

**PANCHANGAM**

**Tithi**  
Sukla Paksha Tritiya  
Upto : Apr 01 05:42 AM  
Sukla Paksha Chaturthi  
Upto : Apr 02 02:32 AM

**Nakshatra**  
Bharani  
Upto : Apr 01 11:06 AM  
Krittika  
Upto : Apr 02 08:49 AM

**Rahukalam**  
3:34 PM – 5:06 PM

**Yamagandam**  
9:26 AM – 10:58 AM

**Gulika**  
12:30 PM – 2:02 PM

**Dur Muhurat**  
08:50 AM – 09:39 AM,  
11:19 PM – 12:06 AM

**Varjyam**  
09:58 PM – 11:25 PM

**WEATHER**  
**Forecast :** Sunny  
**Temperature :** 35° / 22°  
**Humidity :** 44 %  
**Sunrise :** 6:22 AM  
**Sunset :** 6:38 PM

## Thunderstorm with lightning and gusty winds likely in Telangana Apr 1-4: Met

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad, Mar 31 :** Thunderstorm accompanied by lightning and gusty winds speed ranging from 40-50 kmph is likely to occur at isolated places in Telangana from April 1 to 4, Meteorological Centre said on Monday.

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers are likely to occur at isolated places in the state from April 1 to 6. Dry weather is likely to prevail in Telangana during the next 24 hours.

No large change in maximum temperatures for today and tomorrow, thereafter gradually falling by 2-4 degrees Celsius in the state during the next 4 days.

Dry weather prevailed in Telangana during the last 24 hours.



**Odisha Govt to celebrate Odia Festival - Minister**



**Samoa declares state of emergency due to power crisis : media**



**ATS Homekraft sells 400 plots near Jewar airport for Rs 1,200 crore**

## Vanguard, one of world's top investment management companies, to establish first India GCC in Hyderabad

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad, Mar 31 :** Vanguard, one of the world's most respected investment management companies, today announced its decision to establish its first Global Capability Center (GCC) in India in Hyderabad after a fruitful discussion, with Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Vanguard, which operates under a unique, investor-owned structure, manages global assets worth \$10 Trillion (approximately) and serves more than 50 million investors, will formally open its Hyderabad office later this year, and will employ 2,300 members over the next four years.

The senior delegation from

the company, led by its CEO Mr Salim Ramji, and CIO and MD of IT division, Mr Nitin Tandon, Chief Human Resources Officer John Couture, and Principal, Head of GCC—Vanguard India, Venkatesh Natarajan, met the official TelanganaRising delegation led by Chief Minister A. Revanthy Reddy and top officials, including Chief Secretary Shanti Kumari.

During the discussions, Vanguard said it would immediately look to hire engineers with a special focus on Artificial Intelligence, Data & Analytics, and Mobile Engineering at its Hyderabad facility.

"We're excited to be adding talent who will focus on AI, mobile, and cloud-based technologies that drive our business outcomes and deliver a world-class experience for our clients. Hyderabad was a great obvious choice for us because of its diverse talent pool, quality of living, an ecosystem of tech expertise and innovation mindset and the friendly policies of the Telangana state government," said Salim Ramji, CEO, Vanguard.

Welcoming Vanguard to Hyderabad, Chief Minister Revanthy Reddy said, "I am delighted to welcome Vanguard to join the irresistible and unstoppable HyderabadRising vision. As part of TelanganaRising, we are shaping Hyderabad into a GCC hub for the world across domains and Vanguard's endorsement will further strengthen our global positioning."

Vanguard's Office in India is a significant milestone in its



global expansion, which builds on a decade of partnership with third-party partners to enable it to directly access talent and increase the proportion of technology crew in its global workforce.

Vanguard is committed to establishing an enduring technology center in Hyderabad. The Vanguard Hyderabad office would serve as an integral part of the global organization, become an innovation hub that will support IT mission and goals, and drive AI strategy, unlock potential of our data and analytics, and support the firm's mobile-first initiatives.

Vanguard is currently designing its strategy to ensure it finds right talent to add to its global crew with a special focus on AI, Data and Analytic, and Mobile Engineering.

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## Kishan Reddy launches Viksit Bharat Entrepreneurs Network in Hyderabad

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad, Mar 31 :** Union Minister of Coal and Mines and Telangana BJP President G Kishan Reddy on Monday launched the Viksit Bharat Entrepreneurs Network at Banjara Hills, Hyderabad.

Speaking to the media on the occasion, Reddy said, "With the goal of making India a developed nation by 2047, we have launched the 'Viksit Bharat Entrepreneurs Network' in Hyderabad to support and guide entrepreneurs in their journey."

He emphasised that many young Indians aspire to conduct research and establish their own businesses but require proper guidance. He stressed the need to nurture entrepreneurs, particularly in rural areas, constituency centers, and district hubs, while also leveraging technology to drive transformation in the agricultural sector.

Reddy highlighted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's strong encouragement for startups and young entrepreneurs, noting that the central government has simplified loan approvals and other banking permissions to facilitate business growth.

The Viksit Bharat Entrepreneurs Network aims to empower and train the youth of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh to become successful entrepreneurs, ultimately creating lakhs of job opportunities.

Reddy extended his heartfelt congratulations to Amar Nath and his team for their efforts in establishing the organisation.

He added that through this initiative, students will have greater opportunities to enter the business sector after completing their education and contribute to the nation's development.



## Bandi Sanjay slams T-Govt over UoH protest crackdown, land sales

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad, Mar 31 :** Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, strongly criticised the Telangana government and police for the recent lathi charge on students protesting to protect the University of Hyderabad (UoH) lands.

Speaking to the media at the BJP state office, Nampally here on Monday, he accused the state of suppressing student voices and questioned the necessity of selling public lands.

"Students were protesting for UoH lands, yet they were beaten mercilessly. Girls were dragged by their hair-what kind of governance is this?" he lashed out. He demanded an immediate inquiry and action against the police officers involved.

He also alleged that the Telangana government is selling lands to cover expenses, stating, "Is your only agenda to make money by selling public assets worth thousands of crores? What will be left for future generations?" Calling for the withdrawal of the UoH land auction decision, he assured the BJP's full support for the protesting students.

He questioned the Telangana government's transparency on the ration rice issue, asserting that the Centre bears the majority of costs under the fine rice scheme. He accused the state of failing to acknowledge the Centre's contribution.

On Group-1 exam irregularities, he demanded a judicial inquiry, citing student grievances. "The government must ensure meritorious students are not denied justice," he stated.

## Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy flags off first consignment of Telangana rice to Philippines

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad, Mar 31 :** Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Capt N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Monday announced that Telangana had successfully exported its first consignment of rice to the Philippines, marking a major step in tapping global markets for the state's surplus paddy.

Speaking to media persons after flagging off the shipment at Kakinada Port, Uttam Kumar Reddy said that 12,500 metric tonnes of rice, which was dispatched earlier in the day. "This is a significant moment for Telangana's farmers and our agriculture sector," he said.

Uttam Kumar Reddy said Telangana has emerged as a major paddy-producing state, thanks to favourable soil, climatic conditions, and the proactive support provided by the Congress government. He noted that paddy is the main crop cultivated by farmers, and production has seen consistent growth. "This year the annual paddy production was about 280 lakh metric tonnes (LMTs), and we often produce far more than what is required for the state and central pool," he added.

The Minister pointed out that the State Government has been incurring heavy expenditure on paddy procurement and related costs. "Due to undue delays in receiving the cost of Custom Milled Rice (CMR) from the Government of India and the Food Corporation of India (FCI), we are facing a serious financial burden in the form of interest payments," he said.

In this context, the state government explored export options to offload surplus rice. "We found an opportunity with the Philippines, which, after conducting a thorough assessment of rice samples from Telangana, expressed interest in importing our rice," said Uttam Kumar Reddy.

He informed that several rounds of discussions were held between officials of Telangana and the Philippines. "After examining the quality, the Philippines government proposed to initially purchase 1 LMT of rice and 8 LMTs of paddy from Telangana. Based on this, an MoU was signed, and a formal agreement was reached between The Telangana State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited (TGSCSCL) and Planters Products Inc., representing the Philippines government," he explained.

The agreement specifies that the exported rice would be of the IR64/MTU1010 variety, with 5% broken, well-milled, polished, and sortex quality. The rice must also adhere to strict quality parameters including minimal foreign matter, low moisture content (up to 14%), and limited damaged, discoloured, and red grains.

"The export rate was finalised at Rs 36,000 per metric tonne, ex-Kakinada Port," he announced.

He further stated that 103 rice mills in Telangana participated in milling the MSP paddy for this export. "This is just the beginning. We are confident that Telangana rice (Cont. on Pg 2)



## Heavy Security at UoH amid student protests over land issue

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad, Mar 31 :** Police have intensified security at University of Hyderabad (UoH) following student protests against the alleged auction of university land.

Heavy police deployment has been made at the university's main gate and inside the campus as a precautionary measure.

The unrest began when authorities attempted to flatten 400 acres of land with bulldozers, triggering student outrage. Clashes erupted on Sunday night, leading to multiple student arrests, though they were later released.

Fearing continued protests on Monday, police have tightened security, allowing entry only to students and staff after verification.

The government insists the 400 acres do not belong to the university and are being auctioned through Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGILC).

However, students strongly oppose this claim, asserting that the land rightfully belongs to UoH. Protests are expected to continue as students demand an immediate halt to the land leveling process.

## Conveyor belt restoration accelerated as SLBC tunnel rescue operations intensify in Telangana

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nagarkurnool, Mar 31 :** The restoration of the conveyor belt in the SLBC tunnel is progressing rapidly as rescue operations continue at full pace.

"It may be noted that the SLBC tunnel accident occurred on February 22, trapping eight workers. So far, the bodies of two victims have been recovered and handed over to their families. Authorities are making special efforts to expedite operations and rescue the remaining six workers."

On Monday, SLBC Tunnel Special Officer Shiv Shankar Loteti conducted a review meeting with senior officials overseeing the ongoing relief efforts at the accident site. He emphasised that the rescue operations are being carried out continuously and more effectively with the acceleration of conveyor belt restoration.

Special Officer Loteti stated that the state government is closely monitoring the situation, ensuring that multiple teams, including the Army, NDRF, SDRF,



Hydra, Singareni Mines Rescue, and South Central Railway, are working round the clock despite adverse conditions. He highlighted that expert advice is being incorporated into the operations, with specialized teams coordinating efficiently to enhance rescue efforts.

Providing an update on the progress, he informed that the conveyor belt is being restored from 13,630 meters to 13,730 meters within the tunnel. Additionally, soil removal operations inside the tunnel are being carried out using excavators. The South Central Railway personnel are actively cutting and removing steel obstructions through a loco train to facilitate smoother rescue operations. Furthermore, high-capacity pumps are being used daily to drain spring water from the tunnel.

Special Officer Loteti commended the rescue teams for their dedication and tireless efforts, noting that they continue their work (Cont. on Pg 2)

## The role of Muslims in the freedom struggle is unforgettable : Minister Komatireddy Venkata Reddy

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nalgonda bureau, Mar 31 :** State Roads, Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkata Reddy said that Nalgonda district is a symbol of religious harmony.

On the occasion of Ramzan, he greeted all the Muslims in the district after interacting with the Muslims who offered prayers on the occasion of the holy month of Ramzan at the Eidgah on Munugodu Road near the Nalgonda district headquarters.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that the role of Muslims in the freedom struggle is unforgettable.

He said that the services rendered by Abdul Kalam as President and as a scientist are unforgettable. He called on all Hindus and Muslims to cooperate together to develop Nalgonda town, which is a symbol of religious harmony in Nalgonda district. He said that law and order should be good in Nalgonda and that all Hindus and Muslims should live together. He said that he has been working



for the development of dargahs and Eidgahs in Nalgonda town for the last 25 years. He said that the Eidgah here is the biggest Eidgah in Telangana. He said that drinking water and all the facilities were arranged without any problem even though about 40,500 people participated in the recent Istema organized in Nalgonda.

Especially, lakhs of people come to Latif Saab Dargah every year during Urs and other festivals, and the elderly and the

and the work will start within a week.

He revealed that as part of the welfare and development of Muslims in Nalgonda, the District Collector has already been instructed to provide 10 percent reservation to eligible Muslim candidates in Mahatma Gandhi University, Medical College, Collectorate and other government institutions on outsourcing and contact method. In addition, steps are being taken to build houses for poor Muslims, land has been identified for the construction of houses for the poor near Nalgonda town, plots will be given to those who do not have plots and houses will be built for five lakh rupees, and if there are plots, houses will be built directly, he said.

District SP Sarath Chandra Power said that all Hindus and Muslims in the district should have a sense of brotherhood and extended Ramzan greetings. Additional Collector J. Srinivas, former Municipal Chairman Burri Srinivas Reddy and others were present.



Muslims celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr with joy and festivity across Telangana

(Capital Information) Hyderabad, Mar 31 : Muslims across Telangana celebrated Eid-ul-Fitr with joy and festivity on Monday, marking the end of the holy month of Ramadan.

Dressed in new clothes and wearing skull caps, men and children offered Namaz-e-Eid at Eidgahs and mosques. They exchanged Eid Mubarak greetings, embraced each other warmly, and shared festive delicacies like sweets and biryani with neighbours, including those from other faiths.

In twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad, the celebrations were marked by religious fervor and a spirit of unity. A large congregation gathered for special prayers at the historic Mecca Masjid in Charminar, as well as at various Eidgahs and mosques throughout the state.

Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Varma and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy extended their greetings to the Muslim community on this auspicious occasion.

Uncle-nephew duo killed in road accident in Shahjahanpur

Shahjahanpur (UP), Mar 31 (UNI) A 35-year-old man and his minor nephew were killed when a motorcycle was hit by a pickup van in Chowk Kotwali area of Shahjahanpur district in Uttar Pradesh, a police officer said here on Monday.

Additional Superintendent of Police (City) Devendra Kumar said that after the moon of Eid was sighted on Sunday night, Danish alias Shobhi's nephew, Jaan Hussain (5), both residents of Wajid Khel locality, insisted on eating ice cream. "When Danish was going to get ice cream with his nephew Jaan, their motorcycle was hit by the pickup van," he said.

He said that Danish and Jaan were seriously injured in the incident. "The police reached the spot immediately and admitted them to the medical college where both died during treatment," he said.

He said that after the incident, the driver fled from the spot leaving the pickup vehicle, which was impounded by the police.

LG visits families of police personnel martyred in Kathua encounter

Jammu, Mar 31 (UNI) Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday visited the families of police personnel martyred in Kathua encounter.

He visited the families of SgCt Balvinder Singh Chib, SgCt Jaswant Singh, HC Jagbir Singh, and SgCt Tariq Ahmed, at their native villages in Kana Chak, Londi, Mattu Khour and Chamba Katra, respectively.

The Lt Governor offered his condolences to the bereaved family members and paid homage to the valiant martyrs who made supreme sacrifice for the nation while fighting the terrorists in Kathua.

He assured all assistance and support to the families of the martyrs.

Then, the Lt Governor posted on X: "Visited the families of our Brave Sons of Maa Bharti, who attained Martyrdom while fighting the terrorists in Kathua. The supreme sacrifice of police personnel will never be forgotten.

"This grateful nation salutes their unwavering courage & valour. We stand firmly with the bereaved family members in this hour of grief. I assure that the government will extend all assistance and support to the families of our martyrs," added Sinha.

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"As with all of our locations, we will foster an inclusive environment centered around clear mission, meaningful work, and unique employee experience," Mr Ramji said.

Vanguard, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2025, is known for low costs, with an asset-weighted average U.S expense ratio of 0.08%, well below the industry average of 0.44%.

Lowering the cost of investing is a core tenet of Vanguard's business, based



on which it has established tremendous advantages and have major business

achievements. In 2025, Vanguard poised to help investors

save more than \$350 million in value through our largest expense ratio reduction to date,

- Vanguard have led the low-cost revolution in investment management industry and have lowered expense ratios more than 2,000 times since its founding 50 years ago. Our 20,000 crew across 16 locations around the globe maintain a focus on investors in everything they do—it's who we are and what makes our culture unique.

The government has launched the Fine Rice Scheme, said State IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu



(Capital Information) Jayashankar bhupalpally, 31 Mar : On Monday, at the fair price shop in Ramnagar Colony, Bhupalpally district headquarters, the minister, along with MLA Gandra Satyanarayana Rao and Trade Corporation Chairman Aitha Prakash Reddy, formally inaugurated the distribution program by cutting the ribbon and handing over the fine rice to beneficiaries.

Speaking at the event, Minister Sridhar Babu stated that the government's objective is to provide sufficient food to every poor family in the state. He mentioned that fine rice is being distributed

to families below the poverty line. Despite the state's financial challenges, the government has been steadily fulfilling its promises, achieving in just one and a half years what previous administrations could not accomplish. He credited Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for this historic achievement.

The minister emphasized that in the past, there were mafias controlling ration rice distribution, but the current government has successfully eliminated them permanently. He pointed out that in the last ten years, ration cards were not issued, whereas now,

the state government is issuing them to all eligible families. He elaborated on the benefits of the fine rice distribution scheme and how it enhances food security in the state, ensuring that poor families receive high-quality, nutritious rice.

Local MLA Gandra Satyanarayana Rao stated: As soon as the government came to power, it began implementing the six guarantees it had promised. The fine rice distribution scheme was launched as part of this commitment.

With this scheme, underprivileged families will receive nutritious food.

The ration card issuance process will continue without interruption, ensuring that every eligible family receives a ration card and fine rice.

Trade Corporation Chairman Aitha Prakash Reddy remarked: The scheme will reduce the financial burden on poor families.

The government is ensuring that every family with a ration card receives fine rice.

The event was attended by Additional Collector Ashok Kumar, DSO Ramulu, RDO Ravi, Tahsildar Srinivasulu, and other officials.



Distribution of essential commodities (Ramzan Tofa) to needy Muslim families

(Capital Information)

Peddapalli / Kamanpur, Mar 31 : On the occasion of the holy festival of Ramzan, on the orders of IT, Industries and Assembly Affairs Minister Sridhar Babu, Minority leaders distributed essential commodities to needy Muslim families (Ramzan Tofa) under the leadership of Mandal Convener Anwar and Minority Cell District Secretary Syed Iqbal at the local Minority Community Hall in Kamanpur Mandal Center.

Minority Cell Mandal President Afsar, Minority leaders Lallu, Yusuf, Khalim, Najeeb, Imtiaz, Latif, Rahim, and others participated in the program.

Conveyor belt restoration accelerated as SLBC tunnel rescue operations intensify in Telangana



(Cont. from Pg 1) irrespective of festivals. He assured that ventilation is being restored in alignment with soil excavation, and necessary precautions are being taken to safeguard the well-being of the rescue personnel.

The review meeting saw the participation of key officials, including Nagarkurnool District Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Deva Saawan, Army officers Vikas Singh and Vijay Kumar, SDRF officer Giridhar Reddy, Hydra officer Sudarshan Reddy, South Central Railway officer Nethi Chandra, Singareni Mines Rescue officer, and JP Company representatives. The collaborative efforts of these teams are ensuring swift progress in the rescue operations within the SLBC tunnel, an official statement said.



Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy flags off first consignment of Telangana rice to Philippines

(Cont. from Pg 1) will soon gain a strong foothold in international markets," Uttam Kumar Reddy said.

The Minister congratulated the farmers, rice millers, and officials of the Civil Supplies Corporation for their role in this achievement and said the government would continue to support initiatives that improve farmer incomes and reduce the state's financial burden.

Naidu shirking responsibility of implementing welfare schemes: YSRCP

(Capital Information)

Guntur, Mar 31 : YSRCP senior leader and former Minister of Andhra Pradesh Ambati Rambabu alleged that AP Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu is trying to shirk responsibility of implementing welfare schemes and relying on his pet theme of 'privatization' while his Deputy Pawan Kalyan has been displaying unbridled loyalty to his boss.

Speaking to media here on Monday, he said, Chandrababu Naidu's 'P4' is an extension of his privatization policy and shirking responsibility of poverty alleviation besides covering up his inability to implement Super Six promises.

"Naidu who boasted of creating wealth has now roped in wealthy people and gave them the responsibility of poverty alleviation which shows the manipulative politics of Chandrababu and the Super Six welfare schemes had gone paving way to

'P4,' he lashed out. "Wealth creation cannot be created and poverty cannot be driven out by outsourcing it to a handful of people. What is needed is



commitment like what YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has. The standard of living of the poor has to be increased by providing quality education, medicare and jobs," the former Minister stated, adding that Chandrababu Naidu is never into it.

Mr.Naidu has privatized medical colleges depriving the poor students of medical college seats and has been taking many anti people decisions and the anger is being pent up among the general public, he charged

adding that the coalition days are numbered.

Wealth creation could be seen only for Chandrababu and Pawan Kayan houses and their sole aims appear to be scheming as to how to land Lokesh in the Chief Minister's chair, he said. On earlier occasions Naidu had boasted of 'Janma Bhoomi', 'Sharma Danam' and many slogans which were confined only to cater to his friendly media and with the passing of time have melted away.

Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena party chief Pawan Kalyan has always been playing second fiddle and seems he likes to be in that role, whatever be the aspirations of his party cadre, he flayed. He has been endorsing all the moves of the Chief Minister and had declared that what he cannot achieve alone must be achieved by extending support to TDP, Ambati Rambabu criticised.

Telangana Govt clarifies land ownership amid Hyderabad Univ protest

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad, Mar 31 : In response to protests at the University of Hyderabad (UoH) over the alleged sale of 400 acres of land, the Telangana government issued an official clarification on Monday, asserting that the land in question belongs to the state and not the university.

The government stated that the 400 acres of land in Kanche Gachibowli, Serilingampally mandal, Rangareddy district, is state-owned, and no part of it belongs to the University of Hyderabad.

The land was originally allotted to a private company in 2004 but was later

reclaimed by the government after a prolonged legal battle. The Supreme Court ruled in favour of the Telangana government on May 3, 2024, confirming its ownership. Officials also emphasised that the ongoing development projects on this land will not harm the rock formations or lakes, as some claims suggest. The state government reiterated its commitment to sustainable and environmentally responsible development.

The land dispute dates back to 2004, when the then Andhra Pradesh government allotted the 400-acre parcel to IMG Academies Bharat Private Limited for

developing sports facilities. However, in 2006, the state government revoked the allotment and reassigned the land to the AP Youth Advancement, Tourism, and Cultural Department.

The private company subsequently filed a legal case, which was ultimately resolved in favour of the Telangana government by the High Court in March 2024. When the company challenged this ruling in the Supreme Court, the case was dismissed on May 3, 2024, further solidifying the state's ownership. Following this legal victory, the Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIC) requested the transfer of the

land for IT and other development projects, and the land was officially granted to TGIC on July 1, 2024.

The Telangana government refuted allegations of encroachment, stating that a survey conducted in coordination with the University of Hyderabad confirmed that no part of the land belongs to the university.

Officials also accused certain political groups and real estate entities of misleading students for their own interests. The government reiterated its stance that all development in the area will be carried out responsibly, ensuring the protection of local ecosystems, an official statement said.

Advertisement for Hyderabad Metro with a table of train timings. The table shows services starting from 06:00 and ending at 23:45 on weekdays, and 07:00 to 23:00 on weekends. It also includes the text 'Update on Metro Timing w.e.f. 1st April, 2025'.



## Take Necessary steps to ensure all eligible candidates to apply for the Rajiv Yuva Vikas scheme : Dy CM Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka

**(Capital Information)**  
Nagarkurnool, Mar 31 : On Monday evening, a video conference was held from Hyderabad regarding the Rajiv Yuva Vikas scheme, attended by the Chief Secretary of the state government, Shanti Kumari, along with district collectors and officials from all districts. In the Nagar Kurnool district video conference hall, the district collector Badavath Santosh, along with other district officials, participated in the meeting.



On this occasion, the Deputy Chief Minister stated that the scheme was being launched to support nearly 5 lakh unemployed youth belonging to SC, ST, BC, Minority, and other backward classes in the state to achieve financial stability. He emphasized that implementing this scheme would help

reduce unemployment in the state. He urged officials to create awareness among unemployed youth so that all eligible individuals apply before April 14, 2025.

As per the scheme : Loans up to ₹50,000 will have 100% waiver.

Loans up to ₹1 lakh will have 90% waiver.

Loans between ₹1 lakh and ₹2 lakh will have 80% subsidy.

Loans between ₹2 lakh and ₹4 lakh will have 70% subsidy, with the remaining amount being provided through bank loans.

He also mentioned that only one person per family is eligible for the scheme. The annual income should be below ₹1.5 lakh in rural areas and below ₹2 lakh in urban areas. Once applications are submitted, all required documents should be provided at the Municipal or MPDO offices.

During the video conference, District Collector Badavath Santosh stated that they had already taken steps to ensure maximum participation of eligible candidates in the Rajiv Yuva Vikas scheme. He mentioned that several press advertisements had already been released through various departments.

Furthermore, he instructed officials to encourage more applications at the village level. The details of the applications received so far for the scheme in the district were presented to the minister.



## Sri Kodanda Ramaswamy Temple Trust Calls for Land Donations

**(Capital Information)**  
Hyderabad, Mar 31 : The Sri Kodanda Ramaswamy Temple Trust in Sairam Nagar, Anjireddy Colony, Karmanghat, has launched a special initiative titled "Donate Land - Serve with Devotion." This initiative encourages devotees to contribute land for religious and community service purposes.

The trust emphasizes that true devotion goes beyond rituals and prayers and is reflected in selfless service. Citing Hindu scriptures, the temple authorities highlight the spiritual significance of Dana (charity) and its role in attaining divine blessings.

As part of this initiative, the trust is seeking land donations near the temple premises to aid in the development of religious and community facilities. Devotees are assured that all contributions will be used solely for temple-related activities and services.

The temple trust urges all devotees to participate in this noble cause and contribute towards preserving and expanding religious services.

For more details, interested individuals can contact the temple authorities.

## Two of family killed in road accident in Malappuram

Malappuram, Mar 31 (UNI) Two members of a family were killed after their scooter skidded and fell into a well while descending a steep slope at Kizhumuri, near Kadampuzha, in Marakkara panchayat of the district on Monday.

According to police, the deceased have been identified as K P Hussain (60) and his son Haris Babu (30).

The accident occurred at around 1030 am, when the father-son duo was on their way to a relative's house after attending the Eid prayer. The rider suddenly lost control of the scooter, hit the wall of the well and fell in.

Local residents and fire brigade personnel rushed to the spot, rescued the injured persons and shifted them to a nearby private hospital at Chankuvetti near Kottakkal, but doctors there declared them brought dead.



## ABVP Protests at Raj Bhavan Over HCU Land Issue, Demands Governor's Intervention

**(Capital Information)**  
Hyderabad, Mar 31 : Activists of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) staged a protest in front of Raj Bhavan, demanding Governor's intervention in the Hyderabad Central University (HCU) land issue.

ABVP Hyderabad City Secretary Prithvi Teja alleged that the Congress government is attempting to forcibly take over 400 acres of HCU land. He criticized the police for their indiscriminate action against ABVP activists who opposed the move. He expressed concern over the issue, stating that while the entire Telangana is worried about the fate of HCU land, the Governor's silence is disappointing.

Prithvi Teja urged the Governor to take immediate action to safeguard HCU land. He also accused the police of human rights violations by using excessive force on students protesting peacefully. He demanded that the Governor take suo motu cognizance of the matter and ensure the protection of the university's land.

ABVP State Joint Secretary Raju, State Working Committee Member Mahesh, along with leaders Uday, Vikram, Balu, Aditya, Shweta, Praneeth, Akash, Revanth, Rakesh, Nandu, Charan, Naveen, and others participated in the protest.

## SERVICE-ORIENTED PMP PRESIDENT SAKAVARAPU VENUGOPAL Chowkacharla Bhaskar Reddy, Narayana Medical Group AGM

**(Capital Information)**  
Nellore, Mar 31 : PMP President Sakavarapu Venugopal has been rendering selfless services beyond awards and rewards, said Narayana Medical Group AGM Chowkacharla Bhaskar Reddy. He praised Venugopal as a dedicated

"Only those with honesty, dedication, and a spirit of service can become true leaders. Leaders who rise like a passing breeze do not last long. It is commendable that Venugopal has ascended through various positions and has now been elected as a National

Executive Member." Reddy described as a proud moment. Both Venugopal and Rasool were felicitated at the event.

Addressing the gathering, Venugopal expressed gratitude for the collective support he has received over the past 25 years in developing the PMP Association. Rasool emphasized that "service is a responsibility of every individual," adding that he has been able to carry out various welfare activities with the support of donors.

The event was presided over by PMP Honorary President Jaya prakash. PMP General Secretary Gorantla Sesayya, Viyani Home Directors Sisters Rama and Maggie, retired ASI Mahaboo Basha, 29th Division Corporator, PMP Vice President Sheik Sattar, Treasurer Devarakonda Srinivasulu, Nandyala Malini, and several PMP members attended the event. - A. JAYAPRAKASH



social worker during a felicitation ceremony held on Sunday at Viyani Home. Bhaskar Reddy, who attended as the chief guest, honored Venugopal on the occasion of his election as a National Executive Member of PMP.

Speaking at the event, Bhaskar Reddy stated,

He also appreciated Roods Organization Chairman Sheik Rasool for his outstanding contributions to social service, particularly in supporting the sick and needy. Rasool was honored with the "Ugadi Award - 2025" by the Nellore District Collector, which Bhaskar

## Mrs. Meenakshi Krishna Byregowda Empowers Young Girls at M S Engineering College's International Women's Day Event

As a student of M S Engineering College, the International Women's Day event was a momentous occasion that I will cherish for years. Along with my fellow students, I had the incredible opportunity to witness an extraordinary speech by Mrs. Meenakshi Krishna Byregowda, Vice President of CGI Information Systems and a dedicated social activist. The event, organized in celebration of International Women's Day, became a beacon of motivation for us aspiring young girls, igniting a fire of ambition and self-confidence within us.

Mrs. Meenakshi Krishna Byregowda, a woman of immense talent and perseverance, captivated us as she spoke about the values of hard work, dedication, and self-belief. Her inspiring journey from a young dreamer to a highly accomplished professional resonated deeply with us. She emphasized the importance of resilience, courage, and the unwavering



pursuit of our dreams.

She urged us never to fear failures, stating, "Success is not about how many times you fall; it is about how many times you get up and move forward." Her words encouraged us to take on challenges with confidence and to break barriers without hesitation.

Supporting her insights with statistics, she highlighted an alarming reality—India ranks among the bottom 15 countries in the world for female labor force

participation, with only 32.7% of women in the workforce. Despite excelling in academics, fewer women transition into the workforce, with only 38.5% of women with advanced degrees actively employed. These figures, she stressed, were not just numbers but a reflection of untapped potential and societal expectations that hinder women's progress.

The event was graced by the presence of esteemed dignitaries, including Dr. N.

Ranapratap Reddy, Secretary Sudarshan Raju, and Trustee of MS Education Nalini Sudarshan Raju. Their support and encouragement for women's empowerment reinforced the significance of such initiatives in shaping a brighter future for us young women.

Mrs. Meenakshi Krishna Byregowda's speech was a call to action for all of us to rise above obstacles and chase our aspirations fearlessly. She highlighted the

importance of discipline and continuous learning, urging us to remain steadfast in our goals. "Nothing is impossible for those who dare to chase their ambitions," she declared, leaving an indelible mark on my heart and mind.

For me and many others, this event was more than just a motivational talk—it was a turning point. I now truly believe in myself. I will no longer doubt my potential. I will work hard and make my dreams come true.

As the session concluded with thunderous applause, I knew that Mrs. Meenakshi Krishna Byregowda's words had transformed hesitation into confidence, doubt into determination, and dreams into goals. Her speech was not just an address; it was a movement, inspiring us girls to step forward with confidence and claim our rightful place in the world.

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## Congress Party Demands Preservation of Ancient Wells, Warns of Protest

**(Capital Information)**  
Gadwal, Mar 31 : Congress Party in-charge Saritha Tirupataya has assured the people of Gadwal that the party is committed to protecting ancient structures, just as it had previously preserved Lingam Bavi and

Chukkamma Bavi. Amid an ongoing dispute over the Kottabavi well in Jogulamba Gadwal district, Saritha, along with Senior Citizens Forum District President Mohan Rao and former Municipal Chairman B.S. Keshav, met District Collector B.M.

Santosh and submitted a memorandum urging action for the protection of historic wells.

Addressing the controversy, Saritha dismissed allegations that Congress members were involved in the issue. She clarified that the party does not support

such individuals and reaffirmed that Congress prioritizes Gadwal's development. She assured locals that Kottabavi would be restored, urging them not to lose hope. She also warned that misuse of public funds and illegal activities will not be tolerated

within the party.

Responding to the concerns, Collector B.M. Santosh assured that the administration would take action immediately after the holiday period to protect and restore the historic wells.

Several Congress leaders participated in the meeting, including Gadwal Town President Mohammed Ishaq, Gonupadu Srinivas Goud, DTDC Narasimhulu, Alwala Rajasekhara Reddy, Bhaskar Yadav, Patapalem Anand Goud, TNR Jagadish, DR Sridhar, Kotes, Lathipuram Venkatarami Reddy, Youth Congress District President R. Thirumalesh, Dadavayi Narasimhulu, Kondapalli Raghavendra Reddy, Mohan Rao, B.R. Emmanuel, Dharur Ravi, Krishnappa Yadav, Bangi Naveen, Govind, Ayyappa, Raju, and others.



## CP supervises Ramzan arrangements, extends festive greetings

**(Capital Information)**  
Hyderabad, Mar 31 : C.V. Anand IPS DG Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad supervised the arrangements at Miralam Eidgah on the occasion of Ramzan (Eid ul Fitr).

On behalf of Hyderabad City Police, he distributed chocolates to the children and wished all the Muslim brothers a happy Ramzan and said that we wish everyone to be happy and peaceful. The month of Ramzan ended peacefully without any incidents.

We have made arrangements for shopping for the Muslim brothers without any problems. We have made special arrangements for prayers during the month of Ramzan, he said.

Vikram Singh Mann IPS, Additional CP Law and Order, Joel Davis IPS Joint CP Traffic, Smt. Sneha Mehra IPS DCP South Zone and other officers participated in this program.





# Editorial One medical college in every district of country in next 5 years

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Monday that in the next five years, there will not be a single district in the country without a medical college.

Shah unveiled the statue of Maharaja Agrasen, inaugurated the newly constructed ICU, and laid the foundation stone for the PG hostel in Hisar, Haryana, a Home Ministry statement said.

In his address, Shah said that the Modi government has made significant strides in the field of medical infrastructure.

He said the government has spent Rs 64,000 crore on public health centres and community health centres, building a strong foundation for medical infrastructure.

He also highlighted the establishment of 730 integrated public health labs, 4,382 block

public health units and 602 new critical care boxes over the past 10 years.

He further stated that in the year 2013-14, the country's health budget was Rs 33,000 crore, which PM Modi has more than tripled, raising it to Rs 1.33 lakh crore in the 2025-26 budget.

The Home Minister said that in 2014, there were seven AIIMS in the country, while in 2024, there are 23 AIIMS. Similarly, in 2014, there were 387 medical colleges in the country, and today there are 766.

He mentioned that the number of MBBS seats, which was 51,000 in 2014, has now increased to 1.15 lakh and an additional 85,000 seats will be added over the next five years.

He also stated that in 2014, there were 31,000 PG seats, which have now increased to

73,000.

He mentioned that today, along with the statue of Maharaja Agrasen, the newly constructed ICU has been inaugurated, and the foundation stone for the PG hostel has also been laid and these initiatives represent another step towards advancing this institution.

Shah said Maharaja Agrasen paved the way for the prosperity and welfare of every individual without burdening the state.

Maharaja Agrasen worked to nurture the values of the entire state. He ensured that no one in his kingdom went to bed hungry, no one lived without a roof over their head, and no one was without work, he informed.

He said that these three things were guaranteed by Maharaja Agrasen through his good governance. Today, every

individual in all the clans of the Agarwal community is an entrepreneur, dedicated to the country, serving others and contributing to the nation's development.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi is also following the path shown by Maharaja Agrasen. During the Prime Minister's 10-year tenure, 25 crore people in the country have risen above the poverty line. Modi has provided four crore houses, five kg free ration per person per month to 81 crore people, gas connections to 11 crore families and toilets to 12 crore families," he claimed.

Shah said that Haryana is the best example of politics based on principles, with like-minded people in the double-engine government.

He alleged that in previous governments, corruption in jobs was

due to casteism, and jobs were obtained through bribes and recommendations, he claimed.

He also claimed the Saini government in Haryana provided 80,000 jobs to youths in a transparent manner, without bribes or recommendations.

He pointed out that Haryana's athletes have won three times more medals in the last 10 years, Haryana is the largest exporter of Basmati rice, and one in every 10 soldiers in the army is from Haryana.

Haryana is the state where the highest number of 24 crops is purchased at the minimum support price (MSP).

Furthermore, Haryana was the first state to give land ownership rights within the red lines (Lal Dore), ensured that no Panchayat head is illiterate, and has 50 per cent participa-

tion of women in Panchayats.

The Home Minister said that Haryana's budget, which was previously Rs 37,000 crore, has now been increased to Rs two lakh crore under the Nayab Saini government.

Mentioning that between 2004 and 2014, Haryana received Rs 41,000 crore from the central government, while the Modi government has provided Haryana with Rs 1.43 lakh crore between 2014 and 2024.

Shah said the land of Haryana has worked to enrich and preserve India's culture, values, and traditions since ancient times. From Mahabharata to the freedom struggle and even after independence, Haryana's contribution to the development of the country has always been far greater than that of the larger states, he added.



## Maha Dy CM wishes people on Ramadan Eid

Mumbai, Mar 31 (UNI) After Gudi Padwa, the festival of Ramadan Eid is being celebrated on Monday with enthusiasm in Maharashtra.

On the occasion, Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde extended his greetings to the people of the state.

Shinde in his message said, "The month of Ramadan is considered sacred for Muslim brothers. 'Eid-ul-Fitr', which comes after the fast, creates a sense of gratitude for patience, sacrifice and dedication."

He wished that the lives of the citizens of the state be filled with happiness and prosperity.

"Eid-ul-Fitr is not just a festival, but a celebration of good values in our lives. On this day, let us all come together and strengthen harmony in the society with love and affection for each other," he added.

## WAVES Bazaar Expands Global Reach with Exclusive Showcases and Strategic Partnerships

(Capital Information)

Mumbai, Mar 31 : WAVES Bazaar, the premier global marketplace for the Media & Entertainment (M&E) industry, is set to make a powerful impact in its inaugural edition, taking place from May 1-4, 2025, at Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai. As a key component of WAVES 2025, the marketplace will bring together industry leaders from Film, TV, and AVGC (Animation, VFX, Gaming, and Comics) sectors, offering unparalleled opportunities for collaboration, content showcasing, and business expansion.

With an ambitious vision to establish India as a global content hub, WAVES Bazaar will feature a range of exclusive segments, including the Viewing Room, Market Screenings, Buyer & Seller

Meetings, and the dynamic Pitchroom, facilitating meaningful connections and driving cross-border partnerships.

**Viewing Room & Market Screenings: Unlocking New Content Horizons**

WAVES Bazaar will host curated screenings of films, series, and AVGC projects, providing buyers, sales agents, and distributors with exclusive access to fresh and compelling content. The Viewing Room will offer a dedicated space for industry professionals to explore and acquire new titles, while the Market Screenings will present select projects to a global audience, creating opportunities for content distribution, licensing, and syndication deals.

**Buyer & Seller Meetings: Fostering Global Collaborations**



Connecting Creators, Connecting Countries

In collaboration with FICCI Frames Content Marketplace, WAVES Bazaar will offer a structured Buyer & Seller segment, enabling one-on-one meetings between key stakeholders, including producers, studios, broadcasters, and platforms. These targeted B2B interactions aim to accelerate deal-making, co-productions, and content acquisitions, fostering international collabora-

tions and strengthening industry ties.

**Pitchroom: Where Ideas Meet Investors**

The Pitchroom will provide a high-energy platform for creators, filmmakers, and content innovators to present their most promising concepts to investors, producers, and commissioning editors. Designed to spotlight emerging talent and innovative projects, the Pitchroom will serve

as a launchpad for new ventures and potential co-productions, making it a must-attend for industry decision-makers.

**Industry Leaders Endorse WAVES Bazaar**

Prominent industry players have lauded WAVES Bazaar for its potential to transform content trade and partnerships.

"We are excited to participate in WAVES Bazaar across multiple segments," said Mr. Murlidhar Chhatwani, Chief Business Officer, and Mr. Rajat Goswami, Head of Film Acquisitions & Syndication at Panorama Studios. "This marketplace provides an incredible platform for showcasing our projects, securing meaningful collaborations, and expanding our global reach in the entertainment industry."

## Double standards! Employees are troubled; MPs are rich

# Employees crushed by inflation, MPs bathing in relief: Mathematics of 2% vs 24%!

The impact of inflation is increasing continuously in the country. The prices of vegetables are skyrocketing, the prices of petrol and diesel are making the pocket lighter, and the common man is thinking, "When the next salary comes, which expenses will I have to postpone?" But in the meantime, the government released two different relief packages for two different sections - Dearness Allowance (DA) and salaries of MPs were increased by 24%.

That is, one class is getting a drop in the ocean while the other is getting a feast! This contradiction is creating deep resentment among employees and the public. The question arises: why does inflation seem to have increased only for MPs? This decision has clearly been taken to serve the interests of the ruling party, while the general public and employees have been deprived of their rights. This issue is also in the

headlines in the media. Headlines like "Discrimination of 2% vs 24%" are being seen in major news channels and newspapers. Experts are calling it an anti-people policy of the government.

**Only 2% for government employees—is this a joke?**

The purpose of Dearness Allowance (DA) is to provide relief to employees from rising inflation. But when the retail inflation rate has crossed 6-7%, how will a mere 2% DA increase provide relief to employees? This is just like giving a biscuit to a hungry person and saying, "This is enough!"

The anger of the associations and unions of government employees is justified. They were demanding a fair salary hike and a reasonable increase in dearness allowance for a long time, but the government considered it an avoidable expenditure and made a nominal increase. Now some big questions have arisen before the employee organisations - Has inflation increased only for MPs?

**While the government increased the dearness allowance (DA) of government employees by only 2%, it increased the allowances and salaries of MPs by 24%. This contradiction is creating resentment among employees and the public. A 2% DA hike for employees is like a drop in the ocean. MPs already get many facilities, yet there is a big hike in salary. The government cites "budget shortage" when it comes to providing relief to the general public, but the treasury is open for MPs.**

When the DA of employees has to be increased, why does the treasury look empty? Has the contribution of common employees reduced for the government? **24% relief to MPs - from whose money?**

Now take a look at the situation of MPs. MPs already get many allowances and facilities - Free air and rail travel Government bungalows and offices Staff facilities and security arrangements Separate medical and pension

benefits; despite so many facilities, they were given a 24% hike in salary and allowances. This unilateral decision points towards injustice to the public and employees. The question arises that when there is talk of improving the country's economy, then what is the justification for such a huge increase in the salary of MPs? **The public and the employees said, This is injustice!**

There is tremendous anger among government employees and the general



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public regarding this decision. Social media is flooded with memes and posts criticising the government. On Twitter and Facebook, people are saying, Inflation has increased for everyone, but in the eyes of the government, only MPs need relief!" An employee said: "Come on, now inflation has also been divided into VIPs and common people!" Another tweet: "If MPs can get a 24% hike, then the same formula should be applied to employees as well!"

This is not just an issue of salary hikes, but it is time to question the priorities of the government. Whenever it comes to giving relief to the general public, the government treasury is said to be empty, but when it comes to increasing the facilities of the MPs themselves, there is no concern about the budget! **Does this happen in other countries as well?**

If we talk about other countries, then in developed democracies there are strict rules on the salary hike of MPs, and it is usually increased in line with the inflation rate. In countries like America, Britain, and Canada, the salary of MPs is decided by the Pay Commission and independent economic institutions, and not directly by the government. In India, MPs have the power to determine their own salaries and allowances, which creates this imbalance. This is the reason why this issue repeatedly causes public outrage.

**Now what?**

The government em-

ployee union is preparing to protest on this issue. Efforts are being made to put pressure on the Pay Commission and policymakers so that the DA hike is made in line with the inflation rate. But the big question is whether the government will take any concrete steps to remove this inequality or if this issue will be suppressed in a few days? This decision has made it clear that the leaders have the first right to the hard-earned money of the public. Why are such double standards being adopted with the employees and the public? What do you think—is this decision justified, or a joke on the employees? All eyes are also on the government's reaction. From a political point of view, this issue can increase public discontent, which will give the opposition an opportunity to attack the government. If the government tries to justify this decision, it can create more resentment among the employees and the middle class.

## Tejashwi will be CM face of Grand Alliance in Bihar : RJD

Patna, Mar 31 (UNI) RJD on Monday reiterated that Tejashwi Prasad Yadav would be the CM face of the Grand Alliance in the next assembly elections in Bihar, scheduled to be held in October-November this year.

State spokesman of RJD Mrityunjay Tiwary told media persons here that former Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Prasad Yadav would be the CM face of the Grand Alliance in the next assembly elections to be held in October-November this year in Bihar. He dismissed all dissenting voices of state Congress leaders on the issue of the CM's face.

"Congress high command decides on CM face of Grand Alliance in Bihar", Tiwary said, adding that Congress



high command had given its consent to project Tejashwi as CM face of Grand Alliance in 2020 Bihar assembly elections. Tejashwi was the CM face of the Grand Alliance in the last assembly elections, and there was no confusion over his name as CM face again in the upcoming assembly elections, he added. Leader of Congress leg-

islative party in the Assembly, Ajeet Sharma stressed that no decision has been taken on the CM's face of the Grand Alliance. A decision on CM's face would be taken in a meeting of the leaders of all parties of the Grand Alliance, he had maintained a few weeks back.

In-charge of Bihar of Congress, Krishna Allaveru had also maintained stoic silence on the CM's face of the Grand Alliance in Bihar. No decision on the CM's face was taken in the meeting of senior Congress leaders in New Delhi. Yes, a decision was taken for all constituents of the Grand Alliance contesting together in the next assembly elections but the CM face was yet to be finalised, he had pointed out recently.

## HAL has scrupulously followed its international obligations: India slams NYT report

New Delhi, Mar 31 (UNI) India today slammed as "factually incorrect and misleading" a New York Times report alleging that the state-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd "re-routed sensitive technology", with potential military use, to a blacklisted Russian arms agency during the Ukraine conflict.

"We have seen a report published by The New York Times. The said report is factually incorrect and misleading. It has tried to frame issues and distort facts to suit a political narrative," sources said today.

"The Indian entity mentioned in the report has scrupulously followed all its international obligations on strategic trade controls and end-user commitments.

"India's robust legal and regulatory framework on strategic trade continues to guide overseas commercial ventures by its companies.

"We expect reputed media outlets to undertake basic due diligence while publishing such reports, which obviously was overlooked in the instant case," the sources added.

The New York Times report alleged that a company Techtect, owned by UK aerospace major H.R. Smith Group, "made 118 shipments of restricted technology to Hindustan Aeronautics in 2023 and 2024".

"The parts, identified using specific international codes, were sold for almost \$2 million. "During that period, the Indian firm made at least 13 shipments of the

same type of parts to a buyer for Rosoboronexport, which is blacklisted by the British and American authorities. The Russian arms agency paid more than \$14 million for the equipment, according to the records".

It says that on Sept. 2, 2023, "Techtest sold Hindustan Aeronautics two shipments of restricted equipment, including location transmitters and remote controllers. Nineteen days later, the Indian company sold parts to Russia with matching identification codes".

"Techtest sold another shipment of restricted technology to India on Feb. 4, 2024. Eighteen days later, Hindustan Aeronautics sold equipment with matching codes to a buyer for Rosoboronexport,

customs data shows".

"The British and American governments banned the sale of those goods, known as "common high priority items," to Russia after Moscow's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022", NYT says.

"Public corporate records show that Rosoboronexport is Hindustan Aeronautics' biggest trading partner. The Indian firm is also listed as a Russian supplier in commercial due diligence tools and screening databases that the U.S. government advises exporters to check.

"Techtest made more than 70 shipments of "Tier 2" items — one of the most sensitive technology categories — to Hindustan Aeronautics from 2023 to 2024, customs records show," it alleged.





### Nitish greets people on Eid festival

Patna, Mar 31 (UNI) Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Monday greeted people of the state, particularly Muslims, on Eid festival and called upon them to celebrate it with the spirit of brotherhood and mutual co-existence.

Kumar, in his message posted on the social media account X, extended greetings to the people of the state, particularly Muslims. He called upon them to celebrate the festival with joy, love, brotherhood, and mutual co-existence.

"May the almighty bolster blessings of happiness and prosperity on all of us on the occasion", Kumar said, and also wished for development on the occasion. He visited historic Gandhi Maidan in Patna and interacted with Muslims and exchanged greetings on the occasion. A large number of Muslims had gathered there to offer Namaz on the occasion.

Muslims also offered Namaz at all mosques and their other religious places across the state. Reports of Eid celebration have been received from all parts of Bihar.



### LG Sinha flags off Shri Mata Vaishno Devi 'pracheen marg pavitra chhari yatra'

Jammu, Mar 31 (UNI) Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday flagged off Shri Mata Vaishno Devi 'Pracheen Marg Pavitra Chhari Yatra'.

He paid obeisance at the holy Kol Kandoli Temple in Nagrota and prayed for good health, peace, prosperity and happiness for all.

Earlier, the Lieutenant Governor attended the 'Pratham Pooja' of the Chhari Yatra and extended his heartiest greetings to the devotees on the auspicious occasion.

The Chhari Yatra, carrying the Holy Jyot, will reach the Oli Mata Temple Bamyal, following the traditional heritage route.

## Odisha Govt to celebrate Odia Festival – Minister

Bhubaneswar, Mar 31 (UNI) For the first time, the Odisha government will celebrate Odia Festival from Odisha Day on Tuesday to Odia New Year on April 14.

The government will organize various programs from the block level to the state level for 14 days.

Official sources stated, "This year, for the first time, 'Odia Paksha' will be celebrated from April 1, marking Odisha Day, until April 14, the Odia New Year.

To commemorate this grand and divine festival, various departments of the Odisha government will organize events at different levels, involving the public. Odia Day will be observed with the aim of promoting Odia cultural values, customs, and traditions globally," said Odisha Culture Minister Suryavanshi Suraj.

On April 1, in addition to celebrating the formation of an independent, language-based Odisha province,

Odisha Day will be observed at the state, district, and sub-district levels.

For nursery school enrollment in the state, the Khadikha and Prasad ceremonies will be conducted by the Department of School and Mass Education and the Department of Women and Child Development on April 2.

To promote traditional Odia attire and Odisha's handicrafts and textiles, the Handlooms, Textiles, and Handicrafts Department will observe "Our Clothes, Our Identity" day on April 3.

The Labour and State Employees' Insurance Department will organize the "Odia Name Plate Campaign - Awareness Walk" on April 4 to encourage the use of Odia nameplates in shops and markets across the state.

On April 5, the Sports and Youth Affairs Department will organize a heritage race, followed by a cleanliness campaign on April 6 to maintain



the temples and heritage sites of Odisha.

On April 7, Barnabodh Manthu-Barnabodh Utsav will be celebrated in honor of Barnabodha, a literary work by devotional poet Madhusudan Rao, which introduces readers to the Odia language. This event will be organized in collaboration with the Department of Odia Language, Literature, and Culture.

A blood donation campaign will be conducted on April 8 by the Red Cross, the

Health and Family Welfare Department, and the Higher Education Department.

On April 9, the campaign "Let's Buy a Book" will be held in collaboration with the Department of Odia Language, Literature, and Culture, and the Higher Education Department to promote Odia literature and book reading.

To showcase Odisha's folk art to the world, "Folk Art Day – Honoring Senior Artists and Kalagram Visit" will be celebrated on April 10.

Additionally, a young writers' conference will be organized by the Odisha Sahitya Academy, Higher Education, Sports, and Youth Services Department on April 11.

A discussion on the Barputras of Odisha (legendary figures) will be held in collaboration with the Odisha Sahitya Academy and the District Administration.

On April 13, the Traditional Food Cultivation Campaign – "Our Taste, Our Food" will be organized by the Panchayati Raj and Housing and Urban Development Departments.

The Odia New Year will be celebrated on April 14 with great enthusiasm.

The Odisha Culture Minister, who chaired a preparatory meeting on Sunday, directed the Secretaries of various departments and District Collectors to ensure the successful celebration of the Odia festival, encouraging maximum public participation.

### Nitish will lose moral right to call himself follower of Gandhi and Lohia if Waqf bill passed

Patna, Mar 31(UNI) Founder of "Jan Suraj" Prashant Kishor on Monday said Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar would lose moral right to call himself a follower of Gandhi and Lohia, if the Waqf Board Amendment Bill is passed in Parliament.

Kishor told media persons that the Waqf Board Amendment Bill was an attempt by the Narendra Modi government to deprive the Muslim community of their rights envisaged in the constitution. Muslims had been given certain rights in the



constitution which could not be denied, diluted, or modified by the government without their consent, he added.

"Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has the potential and authority in present political scenario to stall the passage of Waqf Board Amendment Bill in parliament", Jan Suraj leader said adding that JD(U) had

12 MPs in Lok Sabha and if they did not support the bill on instruction from Kumar, there would be no chance of the bill getting approval of the parliament. If Kumar remained silent and did not take steps to stall the bill, he would lose the moral right to call himself a follower of Gandhi and Lohia, he noted.

Kishor said that Kumar had lost his control over the government as some leaders of his party and the BJP were calling the shots. It appeared that Kumar was not in good health to govern the state, he felt.



### Major drug racket busted in Manipur

Imphal, Mar 31 (UNI) Manipur Police has arrested six persons allegedly involved in a major drug trade.

Police said on Monday that Manipur Police conducted search at Kangpokpi since Saturday last and so far six persons including a woman have been arrested.

Police said the accused were identified as Khaikahao Kipgen, (Letgoumang Touthang, Aabi Baral, Jitten Kharka, L H Ranirou and Leah Chao.

They were arrested for involvement in connection with a case registered at Kangpokpi-PS, Kangpokpi District. So far 174 soap cases of suspected Brown Sugar were seized in connection with the case.

## BIMSTEC Foreign Ministers, Senior Officials to meet ahead of Bangkok Summit

New Delhi, Mar 31 (UNI) The 6th BIMSTEC Summit scheduled to take place on April 4, in Bangkok, Thailand, will be preceded by a Meeting of BIMSTEC Senior Officials on April 2 and a Meeting of BIMSTEC Foreign or External Affairs Ministers on April 3.

The 6th Summit of the Heads of State/Governments of the member States of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) is being held three years after the 5th Summit (held Virtually, Colombo, March 30, 2022). The theme of the upcoming summit is 'Prosperous, Resilient, and Open BIMSTEC'.

The Summit, which aims at fostering collaboration among the member States to address the shared security and developmental challenges, will provide a new impetus to the efforts underway to realise the goal of a prosperous, resilient and open BIMSTEC, a statement issued by the BIMSTEC Secretariat in Dhaka said.

The Summit has a rich

Agenda:

- Adoption of the Declaration of 6th BIMSTEC Summit, which will reflect the vision of the Leaders as well as their decisions and directives;
- Adoption of the Bangkok Vision 2030. This is the first vision document which will be adopted by the Leaders. It provides a comprehensive and practical roadmap for future cooperation amongst the BIMSTEC member States;
- Signing of the Agreement on Maritime Transport Cooperation. The Agreement aims at expanding maritime transport in the Bay of Bengal with a view to enhancing transport of cargo as well as people enabling more trade and travel amongst the member States;
- Signing of the Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) between BIM-



STEC and Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), and BIMSTEC and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), which will herald a new era of developmental partnerships between BIMSTEC and these organisations;

- Adoption of the Rules of Procedure for the BIMSTEC Mechanisms, which, together with the Charter, lay the foundation of institutional framework for regional cooperation under BIMSTEC; and
- Adoption of the Report of Eminent Persons Group on the Future Direction of BIMSTEC. The Group held six Meetings in

2024. It consulted the relevant stakeholders and finalised its Report in September 2024 after extensive deliberations. The Report contains a number of recommendations and the member

States have commenced steps aimed at implementing the Report.

In a rapidly evolving and uncertain global political and economic situation, the 6th BIMSTEC Summit will further reinforce the critical role of BIMSTEC, as the only regional organisation in Bay of Bengal, in forging regional cooperation to enable the member States to deal with their shared security and sustainable development challenges.

BIMSTEC which brings together five countries from South Asia and two countries from South East Asia, is poised to evolve into a

vibrant and dynamic regional organisation.

As BIMSTEC's highest policymaking body, the Summits play a pivotal role in shaping the organization's agenda and work. Since BIMSTEC's inception in June 1997, five Summits have been held: in Bangkok (2004), New Delhi (2008), Nay Pyi Daw (2014), Kathmandu (2018) and Colombo (2022).

BIMSTEC comprises seven countries of the Bay of Bengal region: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand. It pursues regional cooperation in seven broad sectors: Agriculture & Food Security; Connectivity; Environment & Climate Change; People-to-People Contact; Science, Technology & Innovation; Security; and Trade, Investment & Development.

The cooperation also covers eight sub-sectors: Blue Economy, Mountain Economy, Energy, Disaster Management, Fisheries & Livestock, Poverty Alleviation, Health, and Human Resource Development.

## NDA will contest under leadership of Nitish in Bihar : Kushwaha

Patna, Mar 31 (UNI) President of Rastriya Lok Morcha (RLM) Upendra Kushwaha on Monday made it clear that Chief Minister Nitish Kumar would be the CM face of NDA again in the next Bihar assembly elections to be held in October-November this year.



Kushwaha told media persons here that there was no confusion over the CM face of NDA as Chief Minister Nitish Kumar was the unanimous choice of all its constituents.

NDA would form the government under the leadership of Chief Minister Kumar again after the next assembly elections in Bihar, slated for October-November this year, he added.

"There was no specific agenda for the NDA meeting held at CM residence in Patna on Sunday during the visit of Union Home Minister Amit Shah", RLM leader said, adding it was natural for NDA leaders to discuss about upcoming Bihar assembly elections. It was a short duration meeting and no specific agenda was there, he responded while repeated queries of media persons in this connection.

Kushwaha, to a query, said that it was for all to see what was going on in the Grand Alliance in Bihar, an oblique reference to the tug of war between Congress and RJD over the CM face of the Grand Alliance in the upcoming Bihar assembly elections.

It was all smooth functioning in NDA, and the number of its allies could increase in the future, he remarked, but refused to give any specific reply in this connection.

In politics, there was always a possibility for an increase in the number in alliances, he quipped but clarified that there was no such possibility in immediate future.

## Indian search & rescue teams, doctors rendering critical help in quake-hit Mandalay

Yangon/New Delhi, Mar 31 (UNI) Indian search and rescue teams and doctors are working round the clock to extend critical support to quake survivors in Mandalay that has seen immense devastation.

India launched Operation Brahma to help in quake-hit Myanmar, sending an 80-member NDRF search and rescue team and an 118-member Indian Army Mobile Hospital unit, complete with operation theatre, specialists and medics.

The Indian Embassy in Yangon said in posts on X:

"Since arriving at earthquake sites in Mandalay yesterday, our teams are working

to extend critical support in search for survivors and medical/HADR support. More aid is on the way. Our hearts and prayers are with the affected people of Myanmar.

"More aid and support is on the way to Mandalay and Yangon. Committed to assist people in all affected areas of Mandalay, Naypyitaw, Sagaing and Bago."

On Friday, March 28, a shallow 7.7-magnitude quake struck north-west of Mandalay early afternoon, followed minutes later by a 6.7-magnitude aftershock.

The tremors destroyed buildings, downed bridged and buckled roads across swathes of Myanmar, with



massive destruction seen in Mandalay, the country's second-biggest city. Over 1,700 people are reported to have

died so far. India's NDRF team has begun rescue operations at the U hla their monastery in

Mandalay where around 170 Buddhist monks are still stuck under the rubble following Friday's massive earthquake.

The Indian Army Team is also preparing to set up their Medical Service at a chosen site.

"We are also trying to get the NDRF team deployed at the Sky Villa, where four towers of 11 storey each have collapsed. The towers have several foreigners, or to any another site which the Government of Myanmar considers," the MEA said in an update on Operation Brahma.

The relief material will also be given to the Secretary General of the state Mahanayak Committee (the sec-

ond highest of the Committee in Myanmar) where around 2,000 monks are sitting outside the monastery (who are not injured but they have nowhere to go and no basic amenities), the MEA said

Our teams will also be deployed to the Mandalay Palace, Maha Muni Pagoda, MIIT, and other such places where substantial damage has occurred.

We are providing assistance to members of the Indian community for their stay and food, the statement added.

According to reports, more than 90 people are believed to be trapped under the remains of the Sky Villa apart-

ment block.

At the U hla their monastery, more than 180 monks were taking the third session of a six-day exam for a senior level of monkhood when the tremors hit on Friday.

The earthquake brought down three levels of one part of the building, one on top of another.

On Saturday night, two C-130 aircraft of the Indian Air Force carrying 80 NDRF search and rescue personnel, and two C-17 aircraft with an 118-member Indian Army Field Hospital unit, landed in Nay Pyi Taw, as part of Operation Brahma to help quake-hit Myanmar.



# International Information



## Japan to inject hefty funding for chipmaker Rapidus

Tokyo, Mar 31 (UNI) Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry announced Monday that it will provide up to 802.5 billion yen (about 5.4 billion U.S. dollars) in additional support to Rapidus, a company aiming to mass-produce cutting-edge semiconductors.

With the latest funding, the total government support for Rapidus could reach approximately 1.72 trillion yen.

Rapidus, founded in 2022, is spearheading Japan's efforts to regain a competitive edge in the global semiconductor industry.

The company plans to launch trial production in April at its factory in Chitose, Hokkaido, with the goal of achieving full-scale mass production by 2027.

The ministry has already provided funding for the construction of the facility and will now extend financial support for equipment procurement, raw materials, production management system development, and manufacturing technology advancements.

## Two in critical condition after shooting, stabbing attack on Australia's Gold Coast

Sydney, Mar 31 (UNI) Police in Australia are searching for a man who allegedly shot one man and stabbed another, leaving both with life-threatening injuries.

The police service in the state of Queensland said that a 30-year-old man fled the scene after allegedly shooting one neighbor and stabbing another during a dispute in the early hours of Monday morning.

Police said that emergency services responded to a disturbance at an address in Surfers Paradise -- 70 km southeast of Brisbane on Queensland's Gold Coast -- just before 2 a.m. local time.

A 21-year-old man was found at the scene with a gunshot wound to his stomach and stab wounds to his back and a 44-year-old male was found with stab wounds to his head, neck



and leg.

Both men were treated at the scene for life-threatening injuries before being taken to a nearby hospital in a critical but stable condition.

Police located a firearm at the scene and have launched a search for the 30-year-old male who fled the address before officers arrived.

Queensland Police Service Acting Chief Superintendent Peter Miles told Australian Broadcasting

Corporation radio that police have a "fair idea" of who they are looking for.

"The appeal is for that gentleman to give himself up. This isn't going away, this is attempted murder," he said. "We just need you to come in and give yourself up and we'll deal with you from there on in."

He said that the incident occurred in a common area after the 44-year-old and 21-year-old males intervened in a disturbance in a neighboring unit.



## 14 killed, 46 injured after bus overturns in SE Iran

Tehran, Mar 31 (UNI) At least 14 people were killed and 46 injured as a bus overturned on an intercity road in Iran's southeastern province of Kerman on Sunday, the official news agency IRNA reported.

The incident took place at 17:17 local time (1347 GMT) on the road from Kerman, the provincial capital, to Ravar County, IRNA quoted Mohammad Saberi, head of the province's emergency medical services center, as saying.

He added that all the injured were taken to the hospital, with five in critical condition, adding that the cause of the incident would be announced within hours.

## UN Security Council condemns attack against UN peacekeepers in Central African Republic

United Nations, Mar 31 (UNI) The United Nations Security Council on Sunday condemned the attack against UN peacekeepers in the Central African Republic, which left one Kenyan peacekeeper dead.

The UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic stated that peacekeepers were attacked by an "unidentified armed group" during a long-range patrol in Tabane village, Haut-



Mbomou Prefecture, on Friday morning.

In a press statement, the Security Council expressed their deepest condolences and sympathies to the victim's family, as well as to Kenya

and the United Nations.

The council reiterated that attacks against peacekeepers may constitute war crimes and reminded all parties of their obligations under international humanitarian law.

On Saturday, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres strongly condemned the attack, urging the Central African Republic authorities to "spare no effort in identifying the perpetrators of this tragedy so that they can be brought to justice swiftly."

## Samoa declares state of emergency due to power crisis : media

Suva, Mar 31 (UNI) The Samoan government declared a 30-day state of emergency on Monday due to a severe power crisis on Upolu, Samoa's main island.

A fault in the country's main underground power cable caused a blackout in Upolu last month, leading to further repairs, and three key generators have failed, reducing power generation, Radio New Zealand reported on Monday.

Besides, severe weather causing damage to power lines and poles, and the fail-



ure of backup generators were also to blame, said Samoa Prime Minister Fiamē Naomi Mata'afa last week.

businesses.

In response to the power crisis, the government issued a state of emergency orders, including lifting tax on electricity-related equipment and mobilizing assistance to support households, businesses and the private sector, according to local media Samoa Observer.

Fiamē said on Monday that the government will ensure the timely arrival and operation of temporary generators before the end of April, with permanent generators expected in August.

# IMPORTANCE OF PART-TIME JOBS FOR STUDENTS

Every job has a purpose and plays important role in everybody's life. Students all across the nation are enrolled in classes at hundreds of universities and colleges in order to one day obtain a job they desire. Working is how we will pay for bills, support ourselves and simply make a living in the future. Many college-aged learners have part-time jobs; the reason they have these jobs can vary from getting experience for a future job they want to need a job to pay their way through college. I personally see a part-time job as an important stepping stone to the job for which you are going to college. A part-time job may not be directly related to the field you are interested in, aspects of the job can help you gain experience and look good for future employers. A part-time job simply involves working fewer hours in a week than a full-time job. Often, part-time jobs involve working in shifts. These shifts are usually rotational with other part-time workers. In my viewpoint, the choice of working part-time is made after four major considerations: personal choice, financial priorities, skills possessed/required, charity and contribution.



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### Importance of Part-Time Job

We all know that going to college is expensive and many students turn to a part-time job to help offset the tuition fee and other college expenses. Working while in college is a necessity for some and a way to earn spending money for others. Having a part-time job will actually help a student learn many skills that they might not have the opportunity to learn in school or col-



lege. Whatever the reason, there are plenty of benefits associated with working while going to college as discussed below.

Stable Cash Flow: Although obvious, this remains one of the greatest perks of working part-time while in college or school. Having a steady income allows you to pay off tuition fees or whether it is for paying for rent or just getting extra grocery money. This is how having a part-time job can help you by supplementing your income. Although it is nice to spend all your money on the shopping or saving that money for something more important is a better feeling. Having an extra source of income is great when you have such expenses to pay off. Even, you can use this amount to enjoy life a bit more, either through shopping, going out or putting it towards something useful. The ability to buy things yourself will give you a new sense of independence. You will learn the importance of money management. When you start earn-

ing your own money, you will gain a better understanding of how to handle it. Working hard for your money will help you appreciate important personal finance lessons such as the benefits of budgeting and the importance of saving and being economical.

Develop Useful Skills: There are just some things or skills, which a college or university can't teach. Working at a job can help young people develop skills, like commitment, time-management, teamwork, leadership, customer service, communication and organization, problem-solving, marketing and other components that help someone throughout their career. Having a part-time job will help you gain a wide range of skills including punctuality. You can actually mention these things in your CV or Resume, as it shows that you have transferable skills. When writing or updating your CV, showing that you have been in employment will look good and work in your favour. It will help you when you are applying for your graduate job, as your work can act as a reference for you. It doesn't matter if you are an accounting professional working as a server or computer science professionals working in customer service. Any part-time job you have in college is teaching you practical job skills that you will use in your full-time job after graduation. Learning how to work in a team, solve problems, be professional, and communicate effectively will help you a lot in your future career and will take you far.

Time Management: You will discover how to manage your time more efficiently. With the decrease in free time that comes along with a part-time job, this will automatically improve your time management skills. You will learn how to use your time more effectively, such as completing or reading assignments during your travel time. You will also learn the importance of becoming more organized. It may seem difficult, but it is a skill that if perfected, will help you in your coming life. It is not easy of course, but the more you get used to doing it, the more it will help you in the long run. You need to learn how to schedule and place importance on certain things when you are working while going to school. This will teach you how to weigh your priorities, sometimes you have to skip fun activities to finish your responsibilities. This will prepare you for the life after school or college where excuses and delayed work will not accept. Effective time management benefits both your studies and life after college.

Responsibilities: You will learn how to handle responsibilities. Being a good student takes a lot of responsibility but if you learn how to balance school studies or activities and a part-time job, you will learn the true meaning of responsibility. As you grow older, your amount of responsibilities will only increase so learning how to multitask at an early age will better prepare you for the future. When you get a job, your parents are going to expect you to help around the house that means paying the bills or other expenses, definitely, your parents probably

won't make you pay rent or something like that. However, paying for your cell phone bills or other amenities may be an option which reduces their burden. Your parents will feel free when you pay your expenses on your own. Moreover, students earning their own money get lessons on spending wisely. They may be less likely to spend their hard-earned money irresponsibly and learn pay for necessities such as textbooks and rents. At the same time, they can save for non-essential purchases, such as a car. This is how working in this age helps you to become a responsible person.

Social Network: Working a part-time job allows you to develop connections. You may get a great friend, reference, connection or even full-time job after school or college from committing to a sustainable number of hours each week. Through a part-time job you are likely to work with other people, who you can socialize with. This can help make your time at university even better, especially if you can spend time with your work colleague outside of work. Having professional connections can open up opportunities you wouldn't have otherwise and building up a network of contacts before college is even over is a huge benefit to working in college. You never know someone you meet at your college job could be the key person to getting your foot in the door of your dream job after college.

Find Passion Job: Working a part-time job allows you to try a lot of different tasks and refine skills that might help you find your pas-

sions. As you work, you understand the detailed feature and aspects of the different jobs and career paths that might make yours a little clearer. So whether it is reinforcing your passion for health or your new dream to go into student affairs, having a part-time job can help make your future a little bit clearer. Part-time jobs allow you to try out a variety of roles to help you make your mind up for a future career. Moreover, you can use your part-time job to get an introduction to a career or area of interest you desire to go into after finishing your college. This experience will help you stand out from the other candidates at interview; you can begin networking with others in your chosen field because forming professional relationships at this early stage will help your chances of gaining employment early after graduation.

As per my perspective, I think having a part-time job is extremely good for a school or college student in various aspects. Instead of people worrying about the student's grades declining due to having a part-time job, I think they should look at it as a challenge for the student because later in life they will likely face bigger obstacles. Having a part-time job guide the students sharp skills which they will need all throughout their careers and lives. While there are many benefits of having a part-time job in high school but not all students are capable of handling it. If your academic performance begins to suffer or you are not getting enough sleep, you should cut your working hours or only work during the weekends and vacations.



# Business Information

## Exports to Bangladesh declines

Agartala, Mar 31 (UNI) After the fall of Sheikh Hasina government in August last year, exports from Tripura to Bangladesh have substantially declined, while import volume remains unchanged, said Industries and Commerce Minister of Tripura Santana Chakma on Monday.

She said Tripura imported goods from Bangladesh valued at Rs 625.14 crore in the current financial year (till February), Rs 703.67 in 2023-24, and Rs 636.72 crore in 2022-23. However, the export recorded only Rs 50.07 crore till February of 2024-25 fiscal against

Rs 121.37 crore in 2022-23 and Rs 12.31 crore in 2023-24.

Although eight out of nine Land Customs Stations



(LCSs) along Indo-Bangladesh border in Tripura have all modern facilities, formal trade has not yet picked up to the expected level. To prevent informal trade between two countries, India set up two Border Haats in South Tripura and Sepahijala district a decade ago, and one of them is still closed since COVID-19 hit in 2020.

Srinagar Border Haat in the south Tripura district was

decided to re-open Kasba Border Haat in Tripura's Sepahijala district.

According to sources, despite a decline in exports from Tripura, huge quantity of sugar, medicine, cosmetics, and various edible items have allegedly been going to Bangladesh with the help of the villagers residing along the border daily.

Report said Bangladesh exports various fish, cement, food items, construction materials, steel sheets, PVC pipes, soft drinks, ready-made garments, melamine and cotton waste to Tripura and other northeastern states, while Indian states export commodities like broken stone, maize, Agarbatti, fresh ginger, dry chillies, vegetable seeds, various spices and wood apple among other things.

re-opened in November last year, having been closed last year after political turmoil in Bangladesh. But the business as well as the popularity of the market has not evoked satisfactorily.

Half of the registered traders from both sides of the border remained absent from the weekly market day. Apprehending poor response, the administrations of both countries have not yet de-

## Telangana exports first consignment of rice to Philippines

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad, Mar 31 : In a historic move, Telangana has entered the global rice export market with its first shipment of rice to the Philippines.

Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Capt N Uttam Kumar Reddy flagged off the consignment from Kakinada Port on Monday, marking a major step in the state's efforts to tap into international markets for its surplus paddy.

Speaking to the media, Reddy announced that 12,500 metric tonnes of rice had been dispatched, highlighting the significance of this achievement for Telangana's farmers and agriculture sector.

He credited Telangana's emergence as a major paddy producer to favourable climatic conditions, fertile soil, and proactive government policies. With an annual paddy production of around 280 lakh metric tonnes (LMTs), the state often produces more than its domestic and central procurement requirements.

The Minister noted that the Telangana government has been bearing a significant financial burden due to delays in payments from the Central Government and the Food Corporation of India (FCI) for Custom Milled Rice (CMR). To ease this burden, the state ex-

plored export opportunities and successfully secured an agreement with the Philippines government.

After extensive quality assessments, the Philippines agreed to initially purchase 1 LMT of rice and 8 LMTs of paddy from Telangana. An MoU was signed between The Telangana State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited (TGSCSCL) and Planters Products Inc., representing the Philippines government.

The exported rice belongs to the IR64/MTU1010 variety, meeting strict quality standards, including 5 per cent broken grain, well-milled, polished, and sortex quality, with low moisture content (up to 14 per cent). The agreed export price was Rs 36,000 per metric tonne, ex-Kakinada Port.

A total of 103 rice mills in Telangana contributed to milling the MSP paddy for this export. The Minister expressed confidence that this initiative is just the beginning of Telangana's expansion into international markets.

He congratulated farmers, rice millers, and Civil Supplies Corporation officials for their efforts and reaffirmed the government's commitment to boosting farmer incomes and reducing the state's financial burden through such initiatives.

## ATS Homekraft sells 400 plots near Jewar airport for Rs 1,200 crore

New Delhi, March 31 (UNI) Real estate firm ATS Homekraft on Monday said it has sold 400 plots for Rs 1,200 crore near the upcoming Noida International Airport at Jewar in Uttar Pradesh.

"The project generated sales exceeding Rs 1,200 crore, reflecting robust market demand. The initial offering was oversubscribed by 2.5 times, demonstrating significant investor interest," the company said in a release.

The real estate firm said that the plots are part of a larger 100-acre development where ATS has already developed and handed over a group



housing project 'ATS Allure' with over 1,100 apartments.

"We have completed and delivered over 4,000 homes

across Noida, Gurgaon and Chandigarh in the last 30 months. This recent launch highlights the trust that our

customers place in us," said Udaivir Anand, Managing Director, ATS Group.

ATS claimed that its last launch on Dwarka Expressway saw overwhelming demand from first-time homebuyers.

## Replus announces expansion plan to 6GWh Battery Manufacturing Plant

New Delhi, Mar 31 (UNI) Replus, a battery manufacturing company and part of the LNJ Bhilwara Group, on Monday announced its plan to expand its current 1GWh production facility to 6GWh within the next year.

This major expansion will incorporate next-generation battery technologies to serve the rapidly growing Indian market for Electric Vehicles (EVs) and Energy Storage System (ESS) segments, the company said in a release.

The upgraded Replus 6GWh facility will be designed to deliver -- High Speed Automation Manufacturing Process; Adoption of Advanced Cell Chemistry;



and Next Gen Products.

To meet the evolving needs of the market, the plant will adopt a cell chemistry & technology agnostic approach with capability of handling high energy density cells, blade cells, future cell chemistry cells, including Na-ion, LMFP, LTO, etc.

The products rolling out from the plant will cater to

variety of electric vehicles, including EV passenger vehicles, EV buses, EV trucks and grid scale renewable plants with Advanced Battery Packs & Liquid Cooled BESS Container Solution.

On this occasion, Riju Jhunjhunwala, Vice Chairman, LNJ Bhilwara Group, said, "At LNJ Bhilwara Group, we have always

been at the forefront of advancing clean energy technologies across our diverse business ventures. The expansion of the Replus plant to 6GWh marks a significant milestone in our commitment to driving India's sustainable growth and energy transition"

Hiren Pravin Shah, Managing Director & CEO, Replus, added, "With this expansion, Replus is poised to play a pivotal role in shaping the future of energy storage globally. By integrating high-speed automation and next-generation battery technologies, we are committed to delivering industry-leading products for EVs and ESS applications."

## Dangers of Ultra-processed Foods

If you are traveling long by rail or road or have gone to roam somewhere and get hungry in the middle, you will get plenty of options like chips, biscuit and cold drinks compared to options like dal, rice or roti to fill the stomach.

Sometimes we eat these because of the taste even if we are to pass the time, or even to be full of stomach.

But do you know that these delicious alternatives that are eaten in place of traditional food items of food and drink are called 'Ultra Processed Foods' and more of them are harmful to health?

Not only this, experts say that these are prepared in some way so that they enjoy eating and we get addicted to them.

A recent report by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relation (ICRIER) stated that the market for ultra-processed food has increased rapidly in India in the last 10 years.

What happens is ultra processed food That ultra processed food means something like this, "Understand in simple terms, ultra processed food is the food stuff you can't usually make in your kitchen. It doesn't look like normal eating. such as chips coming in the packet, chocolate, biscuit, and large-scale bread and bun and so on."

"Every community prepares food according to their tastes and likes. This can also be called food processing i.e. food processing. If we make curd from milk, it is processing. But if curd is made from milk in a large industry and add color, flavor, sugar or corn syrup

to make it delicious, it will be ultra processed food."

"Ultra processed food is the food stuff you can't usually make in your kitchen. It doesn't look like eating normal.", These items put in ultra processed food do not increase their nutritional value but are put in so that you keep eating them, they keep selling and more profits. In this way, they can only prepare big industries.

Ultra Processed Food is also called Cosmetic Food. According to the World Health Organization, ultra-processed food is made from materials that are prepared from industrial techniques and procedures.

According to DoubleUHO, some examples of ultra processed things are- Carbonated cold drink Sweet, fated or salty snacks, candy Massive Ready Bread, Biscuit, Pastry, Cake, Fruit Yogurt Ready to eat meat, cheese, pasta, pizza, fish, sausage, burger, hot dog Instant Soup, Instant Noodles, Baby Formula According to experts, chemicals and preservatives doing sugar, salt, fates (fats) or emulsifies (mixing two different types of substances) under the industrial process in all these things, which we do not use in our kitchen.

Former Senior Scientist at National Institute of Nutrition Dr. V Sudarshan Rao points out that when civilization began to use preservation (conservation).

Its main job was to protect the food from deterioration of bacteria and fungi, etc., for long-term use. "Our ancestors knew that if moisture is removed from foods, it can be prized. So, first of all, it started by drying foods in

the sun, because they know that dried foods can be used for a long time."

Dr. V Sudarshan Rao explains that salt for preservation, sugar began to be used, which you can call preservative. But now new technology has caused many changes in preservation.

Explaining the same, Dr. Jayesh Vakani, in the municipal corporation's health department in Rajkot, Gujarat explains, "Take pickles as an example. It uses more salt, sugar, vinegar, and citric acid, which work naturally as a preservative. If artificial preservatives are to be used, they are re-

quired to be used as per the standards of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). "Preservative occurring in foods, including many types of antimicrobial, antioxidants, sorbic acid, etc., may not be used in every food item.

Foods use antimicrobial preservative to prevent bacteria. At the same time, antioxidants in oil, while sorbic acid preservative are used to protect against fungi.

Preservative is not only used in food ingredients, but also in cosmetics such as creams, shampoo, sunscreens, so that they can be used for

creasing the test and making it attractive by adding color to the test, says Ashim Sanyal, CEO of 'consumer voice', the consumers' conscious entity, says that it is also used to protect food and drink from prolonged deterioration.

These preservatives are artificial and are poured into a limited amount. But the methods that are adopted to protect ultra processed food from deterioration become extremely harmful. that the use of preservative in foods cannot be seen separately but it should be seen connecting to ultra-processed

a long time.

But can these be harmful? Replying to this question, Dr. Jayesh Vakani says, "Preservative in any substance or food item is used by keeping safety standards in mind and the amount you need is only that, because there is no benefit of overuse."

DR. V Sudarshan Rao says the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) checks the preservative used in food materials and it has been found that they do not suffer any damage to the body even if they take up to 60-70 years. Preservative is also used in in-

food.

"DoubleUHO also says that ultra-processed foods are preservative and rich in chemical. These are also put in some of the additives (addiction substances) to get used to them. Making vegetables, lentils, etc. is also called processed food but ultra-processed food is what is moulded into a laboratory through technical innovation. In addition to sugar, saturated fats, etc., mixtures of preservatives are very high.

According to him, "DabiUHO also says ultra processed food is rich in preservative and chemi-

cal. These include preservatives so as to be used for a long time. In order to get used to these, some additives (addiction substances) are also inserted."

Ashim Sanyal says that for example, chips, cold drinks or other food items get used to children to grandparents and that is what such substances are put to get used to.

According to him, "It has also been scientifically proven that ultra-processed food has become the root of a lot of diseases. Whenever we checked, we found that ultra-processed food contains plenty of preserva-

tive and other chemical content."

DR. "The nutrients in ultra processing are depleted," says Ashim Sanyal. There is no quality in this food. Just as tobacco or cigarette addiction takes place, such food also gets addicted."

Experts say the difficulty with ultra-processed food is that we do not know how much it is being eaten.

Doctor Arun Gupta says, "Our brain signals us when we eat food, now it is full of stomach. But ultra processed food is prepared in some way that you enjoy eating

prove dangerous in the long run." While the country on the one hand is facing a challenge for malnutrition, there is also a growing problem of obesity. Ultra-processed food is also playing a role in increasing obesity "Sometimes these can be eaten, but when we start using them more than ten feet of our food, that is, more than 200 calories in 2000 calories if coming from ultra-processed food, the damage begins." First of all, weight increases, which invites many diseases in itself. This increases the risk of diabetes, blood pressure, heart and kidney-related diseases, and even cancer. "Recent research also indicates that using ultra-processed food can also lead to depression and angzaiti. Research is underway now on why it is so."

Usually, it has been observed that people of every age and class eat ultra processed food, but children are more at risk if they look at India, as children usually like sweet things. They like to eat chips, candy, chocolate, packed juice and cold drinks. Most research in relation has taken place on adults, but a research in 2017 revealed that about fifty-five-century children are suffering from ultra-processed food and are pushing them to obesity.

What is the way to escape? Knowledgeable states that the habit of eating ultra processed food should be avoided. If you eat such food or foods four times a week, slowly decrease its intake.

People also need to be aware of food labels. In addition, companies that make such foods

should also give prominently information on the front of the materials. "We are pushing the front of pack nutritional labelling, so that these items in the front in the label are said to have a high sugar, salt is high or fat is high. These main things will be noticed, 80 percent of the problem will be banned. Right now all these information are written on the back of the label and so small that customers do not get noticed."

U.S. countries have started front labeling and that has changed people's eating habits, as they have become aware. At the same time, there is a debate that if information is given in labelling, it will affect Brickly. In response to this, Ashim Sanyal says that warning has been put on cigarettes and tobacco, did it stop the bricky of such products?

At the same time, Doctor Gupta says that the biggest role in the matter is that of the government. "The government's responsibility is the greatest. What people are eating, they should know. In addition, media, society and institutions also have a difference to make people aware of this. Then people have their own wishes to do." The way it has been banned in India to advertise baby food for babies up to two years, so the deceptive propaganda about more salt, sugar, and fat materials should also be stopped.

e says, "People should know which thing is harmful. Maybe people still eat, but they will know that these things should eat less."

- Vijay GarG, Retired Principal





## ECoR restores normal train operations after Bangalore-Guwahati SF Express derailment

Bhubaneswar, Mar 31 (UNI) The East Coast Railway (ECoR) has successfully restored normal train operations on both tracks of the Cuttack-Nergundi Rail Section by Monday morning.

By 07:15 AM on Monday, the tracks were cleared and ready for train movement, and the Overhead Equipment (OHE) was fully restored by 07:40 AM.

The first train on the down line passed through at 09:30



Train services were disrupted following the derailment of eleven bogies of the 12551 Bangalore-Guwahati AC SF Express on Sunday at 11:54 AM between Kendrapara Road and Nergundi stations in the Cuttack-Bhadrak Rail-way Section.

At least one passenger died, and three others sustained injuries in the mishap.

ECoR's dedicated railway personnel worked tirelessly through the night under challenging conditions to restore the affected tracks.

ECoR General Manager Parmeshwar Funkwal personally coordinated the restoration efforts, ensuring swift and efficient action with his continuous presence at the site.

Trains resumed movement at

AM, while the up line resumed service shortly thereafter.

Railway personnel, equipped with sleeper rakes, Poclairn machines, tower cranes, and additional support from NDRF, ODRAF, and the district administration, played a crucial role in restoring the track by Monday morning, according to ECoR sources.

Trains resumed movement at

a reduced speed of approximately 10 kilometers per hour as restoration work continued. Speed limits will be gradually increased as the situation stabilizes.

Due to the derailment, ECoR had diverted 38 down-line trains and 17 up-line trains to alternative routes, minimizing disruptions for passengers.

Throughout the incident, priority was given to ensuring the safe and prompt travel of passengers aboard the affected train.

By Sunday evening, efforts shifted towards transporting passengers to their destinations while restoration work remained the primary focus.

According to ECoR sources, the first train to pass through the affected site was a goods train at 09:30 AM, followed by the first passenger-carrying train, the 22823 Bhubaneswar-New Delhi Rajdhani Express, which passed the site on the down line at 10:25 AM.

## Authorities bar Eid Prayers at Eidgah, Jamia Masjid: Mirwaiz

Srinagar, Mar 31 (UNI) Kashmir's chief cleric and Hurriyat Conference chairman, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, on Monday said that authorities barred Eid prayers at Srinagar's Eidgah and historic Jamia Masjid, while he was placed under house detention.

Traditionally Muslims offer Eid prayers at Eidgah, but the government over the last many years has barred people from offering prayers there.

Mirwaiz condemned the decision of disallowing the Eid prayers at Eidgah and Jamia mosque.

"I am deeply pained and strongly condemn the authorities decision to once again deny the Muslims of Kashmir the basic right to offer Eid prayers at Eidgah and Jama Masjid which have been closed down and I have been detained at home," Mirwaiz said in a post on X.

"Even at the peak of



militancy during 1990's Eid prayers were offered at Eidgah, so now when huge claims of "normalcy" are made everyday by the authorities, why are Muslims being kept away from their religious places and practices? What is the agenda? Is the collective identify of Kashmiri Muslims a threat to the rulers?" he asked.

He emphasized that Eidgah and Jama Masjid belong to the people of Kashmir, and barring them

from accessing these sacred spaces on Eid reflects an "oppressive and authoritarian approach that prevails in Kashmir today."

On Sunday, the management committee of the Jama Masjid- Anjuman Auqaf Jama Masjid (AAJM) had announced that the Eid prayers would be held at Srinagar's historic Eidgah at 10 am. The Auqaf had said that in case of inclement weather, the prayers would be offered at Srinagar's grand mosque.

J&K Waqaf Board chairperson and BJP leader Darakshan Andrabi Sunday evening said that due to ongoing construction works, Eid prayers would not be offered at Eidgah ground in downtown Srinagar.

District authorities and the police have not issued any statements regarding the restrictions on Eid prayers at Jamia Masjid and Eidgah. The Jammu and Kashmir Police operate directly under the command of the Lt Governor, not an elected government.

In the last few days authorities barred prayers at the historic Jamia Masjid in Srinagar on Shab-e-Qadr, one of the most auspicious nights of the Islamic calendar. The restrictions also extend to Friday congregational prayers on Jumat-ul-Vida, the final Friday of the holy month of Ramzan. On Jumat-ul-Vida Mirwaiz was placed under house detention on Friday.

## Operation Brahma: NDRF team begins rescue ops at U hla their monastery in Mandalay

New Delhi, Mar 31 (UNI) India's NDRF team has begun rescue operations at the U hla their monastery in Mandalay where around 170 Buddhist monks are still stuck under the rubble following Friday's massive earthquake.

The Indian Army Team is preparing to set up their Medical Service at a chosen site.

"We are also trying to get the NDRF team deployed at the Sky Villa, where four towers of 11-storey each have collapsed. The towers have several foreigners; or be deployed to any another site which the Government of Myanmar considers," the MEA said in an update on Operation Brahma.

The relief material will also be given to the Secretary

General of the state Mahanayak Committee (the second highest of the Committee in Myanmar) where around 2,000 monks are sitting outside the monastery (who are not injured but they have nowhere to go and no basic amenities), the MEA said.

Our teams will also be deployed to the Mandalay Palace, Maha Muni Pagoda, MIIT, and other such places where substantial damage has occurred.

We are providing assistance to members of the Indian community for their stay and food, the statement added.

According to reports, more than 90 people are believed to be trapped under the remains of the Sky Villa apartment block.



The shallow 7.7-magnitude quake struck north-west of Mandalay early afternoon on March 28, followed minutes later by a 6.7-magnitude aftershock.

The tremors destroyed buildings, downed bridged and buckled roads across swathes of Myanmar, with massive destruction seen in Mandalay, the country's sec-

ond-biggest city and home to more than 1.7 million people. At the U hla their monastery, more than 180 monks were taking the third session of a six-day exam for

a senior level of monkhood when the tremors hit on Friday.

The earthquake brought down three levels of one part of the building, one on top of another.

On Friday and Saturday a total of 21 people were rescued alive, and 13 bodies had been recovered by Sunday morning from the monastery, reports said.

On Sunday, Indian naval ships INS Karmuk and LCU 52 were headed for Yangon with 30 tonnes of disaster relief and medical supplies.

On Saturday night, two C-130 aircraft of the Indian Air Force carrying 80 NDRF search and rescue personnel, and two C-17 aircraft with an 118-member Indian Army Field Hospital unit, landed in

Nay Pyi Taw, as part of Operation Brahma to help quake-hit Myanmar.

According to sources, the total aid sent by India through air sorties and Naval ships so far equals to 137 tonnes. More aid will be sent as per requirement.

The two C-17 aircraft carrying the 118-member Indian Army Field Hospital Unit, that includes specialists, and medics, also includes Women & Child Care services along with 60 tonnes of relief material.

Earlier, two C-130 IAF aircraft also landed in the Myanmar capital carrying the 80-member National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) search and rescue team along with four canines, and 10 tonnes of relief material.

## Today's Horoscope

**ARIES** Keep your quarrelsome behaviour under control as it could mar your relationship permanently. You can overcome this by promoting open mindedness and shedding prejudices against anybody. Avoid any long-term investments and try to go out and spend some pleasant moments with your good friend. You are best to avoid issues that could cause arguments with loved ones. Sex appeal give desired result Your work will be appreciated at work. Pleasure trip will be satisfying. Today, you will fall in love with your spouse again. Wear a Copper bangle for continued good health.

**TAURUS** Keep your patience as your continuous effort coupled with common sense and understanding will guarantee your success. Today, seek the blessings of your elders before going out of the house, as it will benefit you. Believe or not someone around you is watching you very closely and considers you a role model- Do only praiseworthy things- which would raise your reputation. Without the company of your beloved you are likely to experience as blank as a Your boss will not be interested in excuses- Do your work to remain in his good books.

**GEMINI** Rise in family medical expenses cannot be ruled out. Although your financial position improves but the outflow of money will still create hindrance in executing your projects. A wonderful day to enjoy the company of guests. Plan something special with your relatives. They would also appreciate it. Chances of facing agony of love on the cards today. Stick to your job and don't count on others to pitch in and help you today. A distant relative can visit your house without any prior notice, which can consume most of your time. You will have a beautiful romantic day, but some health issues might trouble.

**CANCER** Refuse to worry about your health. It is a powerful vaccination against illness. Your right attitude will beat the wrong attitude. If you feel that you do not have enough money, then seek the advice from an elder regarding money management and savings. Let family tension not divert your attention. Bad times give us much more. Sex appeal give desired result Concentrate on your work and your priorities. You will love walking under the clear sky and breathing clean air in your free time today. You will remain mentally calm, which will benefit you throughout the day.

**LEO** Some of you might be forced to make important decisions today which might make you tensed and nervous. Certain important work will come to a halt due to bleak financial position. Visit of an old friend in the later of the day would brighten your evening. You would relieve your childhood memories as you remember your golden days. Personal relationship may break due to difference of opinions. This is one of those great days when you will feel good at the workplace. Today, your colleagues will appreciate your work and your boss will also seem to be happy with your progress.

**VIRGO** Expectant mother should take special care while walking on floor and if possible don't stand with a friend while he is smoking as it could badly affect the unborn child. Involving yourself in large group will be highly entertaining- but your expenses will take an up-trend. Go out with close friends who understand your situation and your needs. Sudden change in romantic mood may upset you highly. Adapt to new techniques to increase your work efficiency-Your style and unique ways of doing things will interest people who are watching you closely.

**LIBRA** You might feel slightly run-down mentally and physically- A little rest and nutritious food will go a long way in lifting your energy. Today, with the help of a close friend, some businessmen are likely to gain monetary benefits. This money can overcome many of your troubles. Be independent and take your own decisions when it comes to making fresh investments. Your limitless love is very valuable for your beloved. Daydreaming will bring your downfall- Do not count on others to do your work. Take advantage of your enormous confidence and go out and make some new contacts and friends.

**SCORPIO** Your smile will work like a trouble-shooter against depression. People who had undertaken loans may experience troubles in repaying the amount today. Family members will be supportive but highly demanding. Travel will promote romantic connection. Use your professional power to enhance your career prospects. You are likely to gain unlimited success in your field of activity. Devote all your skills to gain the upper hand. You have spare time today for socializing and follow up with things that you love doing the most. It might become the best eve of your life with your spouse today.

**SAGITTARIUS** You are likely to impress people around you with your positive outlook and confidence. Today, you may have to spend a lot of money on your mother or father's health. This will, though, deteriorate your financial condition but also strengthen the relationship. Short trip to the relative brings moment of comfort and relaxation from your daily hectic schedule Difficult to kill your time without beloved. Enroll yourself into short-term programs that will help you learn latest technologies and skills. Travel plans if any-might get postponed due to last minute changes in your schedule.

**CAPRICORN** Work pressure and discord at home might bring some stress. Improvement in finances is certain. Festive atmosphere at home would ease your tension. Make sure you also participate in this and not remain like a silent spectator. Chances to form a new love connection will be strong but don't reveal information that is personal and confidential. Don't promise anything till you are sure you can deliver it. Realizing the fragility of time, you will like to spend your time in solitude away from everyone. It would also be beneficial for you to do so.

**AQUARIUS** Maintain your mental health-which is prerequisite for spiritual life. Mind is the gateway of life because everything whether it is good/bad comes through mind. It helps in solving life problems and endows one with requisite light. Today, you may have to spend a lot of money on your mother or father's health. This will, though, deteriorate your financial condition but also strengthen the relationship. You should avoid controversial issues that could cause arguments with loved ones. You can brighten your love life by visiting some picnic spot.

**PISCES** Realize your true potentials as you are not lacking strength but will. You will come up with brilliant new ideas that will bring financial gains. Romance will cloud your mind as you meet your sweetheart. Adapting to new technology will be important to keep pace with the changing times. Today you would be full of good ideas and your choice of activities will bring you gains far beyond your expectations. If you were craving for the love of your spouse, the day will bless you. Offer Prasad at Shree Lakshmi Narayan temple and donate food products among needy people for happy and blissful family life.

## Thunderstorm with lightning and gusty winds likely in Coastal AP & Yanam in next 5 days : Met

maravati, Mar 31 (UNI) Thunderstorm accompanied by lightning and gusty winds speed ranging from 30-40 kmph is likely to occur in North Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam during the next five days, Meteorological Center said on Monday.

In a daily weather report here, it said that the same situation is likely to prevail in South Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Rayalaseema from April 1 to 4.

Maximum temperatures are likely to fall by 2-3 degrees Celsius in Andhra Pradesh and Yanam during the next five days.

Light to moderate rain is likely to occur in North Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam during the next seven days and in South Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Rayalaseema from April 1 to 6.

Dry weather is likely to prevail in South Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Rayalaseema during the next 24 hours.

The weather report also said that the trough from south Chhattisgarh to south Tamil Nadu now runs from south Chhattisgarh to Madhya Maharashtra across Vidarbha, above cyclonic circulation over Marathwada at 0.9 km above mean sea level.

A north-south trough runs from the Cyclonic Circulation over Marathwada to north Tamil Nadu between 0.9 & 1.5 km above mean sea level.

The upper air Cyclonic Circulation over southeast Bay of Bengal now lies over southwest Bay of Bengal at 3.1 km above mean sea level.

The Cyclonic Circulation over south Tamil Nadu & neighbourhood at 0.9 km above mean sea level has become less marked.

Dry weather prevailed in Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam and Rayalaseema during the last 24 hours.

The highest maximum temperature of 40.6 degrees Celsius was recorded at Kurnool in Rayalaseema on Sunday, the report added.

## TN CCB busts Matrimonial scam, 4 arrested

Chennai, Mar 31 (UNI) In a major breakthrough, the Cyber Crime Wing of the Tamil Nadu Police busted a Matrimonial scam network using crypto trading and arrested four people in this connection in the southern Theni district of the State.

An official release here said a statewide coordinated operation by Cyber Crime Wing unearthed Matrimonial Scam Network in Tamil Nadu" A new investment scam is targeting individuals through fake matrimonial profiles.

Scammers create fake profiles on matrimonial websites, build trust with victims by posing

as potential alliance, and then propose high-return investment opportunities, often involving real estate, stocks, forex trading or cryptocurrency trading.

In one of the cases, four accused have been arrested by the Police in Theni district.

The complainant oversees his father's mill in Theni. In search of an alliance for his marriage, the victim registered his details on Sangam, a matrimonial App.

On a fateful day he received a profile match from one ID named Harini. After reviewing her

details, he initiated the conversation through the App. As their interaction continued, he contacted her via WhatsApp.

The suspect built a relationship with the victim by giving false assurances of marriage. To gain his trust and attention, she shared alleged profits she had earned through crypto trading.

At one point, she claimed that her father had suffered losses in the Indian stock market and introduced the concept of Crypto trading.

She then persuaded the victim to invest in Crypto trading. Initially, the victim refused, but

the suspect manipulated him and ultimately influenced him to invest Rs.88,58,988 in Crypto-trading.

Based on this, a FIR was registered at the Cyber Crime Police Station Theni District u/s 66C, 66D IT Act and 318(2), 318(4) BNS.

During investigation, it was found that the victim had transferred a total amount on 25 occasions to two City Union Bank accounts.

The investigation by special team led to the arrest of four accused persons.

The bank accounts to which the victim has

transferred money belonged to persons namely, Lakshmi and Anandhi, both of them are daily wage workers.

On investigation, it is found that the ladies were manipulated by one Nanda Gopal (30) from Erode by offering a commission of Rs. 2,000 for opening those accounts.

Later, it was handed over to accused Yuvrajjan (33), also from Erode and accused Padmanabhan (32) from Coimbatore who had direct contact with the Cambodian accused via Telegram.





## Grand Theatrical Performance of Sri Sri Sri Venkateswara Mahatmyam in Tatiparthi

(Capital Information)

**Yacharam, Mar 31 :** Tatiparthi village is set to host a grand four-day street play of Sri Sri Sri Venkateswara Mahatmyam from April 3 to April 6, 2025 (Thursday to Sunday).

The event promises to be a magnificent cultural and spiritual experience, attracting devotees and art enthusiasts from surrounding villages.

Organized with great devotion, the play aims to bring to life the divine story of Lord Venkateswara, providing an immersive experience for attendees. The organizing committee warmly invites all to witness this spectacular performance and seek the blessings of the Lord.

Organizing Committee: President: Maddela Satyanarayana Vice President: Dara Dasharatha Secretary: Jogu Sanjeev Treasurer: Dhara Narasimha Committee Elders: Dhara Anjaiah, Jogu Sathayya. The village of Tatiparthi eagerly awaits devotees and theater lovers to join in this grand celebration of faith and culture.

## TGNPDCL Launches Consumer Feedback Cell to Enhance Service Quality

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad, Mar 31 :** The Northern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TGNPDCL) has launched a Consumer Feedback Cell to further improve service quality for electricity consumers, announced the company's Chairman & Managing Director, Mr. Karnati Varun Reddy.

As part of this initiative, a random selection of 60 consumers per day will be contacted to gather their feedback on four key service parameters. Over a month, feedback will be collected from approximately 1,800 consumers to assess service efficiency and customer satisfaction.

Key Service Parameters for Consumer Feedback :



New Connections.

2. Behavior of Officials & Staff.

3. Resolution of Consumer Complaints.

4. Prevention of Corrupt Practices.

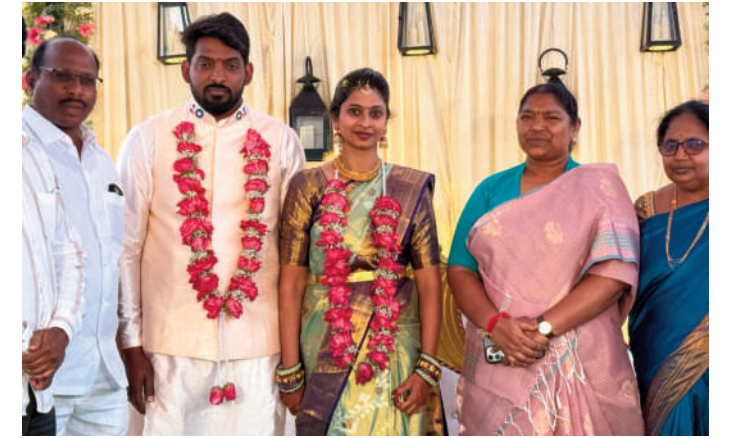
Based on this feedback, officials—including O&M staff and section officers—

will be evaluated and rated. To encourage excellence in service delivery, TGNPDCL will introduce a "Consumer Service Excellence Award" every three months for top-performing staff.

Award Details : Quarterly Awards for officials delivering exceptional consumer service.

Annual Awards for outstanding performers across the organization.

Mr. Karnati Varun Reddy emphasized that direct engagement with consumers will help TGNPDCL identify and address service issues proactively, ensuring that problems do not recur. He added that this initiative is a major step towards enhancing service quality and customer satisfaction across TGNPDCL under 16 circles



## Minister Dr Seethakka Attends An Engagement Ceremony, Of Sujith Reddy

(Capital Information)

**Mulugu, Mar 31 :** Youth Congress State General Secretary Sujith Reddy's Engagement Ceremony On Monday in Shamshabad, Hyderabad, Minister for Panchayati Raj, Rural Development, Women and Child Welfare, Dr. Danasari Anasuya Seethakka, attended the engagement ceremony of Youth Congress State General Secretary Sujith Reddy. She blessed the soon-to-be-wed couple on this special occasion.

The event was graced by Congress party leaders from the state, district, block, and mandal levels, along with several party workers.

## Ramadan Celebrated with Devotion and Enthusiasm : Md Sarwar Ahmed

(Capital Information)

**Mulugu, Mar 31 :** Muslim Brothers Exchanged Greetings with One Another Ramadan was celebrated grandly on Monday in Venkatapur Mandal of Mulugu district.

On this occasion, special prayers were conducted in mosques. Muslim brothers exchanged greetings with one another, extending their best wishes regardless of caste and religion. In Lakshmidivpet village panchayat, the festival was celebrated



with great fervor at Madina Masjid.

People from different communities came together, embracing the spirit of unity, chanting "Hindu-Muslim Bhai Bhai." Telangana State

Minority Service Association State Secretary Mohammad Sarwar Ahmad and other Muslim brothers participated in the event and performed religious rituals.

Under the supervision

of Venkatapur Sub-Inspector Satish Kumar and SI-2 Chandrasekar, security arrangements were made to ensure smooth proceedings at the mosque. Special prayers were conducted by Muslim brothers.

Madina Masjid Maulana (religious leader) Mohammad Anees Rajvi, along with Mohammad Sadiq, Syed Qasim, Pathan Hussain Khan, Yakub Pasha, Sohail Baba, Anwar, and many others, took part in the celebrations.

## A grand tribute to Pastor Praveen

(Capital Information)

**Hanamkonda, Mar 31 :** The reason so many people are talking about Praveen is that he not only wishes to share his knowledge with everyone but also established a software company as part of expanding his business empire, providing employment to many. Not stopping at just providing jobs, he went on to establish two or three more software companies, creating jobs for hundreds. The profits from these software companies were used not just for his own selfish needs but for social service.

He has conducted numerous service programs for the poor, marginalized communities, widows, orphans, and economically backward



individuals, as well as for the sick. He worked hard to provide medical and educational facilities in remote areas. He built orphanages for orphans and old age homes for the elderly, dedicating himself to their service. Praveen's life, with such a personality, is inspiring to all. His service programs and way of life are worth emulating. It is said that God prefers

those who work.

Therefore, we must carry out our work as divine work while fulfilling our responsibilities properly. That is why we can observe that he has influenced thousands, even millions, more than other pastors. The Telugu Baptist Church, under the leadership of Mogilicharla, paid rich tributes with candles to the soul of Mr. Praveen, wishing for eternal peace. A peaceful rally was also conducted in the village, observing silence at the village square.

Local church leaders J.P. Yesu-padam, G. Joseph, B. Immanuel, R. Ranjith, along with church elders, women's society, youth, and Sunday school children participated in this event.

## CM Revanth Reddy Announces Special Hostels for Tribal Students as Ugadi Gift

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad, Mar 31 :** In a major initiative to support tribal students, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, who also holds the Tribal Welfare and Education portfolios, has announced the establishment of two special hostels for students from tribal communities securing admission to Hyderabad Public School (HPS).

Emphasizing his government's commitment to education, CM Revanth Reddy stated, "My government sees investment in education as an investment in the future."

As part of this initiative : One hostel will be allocated for girls.

Another hostel will be designated for boys.

These hostels will be operational from the 2025-26 academic year, ensuring quality accommodation and a better learning environment for tribal students pursuing education at HPS.

This move is expected to significantly enhance educational opportunities for tribal children, providing them with a strong foundation for academic success.



## THREE PERSONS JAILED FOR DRUNKEN DRIVE

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad, Mar 31 :** Film-nagar police have arrested 03 persons, including driver of a car, who drove a car in rash and negligent manner and hit two bikes, which were parked in front a shop. Dur-

Hill. A3 : K. Snehit, aged : 24 years, R/o Road No 12, Banjara Hills. Seized case property: - One car bearing No. No TS13EZ9347.

On 29.03.2025 at 0330 hours received a complainant from Hashmathullah



ing breath analysing test the driver of the car is found drunken condition and he has no valid driving licence.

Details of apprehended accused: A1 : B. Raj Kiran, aged 28 years, (Driver of the car) R/o NBT Nagar, Banjara Hills A2 : B. Mallikarjun, aged 21 years, R/o Road No 12, Banjara

Khan, employe at Saboo Ceramic Pro, Road No 92, Jubilee Hills, in which he stated, on 28-03-2025 at 2100 hours, he parked his Activa Bike bearing no TS 13EZ 1347, in front of his shop and went on work. At about 0200 hours, one Swift Dzire Car bearing No TS 09UD 7377 came in a rash

and negligent manner, lost control, flipped over, and hit his bike, caused damage to his bike and one Honda Dio Bike bearing No TS 07FP 2956. On his complaint police rushed there and brought the driver of the car along with two persons, who consumed liquor all together.

The arrests were made under the supervision of SM Vijay Kumar, IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police, West Zone and P. Venkataragi, ACP Jubilee Hills Division, the investigation team consisting of M. Srinivasulu SHO, A Ganesh Goud, SIP.

Appeal to the General public: 1) Don't drive vehicles under influence of alcohol, it endogenous to human lives and 2) Don't allow the un licensed persons to drive their vehicles, for which the owner of the vehicle also be punished.



## Kalaratna (Hamsa) Award to Dorna Haribabu

(Capital Information)

**Nellore, Mar 31:** Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, state ministers Anam Ramanarayana Reddy and Kandula Durgesh presented the Kalaratna (Hamsa) award to Dornala Haribabu, a cultural artist from Nellore district, at the Ugadi celebrations organised at Tummalapalli Kalakshetra in Vijayawada under the aegis of Andhra Pradesh State Creativity and Culture Society.

The state government presented the award to Haribabu, recognizing his services in the drama industry for the past 40 years.

- A. Jayaprakash

## Allegations of Indian 'Expansionism' in Nepal Assume New Dimensions : PJ James, General Secretary CPI(ML) Red Star

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad, Mar 31 :** Allegations of India's 'expansionist designs' and big-brotherly approach towards neighbouring South Asian countries are not new. Nowadays, this is often discussed with reference to the corporate involvement of Indian crony capitalist Adani, who is having the closest nexus with Modi regime. Recent mass protests against Adani in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, followed by the winding up of certain strategic Adani investments in them got much media attention too. However, in the case of Nepal, apart from the economic dimensions of Indian penetration as manifested in Adani's infrastructure projects in electricity and airport construction, the qualitative turn in Indian expansionism in Nepal is in relation to the surging Hindu nationalist, pro-monarchy movement there.

After the abolition of monarchy in 2008, Nepal was declared a "secular" state and Article 4 of the 2015 Constitution of Nepal had incorporated

it as a basic feature of the State. Since then, Rashtriya Prajatantra Party (RPP), formed in 1990, Nepal Janata Party (NJP) formed in 2004 with the same flag and color as the BJP, Hindu pro-monarchy organizations such as the Vishwa Hindu Mahasangh, etc., have been working overtime to restore monarchy in Nepal. In this effort, according to reports, Hindutva right wing groups or Parivar organisations from India led by RSS through its Shakas in Nepal, the largest number outside India, and its political tool BJP, have been directly and indirectly influencing and encouraging pro-monarchy Hindu organisations through material and ideological backing. It is said that all these efforts have got a further boost following the ascendance of BJP regime in India in 2014, that inspired all the pro-monarchy organisations to intensify their struggle for establishing a Hindurashtra in Nepal. As it's manifestation, the Hindu nationalist landscape in Nepal, unlike in the past, has started



displaying non-tolerance to eating beef including targeting of Christians and Muslims. This is a new trend in Nepal, where political Hinduism is successfully infiltrating even into the leadership of mainstream parties and even among many self-professed Nepal communists, who earlier had an uncompromising secular approach. And, when the far-right and multi-dimensional Hindutva offensive intensified, all the mainstream parties ranging from Maoists to Nepali Congress became apologists or even proponents of political Hinduism and "sanatan dharma". Though secularism was in-

serted into the Constitution after the Maoists came to power, even they took no initiative for politicising or conscientizing the people regarding the idea of secularism and a secular way of life. It provided enough space for the reactionary forces to take advantage of the far-right shift in politics with their appeal to Hindutva.

In the same vein, casteism and ethnicity, which were inalienable components of erstwhile monarchy are also bouncing back with intensified vigour in Nepal. During the time of monarchy, for instance, it was the upper castes, who dominated the

corridors of power, and who defined Nepal's national identity, according to which, Nepal remained a Hindu state led by King as an avatar of Lord Vishnu, the Hindu god. The marginalised ethnic communities who disagreed with this formulation were targeted, and even disenfranchised for being disloyal to nation. These vulnerable sections who once wholeheartedly supported the anti-monarchy movement and upheld parliamentary democracy are once again driven to the peripheries with the resurgent Hindutva offensive. In this setback, the depoliticisation and degeneration of Nepali Left has a major role. Earlier, the political base of Maoists was the discriminated, lower caste ethnic groups together with the working class. Later, the embrace of neoliberalism and its ideology by Maoists demolished all those advancements of yesteryears.

It is in this context that, as noted above, the ideological and material penetration of the Sangh Parivar from India, whose leaders on several occasions have stated their preference for Nepal as a Hindu state, assumes significance. Rajnath Singh, current Indian defence minister, who was the president of BJP in 2010 had expressed his wish of Nepal regaining its true identity by again becoming a Hindu state. Yogi Adityanath had even wrote letter to the Nepali prime minister in 2015, asking him to declare Nepal a Hindu nation. Hence the resurgence of the pro-monarchy Hindu nationalist movement in Nepal needs to be seen in the broader neofascist context of the patronage from the strengthening Hindutva regime in India. It's latest manifestation has been the display of India's UP chief minister Yogi Adityanath's poster alongside a poster of ousted Nepali King Gyanendra at a pro-monarchy rally in Kathmandu on 9 March 2025. Of course, the close ties be-

tween Adityanath's Gorakhnath Mutt, located in Gorakhpur in India, and Nepal's royal family are widely known. Yogi is an open proponent of a Hindu state in Nepal. He called the Nepali parliament that declared Nepal a secular state as "kan-garoo parliament" and termed the declaration as "unconstitutional". Since Yogi had already made his reactionary stand clear, this was not a new thing. However, when the display of his poster with that of King went viral in social media, it led to widespread condemnation even among pro-monarchy sections and triggering a war of words among the Nepali political circles and even in international media, against Indian expansionist designs in Nepal. This has revived the traditional anti-India sentiment among many a section in Nepali society too. Still, in the absence of a powerful progressive, democratic and secular alternative, the current situation in Nepal does not augur well for the days ahead.



## Spiritual Eid Gathering at Cherian Palace Masjid Marks a Blessed Occasion

**(Capital Information)** Hyderabad, Mar 31 : The joyous festival of Eid-ul-Fitr was celebrated with deep spirituality, unity, and gratitude at Cherian Palace Masjid, Banjara Hills. The grand gathering following the Eid Namaz brought together esteemed personalities, community leaders, and devout worshippers, making it a truly special and memorable occasion.

Moulana Arif of Cherian Palace Mosque. His presence, along with other distinguished guests, added to the sanctity and spiritual essence of the gathering.

Accompanying him was Mohammed Khaja Moinuddin, a renowned entrepreneur and philanthropist from New Jersey, United States, along with his sons—Mohammed Alam Moinuddin, Mohammed Haris Moinuddin,



Among those present was Mohammed Numan Shamsuddin, a student of JBS Dubai, who extended his heartfelt Eid greetings and congratulations to Imam

din, and Mohammed Ayan Moinuddin. Their presence highlighted the global bond shared by Muslims across different nations, reinforcing the values of brotherhood



and unity in Islam.

The congregation was further graced by the presence of Moluna Peeranay Peer spretial leader Mohammed Sajid, a respected spiritual leader, and Dr. Syed Hasnain, alongside Mohammad Shamsuddin, SNAPS INDIA Editor. Their participation in the event brought an added sense of spiritual significance, reflecting on the importance of faith, devotion, and the blessings of Eid. The atmosphere at Cherian

Palace was filled with happiness, prayers, and divine blessings, as worshippers offered their heartfelt gratitude to Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala for granting them the strength to successfully observe the holy month of Ramadan. The completion of all the Roza (fasts) was a moment of immense fulfillment for the believers, who came together to celebrate this auspicious occasion in unity.

Following the Eid Namaz, heartfelt embraces and greetings of "Eid Mubarak" echoed throughout the mosque. Families, friends, and members of the community joined in prayer, reflecting on the values of faith, compassion, and generosity that define the essence of Ramadan and Eid-ul-Fitr. The exchange of warm wishes and blessings created an atmosphere of peace, love, and harmony, strength-

ening the bonds of the community.

The celebration continued with discussions on spirituality, philanthropy, and community welfare, emphasizing the importance of extending a helping hand to those in need. The teachings of Ramadan—patience, sacrifice, and gratitude—were deeply felt, reminding everyone of the duty to serve humanity and uphold the values of kindness and empathy.

Eid-ul-Fitr 2025 at Cherian Palace Mosque, Banjara Hills, was indeed a memorable and spiritually fulfilling occasion, bringing together people from different walks of life in a beautiful expression of faith, togetherness, and devotion. It was a day of reflection, joy, and gratitude, reaffirming the essence of Islam and the strength of the global Muslim community.

May this Eid bring peace, prosperity, and countless blessings to all! Eid Mubarak! PIX : SNAPS INDIA



## The intention of every religion is humanity : Janayetri Foundation

**(Capital Information)** Miryalaguda, Mar 31 : In Miryalaguda town, beyond politics Beyond caste and religion The Janayetri Foundation, which is at the forefront of serving the poor with the slogan of Janayetri with the people - Janayetri for the people, celebrated the Telugu New Year, Ugadi festival, and distributed Ugadi chutney to passersby and travelers in front of the Janayetri Foundation office located at Rajiv Chowk and conveyed Ugadi greetings to Hindu brothers and sisters.

Dr. Munir Ahmed Sharif, founder of Janayetri Foundation, said, I wish that this Ugadi festival will fill your life with happiness, health and wealth. I sincerely wish that your desired aspirations will come true and your life will be filled with more happiness. Members of Janayetri Foundation and others participated in this program.

## High officials ignore massive irregularities in the transport department

**(Capital Information)** Hyderabad, Mar 31 : Massive irregularities are taking place in the transport department of Telangana State. There are allegations that transfers were made to computer operators by taking money in connection with high officials. The officials put those who were told to do so in high positions and transferred those who were not.

The officials did what they said. When you go to the RTA office about driving license and vehicle certificates, you are being threatened with staying away from the Home Guard Police constables. There is no agent code on the certificates.

Driving license and vehicle certificates are not being processed. In the past, 17 computer operators were col-

lected from computer operators in the name of transfers. In the first time, 17 computer



operators were removed from their duties in various districts. In the second time, 25 computer operators were removed from their duties. In the state of Telangana, more than a hundred computer operators were transferred. In the past, the transport department officials

used to come to the mandals and conduct inspections.

For about six years, the transport department officials were limited to towns in the name of vehicle inspections. When the transport department officials responded to the phone to seek an explanation, many people are demanding that the state-level officials respond, identify the corrupt and take legal action.

## The state government has extended the application date for the Rajiv Yuva Vikas Scheme till April 14

**(Capital Information)** Nalgonda bureau, Mar 31 : In order to get self-employment under the Rajiv Yuva Vikas Scheme, applications should be submitted manually at the Mandal Public Administration Service Centers and Public Administration Service Centers in the Municipal Offices by April 14, District Collector Ila Tripathi said. On Monday, State Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, State IT Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu, State Chief Secretary A. Shanthi Kumari along with top state officials held a video conference on Rajiv Yuva Vikas with the Collectors and officials of all districts from Hyderabad. Explaining the status of applications in Nalgonda district as part of the implementation of Rajiv Yuva Vikasam, the District Collector informed the Deputy Chief Minister that 22,356 applications have been received online under Rajiv Yuva Vikasam so far.

Nalgonda and Miryalaguda, and a Public Administration Service Center has been set up in the District Collector's office specifically for the Rajiv Yuva Vikasam scheme. He said that in order to receive manual applications, blank application forms will be set up in all Mandal Public Administration Service Centers and Public Administration Service Centers in Municipal Commissioner's offices as per the orders of the State Deputy Chief Minister. Similarly, he said that print copies of all the applications applied online so far will be taken and kept ready.

The District Collector said that a wide publicity will be given in all villages, mandals and municipal centers to apply for self-employment under Rajiv Yuva Vikasam by April 14, and a tom-tom will be done. The Collector asked the unemployed SC, ST, BC, Minority, OBC and EBC youth in the district to apply manually at the mandal and municipal public service centers by April 14 to get self-employment under Rajiv Yuva Vikasam.



She said that a toll-free number 18004251442 has been set up in the District Collector's office to clear doubts regarding Rajiv Yuva Vikasam and details can be obtained by calling this number. She said that the Executive Director of SC Corporation has been appointed as the nodal officer in Nalgonda district for the implementation of this scheme.

Earlier, the Deputy Chief Minister of the state, speaking on the Rajiv Yuva Vikas Scheme, said that the state

government will spend about 10 thousand crore rupees and implement the Rajiv Yuva Vikas Scheme with great ambition to provide self-employment to the unemployed SC, ST, BC, Minority, OBC and EBC youth. He said that the district collectors should focus on this scheme and implement it, take it widely to the people at the field level, hold meetings with the mandal level officials and clearly explain the rules and procedures of the scheme. He also asked the district ministers

and legislators to provide wide publicity to the people from time to time regarding the Rajiv Yuva Vikas Scheme. He said that this is a good opportunity for the youth to stand on their feet and become self-employed, therefore, everyone working in this scheme should work with dedication, and keeping in mind the requests received from the field level to extend the date for applying under the Rajiv Yuva Vikas Scheme, he revealed that the date for applying is being extended to

April 14. He said that the beneficiaries who qualify under this scheme will be given sanction orders on June 2. Later, training programs will be organized in phases.

In order to overcome the difficulties in receiving applications online, he ordered that applications be received manually at all Mandal Public Administration Service Centers and Municipal Offices. Only blank applications should be downloaded from the online portal. He said that no applications will be allowed online from now on, and that copies of all applications received online so far should be printed and kept and data entry should be done. He reiterated that from now on, those applying under Rajiv Yuva Vikasam should take applications at Mandal Public Administration Service Centers, complete the applications and submit them at Mandal Public Administration Centers and Municipal Offices.

State IT Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu said that although self-employment

schemes have been implemented for SC, ST, BC, Minority, OBC and EBC youth for decades, they are not being implemented properly, which is why it has been decided to implement the Rajiv Yuva Vikas Scheme. He suggested that district collectors should think about how to improve the quality of the Rajiv Yuva Vikas Scheme, that the units established under this scheme should provide permanent employment, and that an officer should be appointed to specifically monitor this scheme in each district. State Government Chief Secretary A. Shanthi Kumari, Special Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao, Principal Secretaries, Sandeep Kumar Sultania, Sridhar, and others gave suggestions and advice. Additional Collector J. Srinivas, ZP CEO Prem Karan Reddy, DRDO Sekhar Reddy, Housing Department PD Raj Kumar, District Welfare Officer Krishnaveni, other officials, and others attended this video conference.

## Food distribution program under the auspices of Lions Club Vanitha Diamond



**(Capital Information)** Miryalaguda, Mar 31 : On the occasion of the death anniversary of Annapurnama, Anjaneyulu of Mailavarapu, with the generosity of her sons and daughters-in-law, Mailavarapu Ravi Mohan Aruna and his wife, Mailavarapu Anup Kumar Saritha and his wife, Mailavarapu Sai Kumar, a food distribution program was organized under the auspices of Gattu Venkateswarlu and Lion's

Club Vanitha Diamond on Monday in front of Diamond Sweets and Bakery on Miryalaguda Sagar Road, where Anna Prasad was distributed to about 300 people, said Diamond Netra Bank founder Masetti Srinivas Diamond.

As part of this program, Mittapalli Vijaya Bhaskara Rao expressed his gratitude to the many people who came forward to donate food here. Also, when they saw in the

news paper that an old woman had been lying in front of Amma Hospital for 15 days and was admitted to an orphanage, his daughter immediately responded and came to Miryalaguda and took her to Hyderabad. They also said that they have restored eyesight to many people through eye donation.

Masetti Srinivas Diamond speaking Offer, wished everyone a happy Ugadi, Ramzan festivals

and thanked those who celebrated the program here today. He called on donors to come forward and celebrate their functions here. He asked them to show their generosity by giving one meal to the poor.

In this program, Vanitha Diamond President Masetti Geetha Diamond, Swapna, Madhu, Mangatai, Mittapalli Vijaya Bhaskara Rao, Gattu Venkateswarlu and others participated.

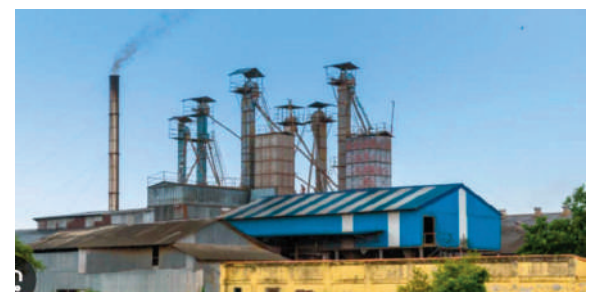
## Civil supply officials ignoring illegal ration rice supply, officials are taking bribes from rice millers and helping them

**(Capital Information)** Sangareddy/Medak, Mar 31 : In Telangana, officials are taking bribes from rice millers and helping them, unable to stop the illegal ration supply. In the BRS government, they gave rice to rice millers and could not recover the rice. After spending three years, the rice millers

sold the money and invested it in real estate and other businesses. Some rice millers are sending money as soon as the officials come for inspection in the paper.

In Medak, Sangareddy District, Andol, Sadashivpet, Zaheerabad and other Mandals, officials are taking bribes from rice millers and helping them. From Sangareddy, they are supplying illegal ration rice via Jogipet, Pedda, Shankarampet, Alladurgam, Nizampet, Kalleru Pittam. The authorities are not paying attention.

While some officials in Sangareddy District are arresting



and registering cases against those transporting illegal ration rice, in Medak District, Pedda Shankarampet, Narsingh, Papannapet, Medak, Kolcharam, Kaudipalli, Narsapur, Thupran, Ramayampet, Alladurgam, there are no officials in other Mandals, and they are helping those supplying illegal ration rice. The authorities are standing by as the ration mafia is

giving money. It is known that Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy spoke about the ration mafia in the Nalgonda Sabha.

Many are demanding that the District authorities respond and recover the goods that should have come from the rice millers in a timely manner and conduct inspections with the Vigilance Civil Supply officers to stop the ration mafia.



## NEUFC coach Benali expresses disappointment over their playoff exit

Shillong, Mar 31 (UNI) North-East United FC head coach Juan Pedro Benali voiced his disappointment as they bowed out of the Indian Super League (ISL) playoffs following a 2-0 defeat against Jamshedpur FC at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium here on Sunday night.

The Highlanders displayed a spirited performance throughout the game, generating waves of attacks from both flanks. They attempted 15 shots and 42 crosses against the Men of Steel, their second-highest such tally in a single game in league history, but lacked precision in the final third as they fell short in finding the back of the net.

Macarion Louis Nickson and Nestor Albiach missed crucial chances in the opening half before Stephen Eze broke the deadlock against the run of play with his powerful strike from a tight situation inside the box.

Alaaeddine Ajaraie, Jithin MS, Parthib Gogoi, and others too had their chances in the second half but failed to convert as they went down fighting against Jamil's men. Moreover, Javi Hernandez



further sealed the victory with his composed finish at the stroke of the full time, securing the final semi-final spot.

Benali shared his disappointment in ending up the season with such a performance, where they worked their socks off but couldn't just score the goal, knocking them out from the playoffs race.

"Unlucky, but proud of my team, proud of our fans, and proud of everyone who worked very hard all season to arrive here. Maybe we

could do something better now; I don't know what, but just look at what we played against Jamshedpur FC," Benali said in the post-match press conference.

"Sometimes you play football and the other team wins; sometimes you play very badly and you win. This is football; this is how it is, and we need to accept it, head up, and look forward," he added.

NorthEast United FC dominated the game with nearly 70 percent ball pos-

session. However, they managed to keep only three shots on target, missing numerous goal-scoring opportunities.

Benali stated that while he had anticipated Jamshedpur FC's approach, their lack of finishing prowess ultimately resulted in a difficult loss on home soil.

"We know Jamshedpur FC; this is their football. We know it very well. They were lucky with the first goal, and we started to swim against the current. We could score before they score; we could

score many goals after, but when the ball doesn't go inside, you know, you get frustrated; you get in a hurry," he shared.

"We didn't score. The only thing missing in this game is the goal. We played from the side, we played from inside, we played the set pieces, but we didn't maybe shoot enough to score. Maybe I need to see the game again," he continued.

However, Benali remained optimistic and took pride in leading such a fantastic side throughout the campaign.

"I tell you again, proud, really proud of my players. We do mistakes; it's normal, we're human. We must make mistakes. We try to learn from our mistakes. But as I said before, champions, for me, are not the ones who put the trophy up," he said.

"Champions are the ones who fell down and stand again and fight again. And this is the spirit of NorthEast United FC. This is the spirit of the Highlanders. This is the spirit of the Wolves.

Altogether, we don't care. We will stand and fight again," Benali concluded.



## The Velama Society of Rangareddy district committee swearing ceremony

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad, Mar 31 : New Functionaries Of Rangareddy District Velama association swearing ceremony held on Monday in AMR Convention, Hastinapuram.

Velama society elders, Surabhi Venkateswara Rao, Surabhi Chalapathi Rao, Surabhi Ananda Rao, AIVA EC members, Ettapu Madhusudan Rao, Kotla Narender Rao, Ujjini Kishan Rao, Honorary Presidents Chennamani Nendar Rao and Election Officer.

Swearing committee wished Velama relatives who attended the event.

Election Officer Rankishan Rao and Honorary Presidents Minender Rao were sworn in with executive members.

The Velama Society is the functioning Rangareddy velama family welfare form today onwards.

## Khalid Jamil applauds team effort & experience in win over NorthEast United FC

Shillong, Mar 31 (UNI) Jamshedpur FC head coach Khalid Jamil was delighted with the effort of his players in their win over NorthEast United FC at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium here.

The visitors arrived with a well-structured game plan and executed it effectively, securing a spot in the semi-finals with a win in Knockout 2 of the Indian Super League (ISL) match on Sunday night.

NorthEast United FC dominated the early exchanges, but Jamshedpur FC absorbed the pressure, waiting for opportunities on the counter.

Their patience paid off near the half-hour mark when Stephen Eze capitalized on Ashutosh Mehta's long throw-in, smashing the ball into the net. This was also their fifth goal from a throw-in this season—the most by any team.

Holding onto their lead at halftime, Jamshedpur FC produced a disciplined defensive display in the second half to repel NorthEast United's relentless attacks. Javi Hernandez sealed the victory deep into stoppage time, ensuring their place in the final four.

"It is a very important victory. The players worked very



hard. Whatever result we got is because of the players,"

Jamil said at the post-match press conference.

The Highlanders had dominated Jamshedpur FC in both league-phase encounters, first with a commanding 5-0 home victory, followed by a 2-0 triumph in the return fixture.

However, the Men of Steel, despite coming into this fixture on the back of a difficult run of form, displayed resilience and determination—qualities that had defined their season under their Indian head coach. Their experience and well-executed tactics proved decisive as they now prepare for a semi-final showdown against League Shield winners Mohun Bagan Super

Giant.

"I said before that this is the type of game where we need experienced players. Look at how Pronay (Halder), Eze, Javi, Ashutosh (Mehta), Jordan (Murray), Mobashir (Rahman), and (Muhammed) Uvais also used their experience," Jamil stated.

"Albino (Gomes) also used his experience from the start. So it was all about experience. Because if you don't use your experience, you are always under pressure," he added.

Apart from his stunning strike in the first half, the

Nigerian centre-back was a commanding presence in defense, leading the backline with composure. He registered 11 clearances and six interceptions.

However, head coach Khalid Jamil credited Pronay Halder for providing solid support, seamlessly slotting into the centre-back role in Pratik Chaudhari's absence. Halder matched Eze's defensive output with 11 clearances of his own.

"Eze had a good understanding with Pronay. Pronay also played a major role today defensively," he commented.

## Ashwini's four, Rickelton's fifty power MI to victory

Mumbai, Mar 31 (UNI) Mumbai Indians secured a dominant eight-wicket victory over Kolkata Knight Riders in the 12th match of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 at Wankhede Stadium on Monday, riding on Ashwini Kumar's stellar bowling performance and Ryan Rickelton's composed knock.

Opting to bowl first, MI bowlers put up an imposing show as KKR were bundled out for a mere 116 in 16.2 overs. The standout performer with the ball was Ashwini Kumar, who dismantled KKR's middle order with an impressive 4/41, claiming the crucial wickets of Ajinkya Rahane (11), Rinku Singh (17), Manish Pandey (19), and Andre Russell (5). His spell proved decisive, as KKR struggled to build any momentum despite a few promising knocks.

Deepak Chahar (2/19) set the tone early, dismissing



Quinton de Kock (1) and Venkatesh Iyer (3) cheaply, while Trent Boult (1/23) removed Sunil Narine for a duck. Hardik Pandya (1/10) and Mitchell Santner (1/17) provided further breakthroughs to ensure that KKR never recovered from their early setbacks. Despite a valiant 26 off 16 from young Angkrish Raghuvanshi and a late effort from Ramandeep Singh (22), KKR's innings

crumbled under MI's disciplined attack.

There were brief moments of resistance, including a crisp four from Manish Pandey off Ashwini Kumar and a powerful pull shot from Rinku Singh for six over long-off against Vignesh Puthur. However, KKR's collapse overshadowed these glimpses of brilliance.

Chasing 117, MI openers Rohit Sharma (13) and Ryan

Rickelton (62\* off 41) provided a steady start, with the South African wicketkeeper-batsman playing a match-winning knock. Rickelton reached his fifty in style, stepping away and hammering a half-tracker from Sunil Narine over midwicket for a six in the ninth over. He followed it up with another powerful six, lofting Narine over long-on with a clean swing of the bat.

Will Jacks (16) fell to Russell, caught sharply by Rahane at cover as he failed to keep his drive down. Earlier, Russell also dismissed Rohit, who miscued a short ball, offering an easy catch to Harshit Rana at mid-off.

Suryakumar Yadav (27\* off 9) ensured a swift finish, toying with the KKR bowlers. In the 12th over, he dispatched Russell twice to the boundary — first pulling a slower one well in front of square and then ramping a short ball over short third.

KKR's bowlers failed to make an impact, with only Russell (2/35) managing breakthroughs. The rest of the attack, including Spencer Johnson (0/14), Harshit Rana (0/28), and Varun Chakravarthy (0/12), struggled against MI's confident batting display.

Ashwini Kumar's remarkable debut spell set up the win, despite a couple of dropped catches in the field. His fiery delivery that rattled Russell's stumps was a defining moment, underlining MI's dominance. Rickelton's mature and fluent knock ensured that MI chased down the modest target with ease.

With this victory, MI registered their first win of the season, while KKR were left grappling with their second defeat.

Hardik Pandya's men will look to carry this momentum forward in their upcoming fixtures.

## Encourage mulberry cultivation, sericulture among farmers of Vidarbha: Maha CM

Mumbai, Mar 31 (UNI) Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis on Monday instructed officials to promote mulberry cultivation and sericulture among farmers of Vidarbha to make them self-reliant.

In view of continuous crop failure, unpredictable nature, climate change, limited soil fertility, it becomes risky to depend on traditional crops.

In such a situation, mulberry cultivation on less water is emerging as a more profitable and sustainable agriculture that provides financial support to farmers, he said.

The state government is implementing various schemes in collaboration with the central government to enrich the farmers of Vidarbha through sericulture.

The Chief Minister further instructed to develop mulberry cultivation and tussar silk industry from the social responsibility funds of the central and the state governments as well as private companies and social organisations.

Therefore, Fadnis has given instructions to promote sericulture among farmers of Vidarbha so that they can become self-reliant.



## Exercise Tiger Triumph set to commence on Eastern Seaboard

New Delhi, Mar 31 (UNI) The Fourth edition of Exercise Tiger Triumph, the bilateral Tri-Service India-US Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise, will take place on the Eastern Seaboard from April 1 to 13.

The exercise is aimed at developing interoperability for conducting HADR operations and for the formulation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to establish a Combined Coordination Centre (CCC) that would enable rapid and smooth coordination between Indian and US Joint Task Forces (JTF) during exercises and crisis/contingencies, an Indian Navy statement said.

The Indian side would be represented by Indian Naval Ships Jalashwa, Gharial, Mumbai and Shakti with integral helicopters and landing crafts embarked, Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft P8I, army troops from 91 Inf Brigade and 12 Mech Infantry Battalion, Air Force C-130 Air-



craft and MI-17 Helicopters, along with the Rapid Action Medical Team (RAMT).

The US side will be represented by US Navy Ships Comstock and Ralph Johnson with troops of the US Marine Division embarked.

The harbour phase is scheduled at Visakhapatnam from April 1 to 7, during which an opening ceremony with a joint flag parade and media interaction will be held onboard

INS Jalashwa on Tuesday.

Participants from both sides would also engage in training visits, subject matter expert exchanges, sports events and social interactions. On completion of the harbour phase, the ships with troops embarked, would sail for a sea phase and undertake maritime, amphibious and HADR operations off Kakinada.

During the exercise, a

joint command and control center, would be established by Indian Army and US Marines at the Kakinada Naval Enclave. The IAF RAMT and the US Navy medical team will also establish a joint medical camp for providing medical aid.

The exercise will culminate with a closing ceremony onboard US Navy Ship Comstock on 13 April at Visakhapatnam.

## Shah hails NCB, Delhi Police for busting major drug network

New Delhi, Mar 31 (UNI) Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday lauded the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and Delhi Police for busting a major narco-network in Delhi-NCR, emphasising that the government's relentless hunt against the drug trade will continue.

In a post on X, Shah said, "In line with the Modi government's zero tolerance against drugs, a major narco-network was busted in Delhi-NCR," a Home Ministry statement said.

"The NCB and Delhi Police grabbed the gang by its throat and recovered methamphetamine, MDMA, and cocaine worth Rs 27.4 crore and arrested five people. I applaud NCB and Delhi Police for this major breakthrough," he said.

Notably, following a tip-off about a potential high-quality Methamphetamine exchange in the Chhatrapur area of

Delhi a joint team of NCB and Special Cell of the Delhi Police mounted surveillance on the suspects resulting in inter-

Tilak Nagar area of West Delhi. A search of this kitchen led to the recovery of 1.156 kg crystal Methamphetamine, 4.142 kg Afghan heroin and 5.776 kg MDMA (ecstasy pills) of Rs 16.4 crore. Further, a follow-up search at a rented apartment in Greater Noida led to a recovery of 389 grams of Afghan heroin and 26 grams of cocaine.

Investigation revealed about involvement of this syndicate in facilitating African youth peddling drugs and narcotics, in getting student visas for study at major private universities of NCR as well as Punjab.

For some of the students, the visa was only a cover for their stay in India where as they were involved in supplying drugs and crypto conversions. Further, investigations to identify the backward and forward linkages of this drug syndicate are underway.





# Cinema Information

## Tollywood @ April: 5 Big Announcements

This April is going to be a busy month for Tollywood as we have many interesting updates lined up to come out in the span of next 30 days. Interestingly enough, we are going to witness the promotional material of not one or two, but actually five superstar films this month.

The month will start with the arrival of the first glimpse video of Ram Charan and Buchi Babu's RC 16, which is going to be out on April 6 on the occasion of Sri Ram Navami. This is going to be the first video material from the film, and there is a lot of expectation on the same.

This will be followed by the possible teaser of Prabhas and Maruti's Raja Saab, which



is likely to arrive towards the first half of the month. This teaser is going to play a crucial role in reviving the hype on the film.

Apart from that, we are going to witness the official an-

ouncement of Allu Arjun's upcoming film, which is likely to be with Atlee. This project is likely to be announced on the occasion of Allu Arjun's birthday, which happens to fall on April 8.

Adding to that, we could also be witnessing the theatrical teaser or trailer for Pawan Kalyan's long delayed Hari Hara Veera Mallu. Now that the film is releasing in theatres on May 9, we could be witnessing the trailer for the same very soon.

And then comes the most interesting announcement of all these films, as it is being heard that Rajamouli is planning to hold a press meet about his upcoming film with Mahesh Babu in April.

So it essentially turns out to be that there will be no major films arriving in the theatres this April, but we will be witnessing multiple announcements on superstar films this month.

### 'Star Boy' Siddhu's Jack trailer release on April 2

Upcoming Telugu movie Jack marks the first collaboration between director Bommarillu Bhaskar and Starboy Siddhu Jonnalagadda. The film features Baby fame Vaishnavi Chaitanya in a dual role.



Set for a grand theatrical release on April 10, 2025, the makers have intensified promotional activities. As part of that, the much-awaited trailer is set to drop on April 2, 2025. With the teaser already generating buzz, the trailer is expected to create a massive impact and boost the film's opening at the box office.

Produced by BSN Prasad under the Sri Venkateswara Sai

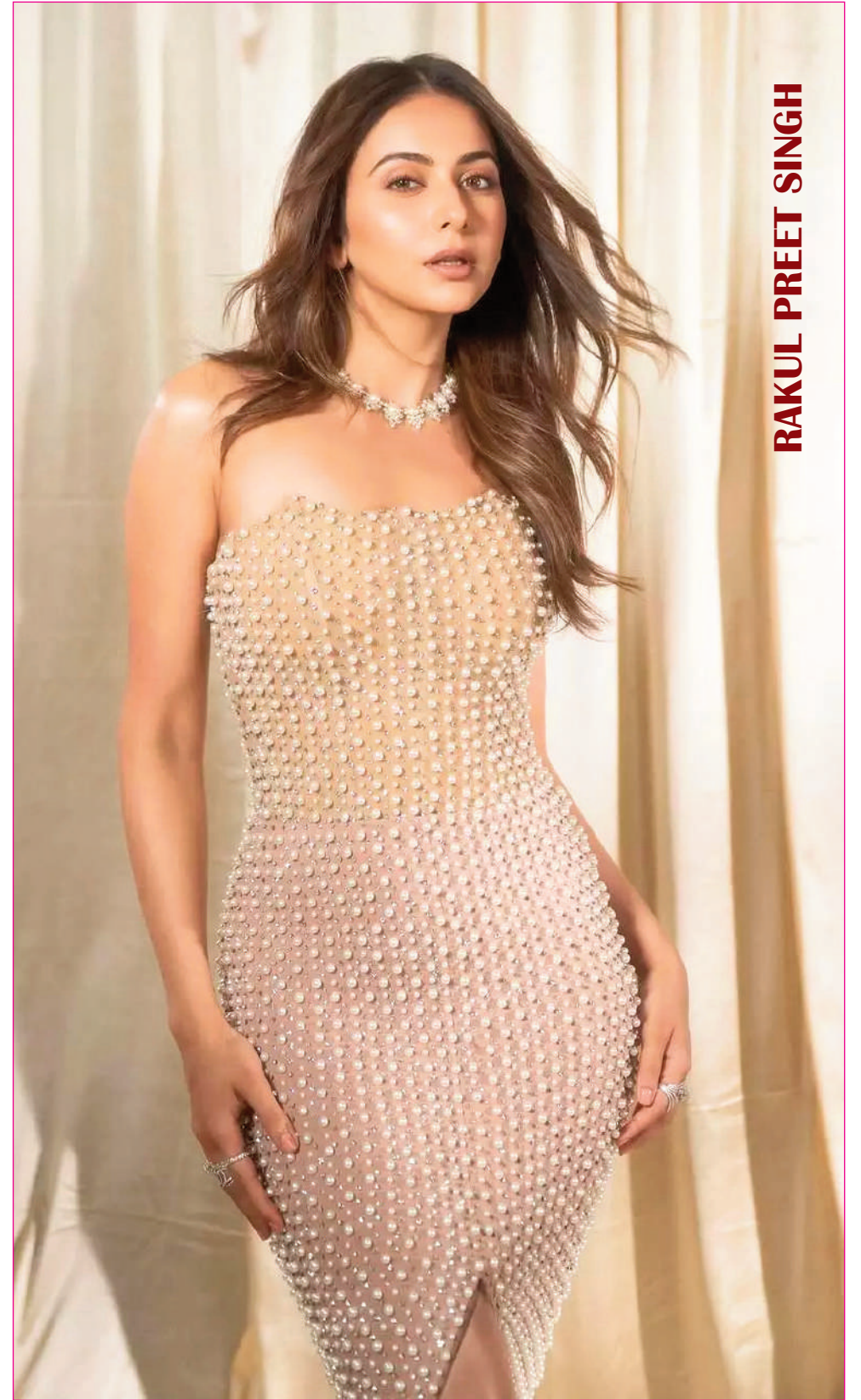
Chitra banner, the film boasts music by Achu Rajamani, Sam CS, and Bobbili Suresh. Veteran actor Prakash Raj plays a pivotal role, adding to the film's appeal. All eyes are now on its box office performance.

### A mass film without emotion won't work, says Good Bad Ugly director

Good Bad Ugly is undoubtedly the most anticipated Tamil film of the year. This Ajith starrer directed by Mark Antony fame Adhik Ravichandran is set to light up the big screens on April 10, 2025. The advance bookings commenced on a promising note in international markets, and the theatrical trailer will be launched very soon.

Adhik Ravichandran recently attended an award function, where he made some interesting comments. He said, "Ajith sir promised to do a film with me even before Mark Antony's release. I was surprised since I wasn't a hit director when he made that commitment. I was very tense before narrating the story. My career can be defined as before Good Bad Ugly and after Good Bad Ugly."

Adhik Ravichandran added, "Good Bad Ugly is a mass film with a strong emotion. I firmly believe a mass film won't work if it lacks emotion. Ajith sir gives his best to every character. He will be very energetic in Good Bad Ugly. We believe we made a thoroughly entertaining film, and it is packed with a lot of surprises. I am looking forward to seeing your reactions."



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## Every mother and son should watch Arjun S/O Vjayanthi : Kalyanram

Nandamuri Kalyanram starrer Arjun S/O Vjayanthi has created a big wave of anticipation with the action packed teaser. Mainly, mother and son bonding of veteran actress Vijayashanti and NKR has become the talking point everywhere. Now, the makers have released the first single, Nayaaldhi on the occasion of Eid.

The makers have conducted a grand launch event at Ravi Kala Mandir, Narasaraopeta. The event has been attended by a huge number of Nandamuri fans making it a huge success. Before the event, fans conducted a huge rally inviting NKR to their hometown. They showered with huge love upon the actor.



Kalyanram, known for his humility, visited his long time make-up man Venkatesh at his village. He surprised him and his family members with his kind gesture and treated them as his own family. Onlookers are baffled and surprised looking at his extremely

grounded nature.

NKR speaking at the event stated that every mother and son should watch Arjun S/O Vjayanthi. He explained that mothers get taken for granted and disrespected but they do everything selflessly for everyone in the family. He stated

that this film will showcase a moving bond between mother and son, telling the importance of a mother.

He thanked Vijayashanti for accepting to play his mother on screen and stated that her warmth made him feel like he was talking to his own mother on sets. NKR also stated that the movie will be as memorable as his Athanokkade for years to come.

Pradeep Chilukuri is directing the film with Ashok Vardhan Muppa and Sunil Balusu producing the high octane entertainer with a high budget. The song is trending on Internet ever since its release and many are talking about the massy vibe it presents effortlessly.

### After Stree 2, Tamannaah to do a special song in this Bollywood sequel

Sequels are turning out to be huge money spinners in Bollywood. Up next, Raid 2, headlined by Ajay Devgn, is hitting the big screens in May 2025. Raid, also spearheaded by Ajay Devgn, was a super hit at the ticket windows. It was based on India's longest IT raid conducted on a Sikh industrialist. Ravi Teja remade it in Telugu as Mr. Bachchan.

According to the latest report in Peeping Moon, Tamannaah is doing a special song in this much-awaited sequel. Tamannaah recently appeared in a special dance number in Stree 2, which greatly aided the film's box office prospects. It is said that Tamannaah will feature alongside Yo Yo Honey Singh in Raid 2's special song.

However, the report mentioned that this high-energy dance number will only appear during the post-credits sequence. Vijay Ganguly, who also choreographed Tamannaah's Aaj Ki Raat, will compose the dance moves. The song is scheduled to be shot in Mumbai soon. Tamannaah is also the female lead in Ajay Devgn's upcoming film Ranger, which will be directed by Jagan Sakti.



### Ram Charan's Peddi finds its musical partner

Peddi, one of the most ambitious village sports dramas in recent times, stars global superstar Ram Charan in the lead, with Buchi Babu Sana directing this grand-scale production. Bollywood star Janhvi Kapoor plays the female lead. The first-look poster set social media ablaze, and fans eagerly await the film's first glimpse, set to release on April 6, 2025, coinciding with Ram Navami.

T-Series has acquired the film's music rights for a record price. The soundtrack, composed by Oscar-winning maestro A.R. Rahman, will be released through this music label.

Featuring a stellar cast, including Shiva Rajkumar, Jagapathi Babu, Divyendu Sharma, and others in pivotal roles, Peddi promises to be a cinematic spectacle. Backed by Vriddhi Cinemas and presented by Mythri Movie Makers and Sukumar Writings, this highly anticipated film is set to make a powerful impact upon its theatrical release.



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