps and using concertina coils, thefts have continued. As recently as on January 11 this year, thieves cut around 800 metres of signalling cable on the Airport Express Line between Dhaula Kuan and Shivaji Stadium.

## National Herald case: HC to hear ED plea against Gandhis on Mar 9

The Delhi High Court on Thursday listed for hearing on March 9 a plea by the ED challenging the order of the trial court that refused to take cognisance of its chargesheet against Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and others in the National Herald related money laundering case.

Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma granted time to the Gandhis and others to file their replies. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Enforcement Directorate (ED), objected to the request made by the counsel for the respondent leaders for additional time to file responses, saying notice was served to them two

months ago.

Terming it a "neat question of law", he said the case has to be argued on law and not facts, and the findings of the trial court were "coming in the way" of other cases. The reasons given by the trial court to refuse taking cognisance in the case were "patently perverse", the solicitor general said.

On December 22, the high court had issued notice to the Gandhis and others on the main petition as well as on the ED's application seeking a stay on the December 16, 2025 trial court order, which held that cognisance of the agency's complaint in the case was "impermissible in law" as it



was not founded on an FIR.

Besides Gandhis, the high court had also issued notices to Suman Dubey, Sam Pitroda, Young Indian, Dotex Merchandise Pvt Ltd and Sunil Bhandari on the ED's plea. The ED has

accused Sonia and Rahul Gandhi, as well as Congress leaders Motilal Vora and Oscar Fernandes, along with Suman Dubey, Sam Pitroda, and a private company, Young Indian, of conspiracy and money laundering.

# Spiritual fervour marks Kailasagiri Giri Pradakshina in Srikalahasti

Tirupati: The annual Kailasagiri Giri Pradakshina, held as part of Maha Sivaratri festivities, drew massive crowds of devotees in Srikalahasti on Thursday, turning the temple town into a hub of devotion and cultural activity. Beginning early in the morning, thousands joined the sacred procession, chanting hymns as they followed the utsava idols of Somaskanda Murthy and Gnanambika along the traditional route.

Starting around 7 am, the day-long spiritual journey covered nearly 25 kilometres around the Kailasagiri hillock. The procession moved through several villages, where residents welcomed the deities with prayers, offerings, and



devotional music. Bhajan groups and cultural troupes accompanied the procession, adding to the festive atmosphere.

Devotees consider the Giri Pradakshina a deeply sacred ritual, believing that divine forces and sages

spiritually traverse the hill during the event to bless participants and nearby communities.

At every halt, villagers performed special prayers and offered Naivedyam before the procession resumed.

The ritual takes place twice a year — during Makara Sankranti and Maha Sivaratri — after the Kalyanotsavam ceremony. It is also customary for devotees to climb Dakshina Kailasagiri on every full-moon day to fulfil vows.

Temple authorities ensured elaborate arrangements, including an Annadanam programme for devotees. Several dignitaries and temple officials including Devasthanam Chairman Kotte Sai Prasad, EO T Bapi Reddy, former MLA Biyyapu Madhusudan Reddy and former Devasthanam Chairman Anjuru Taraka Srinivasulu along with others took part in the event.

# Tiger Shroff on 'Downtown': One of the coolest worlds I've stepped into

Mumbai: Tiger Shroff has joined hands with choreographer Bosco Leslie Martis for the party song 'Downtown'. The Bollywood action hero says it is one of the "coolest worlds" he's stepped into.

Tiger said, "Every song challenges you differently, but Downtown really pushed me mentally and physically in new ways. The setup was intense and technical, which meant every move had to be sharp and completely locked in."

Downtown is backed by BLM Music. It features Tiger alongside Akanksha Sharma. The creative force behind iconic dance hits like Jai Jai Shiv Shankar,



Tauba Tauba and Jhoomo Jo Pathaan, Bosco has built a high-octane, firefighter-inspired world packed with smoke, sirens, sparks, and water. The actor grooves in heavy gear to deliver a vibe that's equal parts gritty, stylish, and totally unmiss-

able.

Speaking about Bosco, Tiger said: "Bosco sir has this incredible way of pushing you beyond your comfort zone and helping you discover a new rhythm within yourself. I love that process — it keeps you growing as a performer. The song is raw, powerful, and visually very different from anything I've done before. It's definitely one of the coolest worlds I've stepped into, and I can't wait for audiences to see this new side of me."

Talking about the making of the video, Bosco shared: "With Downtown, the idea was to celebrate firefighters in the coolest manner through a fun, high-

energy visual narrative. The treatment was all about creating something stylish, aspirational and entertaining on screen."

"Shooting this entire video within 9 hours, it was truly about celebrating the spirit in the most exciting way possible through music and choreography."

Tiger was last seen in "Baaghi 4" directed by A. Harsha. It is an unofficial remake of the 2013 Tamil film Ainthu Ainthu Ainthu. In the film, a grieving man awakens from a coma and sets out to uncover the truth about his missing girlfriend who nobody believes even exists.

## Hey Balwanth: A heartfelt, clean comedy-drama

After a brief theatrical pause, Suhas returns to cinemas with Hey Balwanth, a warm comedy-drama that marks a refreshing phase in his career. Backed by presenters Vamsi Nandipati and Bunny Vasu, the film arrives with strong curiosity and smart promotions. Directed by Gopi Atchara, the film blends humour, emotion, and social sensibility, offering audiences a light-hearted yet meaningful theatrical experience.

**Story**  
Krishna (Suhas) grows up admiring his father's dedication to their family business and dreams of continuing the legacy after completing his studies. However, his father encourages him to find his own path. Krishna joins an NGO run by Mithra (Shivani Nagaram), where love blooms between them. When his father's sudden illness forces him to step in and manage the family business, Krishna faces unexpected chal-



lenges that test his maturity, responsibility, and emotional strength. The story follows his journey of self-discovery, relationships, and transformation.

**Performances**  
Suhas delivers a charming and effortless performance, especially in comedy sequences where his natural timing shines. His emotional scenes are handled with restraint and sincerity. Shivani

Nagaram complements him well, bringing warmth and humour to her role. Sudarshan emerges as a major highlight with his impeccable comic timing, generating consistent laughs. Naresh, Vennela Kishore, Harsha Vardhan, Ajay Ghosh, Annapurna, and Babu Mohan add strong support, enriching the narrative with solid performances.

### Technicalities

Director Gopi Atchara presents the story with a clean, family-friendly tone, focusing on relatable emotions and situational comedy. Vivek Sagar's music blends smoothly into the narrative, with pleasant songs and an effective background score. Mahi Reddy Pandugula's cinematography keeps the visuals simple and natural, while the production values maintain a neat, grounded aesthetic.

### Analysis

Hey Balwanth works best as a feel-good social dramedy that balances humour with emotion. Its clean comedy, heartfelt dialogues, and relatable father-son dynamics give it strong emotional grounding. With engaging performances and a positive narrative tone, the film delivers an enjoyable theatrical experience, making it a satisfying and comforting watch for family audiences.

## Rashmika Mandanna and Vijay Deverakonda reportedly shoot advertisement ahead of Udaipur wedding



Mumbai: Bollywood and Tollywood stars Rashmika Mandanna and Vijay Deverakonda are reported to have taken time out from their professional commitments to shoot an advertisement together before their much-anticipated wedding in Udaipur later this month.

According to entertainment industry sources, the actors are said to have filmed a high-profile commercial in the run-up to their reported destination wedding in the historic city of Udaipur, Rajasthan, which is widely believed to be scheduled for 26 February 2026. The advertisement shoot, which has not been publicly detailed by Mandanna or Deverakonda's teams, comes amid intense media and fan interest in their personal plans.

Neither Mandanna nor Deverakonda has issued an official confirmation regarding their wedding date or venue, but mounting signals have fuelled speculation. A wedding invitation featuring the couple's names and a date later this month circulated on social media, prompting further buzz. Meanwhile, Deverakonda's Hyderabad residence has been decorated with lights, a development that has been widely shared online and interpreted by fans as a sign of imminent nuptials.

Reports indicate that the pair are intent on keeping their ceremony extremely private, with measures said to include a strict no-phone policy for guests and non-disclosure agreements for professional photographers. They are also believed to have hired international security to manage the event and protect their privacy.

Despite the swirl of reports, both Mandanna and Deverakonda have maintained a dignified silence on the specifics of their wedding plans. Industry insiders suggest that the festivities will include a reception in Hyderabad after the Udaipur ceremony, though these details have also not been formally confirmed.

Mandanna, who has paused or adjusted her shooting schedule for her forthcoming films, and Deverakonda, one of the most bankable stars of South Indian cinema, have long been subjects of intense public interest since their first on-screen pairing in Geetha Govindam (2018), which sparked widespread speculation about their off-screen relationship.

Fans and media alike are watching closely as the reported wedding date approaches, with every development from advertisement shoots to subtle public appearances adding to the anticipation.

## Akshay Kumar reveals Mithila Palkar portrays his sister in 'Bhoot Bangla'

Mumbai: Bollywood superstar Akshay Kumar and actress Mithila Palkar, who are set to share the screen in the upcoming film 'Bhoot Bangla', reunited on the sets of the reality game show, 'Wheel of Fortune'.

During the episode, the Bollywood superstar revealed that the actress will be seen essaying the role of his sister in the upcoming film. Akshay Kumar gave a warm welcome to Mithila Palkar on the set, as he introduced her to the audience.

He said, "Mithila started her journey from the internet and is working in many films now. And soon, she will be seen with an actor who is very

well known to me, guess who, me".

Officially speaking about their collaboration, Akshay shared, "In 'Bhoot Bangla', Mithila will be seen playing the role not of the 'bhoot', but of my sister".

While Akshay shared details about Mithila's onscreen character, the young actress was also quick to share fun behind-the-scenes moments from the set. She said, "I've come on the show to recover and repay all the money I lost to you (Akshay) during the course of shooting for 'Bhoot Bangla'".

Continuing their fun banter, Akshay quipped, "You better win and repay me



for all the games you lost on set, otherwise this time we will play Judo, not Ludo". Both Akshay and Mithila were seen in high spirits as they reminisced about shooting together for 'Bhoot Bangla' and playing brother-sister

onscreen for the first time.

Akshay was last seen onscreen in 2025 in the comedy drama, 'Jolly LLLB 3', while Mithila's last release was Aamir Khan Productions' 'Happy Patel' alongside Vir Das.

## Ibrahim Zadran's 95 Runs Power Afghanistan to Big Win in Jonathan Trott's Farewell Match

Ibrahim Zadran 95 runs helped Afghanistan to a big day in cricket. In an international cricket match report from the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, Afghanistan played against Canada in Afghanistan cricket latest news. Zadran scored 95 runs. This is the best scores any Afghan players in the World Cup has played. He played very well and hit many boundaries which made the fans very happy.]



Afghanistan had done a total of 200 runs for 4 wickets when they were batting first. Their batting performance was very strong because of their

Player, Zadran. He scored a lot and got good support from his teams players. The bowlers also did extremely well. They made sure Canada had no chance against them. Afghanistan won from 82

This match was extra special because it was Jonathan Trott's farewell match as coach of the Afghanistan team. Trott has been helping the

team grow for years. After the game, Zadran gave his Player of the Match award to Trott and said nice things about him. This gave the Afghanistan team a happy memory even though they could not reach the next round.

The Zadran match highlights show that he played with skill and heart, guiding his team to an Afghanistan big win cricket moment on the field. The whole community celebrated the victory. They said goodbye to Trott in a good way. This was a proud day for the Afghanistan's cricket team.

## WI brush aside Italy; end group stage unbeaten

Kolkata: Skipper Shai Hope's second consecutive fifty and a disciplined performance by bowlers powered West Indies to a comfortable 42-run victory over Italy, ensuring that the Caribbeans finished their group stage campaign unbeaten in the T20 World Cup here on Thursday.

Despite a shaky batting performance, the Caribbean pace and spin attack clicked in unison, ensuring a winning momentum heading into the Super Eights from Group C.

Set a target of 166, Italy were bowled out for 123 in 18 overs with Matthew Forde (3/19), Shamar Joseph (4/30) and

Gudakesh Motie (2/24) doing the bulk of the damage with the ball for West Indies. Skipper Hope slammed a 46-ball 75 to guide West Indies to 165/6 after Italy opted to field. Hope's fluent knock with six fours and four sixes held the innings together, but experienced spinners Ben Manenti (2/37) and Crishan Kalugamage (2/25) choked the run flow in the back end to keep the total in check.

On a batting-friendly Eden surface with a lightning outfield, where England's 202 was nearly chased down by Italy in the previous game, the target looked underwhelming at the innings break. But West Indies'



bowlers got the job done without much hassle. "Four and four is a result, you want in the next stage again. So let's just take it one day at a time," said Hope on his team's unbeaten run in the tournament so far.

Brief scores:

West Indies: 165/6 in 20 overs (Shai Hope 75; Crishan Kalugamage 2/25, Ben Manenti 2/37) beat Italy: 123 all out in 18 overs (Ben Manenti 26, JJ Smuts 24; Matthew Forde 3/19, Shamar Joseph 4/30) by 42 runs.

## Zimbabwe stun Lanka by six wkts



Colombo: Zimbabwe notched up a stunning six-wicket win over Sri Lanka in their final Group B T20 World Cup match here on Thursday. Opting to bat, Pathum Nissanka carted eight fours en route to a 41-ball 62 and Pavan Rathnayake blasted a 25-ball 44 in the back end as SL posted 178 for 7. In reply, Brian Bennett (63) hit a fifty and skipper Sikandar Raza (45) produced the needed acceleration as Zimbabwe chased down the total, scoring 182-4 in 19.3 overs to top the group. Earlier, Graeme Cremer (2/27), Blessing Muzarabani (2/38) and Brad Evans (2/35) claimed two wickets each for Zimbabwe. Both the teams have qualified for the Super 8s.

**Brief Scores:** Sri Lanka: 178-7 in 20 overs (Pathum Nissanka 62; Graeme Cremer 2/27, Blessing Muzarabani 2/38). Zimbabwe: 182 for 4 in 19.3 overs (Brian Bennett 63, Sikandar Raza 45; Dushan Hemantha 2/36).

## Film on tribal icons Sammakka, Saralamma mooted by Rahul



Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi has suggested that a film should be produced to popularise the history of Sammakka and Saralamma across the country. Top Congress leaders met Telangana ministers in the national capital on Thursday, where the recently concluded Medaram Jatara was a key point of discussion. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi congratulated Minister Seethakka for successfully organising the tribal fair on such a grand scale. The Medaram Jatara, regarded as one of the largest tribal congregations in the nation, was discussed for about ten minutes during this high level meeting. Kharge and Rahul Gandhi enquired about the history and cultural significance of the festival. Seethakka explained the legacy and the story of the valiant struggle of Sammakka and Saralamma, which drew keen interest from the senior leaders. A light-hearted exchange also took place during the meeting when Rahul Gandhi remarked that he would have certainly attended the Medaram Jatara if he had been invited. Kharge added that he too would have visited the mothers, Sammakka and Saralamma, if extended an official invitation. In response, Seethakka explained that she could not personally invite them this time due to severe time constraints but assured them that an official invitation would be extended for the next fair.

## AP RJC SET 2026 Applications Open for Gurukul Colleges



The Andhra Pradesh Residential Educational Institutions Society has issued a notification inviting applications from students for the AP RJC SET 2026. The exam is for admissions to First Year Intermediate English Medium courses at Gurukul Junior Colleges across Andhra Pradesh for the academic year 2026-27.

The official notification is now available on the society's website. Based on the ranks obtained in the exam, students will be allocated seats in various groups at 10 Gurukul Junior Colleges throughout the state.

Selected students will receive free food, accommodation, and high-quality education. Any student currently in Class 10 can apply by 31st March 2026.

## Telangana minister visits senior leader Jeevan Reddy, inquires about health



State Welfare Minister Adhuri Laxman Kumar visited former minister and senior Congress figure Jeevan Reddy, who is currently receiving treatment at KIMS Hospital in Secunderabad due to illness.

The minister visited the hospital on Friday and inquired about Jeevan Reddy's health from the medical staff. He emphasized the importance of providing him with the best possible care, given his senior status, and urged hospital authorities to ensure there was no negligence.

Wishing Jeevan Reddy a swift recovery and hoping to see him back in public life soon, the minister expressed his concern. It is understood that Jeevan Reddy, who was admitted to KIMS by his family members, is now recovering under continuous medical supervision. Several other Congress leaders and activists also visited the hospital during this time.

## Australia beat India Women by 19 runs in 2nd T20I

Canberra: Australia beat India by 19 runs in the second Women's T20 International to draw the three-match series level at 1-1 here on Thursday. Georgia Voll (88) and Beth Mooney (46) recorded the best-ever opening partnership of 128 runs for Australia against India as the hosts posted 163 for five after being asked to bat first. In reply, skipper Harmanpreet Kaur (36), Smriti Mandhana (31), Shafali Verma (29) were the main contributors for India, who ended at 144 for nine in 20 overs. Ashleigh Gardner was the top bowler for Australia with fine figures of 3/22 in four overs, while there were two wickets apiece for Kim Garth, Sophie Molineux and Annabel Sutherland.

