

## PANCHANGAM

**Tithi**  
Krishna Paksha Shashthi  
Upto : Apr 19 06:22 PM  
Krishna Paksha Saptami  
Upto : Apr 20 07:01 PM

## Nakshatra

**Moola**  
Upto : Apr 19 10:21 AM  
Purva Ashadha  
Upto : Apr 20 11:48 AM

## Rahukalam

9:16 AM – 10:51 AM  
**Yamagandam**  
2:00 PM – 3:35 PM

## Gulika

6:06 AM – 7:41 AM  
**Dur Muhurat**  
07:47 AM – 08:38 AM

## Variyam

08:37 AM – 10:21 AM,  
08:32 PM – 10:14 PM

## WEATHER

**Forecast :** Mostly Sunny

**Temperature :** 37° / 28°

**Humidity :** 36 %

**Sunrise :** 6:06 AM

**Sunset :** 6:45 PM

## Arvind Panagariya offers prayers to Lord Venkateswara at Tirumala temple

(Capital Information)

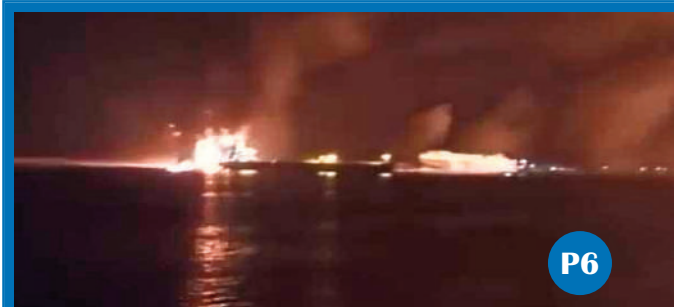
**Tirumala, Apr 18 :** The 16th Finance Commission Chairman Dr Arvind Panagariya and other members along with Andhra Pradesh Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav offered prayers to Lord Venkateswara Swamy here on Friday.

After the darshan, the Vedic pundits rendered Ashirvachanam and the Additional EO Venkaiah Chowdary presented them Sri vari prasadam and thirthams at the Ranganayakula Mandapam.

Finance Commission Secretary Ritwik Pandey, Joint Secretary KK Mishra, members Ajay Narayan Jha, Dr Manoj Panda and Dr Soumya Kanti Ghosh accompanied the Finance Commission Chairman.



**PM Modi speaks with Elon Musk, discusses immense potential of collaboration in tech, innovationa**



**17 killed in U.S. airstrikes on Yemeni fuel port of Ras Isa : Houthis**



**ED attaches property worth Rs 30 cr under PMLA from TM Traders & KK Traders**

## Toshiba signs MoU with Telangana Govt

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad/Tokyo, Apr 18 :** Apr 18 (UNI) The Toshiba Transmission Distribution Systems (India) Private Limited (TTDI), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Toshiba Corporation, Japan, and a global leader in the supply of Transmis-

sion cum Distribution (TCD) equipment for both conventional and renewable energy sources, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Telangana to establish a new manufacturing facility for Surge Arresters and expand its existing manufacturing facilities for Power and Distribution transformers and Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) at its Rudraram plant, outskirts of Hyderabad, in Telangana.



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With a planned investment of Rs 562 crore, the project will feature cutting-edge technologies, enhancing existing capacities to contribute towards the growing demand in the TCD Sector, a release from CMs office said here.

The MoU was signed by Telangana Special Chief Secretary (IT & Industries) Jayesh Ranjan, and Hiroshi Furuta, Chairman and Managing Director, TTDI Telangana in the pres-

ence of Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Hiroshi Kaneta, Director, Energy Business Toshiba Corporation, at a high-level investment meeting held in Tokyo on Friday.

This initiative aligns with Telangana's vision to attract high-value investments, strengthen the state's power sector growth plan, industrial capabilities, and create employment opportunities in the region.

Hiroshi said, "Telangana's forward-looking policies, strong industrial ecosystem, and commitment to innovation make it an ideal destination for our latest investment. We are excited to collaborate with the Government of Telangana to drive technological advancements, accelerate economic growth, and create a skilled workforce for the future. This investment underscores our long-term commitment to India and our vision to shape the future of the Power Sector."

This initiative is part of TTDI's broader vision to design, develop and manufacture TCD products for applications up to the highest Voltage level in India, supporting the (Cont. on Pg 2)

## Pralhad Joshi visits Greenko's Integrated Renewable Energy Project in Pinnapuram

(Capital Information)

**Pinnapuram (Andhra Pradesh), Apr 18 :** Union Minister of New and Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi visited Greenko's largest GW-scale Integrated Renewable Energy Project here on Friday.

The project is being developed with a total investment of USD 4.2 billion — comprising USD 1.2 billion for the pumped storage component and USD 3 billion for the solar and wind generation infrastructure.

This pioneering, world-first Renewable Energy Project includes 4,000 MW of solar, 1,000 MW of wind, and 1,680 MW of pumped hydropower generation.

With a storage capacity of 10,080 MWh per day in a single cycle, the dispatchable, carbon-free energy generated from the project will support industries such as green steel, green aluminum, and green hydrogen production.

During his visit on Thursday, the Union Minister took an aerial tour of the facility and visited various components of the mega integrated renewable energy project.

Commenting on his visit, the Union Minister said, "Witnessing an Integrated Renewable



Energy Storage Project at Pinnapuram in action — the world's first and largest of its kind, right here in our country — is a matter of pride and a shining example of India's green energy potential under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Andhra Pradesh government, under Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu ji, for its progressive policies that have made this pioneering effort possible, Joshi added.

Welcoming and thanking the Union Minister for his visit, Anil Chalamasetty, Group CEO & Managing Director of Greenko, led a detailed tour showcasing the project's key

features and benefits.

This groundbreaking initiative, which combines solar, wind, and pumped storage power, will make a vital contribution to global efforts to decarbonize hard-to-abate industries.

Anil expressed that this rapidly progressing project, once completed, would drive economic growth in the region, foster the development of ancillary industries, and create employment opportunities.

He emphasised that the project will help avoid 3.3 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions annually. Designed for clean energy generation, storage, and on-demand supply, the project will play a pivotal (Cont. on Pg 2)

## KTR urges PM Modi to prove environmental commitment, seek probe into Rs10,000 cr Kancha Gachibowli scam

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad, Apr 18 :** Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Working President KT Rama Rao (KTR) has issued a sharp public appeal to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, demanding immediate action and a full-fledged investigation into the alleged Rs 10,000 crore scam and environmental devastation in Telangana's Kancha Gachibowli.

In a statement shared on the social media platform X, KTR accused the Congress-led state government, under Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, of orchestrating a massive fraud involving the illegal mortgaging of over 400 acres of forest land. He challenged the Prime Minister to back his environmental rhetoric with decisive action, thereby disproving growing allegations of collusion between the BJP and Congress in the state.

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"This isn't just an environmental catastrophe; it's a Rs 10,000 crore scam by the Congress government," KTR de-



clared, referring to the alleged clearance of ecologically sensitive forest land adjacent to the University of Hyderabad. The forest, home to peacocks, deer, and other endangered species, is considered vital for the city's eco-

logical balance and groundwater sustainability.

Despite protests from environmentalists, student groups, and an existing Supreme Court order halting land auctions, the

land was allegedly cleared for commercial infrastructure projects, including an IT park. KTR claimed that the state government mortgaged the land—without legal title or environmental clearances—to secure a massive loan, calling the move both "reckless" and "illegal".

He cited the Central Empowered Committee's (CEC) findings, which condemned financial irregularities and recommended probes by national agencies such as the CBI, RBI, SEBI, SPIO, and the CVC. The BRS has already submitted supporting documentation to these authorities. (Cont. on Pg 2)

## Bhu Bharati Act will resolve land issues ignored by previous BRS regime : Minister Ponguleti

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad, Apr 18 :** Telangana Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy on Friday launched the Bhu Bharati pilot project at Venkatapur in Mulugu district, marking a major step toward resolving long-standing land issues in the state.

The initiative was inaugurated in the presence of Ministers Konda Surekha and Anasuya Seethakka. Later, Ponguleti addressed an awareness programme in Pusai village in Adilabad district, where he spoke in detail about the Bhu Bharati Act.

The Minister stated that out of 18 lakh acres of land pushed into Part-B by the previous BRS government in what he termed a conspiratorial move, nearly 6 to 7 lakh acres are agricultural lands, which will now be regularised under the Bhu Bharati Act. "We brought this Act to wipe the tears of the poor and to build a state free from land disputes, fulfilling the vision of Indiramma



Rajya," he said.

Highlighting the government's farmer-friendly approach, the Minister said, "Gone are the days when farmers had to run around revenue offices. Now, officials will come to them to resolve their land-related issues."

He criticised the previous BRS administration, accusing it of failing to hold revenue conferences on the Dharani portal and

protect the common man."

The Minister also announced that the government is taking steps to regularise Abadi houses, which have long remained undocumented. He vowed to resist any attempt to destabilise the Indiramma government through money power or vested interests. "Will you stay silent if this people's government is toppled by Dharani dalals and Gulabi Party slaves?" he asked, receiving a resounding "No" from the crowd.

To enhance transparency and accessibility, Ponguleti said a toll-free helpline connecting the Revenue Department and the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration (CCLA) office would soon be launched to address Bhu Bharati-related queries.

He also announced that a committee will be formed under Central Government guidelines to find a lasting solution to land disputes in tribal and non-tribal areas.

## Bandi Sanjay slams Cong over Waqf lands

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad, Apr 18 :** Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar made sharp remarks on Friday, accusing the Congress and AIMIM of "conspiring" to "incite unrest" in Hyderabad under the guise of protests against the Waqf Board Amendment Bill.

He alleged that the Revanth Reddy-led Telangana government is extending financial support to the AIMIM's public meeting against the bill.

Speaking to the media at the BJP state office, Sanjay warned of a "Bengal-like situation" if such activities continue, stating that the government will be held responsible for any consequences.

He demanded transparency over Waqf land dealings, claiming that while the state holds 77,000 acres of Waqf property, most are misused or illegally occupied, benefiting leaders instead of poor Muslims.

Turning to the National Herald case, Sanjay called the Congress protest a "fake drama" and denied any BJP involvement, reminding that the case was filed in 2012 and is under judicial scrutiny.

He accused the Gandhi family of converting party funds into personal wealth through the Young India Trust, highlighting an ED chargesheet alleging Rs 998 crore in money laundering.

Sanjay questioned the lack of audits on Waqf properties nationwide, alleging encroachments even on temple and gurudwara lands in several states. He demanded a white paper on Waqf land income, utilisation, and encroachments in Telangana, challenging the state government and Waqf Board to ensure accountability.

Several BJP leaders, including state vice president Manohar Reddy and MLC candidate Gowtham Rao, were present at the press conference.

## BJP waging righteous battle against opportunistic alliance of Cong, BRS, Majlis : Kishan Reddy

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad, Apr 18 :** Union Minister and Telangana BJP President G Kishan Reddy strongly criticised the Congress, BRS, and Majlis parties, accusing them of forming an opportunistic alliance aimed at undermining democratic values in Telangana.

He was addressing party leaders and workers during a preparatory meeting for the upcoming Hyderabad Local Bodies MLC elections at Haritha Plaza, Begumpet on Friday.

Reddy alleged that both the Congress and BRS parties were compromising Telangana's future by aligning themselves with the Majlis party, which he said had a history of exploiting people, committing atrocities, and spreading communalism. "These parties say 'ji huzoor' to the Majlis, which carries the legacy of the Razakars. They are conspiring together to ensure the Majlis party's victory in Hyderabad," he remarked.

He questioned the silence of Congress and BRS over their decision not to field candidates in the local body elections. "Why are they not contesting? Their silence is proof of their secret alliance with the Majlis party," he said, adding that their leaders, Rahul Gandhi and former Chief Minister and BRS chief K Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR), lacked the moral right to criticise the BJP while bowing to the Majlis. Highlighting the BJP's stance, Reddy said the party was not fighting just for political gain but out of a sense of nationalism. "The BJP's goal is to awaken the people of Hyderabad and save the city from communal fanaticism and political hooliganism. Winning is not our only objective—reviving democratic spirit and civic development is," he asserted.



He accused the Congress government of painting a false image of development. "They promoted the high-tech city, but the reality is that only real estate-driven projects were prioritised. Civic bodies like GHMC are in shambles today, unable to even fund street lights," he said. Reddy emphasised that only a "double engine government"—with the BJP in power both at the Centre and in the state—could bring real development to Telangana. He also underscored the Modi government's achievements in economic and tax reforms, curbing terrorism, and boosting foreign policy.

Urging voters to choose wisely, Reddy said, "Telangana cannot afford another era like the Razakar rule. If people do not vote consciously, the state will fall prey to the same forces once again. He called upon every BJP worker to strive for the victory of the party's candidate, Gautam Rao, in the Hyderabad Local Bodies MLC elections, promising a vision of inclusive development and civic revival.

## Rain with gusty winds lash Hyderabad, disrupting daily life

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad, Apr 18 :** Sudden and intense rainfall accompanied by gusty winds, thunder, and lightning swept through various parts of Hyderabad on Friday, causing major disruptions across the city.

Areas including SR Nagar, Borabanda, Ameerpet, Panjagutta, Madhuramanager, Jubilee Hills, Banjara Hills, Kothi, Sultan Bazar, Begum Bazar, Abids, Nampally, Basheerbagh, and Himayathnagar witnessed heavy downpour. Similar conditions were reported in Mehdiapatnam, Masab Tank, Karwan, Boyanapalli, Tirumalgiri, Alwal, Maredpally, and Qutubullapur.

The rainfall extended to suburbs like Gundlapochampally, Dundigal, Dhulapally, Bahadurpally, Miyapur, and Nanakramguda. Secunderabad Railway Station, Chaitanyapuri, Dilukhnagar, Gachibowli, Vanasthalipuram, and other localities also experienced heavy rain.

A huge tree was uprooted near Gandhi Bhavan due to the strong winds, further aggravating traffic issues. In areas such as Champapet, Saidabad, and Saroornagar, the rain was particularly intense, accompanied by powerful gusts.

Widespread power outages have been reported across several areas, adding to the public inconvenience. Motorists were seen struggling as traffic came to a near standstill on multiple roads due to waterlogging and reduced visibility.

The Meteorological Centre has issued a warning, predicting more rain in several parts of Hyderabad within the next hour.





## VHP to hold statewide protests in Telangana

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad, Apr 18 :** The Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) on Friday announced that it will hold statewide protests in Telangana on Saturday to condemn the violence against Hindus in West Bengal.

In a statement, VHP National Spokesperson Ravinutala Shashidhar and Telangana State President Bhojan Palli Narasimha Murthy alleged that brutal attacks were being carried out against Hindus in the name of the Waqf Act, fueled by vote-bank politics.

They demanded the immediate imposition of President's rule in West Bengal and strict action against extremists allegedly targeting Hindus, especially in border areas near Bangladesh.

Protests will be organised at all district headquarters, and petitions will be submitted to the respective district collectors, with a request to forward them to the President of India.

The VHP appealed to the Hindu community to participate in large numbers.

## TTD Chairman directs staff to perform duties with spirit of service

**(Capital Information)**  
**Tirumala, Apr 18 :** Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Chairman B.R. Naidu on Friday directed the staff to perform their duties with a spirit of service, ensuring there is no room for complaints.

Naidu, who conducted surprise inspection at the main Kalyanakatta and Nandakam Mini Kalyanakatta here, where devotees offer their hair to Sri Venkateswara Swamy, interacted with devotees and received their feedback on the conduct of barbers.

He later instructed the officials to regulate pilgrim crowd by guiding devotees to less crowded Kalyanakattas during peak times to avoid accumulation and long waiting hours.

The TTD Chairman emphasised the need to maintain cleanliness at all times.

TTD Board Members Shanta Ram, Naresh Kumar, and other officials also participated in the inspection.

## Trough now extends from North Madhya Maharashtra to Gulf of Mannar : Met

**Amaravati, Apr 18 (UNI)** The trough that was present from Marathwada to the Gulf of Mannar on Thursday now extends from North Madhya Maharashtra to the Gulf of Mannar, passing through Marathwada, Interior Karnataka, Rayalaseema, and Tamil Nadu at an altitude of 0.9 km above mean sea level, according to the Meteorological Center.

In its daily weather report issued on Friday, the Centre stated that thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and gusty winds with speeds ranging from 40-50 kmph are likely to occur at isolated places in Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, and Rayalaseema over the next five days.

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers are also likely at one or two places in Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, and Rayalaseema during the next seven days.

Maximum temperatures are expected to gradually rise by 2-3 degrees Celsius over the next four days, with no significant change anticipated between April 21 and 23.

Rainfall was recorded at one or two places in Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam, and Rayalaseema during the last 24 hours.

The highest temperature of 40.5 degrees Celsius was reported at Anantapur in Rayalaseema on Thursday, the report added.

## Japan-based NTT DATA to set up Rs 10K Cr AI Data center cluster in Telangana

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad/ Tokyo, Apr 18 :** In a landmark move to accelerate India's AI infrastructure, Japan based NTT DATA, a global leader in digital transformation and IT services, and Neysa Networks, an AI-first cloud platform company, have signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Telangana to establish a AI Data Center Cluster in Hyderabad, the state capital of Telangana, with a huge investment of Rs 10,500 crore.

The MoU was formalized in the presence of Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, during a high-level investment meeting held in Tokyo on Friday.

The upcoming facility in

Hyderabad will feature a 400 MW data center cluster, designed to host the country's most powerful AI supercomputing infrastructure with 25,000 GPUs.

The project aligns with Telangana's vision to be the AI capital of India, offering sovereign, scalable, and sustainable compute capabilities to support public and enterprise AI workloads.

This collaboration combines NTT DATA's global data center leadership with Neysa's AI acceleration platform, enabling joint development of AI-first solutions and creating a vibrant innovation ecosystem anchored in Telangana.

The project will be powered through a mix of grid and renewable energy (up

to 500 MW), adopt cutting-edge cooling technologies like liquid immersion, and adhere to the highest ESG standards.

The campus will also foster AI talent through partnerships with Telangana's academic institutions and contribute to the state's digital public infrastructure mission.

Welcoming this mega investment by NTT Data and its partners, CM Revant Reddy said, "The investment announcement by NTT, closely follows recent big ticket data centre projects by AWS, STT, Tillman Holdings and CtrlS and reiterates Hyderabad's dominant position as India's leading data centre hub."

"Telangana offers policy stability, reliable power,

skilled talent, and the fastest clearances through our single-window system - to make your investment smooth and secure. We welcome NTT Data as it begins a long-term partnership to power the next generation of AI and digital services from Hyderabad," the CM added.

Senior leadership from NTT DATA and Neysa Networks, including Ken Katayama (SVP, NTT Corporation; Board Member, NTT DATA Inc.), Tadaoki Nishimura (Director & SVP, NTT DATA Inc.), Alok Bajpai (Managing Director - India, NTT Global Data Centers), and Sharad Sanghi (Co-founder & CEO, Neysa; Chairman, NTT Global Data Centres India) participated in the signing ceremony.

## GHIAL operated Rajiv Gandhi International Airport Achieves Prestigious ACA Level 5 Carbon Accreditation

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad, Apr 18 :** GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd (GHIAL) operated Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) on Friday announced that it has been awarded the Level 5 Accreditation under the globally recognized Airport Carbon Accreditation (ACA) programme by Airports Council International (ACI).

The ACA programme is the industry standard for the assessment of an airport's efforts to manage and reduce carbon emissions. The ACA programme comprises 7 levels: Level 1: Mapping, Level 2: Reduction, Level 3: Optimization, Level 3+: Neutrality, Level 4: Transformation, Level 4+: Transition, and Level 5 which makes Level 5 the highest, the airport said in a release here.

This milestone places RGIA among the top four airports in the ACI Asia-Pa-



cific & Middle East region to achieve Level 5 - the highest level of carbon management certification under the ACA framework.

The accreditation reflects RGIA's commitment to aligning with global climate goals, maintaining net zero CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions for Scope 1 and 2, and striving towards net zero Scope 3 emissions by 2050 or earlier.

Speaking on this milestone accomplishment, SGK

Kishore, ED & Chief Innovation Officer, GMR Airports and President - Airport Council International (ACI) Asia Pacific & Middle East (ACI APAC & MID) said: "Hyderabad Airport will continue its sincere efforts for sustaining net zero emissions on Scope 1 & 2 emissions and collaborate with the airport stakeholders to achieve Net Zero Scope 3 emissions by 2050 in alignment with the UNFCCC Paris Agreement's

(2015) temperature goal to combat climate change."

Congratulating Hyderabad Airport on this achievement, Stefano Baronci, Director General, ACI Asia-Pacific & Middle East, said: "Indian airports are leading the way in environmental sustainability. The achievements of Hyderabad International Airport further establish India's pioneering role in decarbonisation.

These successes result from a long-term vision and the dedicated efforts of their teams and industry partners. We hope these milestones inspire other airports in our region to embrace sustainability and implement initiatives for a more environmentally responsible aviation industry. ACI APAC & MID remains committed to supporting our members in developing their roadmaps to achieve net-zero targets."

## TPCC chief Mahesh Kumar Goud slams Kishan Reddy, accuses BJP of caste and communal politics

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad, Apr 18 :** Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Mahesh Kumar Goud launched a scathing attack on Union Minister and BJP leader G Kishan Reddy, questioning his contributions to Telangana during his long political career.

Addressing the media at Gandhi Bhavan on Friday, Goud accused the BJP and BRS of playing political dramas and secret alliances during elections.

"What has Kishan Reddy done for Telangana or even Amberpet in his 25-year political career?" Goud asked, challenging the Union Minister to list his achievements.

He ridiculed Kishan Reddy's silence on critical state issues and asked, "Does he even have the courage to speak about what he has delivered for



Telangana?"

Calling the BJP's dream of forming a government in Telangana a "daydream," Goud accused the party of prioritising religion over development. He claimed that Kishan Reddy wakes up every day with Akbaruddin Owaisi on his mind, adding mockingly that "they must have been brothers in a previous life."

Goud said BJP leaders remain silent on major issues like Metro Rail expansion, the Kaleshwaram corruption allegations, and industrial development in HCU lands that could generate jobs. He asked why the Union Minister failed to raise these concerns with the Prime Minister.

Slamming the alleged BJP-BRS secret pact, he said both parties pretend to be rivals post-elections while sharing a covert alliance. "Our party is not

used to secret love like you," he quipped.

Goud also questioned why BC leaders like Eatala Rajender and Bandi Sanjay were silent on 42 per cent BC reservation demands, and accused the BJP of doing "political stunts in the name of religion."

He emphasised that Congress is committed to real development, citing key initiatives like the Rajiv Yuva Vikasam, BC Bill, 60,000 jobs, and Indiramma houses.

On internal party discipline, he said the Congress would not tolerate depraved comments, and strict action would be taken against those who breach party decorum.

The press conference was attended by MP Mallu Ravi, MLC Balmuri Venkat, CWC member Vamsi Chand Reddy, and former MLA Enugu Ravinder Reddy.

## Government will buy Every nut; Farmers don't get upset : MLA Balu Naik

**(Capital Information)**  
**Devarakonda / Dindi / Chandampeta, Apr 18 :** Devarakonda MLA Nenavath BaluNaik said that the state government is buying every grip of farmers MLA opened the purchasing centers set up by IKP PACS centers at Guntupalli Gate in the center of Dindi Mandal on Friday and Chandampeta Mandal Center.

Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said that the farmers

are harvesting the crops on the farm, the billionaire, who is a poor man, is a rice.

No government has moved forward if he ignores the farmer. He suggested that the state government subsidized Rs 500 for the harvest of farmers, so everyone should sell grain in the IKP Central set up by the government.

Moreover, the farmers have to turn around the authorities to solve the prob-



lems of the farmers! But the authorities with the land will come to the farmers and solve the problems, he said. It is a public government that it will give a bonus of Rs 500 per quinta for thin types, according to the last election.

The event was attended by Nalgonda Parliament Coordinator MA Siraj Khan, PACS Chairman Kondra Srisailam Yadav, former Market Chairman Mukumala

Venkataiah Goud, Badhyanayak, Lokasani Krishna, Bujji Lachiram Nayak, Govind Black congress party President Dontihneni Venkateswar Rao, Mandal parti Presidents Nallaveli Rajesh Reddy, Working President Badella Srinivas, Tasildar Anjaneyu, Ao Rahaena, DTCS Hanumanthu Srinivas Goud, Govardhan Rao, Nukam Venkatesh, mekala Kashanna, Gadda meedi Sai, Balaiah, Srinivas Goud



## GRAND LAUNCH OF AAROHAH TECHNICAL FEST POSTETR IN SBIT

**(Capital Information)**  
**KHAMMAM BUREAU, Apr 18 :** On the 25th of this month, the local SBIT. Gundala Krishna, Chairman of the College, unveiled the poster and theme song of the Technical Fest Aryahan-2025 on Thursday.

Addressing the gathering at the college campus, he said that such programs are being conducted with the intention of providing education and entertainment to the students. It is said that students can uncover hidden skills inherently.

College Secretary and Correspondent Dr. G. Dhatri said, the competitions were held at Dance, Songs, Skits, Flash Mobs, Treaser Hunt, Poster Presentation, Technical Quiz, Mem Contest and Short Films.

College Principal Dr G Raj Kumar said. Students are of the opinion that such programs can rise to a higher level. The Fest Welcome was held at the college on Thurs day and was invited with dances between students and faculty.

College Academic Directors Gundala Praveen Kumar, Gandham Srinivasa Rao, Dr AVV Siva Prasad, Dr J Ravindra Babu, Dr N Srinivasa Rao, HODs, faculty and students were participated the event.

## Toshiba signs MoU with Telangana Govt

*(Cont. from Pg 1)* "Make in India" initiative of the government. TTDI will continue to play its part in the growth of the Power Sector in the Transmission and Distribution space over the next decade, he added.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, who is currently on Japan tour, said: "Telangana is at the forefront of India's economic transformation, attracting global investors across multiple sectors through strategic collaborations and industry partnerships. Fresh investment by Toshiba announced today reiterates the confidence of global companies in the business ecosystem of the state and the growth story of Telangana."



## Celebrating World Heritage Day with Indian Railways

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad, Apr 18 :** Today, on World Heritage Day, we proudly honour the rich legacy and timeless beauty of India's rail heritage — a journey woven with culture, engineering marvels, and unforgettable stories.

From the majestic Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, the charming Nilgiri Mountain Railway, and the historic Kalka-Shimla Railway — our UNESCO World Heritage Sites — to grand stations like Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Indian Railways is not just a mode of transport, but a moving museum of our nation's past and pride.

Every track laid, every station built, and every whistle blown echoes the spirit of India — diverse, vibrant, and ever on the move.

Join us in preserving and celebrating this legacy, for the generations yet to travel.

#WorldHeritageDay #IndianRailways #PrideOfIndia #RailHeritage #UNESCOWorldHeritage #JourneyThroughTime #IncredibleIndia.

## Pralhad Joshi visits Greenko's Integrated Renewable Energy Project in Pinnapuram

*(Cont. from Pg 1)* role in enhancing India's energy security and accelerating its transition to greener sources.

Greenko is leading the energy transition with its innovative storage solutions, developing several pumped hydro storage projects across India to establish a cloud storage platform with a capacity of over 100 GWh, he added.

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KTR also referenced Modi's recent remarks in Haryana, where he condemned deforestation in Telangana, asking whether they were merely "lip service". He challenged the Prime Minister to act decisively, stating, "It's time to show Telangana that BJP and Congress aren't colluding and that you truly care about environmental protection."

Slamming Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for dismissing wildlife concerns, KTR pointed to a Telangana High Court Registrar's report confirming the presence of significant fauna in the area, including protected species. He also criticised the mortgaging of a water body within the disputed land zone as a blatant disregard for environmental and public interest.

"Leaders like Revanth Reddy, who shamelessly exploit systems, must be exposed," KTR said, demanding full accountability and urging Modi to prove his commitment to both environmental protection and transparent governance.





## Good Friday Observed with Solemnity and Cross Rally in Sanathnagar

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad, Apr 18 :** Christians in Sanathnagar observed Good Friday with deep faith, reverence, devotion, and special prayers, commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. A significant event of the day was a cross rally organized by the Sanathnagar Christian Youth, which drew participation from various churches and congregations in the area.

The day's observances commenced with prayers led by Rev. A. Srinivas, the pas-

tor of M.B. Emmanuel Church. Reflecting on the significance of Good Friday, Pastor Rev. Srinivas emphasized the profound love, kindness, pity, grace, and compassion exemplified by Jesus Christ, highlighting these as enduring messages for humanity. Prayers held throughout the day focused on remembering the immense suffering and hardships endured by Christ for the salvation of mankind.

A poignant aspect of the Good Friday observance was the cross rally, which vi-

sually narrated the story of Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross and his subsequent resurrection. The rally, commencing from the M.B. Emmanuel Church, proceeded through the historic streets of Sanath Nagar, leaving a lasting impression on the local residents.

The program witnessed enthusiastic participation from members of the Methodist Church, Baptist Church, CSI Church, Independent United Church, Zion Church, Bethel Prayer House congregation, and nu-

merous other Christians residing in the Sanathnagar Division. The smooth conduct of the day's events was ensured under the diligent supervision of Pastor KJ Clement, M. Gershon Prakash, Jowar Kennedy, Rajagopal, K.C. Nissi Joshua, K. Sunil, Raj Gopal, BG William, and other community leaders. The Good Friday observances in Sanathnagar served as a powerful reminder of the central tenets of Christian faith and the ultimate sacrifice made by Jesus Christ.

## Minister Responds Positively on Procurement of Fine Paddy : Rice Miller's Association President Badam Praveen

**(Capital Information)**  
**Mulugu, Apr 18 :** The Telangana government has extended support to farmers during the 2024-25 Rabi season by offering a bonus of Rs. 500 per quintal for the procurement of fine paddy, said members of the Mulugu District Rice Millers Association.

However, they expressed concern that most of the paddy harvested this season is coarse grain, which only yields boiled rice. Even the limited quantity of raw rice produced is not suitable for consumption due to its quality.

While the government's intention to supply fine rice to the poor is commendable, the association warned that distributing this kind of rice could lead to public dissatisfaction and criticism of both the government and rice millers.

These concerns were



brought to the attention of Hon'ble Minister Ponguloti Srinivas Reddy, who responded positively and assured that the matter would be discussed in the Cabinet and an appropriate decision would be taken.

The meeting was attended by Mulugu District Rice Millers Association President Badam Praveen, Honorary President Palapati Sammireddy, miller Anil, and Organizing Secretary Harinath.

## NPRD demands strict action against rapist of deaf girl in UP

**Hyderabad, Apr 18 (UNI)** The National Platform for the Rights of the Disabled (NPRD) and its Women's Department State Committees have strongly condemned the brutal rape of a deaf girl in Rampur, Uttar Pradesh, demanding stringent action against the accused, Dan Singh.

In a statement signed by T Varamma, State Honorary President, K Venkat, State President, M Adivaya, State General Secretary and C Sayamma, State Convener, NPRD Women's Wing here on Friday, said the heinous act of dragging a deaf girl into a field and sexually assaulting her highlights the urgent need for stronger legal protections for women with disabilities. The organization demanded that the accused be charged under the POCSO Act and Sections 92(b), 92(d), and 92(e) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPD) Act, 2016.

"The serious injuries on the girl's face are a clear indication of the inhuman brutality inflicted upon her," the NPRD stated, adding that rape cases against women with disabilities are rising, particularly in BJP-ruled states. The forum criticised the Yogi Adityanath government for its failure to protect the disabled and accused it of negligence in taking swift action.

The NPRD also expressed concern over reports that the accused opened fire on the police during the attempted arrest, calling it further evidence of a law-and-order breakdown.

## Sukrutha Multispeciality Hospital : A Miraculous Medical Success in a Critical Ectopic Pregnancy Case

**(Capital Information)**  
**Jayashankar bhupally, Apr 18 :** Doctors at Sukrutha Multispeciality Hospital performed a life-saving miracle by rescuing a woman in a critical condition. The 35-year-old patient was admitted to the hospital in a life-threatening state due to a ruptured ectopic pregnancy (a pregnancy occurring outside the uterus), leading to severe internal bleeding. Her hemoglobin level was only 4g/dL, and her blood pressure was untraceable. Doctors stated that in such critical cases, only about 5% of patients survive.

A rapid-response medical team led by Critical Care Specialist Dr. Ramprasad Reddy and Gynecologist Dr. Padma Pravallika immediately sprang into action. They arranged for 5 units of blood and rushed the patient into emergency surgery. Under the leadership of Dr. Padma Pravallika, Dr. Ramprasad Reddy, and Anesthesiologist Dr. Srikant, a three-hour-long surgery was performed to control the bleeding.

Life-Saving Timeline :

00:00 hrs: Patient arrived at the hospital in a critical state.



00:10 hrs: Emergency diagnosis by Dr. Ramprasad Reddy (Critical Care) and Dr. Padma Pravallika (OBGYN).

00:20 hrs: Blood bank arranged 5 units

of blood.

00:25 hrs: Patient was taken for emergency surgery

Surgery commenced within 25-30 minutes of arrival.

Advanced hemorrhage control & multidisciplinary coordination: The success of this case relied heavily on coordination among four specialty teams.

"This case demonstrates our hospital's ability to manage extremely critical emergencies. Our rapid response system and team coordination made this miracle possible," explained Dr. Ramprasad Reddy.

The patient's family expressed their heartfelt gratitude: "The doctors gave us our family member back."

**Case Significance**

: One in every 50 pregnancies may turn out to be ectopic, with only a 5% survival rate in such ruptured cases. Treatment must begin within the 'golden period' of 60 minutes. This success highlights the advanced emergency care capabilities at Sukrutha Hospital. The hospital management expressed pride in having a team and facilities capable of handling such complex emergencies.

## “Telangana Police Topped in Policing in country in India Justice Report-2025”

### “The existence of police is essential to hinder the hindrance to good life” : T.H. Green

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad, Apr 18 :** A strong and effective Police system is a fundamental of the rule of law in democracy. Police are a visible arm of the government and plays a Vital role in protection of lives, property and maintain the law and order in the country.

**India Justice Report-2025**

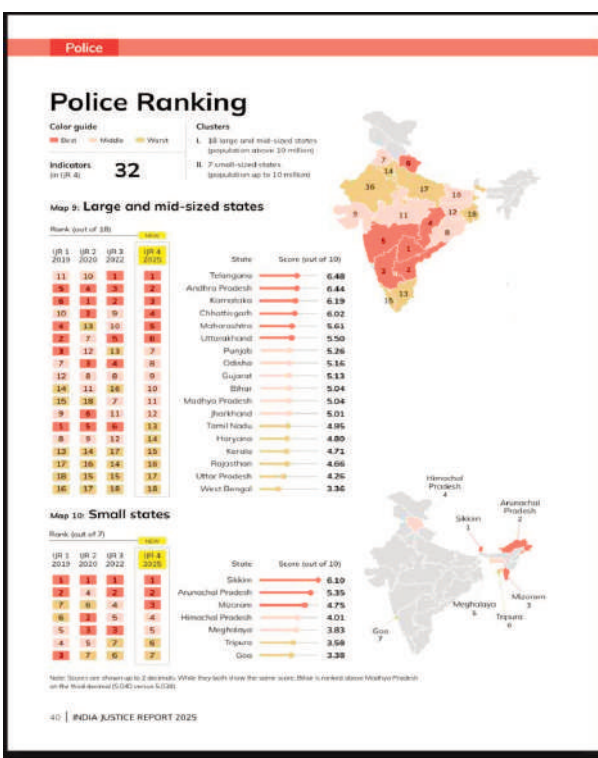
Tata Trust has released the “India Justice Report” on April 15, 2025 is a first of its kind national periodic reporting that ranks the capacity of states to deliver justice. It takes into account more than 30 total performance indicators to assess the capacity to deliver the justice system through the filters of human resources, infrastructure, budgets, workload and diversity to mandate; police, prisons, judiciary, legal aid as core pillars (core areas). In collaboration with the Center for Social Justice, Common Cause, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, TISS (Tata Institute of Social Science), Vidhi Center for Legal Policy prepared a Compressive report based on information from 2019 to 2024.

**Telangana State 1st in ranking of Policing:**

Telangana has secured the top position in the Police category of the India Justice Report (IJR) 2025 among large and mid-sized states. The state achieved a score of 6.48 out of 10, followed by Andhra Pradesh (6.44) and Karnataka (6.19), which ranked second and third respectively. Telangana's top ranking reflects its consistent efforts in enhancing policing effectiveness and ensuring public safety. These achievements underscore Telangana Police commitment to proactive, citizen-oriented policing and their role in setting national benchmarks in law enforcement.

In the overall ranking process entire country divided into two Clusters/groups. Category-I, 18 large and mid-sized states with population of above 10 million. Category- II -7 small-sized states with population up to 10 million. In Category-I Large and mid-sized states Telangana stands 1st position with 6.48 points, Andhra Pradesh scored 6.44 points with 2nd and Karnataka scored 6.19 points with 3rd and West Bengal (3.36 points) slipped to the bottom. In Category-II-small-sized states Sikkim was the best performer with 6.10 points, while goa was the laggard with 3.38 points. Telangana improved in overall ranking from 11th of 2019 to 4th in 2020 and consistently remained at the 1st position in 2025.

The Telangana Police have been recognized as the top-performing police



force in India, as per the India Justice Report 2025. This achievement reflects their consistent efforts in enhancing policing standards across the state. Key factors contributing to Telangana's

high performance include visible policing, quick response through the 100 helpline, effective crime detection, increased conviction rates in POCSO cases, focus on personnel behavior, cybercrime

detection, and a zero-tolerance approach to drugs.

**Key Factors Behind Telangana Police's Top Ranking:**

1. India Justice Report 2025 Recognition: Telangana secured the first position among 18 large and mid-sized states, with a score of 6.48 out of 10. The evaluation considered parameters such as training budgets, infrastructure, personnel vacancies, and representation of women in the force.
2. Infrastructure and Staffing: The state boasts a high number of police stations, with one urban station for every 10.6 sq km and one rural station for every 282 sq km. Telangana maintains a low constable vacancy rate of 13%, significantly below the national average. In the year 2023, 547 Sub Inspectors (SI) and 12,338 Police constable are recruited to

strengthen the Police force in the state.

3. Technological Advancements: Approximately 85% of police stations are equipped with women's assistance desks and CCTV cameras, enhancing transparency and safety.
4. Community Engagement Initiatives: The 'Cyber awareness' program trains public school students as "cyber ambassadors" to combat cybercrimes and promote digital safety awareness.
5. Recognition of Excellence: The Shalibanda Police Station in Hyderabad was ranked the 8th best police station in India by the Ministry of Home Affairs in 2024. The Rajendranagar Police Station was awarded the 'Best Police Station' in India for 2023 by the Ministry of Home Affairs, standing out among 17,000 entries.
6. Commitment: All the police personnel with

their dedication to maintaining law and order, curbing crime, and ensuring justice, which has strengthened public trust is the one of the key factor behind the Telangana top ranking in the country.

**Conclusion:**

Telangana police extensively use technology to reach the expectations of police and people to provide law and order and justice. State police often express admiration as one of the best police in India due to implementation of several novel initiatives like Hawk Eye App, Facial recognition System, Command Control, quick response time through Dial 100 and patrolling system etc,. It has proved with telangana police ascent from third place in the previous year to first place in this year 2025 reflects the consistent efforts and dedication of department in delivering effective policing and ensuring public safety.



## 12 Kg Marijuana Seized at Lingampalli Railway Station

**(Capital Information)**  
**Ranga Reddy, Apr 18 :** Huge Marijuana seizure at Lingampalli railway station As part of the checks, the railway police on Friday found a bag containing Marijuana on the Kenark Express train at Lingampalli railway station.

They said that 12 kg of Marijuana, consisting of 13 packets, worth Rs 6 lakh, was seized in the bag. They said that an investigation is underway to find out who planted the bag. The police are taking strict measures to prevent the illegal transportation of dangerous drugs. Officials are appealing to every passenger to be vigilant about suspicious items and to immediately inform the police about such illegal activities.

## Accused Arrested in Adivarampet Elderly Woman Homicide Case : SP Kiran Khare IPS

**(Capital Information)**  
**Mulugu, Apr 18 :** In connection with the gruesome murder of an elderly woman in Adivarampet village under Kataram Mandal, the Kataram Police have arrested the prime accused following a swift investigation.

Complainant : Mulakala Sridevi, 40, wife of Bhaskar Reddy, a farmer by profession, belonging to the Reddygandla community and a resident of Kanepalli village, Mahadevpur Mandal, Bhopalpally district. She is the daughter of the deceased.

Deceased : Odeti Mallakka, 67, wife of late Ramayya, of Reddygandla community, and a resident of Adivarampet village, Kataram Mandal.

Accused : Morale Shiva alias Shivaji, 42, son of

Bikkhu, belonging to the Bary community, working as a driver, and residing in Bareguda village, Kagaznagar, Komaram Bheem Asifabad district.

Case Details : On April 13, 2025, a case was registered at Kataram Police Station based on a complaint lodged by the deceased's daughter. Under the guidance of Superintendent of Police Mr. Kiran Khare, IPS, a team led by Kataram DSP Ram Mohan Reddy, Mahadevpur CI Ramchander Rao, Kataram CI E. Nagarjuna Rao, SIs M. Abhinav and A. Srinivas and staff visited the crime scene.

The police team, along with the Clues Team, Fingerprint Bureau, and Dog Squad, collected evidence



from the crime scene. During the investigation, the accused Morale Shiva was taken into custody on April 18, 2025. Upon interrogation, he confessed to the crime.

The motive stemmed from the accused's previous live-in relationship with a woman named Srilatha, the daughter-in-law of the de-

ceased. The relationship, which lasted three months in Kagaznagar, ended when Srilatha left due to harassment and returned to her in-laws' house in Adivarampet.

Obsessed and vengeful, Shiva attempted multiple times to meet Srilatha, but she rejected his approaches. In an act of revenge, he

planned to implicate her in a murder case. On the night of April 12, 2025, around 10:30 PM, Shiva went to the deceased's house while she was asleep and brutally attacked her with an axe found on a shelf, striking her repeatedly on the head until she died. He then fled the scene, leaving the weapon behind.

Based on credible information, the accused was apprehended near a cotton mill in Kataram, questioned, and subsequently arrested and remanded to judicial custody.

SP Kiran Khare, IPS lauded the efforts of DSP Ram Mohan Reddy, CIs Nagarjuna Rao and Ramchander Rao, and SIs Abhinav and Srinivas for solving the case promptly and effectively.



Editorial

# No power can direct President

**Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar** on Thursday questioned the unlimited independence of the judiciary and said that no power can give any direction to the President of India on any grounds.

Addressing the probationers of the 6th batch of Rajya Sabha at the Vice President's residence, Dhankhar said that such a situation cannot be created in the country where one can give instructions to the President.

The role of the judiciary is advisory. "Consultation is not consent; consultation is only consultation," said Dhankhar.

The Vice President's statement assumes significance in the wake of a recent Supreme Court ruling that the President has to decide on bills sent for consideration within a maximum of three months.

Dhankhar said that the post of the President of India is supreme. The President takes an oath to protect, preserve, and defend the Constitution. The oath is taken only by the President and the governors appointed by him. Everybody – Prime Minister, Vice President, Ministers, MPs, Judges – all of them take an oath to abide by the Constitution, he said.

He said the country is moving towards a crisis. "For this, everyone has to be very sensitive. It is not a question of someone filing a review or not. We have not taken an oath for this day. The President is being asked to take decisions in a time-bound manner," Dhankhar said that one day, judges would make laws, perform the executive's functions, work as a "super parliament", and there will be no accountability at all because laws of the land do not apply to them.

On the legislative system, he said that in any election to the Assembly or Parliament, every candidate has to declare assets. But it is not mandatory for the judges.

"We cannot have a situation where the President of India is directed. He said the judiciary has only one authority under the Constitution, and that is to interpret the Constitution under Article 145(3)," he said. "When Article 145(3) was made, the number of judges in the Supreme Court was eight, and five of them had to decide, but now the number of judges in the court is 30."

Dhankhar said, "The judges who have issued an order to the President and presented a scenario, it will be the law of the land. The judiciary has forgotten the power of the Constitution."

He said Article 145(3) needs to be amended. (Decisions by) five out of eight judges would mean that the interpretation would be by a majority. "Article 142 has become a nuclear missile against democratic forces, which is available to the judiciary 24x7."

## We will form next govt, will follow path of social justice : Akhilesh

Lucknow, Apr 18 (UNI) Samajwadi Party (SP) President Akhilesh Yadav on Friday said that establishing the rule of social justice and eliminating economic inequality are big challenges in the country at present, and these challenges will be resolved when his government comes to power in Uttar Pradesh in 2027.

In a programme here, Akhilesh claimed that the next government in the state will be of socialists who will move forward on the path of social justice. "The Constitution given to the country by Baba Saheb Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar has written in its preamble that we have to make a secular, socialist, and democratic country. Socialism is in the preamble of the constitution made by Baba Saheb," he said.

He said, "Netaji (Mulayam Singh Yadav) has given us the socialist ideology and socialist movement as a legacy. Netaji brought the socialist movement to this stage, now it is the responsibility of the youth to take it forward for several hundred years."

The SP chief said that the



Samajwadi government has many big achievements from 2012 to 2017. "The work of preparing the infrastructure of the state and putting it on the path of development was done. Today the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government is falsely promoting the expressway. The Chief Minister does not understand what an expressway is. He calls any four-lane road or any other road an expressway," he said.

He said that the Samajwadi government built the Agra-Lucknow Expressway when even the standards of the Indian Road Congress were not fixed. "The SP government built a 323-km expressway in a record 23

months. The Agra-Lucknow Expressway is a 6-lane expressway. It can be made into an eight-lane expressway. This is the first expressway on which an airstrip was built to land the army's fighter planes," he said.

Akhilesh said, "I have said many times that America built roads and roads built America. If the speed doubles, the economy will triple. Travelling on the expressways being built by the BJP government will cause stomach pain. The Prime Minister inaugurated a Bundelkhand expressway. Its maintenance is still going on. The BJP government did not advance the Purvanchal expressway even an inch. If it had been connected to Ballia beyond Ghazipur, it would have connected to Bihar, and UP would have got the world's largest expressway."

He said that his government gave metros in Lucknow, Kanpur, Agra, Noida, and Greater Noida. "This government did not give any metro. Metro work was

not allowed to progress in Lucknow. In the Samajwadi government, we also gave the metro to Varanasi, but the CM did not allow the metro to be built in the Prime Minister's area in Varanasi. He could not even build a metro in his home district Gorakhpur," he said.

On the Rana Sanga controversy, the SP chief said that history that cannot show the right direction, which creates a rift in society, should be allowed to remain history only. "We have told the party leaders not to make any religious comments. Do not say anything that creates negativity. The goal of the BJP is to divert attention from issues like rising inflation, unemployment, corruption, and problems of farmers," he said.

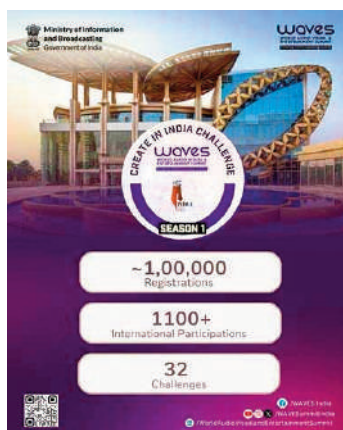
He alleged that minorities are being attacked under the BJP government. "Now attacks have started on the Jain community as well. Their lands are also being encroached. Wherever the BJP sees land, it starts encroaching on it. The BJP changes names for political gains but stops the work. The BJP is against development," he said.

## Create in India Challenge Evolves into a Global Movement with Nearly 1 Lakh Registrations from Over 60 Countries

Mumbai, Apr 18 : The Create in India Challenge (CIC) Season 1, launched as a flagship initiative under the World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES), is gearing up for a spectacular finale at the Jio World Centre, Mumbai, from 1st to 4th May 2025. With registrations now officially closed for all 32 challenges, CIC has achieved a significant milestone, receiving nearly 1 lakh registrations, including over 1,100 international participants.

The challenges have attracted entries from over 60 countries, reflecting the global appeal and reach of this pioneering initiative. From this exceptional pool of talent, 750 finalists will be given the opportunity to showcase their creative skills and outcomes at Creatosphere, a specially curated platform

featuring innovation across animation, comics, AI, XR, gaming, music, and more, as part of WAVES 2025. The winners of these challenges will be conferred the prestigious 'WAVES Creator Awards' in a



grand red carpet ceremony on Day 2 of the event.

The Creatosphere at WAVES will witness remarkable global participation, with 43 international finalists showcasing their talents, adding a truly interna-

tional dimension to this celebration of creativity. These finalists represent over 20 countries, including Argentina, Nepal, Germany, Bermuda (BOT), the United States, Greece, Indonesia, the United Kingdom, Canada, Italy, Laos, Thailand, Tajikistan, Egypt, Sri Lanka, Russia, Maldives, Malaysia, and Japan. Notably, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Tajikistan each contributes 6 finalists, followed by 5 each from Indonesia and Maldives, and 4 from Mauritius.

The United States is represented by 2 finalists, while Russia, Canada, Argentina, Laos, Malaysia, Bermuda, Egypt, Thailand, and the United Kingdom each have 1 finalist. This diverse international presence underscores the global appeal and growing reach of the Create in India Challenge.

## Congress opposing Waqf Amendment Act just for political mileage : Haryana CM Saini

Chandigarh, Apr 18 (UNI) Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini said today that opposition parties, including the Congress, are opposing the Waqf Amendment Act only to gain political mileage.

He also said that opposition parties, both at the national and state levels, are quietly praising the public welfare policies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi while sitting in their homes, particularly his vision of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Prayas, and Sabka Vishwas'.

However, these parties, in an attempt to maintain their existence, are left with no choice but to stage dharnas and protests, the CM maintained.

The Chief Minister made these remarks while speaking to media persons in Beed Mathana village, in Kurukshetra district on Friday.

In response to a question, he said that former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had accused the BJP government of harassing him, but ultimately he had to go to jail following the court's orders.



He said that if Congress leaders have not done anything wrong, they should not fear investigations. If the Enforcement Directorate (ED) is questioning them, they should cooperate fully with the investigation, he said. The reference was to the ED in-

vestigation of properties linked to Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi in the National Herald money laundering case, and the questioning of Robert Vadra in a land case.

To another question regarding the Waqf Board Bill, Saini said that this Bill is being opposed by the opposition only to gain political mileage. He said the BJP government at the Centre has presented a well-considered and widely accepted bill.

Responding to another question, the Chief Minister said that there is effectively no opposition left now, as the BJP itself is now forced to take on the role of the opposition.

He further pointed out that members of the opposition, despite their protests, are quietly praising the public welfare policies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi while sitting in their homes.

## TN Space Policy to benefit CM's family : Annamalai

Chennai, Apr 18 (UNI) The new Tamil Nadu Space Industrial Policy announced yesterday after the State Cabinet meeting was aimed at benefitting Chief Minister M K Stalin's family, BJP National Council Member K Annamalai said on Friday.

The policy was expected as it would benefit the space-tec startup floated by Mr Stalin's son-in-law on July 22, 2024 which would get 20 per cent capital subsidy.

In a social media post, he wrote "The Tamil Nadu Space Industrial Policy released yesterday was expected ever since TN CM Thiru @mkstalin's son-in-law floated a space-tech startup.

Thiru Sabareesan, the shadow CM of TN, is the designated partner of



Vaanam Space LLP, incorporated on 22.07.2024.

"With this firm expected to receive a 20% capital subsidy, it would be appropriate to call this industrial policy the Gopalapuram family's industrial policy", Mr Annamalai alleged.

"The State is suffering with lack of investments,

struggling for fresh investments in FY25 and here's an authoritarian govt releasing an industrial policy to benefit his family. Shame!", he added.

With a view to taking SpaceTech sector to the next level, the Cabinet gave its nod for the new SpaceTech policy-2025 under which the State has targeted to attract Rs

10,000 crore investment in the next five years and generate employment for a minimum of 10,000 people to improve their talent and create a skilled workforce.

With these goals on mind the attention will be mainly on Manufacturing Centres and production, but this time the Chief Minister stressed the need for devoting more attention on the emerg-

ing Spacetech sector, according to Industries Minister TRB Raaja.

Asserting that Mr Stalin had given a big filip to ensure that Tamil Nadu remained at the top at India level, nay global level, the Cabinet has given its approval for the new SpaceTech policy, he said.

## Many steps taken to improve working conditions of loco pilots



**(Capital Information)** Hyderabad, Apr 18 : Loco pilots are key members of Indian railway family. Many steps have been taken to improve their working conditions. In last ten years all running rooms have been upgraded to air conditioned and are well furnished.

Before 2014, not a single running room was air conditioned.

Further more than half the loco cabs have been upgraded with ergonomic seats,

air conditioning and other improvements. Before 2014, not a single loco cab was air conditioned.

Toilets are being fitted in all new locos manufactured. This was not even part of the production plan before 2014.

Older locomotives are being retrofitted with toilets. Design modifications are being done in older locomotives for this purpose.

New running rooms are being added on the routes with heavy congestion. These

steps have already brought down the working hours significantly.

New safety features like fog safety devices, kavach, driver alert systems and better technology for braking systems are further improving safety.

Onboard facilities, better technologies, and better rest timings are improving the working conditions.

Railway takes care for necessary requirements of all type of loco pilots. Goods

Trains stop at many stations and yards for significant time.

Timing at these stations is sufficient for using toilets. Crew also use this time for light snacks.

In Suburban Trains, loco pilots work on short distance trains and crew of these trains use toilets at terminal stations. Crew of passenger trains use toilet of train when train is standing at station and also use this time for snacks. All above steps are continuously being implemented.

## Stalin plays Centre, not only Amit Shah, no Shah can rule TN

Chennai, Apr 18 (UNI) Upping his ante against the BJP government at the Centre for ignoring Tamil Nadu's interests on various fronts, Chief Minister and DMK President M K Stalin on Friday asserted that not only Union Home Minister Amit Shah, no Shah could rule the state.

Speaking after launching Rs 418.15 crore 6,760 completed projects, laying the foundation stone for 7,369 new projects worth Rs 390 crores and distributing welfare measures worth Rs 357.43 crores to 2,02,531 beneficiaries at an official function at Andarkuppam village in Chennai's Northern suburb of Ponneri in neighbouring



Tiruvallur district, he said the Tamil soil had never allowed domination and encroachment of state's rights.

Coming down heavily on the Centre, including Mr Amit Shah and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he said "with the elections just an year away, we are well aware of the threats to be unleashed by your agencies...People of the country

are also well aware of this", he said.

"We are not slaves to be intimidated by such threats and become subservient. Not only Amit Shah, any Shah can't rule here (TN)", Mr Stalin declared.

"This is Tamil Nadu...as along of Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin is there, your plans will not come true", he thundered.



# Rejecting Chief Minister's plea, Bengal Governor heads for trouble torn Murshidabad

Kolkata, Apr 18 (UNI) Rejecting the plea of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to postpone his visit to Murshidabad, Governor C V Ananda Bose on Friday morning set off for the trouble-torn district by train.

According to sources at the Raj Bhavan, the Governor is scheduled to spend the night at the circuit house in Malda on Friday and on Saturday, he will visit the affected areas in Murshidabad including Samsherganj and Dhuliyan from there.

On Thursday evening, Banerjee, during a press conference, had urged Bose to postpone his visit to riot-hit Murshidabad, saying that the situation in the district was gradually returning to normal and the administration was actively working to restore public confidence.

"I will request no one – apart from the locals- should



go to Murshidabad now. Peace is slowly returning and, in this situation, we should help the administration so that they continue with their confidence building process," the Chief Minister said.

"I will appeal to the honourable governor to wait for a few more days. Our women's commission also wanted to go but I stopped them. I am also not going. I shall go when the time comes," she

said.

At the same time, the Chief Minister said that she would visit Murshidabad only after the situation becomes normal there.

Meanwhile, the Governor, who was initially scheduled to leave for Murshidabad on Thursday night, postponed his trip after state BJP President Sukanta Majumdar along with a group of people displaced by the recent riots

in Murshidabad visited Raj Bhavan, where they shared their harrowing experiences with the governor.

The affected individuals appealed to the Governor for permanent deployment of central forces to ensure their safety, along with demands for employment opportunities and financial compensation.

"A delegation of displaced and aggrieved women from Murshidabad, called on HG

(honourable governor) this afternoon and narrated their plight. HG has assured them that appropriate steps are being taken to ensure the situation returns to normalcy," a Raj Bhawan release said.

However, ADG (Law & Order), South Bengal Range, Supratim Sarkar, informed the media on Thursday evening that a review would be conducted to assess whether there had been any intelligence lapses in detecting early signs of unrest in various pockets of Murshidabad.

He further said that a total of 60 FIRs have been filed in connection with the violence, and the number of arrests has risen to 274. The police, he added, are also prioritising the rehabilitation of those displaced by the violence, and have so far facilitated the return of 75 individuals to their homes.

## PM Modi speaks with Elon Musk, discusses immense potential of collaboration in tech, innovation

New Delhi, Apr 18 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi today spoke with Tesla CEO Elon Musk and discussed various issues, including the immense potential for collaboration in the areas of technology and innovation.

In a post on X, the PM said:

"Spoke to @elonmusk and talked about various issues, including the topics we covered during our meeting in Washington DC earlier this year.

"We discussed the immense potential for collaboration in the areas of technology and innovation.

"India remains committed to advancing our partnerships with the US in these domains."

The PM had met with Elon Musk and his children during his visit to Washington in February.

The multi-billionaire Musk is very close to US President Donald Trump and heads the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE).

The talks also come as major telecom operators, Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel, signed separate deals with Musk's SpaceX last month to bring the Starlink internet service to the country.



## Defence Secretary wraps up UK visit; discusses on strengthening military ties

New Delhi, Apr 18 (UNI) Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh concluded his visit to London during which he co-chaired the 24th India-UK Defence Consultative Group meeting and also participated at the India-UK Defence Industry Roundtable.

During his visit from April 16-17, the Defence Secretary co-chaired the 24th India-UK Defence Consultative Group meeting with David Williams, Permanent Under Secretary of State for Defence, a Defence Ministry statement said.

Both sides reviewed the evolving regional and global geopolitical landscape and reaffirmed their shared commitment to deepening defence ties. The discussions



were held in the context of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership announced in 2021 and the roadmap to 2030, which continues to steer cooperation between the two nations.

The Defence Secretary also interacted with the UK's National Security Adviser, Jonathan Powell, with talks focused on expanding tri-ser-

vice military engagements and strengthening collaboration between the two countries' defence industries.

Addressing participants at the India-UK Defence Industry Roundtable, organised by the UK India Business Council, Rajesh Kumar Singh highlighted the growing capabilities of Indian start-ups across key defence

domains such as naval systems, drones, surveillance, defence space and aviation.

He encouraged UK companies to explore partnerships with these agile innovators, noting their potential to deliver cost-effective and cutting-edge solutions.

The Defence Secretary also said that India is working closely with the UK Ministry of Defence to develop an Industrial Cooperation Roadmap to guide future industry engagement.

He invited UK firms to invest in India's dedicated defence corridors in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, where they can take advantage of state-level incentives and a rapidly evolving defence manufacturing ecosystem.

## India trashes Bangladesh's 'unwarranted comments' on Murshidabad violence

New Delhi, Apr 18 (UNI) India's fraught ties with Bangladesh appeared to have slipped another notch down, as New Delhi today rejected Dhaka's remarks over the Murshidabad violence, terming it as a "barely disguised and disingenuous attempt to draw a parallel with India's concerns over the ongoing persecution of minorities in Bangladesh".

In a strong statement, the Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal, said:

"We reject the remarks made by the Bangladesh side with regard to the incidents in West Bengal.

"This is a barely disguised

and disingenuous attempt to draw a parallel with India's concerns over the ongoing persecution of minorities in Bangladesh where the criminal perpetrators of such acts



continue to roam free.

"Instead of making unwarranted comments and indulging in virtue signaling, Bangladesh would do better

to focus on protecting the rights of its own minorities."

The statement comes as Bangladesh Chief Advisor's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam "strongly protested"

India's attempt to link Bangladesh with the anti-Waqf Amendment Act violence in Murshidabad.

He also asked India to take steps to "protect the minority Muslim population".

Murshidabad in West Bengal has witnessed widespread violence and arson over the Waqf Amendment Act, with three people killed so far, and many homes and buildings destroyed. Hundreds of people have fled to the neighbouring areas for safety.

## Put again under house arrest ahead of Friday prayers: Mirwaiz

Srinagar, Apr 18 (UNI) For the third consecutive week, authorities put Kashmir's Chief Cleric and Hurriyat Chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq under house arrest.

Mirwaiz lashed out at the government, alleging that his weekly detention is aimed at silencing him.

"Every Friday I am put under arbitrary house arrest! Putting pressure on me not to speak up, the ban also aims to weaken the centrality of Muslim institutions of the valley, Jama Masjid, office of the Mirwaiz, and cause collective grief to Muslims and all those who oppose this authoritarian and sectarian outlook," Mirwaiz said in a post on X.

Mirwaiz also shared a picture of police deployed outside his Nagin residence, suggesting restrictions on his movement.



J&K police have not reacted to Mirwaiz's house detention claim.

Mirwaiz, who has frequently been detained or restricted from delivering sermons on Fridays at Srinagar's historic Jamia Masjid, said his petition challenging the restrictions is still pending before the High Court.

"My house detention case is still pending in court,

where I am seeking relief from the Hon'ble High Court, but in such times, patience remains our only strength," he said.

Mirwaiz, who also heads the Muttahida Majlis-e-Uluma (MMU), the largest amalgam of religious organisations in J&K, issued a resolution against the Waqf Act, which Imams read during the congregational prayers.

## Tripura BJP launches campaign highlighting benefits of Waqf Amendment Act

Agartala, Apr 18 (UNI) Amid protests in several parts of the country, the ruling BJP in Tripura has launched a counter campaign highlighting the benefits of the recently passed Waqf Amendment Act.

Addressing a state-level workshop for BJP leaders on the benefits of the amended Waqf Act, Tripura Chief Minister Dr Manik Saha, Lok Sabha MP Biplab Kumar Deb, BJP state president Rajib Bhattacharjee, and BJP National Secretary Anil Antony urged Muslims not to be whimsical and get involved in peace-breaking activities.

Dr Saha said that Waqf Amendment Act 2025 has been passed to address allegations of misuse of Waqf properties by a section of leaders, misuse of Section 40, land grabbing, and other allegations of corruption. Be-

cause the loopholes of Waqf Act 1995 severely affected the poor Muslims, which were plucked in the amendment.

The Congress and Communists have been trying to



create confusion among the public by misinterpreting the spirit and provisions of the act, like on previous occasions, Dr Saha alleged and added, "They did the same during the removal of Triple Talaq. I want to assure the

Muslims that whatever PM Modi is doing, it is for the welfare of everyone."

He said the then Prime Minister Jawahar Lal Nehru constituted the Waqf Board first in 1954, and in 1995, a law was formed for the Waqf Board. In 2013, some powers were given to the Waqf Board, which created issues by occupying land illegally.

"A section of so-called leaders were doing this for their vested interests, and crores of rupees came to them. Despite having such huge assets, there were no social works or development works. In the properties of the Waqf, there was a lack of transparency, and to bring transparency, this bill was in-

troduced. There are many prolonged litigations, including encroachment," he said.

He further informed that in 2013, there were 10,381 pending cases, which have now increased to 21,618 cases, due to a lack of proper accounting and auditing of Waqf properties. As per data from September 2024, across 25 States/UTs Waqf Boards, a total of 5,973 government properties have been declared as Waqf properties.

Referring to Sachar Committee report, Antony said Waqf properties cover approximately 37 lakh acres, with a potential annual income of Rs 12,000 crore. The new law mandates registration of all Waqf properties and ensures that the generated income is used for the welfare of the poor, and no religious places would be affected by the act, he asserted.

## Two Himachal cops sacked for drug links

Shimla, April 18 (UNI) The Himachal Pradesh government has sacked two police constables, Sandeep Kumar and Jugal Kishore, for their involvement in drug trafficking, police said.

This is perhaps the first time in the state's history that such strict action has been taken against police personnel accused of drug smuggling, according to Shimla Superintendent of Police Sanjeev Gandhi.

The termination orders were issued following directions from the Chief Minister's Office. Both constables, who were posted in the Shimla Police, were initially transferred to the Kainthi police station after their alleged involvement came to light.

Formal notices were subsequently served,



giving the accused an opportunity to respond. Their replies were reviewed and found unsatisfactory by the Chief Minister's Office, which then directed their dismissal from service.

The move is being widely viewed as a strong message from the government against drug smuggling and a reflection of its zero-tolerance policy towards criminal activities involving government employees. It also signals a shift in administrative focus towards internal accountability and discipline.

In a broader crack-

down, the police said that 24 government employees in the Shimla district have been arrested in the smuggling of chitta, a synthetic drug.

Those arrested include officials from departments such as health, education, forest, and revenue — among them doctors, teachers, tehsil welfare officers, forest guards, and patwaris.

The state government has also confirmed that around 60 government employees across Himachal Pradesh have been found involved in drug trafficking. Police have recommended strict action against all individuals implicated.

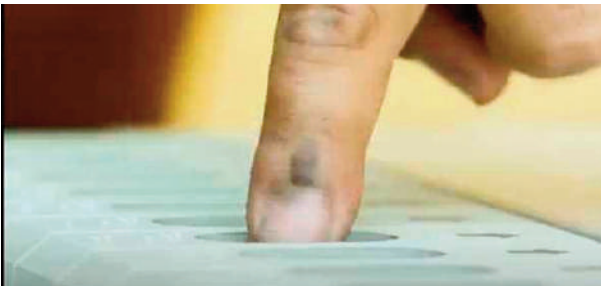
Following the termination of the two constables, similar action is likely against other accused employees.

## Seminar discusses challenges of simultaneous polls

Dharamshala, April 18 (UNI) A one-day seminar on 'One Nation, One Election' was organized by the Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CUHP) in the seminar hall of Dhauladhar Campus-I of the CUHP. The objective of the seminar was to discuss the possibilities, challenges and effects of conducting simultaneous elections in India.

Pooja Awasthi Public Relations Officer CUHP, said eminent educationists, policy-makers and students participated in the seminar and the keynote speaker was Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sat Prakash Bansal.

JR Katwal, MLA, chaired and conducted the seminar and guided the discussion. Prof Shashikant Sharma, Head of Department, Department of Journalism,



Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, was a special speaker.

Prof Pradeep Kumar, Dean Studies, in his welcome address, emphasised the need for electoral reforms to strengthen democracy. JR Katwal, retired IAS officer and MLA, presented a broad outline of the topic and said that simultaneous elections would reduce electoral expenditure substantially and reduce election-related violence. He criticised the disruptions in policy continuity and governance due to the frequently im-

plemented Code of Conduct (MCC).

Prof. Shashikant Sharma highlighted the legal and constitutional aspects of ONOE. He said that to implement this reform, extensive amendments in the Constitution would be necessary so that the tenure of the Central and state assemblies could be coordinated.

Vice Chancellor Prof Sat Prakash Bansal underlined the role of teachers and said that they play an important role in building responsible citizens and expanding

democratic consciousness. He supported the principle of "Reform, Perform, Transform" and linked ONOE with broader governance measures such as "One Nation, One Membership".

He reiterated the thoughts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and said that 'One Nation, One Election' is not just a matter of debate, but is the need of the hour.

Prof Suman Sharma, Registrar, CUHP thanked the guests, speakers, organizers and participants. The programme was coordinated under the guidance of Prof. Surya Rashmi Rawat, Chairperson, SPARSH Apex Committee, Centre for Women's Studies and Development and Nodal Officer of the seminar and in collaboration with Dr Ruchi Sharma, HPKV Business School, CUHP.

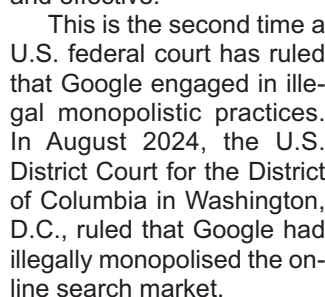


## International Information

## *17 killed in U.S. airstrikes on Yemeni fuel port of Ras Isa : Houthis*

"decisive and powerful military action" against the Houthis, after the latter announced their plans to resume attacks on Israeli ships in the Red Sea, citing Israel's blockade of aid to Gaza.

Since October 2023, Houthi forces in Yemen have launched dozens of missile and drone attacks toward Israel, citing solidarity with the Palestinians amid Israel's offensive in Gaza. Iran has also carried out two retaliatory attacks, firing about 400 missiles and drones, according to Israeli figures.





Business Information

### Capital India Finance Limited lists on NSE

Mumbai, Apr 18 ( UNI) Capital India Finance Limited, a non-banking financial company, has announced its listing on the National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE).

This strategic move marks a significant milestone in the Company's growth journey and reflects its commitment to enhancing long term shareholder value and increasing accessibility for a broader investor base.

Capital India Finance Limited's equity shares, currently listed on the BSE, are now also available for trading on the NSE under the same ticker symbol CIFI, said a release on Friday.

72.95 percent of CIFI's equity is held by Capital India Corp Private Limited (CICPL). CICPL is a Core Investment Company registered with the RBI and is promoted by Sumit K. Narvar.



Narvar is a first-generation entrepreneur, who has mentored and built businesses in Fintech and Financial services space along with development of residential and commercial real estate projects majorly in North and Western part of India. CIFI has strategic Investments from Dharampal Satyapal (DS) Group, RJ Corp Group, DLF Group and Sudhir Power Limited, release added.

### ED attaches property worth Rs 30 cr under PMLA from TM Traders & KK Traders

Kolkata, Apr 18 (UNI) The Enforcement Directorate (Kolkata Bureau) has attached immovable properties worth Rs 30 crore under provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) from M/s TM Traders & M/s KK Traders (TP Global FX).

The properties attached included 60 hotel rooms and vacant land located at Seven Hills Pamban Island Resort, Rameswaram.

The attachment happened after the federal agency began a probe based on an FIR registered by Kolkata Police under various sections of IPC, 1860 against M/s T M Traders and M/s K K Traders, the ED said in a



statement.

As per the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the website TP Global FX is neither registered with the RBI nor does it have any authorisation from the RBI for forex trading.

The RBI has also issued an alert list, including the name of TP Global FX, on

September 7, 2022, for alleged unauthorised trading platforms.

The ED's investigation revealed that a "sophisticated deception was orchestrated by individuals viz. Prasenjit Das, Tushar Patel, and Shailesh Kumar Pandey utilized numerous dummy companies to entice investors into a fraudulent scheme promising high returns on forex trading investments through TP Global FX.

"Additionally, the Directors and Promoters of IX Global, namely Viraj Suhas Patil and Joseph Martinez, actively promoted TP Global FX as their preferred brokers", the ED said in a statement.

The probe also revealed that the funds generated from the investors were diverted to procure personal assets in the name of Tushar Patel and his associates.

"This was accomplished through complex methods, including funneling money through dummy accounts and engaging the services of Full Fledged Money Changers (FFMC)." the statement said.

They also had arrested Shailesh Kumar Pandey, Prasenjit Das, and Viraj Suhas Patil, and seized/frozen/attached assets worth Rs 270 crore (approx.), including cash, real estate, hospitality establishments, office spaces, land, vehicles, crypto currencies, and bank balances.

Two prosecution complaints have already been filed against the arrested accused persons before a special court (PMLA), Calcutta, which has taken cognizance of the offence of money laundering.

### ICFAI signs MoU with BITS Pilani to foster collaboration in research, innovation

**(Capital Information)** Hyderabad, Apr 18 : The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE), Hyderabad, and Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) Pilani signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) here aims to foster collaboration in research, innovation, and skill development in the crucial domain of national security.

The MoU was signed by Prof. V Ramgopal Rao, Group Vice Chancellor of BITS Pilani and Prof. L S Ganesh, Vice Chancellor of IFHE here on Thursday.

Under the partnership, BITS Pilani will channel its efforts

through the Centre for Research, Excellence in National Security (CRENS) while ICFAI will operate this collaboration through its IFHE Innovation & Entrepreneurship Council (IIEC).

The collaboration is aimed at synergizing the strengths of both institutions to undertake joint research projects, consultancy assignments, skill development initiatives, startup co-incubation, and resource sharing, with a focus on cutting-edge technologies and challenges relevant to national security.

Dr. G Satish Reddy, Former Chairperson, DRDO, currently Advisor to the Andhra Pradesh

Government, who attended the event as Guest of Honour, congratulated both the institutions on this alliance and wished them good luck.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. L S. Ganesh emphasized that ICFAI will extend its full support to facilitate the research activities of the students from both the institutes.

He also said that "ICFAI will soon come up with the state-of-the-art center of excellence to foster the startup activities and will help them to transform into enterprises".

Prof. V Ramgopal Rao, highlighted the commitment of BITS to

wards National Security and said they will come forward to contribute seed money grant to help the startups.

He also said that BITS will closely work with ICFAI to encourage more and more students to take up innovative projects and to setup startups and thereby encouraging them to become entrepreneurs in the future.

Key highlights of the partnership include Joint research and consultancy projects in national security; Co-development of skill development programs for professionals; Organization of conferences, workshops, and grand hackathons; Mentorship

and co-incubation support for startups through shared innovation ecosystems and infrastructure sharing to enhance the academic-research interface.

Speaking at the event, representatives from both institutions emphasised the importance of academia-industry-government collaboration in addressing the emerging security challenges faced by the nation.

This MoU is expected to pave the way for high-impact research, foster a culture of innovation, and contribute significantly to national capacity building in the security and defense sectors.

### Pembi Block tops Aspirational Blocks Program

**(Capital Information)** Nizamabad Bueruo, Apr 18 : Pembi Block of Nirmal district, which was selected as part of the Aspirational Blocks Program, has been ranked 4th at the national level and 2nd in Zone 3, District Collector Abhilasha Abhinav said in a statement on Friday. Under the Government of India's Aspirational Blocks Program (ABP), Pembi Block has achieved 4th rank at the national level and 2nd rank in Zone 3 among a total of 500 blocks for the

quarter from October to December-2024.

With this, Pembi Block has also won an award of Rs 1 crore for its



clusing key sectors such as education, medicine, health, nutrition, agriculture, social development, and basic infrastructure.

He said that the Aspiration Block program also played a key role in improving the performance of the Sampoornanath Abhiyan conducted in July 2024.

The Collector congratulated the Additional Collectors Faizan Ahmed, Kishore Kumar, District Officers, Pembi Mandal Officers, Aspiration Block Program Representative Naveen and the support of the people for this remarkable success.

## Bridging education and Employability

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 promises a sweeping transformation of India's education system. Its success hinges not just on vision, but on action, investment, and a unified national commitment to reimagining education for the 21st century.

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 is a landmark initiative to reshape India's educational landscape, particularly by integrating vocational training into mainstream education. This integration is vital for enhancing skill development and employability, and it complements initiatives such as 'Samagra Shiksha' and the Skill India Mission.

The establishment of PM SHRI Schools embodies the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP), promoting a holistic educational experience nationwide. However, significant challenges stand in the way of realising this ambitious vision.

**The Challenges in Implementation**

The primary objective of NEP 2020 — to ensure that by 2025, at least 50 per cent of learners receive vocational exposure — faces multiple

hurdles. As of 2023, states such as Bihar, Chhattisgarh, and Uttar Pradesh have lagged significantly in implementation due to financial constraints, inadequate infrastructure, and a shortage of qualified teachers. A staggering 75 per cent of technical institutions currently report a lack of alignment between the skills being taught and those sought by industry, highlighting a disconnect that must be addressed.

At the core of these challenges is the lack of a well-designed curriculum that is robust enough to meet the demands of the job market.

Despite a government push, only about 5 per cent of students in vocational education receive practical training in fields relevant to today's job market. Many traditional academic institutions remain resistant to integrating vocational education into their curricula, fearing it may dilute academic rigour.

This results in inadequate exposure for students, many of whom graduate without the skills needed to thrive in a competitive labour market.

Furthermore, there is a notable deficiency in educators trained in emerging tech-

nologies, such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), the Internet of Things (IoT), and automation. Reports indicate that over 80 per cent of institutions lack faculty proficiency in these essential areas, compromising the quality of vocational training offered.

**The Path Forward**

The path forward requires actionable strategies to ensure that vocational education becomes a core component of the school curriculum. Making vocational education mandatory from Class 9 to Class 12, with students continuing in their chosen fields, is essential.

For instance, a student selecting 'Electrician' as a vocational subject should continue to engage with this subject through Class 10 and beyond, ensuring a deep, practical understanding.

To encourage participation, the government could implement a financial incentive model. Providing a monthly stipend of Rs 500 for students from economically weaker sections, along with a vocational training kit, could promote enrollment. An increased stipend of Rs 1,000 per month for students who continue in vocational training



through their higher classes would further incentivise sustained commitment. Graduating students should receive certification after four years, bolstering their employability both domestically and internationally.

**Bridging the Skill Gap**

India, with over 260 million students in 1.5 million schools and more than 40 million in higher education, holds one of the largest student populations globally.

Yet, the Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) stands at approximately 32 per cent, compelling many to seek employment in the unorganised sector — a domain fraught with exploitation and underpayment.

Vocational education has the potential to effectively address this gap. By focusing on industry-relevant skills, these programs not only enhance employment opportunities but also foster the development of future entrepreneurs.

Countries like Germany and Switzerland exemplify successful dual vocational education systems, blending classroom learning with hands-on industry experience.

India could adopt similar frameworks, ensuring students gain practical exposure, which is increasingly necessary in an evolving job landscape.

**Adapting to Emerging Technologies**

As technological innovation accelerates, vocational programs must incorporate modern skills relating to AI, IoT, and cloud computing. The Central Board of Secondary Education's (CBSE) initiative to introduce AI and IoT into the curriculum for Classes VI to X is a step in the right direction. With over 20,000 teachers trained in these areas, reaching approximately 350,000 students, substantial progress is evident.

However, a 2022 survey indicated that 31 per cent of

teachers are still not proficient with digital tools, while a 2023 report found that 49 per cent feel unprepared to address the impact of AI on education. To tackle these challenges effectively, the public and private sectors must invest in comprehensive teacher training that equips educators for a changing marketplace.

Collaborations with ed-tech companies to bring AI-powered learning tools into classrooms can further support this transition, ensuring that students receive training that is both modern and relevant.

Addressing Regional Disparities Although the Union Education Minister has asserted that states are beginning to implement NEP 2020, the pace of implementation varies greatly.

Reports indicate that Haryana has set an ambitious target to fully implement the National Education Policy (NEP) by 2025, aiming to increase the gross enrollment ratio of girls in higher education from 32 per cent to over 50 per cent by 2030.

However, discrepancies across states — due to funding shortages, trained faculty shortages, and bureaucratic inertia — not only create in-

consistencies but also significantly undermine the policy's potential.

To ensure a level playing field, a centralised monitoring mechanism is essential to track progress and enforce uniform implementation across states.

Conclusion NEP 2020 presents a transformative opportunity for integrating vocational education into mainstream schooling, but its success hinges on strategic implementation, sufficient funding, infrastructure development, and robust teacher training.

As India aspires to become a \$10 trillion economy, investing in a comprehensive vocational education system is not just an educational imperative — it's a vital economic strategy.

By addressing the barriers to implementation, India can empower its youth with essential skills, fostering innovation and adaptability that contribute to national growth.

A well-implemented vocational skills education framework represents a win-win for both students and the government, laying the groundwork for a skilled and self-reliant workforce that is pivotal to India's economic future.

## Why do I fall asleep while reading?

You must have often seen parents complaining about their children falling asleep as soon as they open books. This happens not only with students but also with adults. As soon as you start reading a newspaper or a book, your eyes start getting sleepy.

Let's know what is the reason behind this... Some people sleep less while some people sleep more. By the way, those who have trouble sleeping, if they are given books to read, they start sleeping or taking a nap. However, this problem is

more common in children who read. Although parents do not pay much attention to this problem of children, experts believe that it is necessary to pay attention to this problem of children.

For this, it is necessary to remove sleepiness by adopting whatever recipes can be adopted, otherwise it will become the enemy of your memory. Now let's talk about the science of falling asleep while sleeping.

In fact, whenever we start studying, our eyes are put under more pressure, while the brain



feeds data like a computer's memory. In such a situation, the eye muscles start getting rest and our brain starts refusing to work hard in a short time and we start falling asleep.

To prevent sleepiness while studying, the study area should be well lit. Choose a place to study where there is access to outside air and light, so that the body remains refreshed. Another reason is that while reading, most of our body is in a relaxed state and only the brain and eyes are working. In such a situation, by relaxing the entire body, the muscles start to relax and the person gets sleepy. This is the reason why it is said to sit in an asana for reading.

Never read on the bed, but practice reading books while sitting on a

chair-table. Seeing the chair and table will get your mind ready for studying and will give up laziness. Eat a light meal before studying so that you do not feel sluggish because even after eating you feel sleepy.

Whenever our body gets rest, it goes into a state of sleep. Not only reading, you must have seen people sleeping while travelling in a car. The same science works here too. Not only this, drivers on the highway also start feeling sleepy because their brain and eyes also work while the body starts resting.





Tripura: Police arrest man for abusing his newborn girl child

Agartala, Apr 18 (UNI) Police arrested one Gautam Ghosh, a resident of Daspara in the Khayerpur area of eastern Agartala, on the allegation of child abuse and attempted child trafficking.

According to reports, Gautam Ghosh got married a year back, and a baby girl was born to the couple four months back. However, the mother alleged that Ghosh attempted to sell the baby girl instead of celebrating the arrival of the newborn, as he was not happy with the girl child.

"When I refused, he beat the baby and attempted to kill her, prompting me to flee the house with the child on the first day of the Bengali New Year. I was fearing for the safety of the baby and took shelter in another village. An NGO rescued us and reported the incident to Bodhjungnagar police station," the mother said.

Tripura Commission for Protection of Child Rights and the District Child Protection Unit shifted them to a shelter home in the city. And, police forwarded Gautam to court seeking his remand.

Man held for molesting woman in bus days after she filed complaint

Mumbai April 18 (UNI) A man was arrested on Friday for allegedly molesting a 26-year-old woman in a moving Bombay Municipal Corporation-run BEST bus after she filed a complaint days after the incident, police said.

The incident took place on April 10 around 10 am when the woman was travelling from Prabhadevi to Kurne Chowk in Worli by a BEST bus. She alleged in a complaint filed with the police on April 16 that an unknown man standing behind her in

the bus molested her in the moving bus.

The police formed a special team to investigate the incident. The team analysed CCTV footage from various locations where the accused boarded and exited the bus.

Crucial evidence came from the CCTV camera installed inside the BEST bus, which showed a man standing behind the woman. Upon reviewing the footage, the victim identified the man as the one who had molested her.

Further investigation led the police to examine footage from around 25 locations in the Worli area. They eventually traced the accused and arrested him.

The accused was identified as Irfan Hussein Shaikh (31), a resident of Kherwadi in Bandra.

Further probe is going on, police said.



Victory for forest dwellers as Himachal rolls back order

Shimla, April 18(UNI) In a major win for forest-dependent communities and small farmers in Himachal Pradesh, the state government has agreed to withdraw a controversial

workers participated in the demonstration, denouncing the Forest Department's April 17 suspension letter as an overreach and contrary to the FRA spirit.

Senior leaders including



directive issued by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) that had caused confusion in the implementation of the Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006.

The withdrawal came after a strong protest led by the Communist Party of India (Marxist), which staged a three-hour dharna at the Forest Department headquarters in Talland, Shimla. Over 200 CPI(M)

Rakesh Singha, Dr Kuldeep Tanwar, Vijendra Mehra, and Jagat Ram spearheaded the protest. Following talks that continued for more than four hours with the PCCF and other forest officials, the Forest Department agreed to revoke the letter with immediate effect.

"This is a victory for the farmers and forest dwellers of Himachal Pradesh," said CPI(M) leader Vijendra Mehra.

"The order was against the spirit of the FRA, and its withdrawal clears the path for more just and democratic implementation of the Act."

The CPI(M) criticized the Forest Department for continuing to operate with a colonial mindset, enjoying unaccountable power despite decades of democratic governance. The party asserted that bureaucratic overreach has repeatedly obstructed FRA implementation, especially to the detriment of small and marginal farmers.

With the order now withdrawn, activists hope district-level committees can proceed confidently with recognizing rightful claims under FRA and halt the evictions that had sparked concern across the state.

"This is not just a withdrawal of a letter, it's a step forward for justice and people's rights in the hills," said Dr Tanwar.



AGTF, Police arrest 2 associates of terrorist Landa Harike with pistols

Chandigarh, Apr 18 (UNI) In a major breakthrough, Anti-Gangster Task Force, Punjab (AGTF) and Tarn Taran Police, in a joint operation, arrested two key associates of terrorist Landa Harike and Gangster Satta Naushera, Yuvraj alias Jaggu and Mehakpreet alias Mehak, after an exchange of fire near Jawanda village in Tarn Taran district, said Punjab DGP Gaurav Yadav on Friday.

He said that the accused opened fire on a police party, both sustained injuries in retaliatory action, and were admitted to Civil Hospital, Taran.

Police recovered one Glock 9mm and One PX30 .30 calibre pistol with live cartridges from the accused.

DGP Yadav said that both were being directed by foreign handlers to carry out targeted killings in Punjab.

Poonam Dhillon completes 63 years

Mumbai, Apr 18 (UNI) Veteran actress and former Miss India, Poonam Dhillon, rings in her 63rd birthday on Friday.

Born on April 18, 1962, in Kanpur, to aeronautical engineer in Indian Air Force Amreek Singh and mom, Gurcharan Kaur. After clinching the Miss Young India title in 1978, her delicate charm and magnetic screen presence caught the eye of auteur Yash Chopra, who cast her in "Trishul" (1978) which was a hit at the box office, with the song pictured on her 'Gapuchi Gapuchi Gam Gam' continuing to be popular even today.

Her true breakthrough, however, came with the poignant romantic drama "Noorie" (1979), which not



only earned her a Filmfare Best Actrees nomination but also immortalised her as a symbol of delicate strength in Hindi cinema.

Subsequent to her debut "Kaala Patthar", "Dard", "Red Rose", "Biwi O Biwi", "Yeh To Kamaal

Khanna, Rishi Kapoor and Mithun Chakraborty was widely adored and her soft-spoken yet expressive presence resonated with audiences across the country.

She further expanded her repertoire through the-atre, captivating audiences in award-winning productions such as "The Perfect Husband" and "The Perfect Wife", staged in India, the US, and Dubai.

In 1988, she got hitched to Ashok Thakuria and gave birth to a daughter Paloma and a son Anmol, though this marriage ended in 1997.

In 2013, she returned to the small screen with the popular Sony series "Ekk Nayi Pehchaan" and in 2009, she endeared herself to younger audiences through her participation in 'Bigg Boss Season 3'.

Dhillon ventured into the make-up van business in 1991 pioneering the concept in the Indian film industry. She runs a make-up van company called "Vanity." Her influence extended into public life too, as she briefly forayed into politics as she joined BJP in 2004 and later served as a member of the Film Certification Appellate Tribunal in 2017.

Today's Horoscope

**ARIES** Pressure from seniors at workplace and discord at home might bring some stress- which would disturb your concentration at work. If you wish to lead a smooth life and maintain a stable standard of living, then you need to remain attentive today regarding your finances. A repair work at home or social get-togethers likely to keep you busy. May find someone to experience the ecstasy of love. Today, you can get so busy watching a movie on TV or mobile that you will forget to do your important tasks. Frustration will increase between you and your love partner due to the lack of time.

**TAURUS** Your personal problems may ruin mental happiness but involve yourself in some mental exercise by reading something interesting to cope up these pressures. Perfect day to purchase items that would grow in value. Quarrel with a neighbour would spoil your mood. But don't lose your temper because it would only add fuel in the fire. No one can quarrel with you if you non-cooperate. Strive to maintain cordial relations. You should learn some lessons from your defeats as proposing today may backfire Excessive use of TV or Mobile can result in wastage of time.

**GEMINI** Keep your poise as you are likely to confront some difficulties otherwise-it may put you in some serious trouble. Especially control your anger which is nothing but a short madness. According to the household requirement, you can go out with your spouse to buy some valuable items, which can make your financial situation a bit tight. Do not make quick judgment about people and their motives-They might be under pressure and need your compassion and understanding. May be disappointed in love but don't lose heart as lovers are ever sycophantic.

**CANCER** Support of highly influential people will give a big boost to your moral. Monetary gains will be from various sources. Friends and relatives will demand more attention but this is the perfect time to close the doors to the world and treat yourself royally. Try harder you will definitely be luckier as it is your day today. Avoid getting friendly with people who waste your time. Today, you will get to spend the best evening of your life with your spouse. It is going to be an awesome day, as you might go out and watch a movie with your friends.

**LEO** Today you will have ample of the time to do things to improve your health and looks. If you were asking a debtor to return your money from a long time, and s/he was avoiding it, then today is your lucky day, as s/he can return your money unexpectedly. Unexpected news from children brings happy moments. You would meet the person who loves you more than his life. Today, to make good use of the free time you have on your hand, you can plan to meet your old friends. Do you think that married life is all about compromises? You can watch a film with your brother to keep him happy.

**VIRGO** Today you will have ample of the time to do things to improve your health and looks. New contracts might look lucrative but will not bring gains as desired- Do not make hasty decisions when it comes to investing money. Gift from an overseas relative will make you happy. Somebody may come between your love today. The day is great. Take time out for yourself today and evaluate your shortcomings. This will bring positive changes in your personality. Your neighbors might try to trouble your married life, but it's difficult to shake your bond with each other.

**LIBRA** Engage yourself in some creative work. Your sitting idle habit could prove fatal for mental peace. Investment concerning your residence will be profitable. Relatives/ friends drop by for a wonderful evening. Avoid being forceful in love affairs. The natives of this zodiac sign can watch a movie or match at home with their siblings today. By doing this, love will increase among you people. Rude behavior of your spouse might take a toll on you today. Today, there can be talks about your marriage at home, which you won't like.

**SCORPIO** Children will brighten your evening. Plan a nice dinner to adieu a dull and hectic day. Their company would recharge your body. Don't overspend too much in order to impress others. Good advice from family members will decrease your mental pressure. Today, you will not be able to fulfill any of your promises, which can make your lover grumpy. Today, you can spend most of your time on things that are not necessary or important. Today, the tiff between you and your spouse might come to a halt just because of a good beautiful memory.

**SAGITTARIUS** Your jolly nature will keep others happy. Although your financial conditions will remain strong today, but you'll have to keep in mind not to overspend or spend on unnecessary things. Period of tension may prevail but family support will help you. Without the company of your beloved you are likely to experience as blank as a You need to remember that god helps those who help themselves. Your spouse may disturb a plan or project of yours; don't lose patience. What can be better than chit-chatting with friends today! It is the best way to do away with boredom.

**CAPRICORN** Psychological fear could unnerv you. Positive thinking and looking at the brighter side will keep it bay. Today, seek the blessings of your elders before going out of the house, as it will benefit you. By sharing your problems with your family members, you feel lightheaded. However, your ego doesn't allow you to share numerous important things, which is not right. Doing so will only increase the troubles. Likely to go on a pleasure trip that will rejuvenate your energy and passion. Today, you can plan on going home early as soon as you reach the office.

**AQUARIUS** Harboring of ill-will against others will give mental tension. You should avoid these kinds of thoughts as these are life wasters and kill your efficiency. Businessmen today may incur losses in their trade. Also, you may have to spend money to improve your business. Take the suggestion of your elders before making any changes in the house otherwise it may invite their anger and unhappiness. Your gloomy life may give tension to your spouse. Communication will be your strong point today. Your spouse might make an issue of something he/she heard in the neighborhood.

**PISCES** Go out for a long walk for the sake of your good health. Long pending arrears and dues will finally be recovered. Plan something special for your progeny. Make sure you plan some realistic so that you can achieve/execute them. Your future generation would always remember you for the gift. Chances to form a new love connection will be strong but don't reveal information that is personal and confidential. You will receive important invitation from unexpected sources. Looks like your spouse is feeling lucky to have you. Utilize the best of this moment today.



Punjab VB arrests 2 civil hospital staff for taking bribe

Chandigarh, April 18 (UNI) The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) has uncovered a corruption scam at Civil Hospital Bholath in Kapurthala district, where employees were accepting bribes to issue false negative dope test reports.

Acting on a complaint filed on the Chief Minister's Anti-Corruption Action Line, the VB on Thursday arrested Manpreet Singh alias Sonu, a ward attendant, and Bholu alias Ismail, a contractual computer operator, for accepting Rs 10,000.

The role of Dr Mohitpal, posted in the hospital, and a contractual laboratory technician, Maan Singh, are under investigation, VB sources said.

An official VB spokesperson said on Friday that the investigation has revealed that the accused had demanded and accepted Rs 10,000 from the complainant to issue him a negative dope test report.

A further probe indicated that the accused were routinely accepting bribes to manipulate dope test results, which were then used for arms licence applications or during renewals. The complainant provided evidence of the bribe demand and both the positive and falsified negative reports.

A case has been registered at the VB police station, Jalandhar range. The VB is also examining the involvement of other staff members, the spokesperson said.

Four nabbed, arms recovered in Manipur

Imphal, April 18 (UNI) Manipur Police and security forces arrested four persons in two separate incidents and seized a large numbers of arms and ammunition in operations launched in four districts in the last 24 hours.

Police said on Friday that two active cadres of Kanglei Yawol Kanna Lup (KYKL) were nabbed from Wangjing Khabakhong along NH-102 under Thoubal-PS, Thoubal District. Two hand grenades were re-

covered from him.

Manipur Police arrested two persons in connection with a viral video in which unknown miscreants brandished sophisticated firearms at an unidentified location under Churachandpur PS, Churachandpur dis-



trict .

In an operation at the Wabagai Buffalo Farm area under Kakching-PS, Kakching district, by police and security personnel, one .303 rifle with a magazine, one bolt action single barrel gun with sling, a 9 mm pistol with a

maazine, and large number of ammunitions were recovered.

In another operation at Lairenkabi and Sanjenbam villages under Lamshang-PS, Imphal West district one, one AK rifle along with one magazine, one SLR

along with one magazine, one 9mm carbine machine gun along with one magazine, one modified single barrel gun, one pistol with one magazine, two hand grenades without detonators were recovered.



## A New Dawn: Congress Reclaims Its Ideological Core : Dr.M.Suresh Babu, State Convener, Sevadal Social Media

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad, Apr 18 :** The Indian National Congress adopted a powerful new slogan — 'Jai Babu, Jai Bhim, Jai Samvidhan' — reaffirming its ideological commitment to non-violence, social justice, and constitutional values. This slogan is not just a tribute, but a roadmap for rebuilding a stronger, more inclusive Congress and revitalising Indian democracy. *Jai Babu (Mahatma Gandhi) — Moral Leadership and Grassroots Democracy*  
 Mahatma Gandhi represents the ethical and spiritual compass of Indian politics — truth, non-violence, and harmony. He mobilised millions through peaceful resistance, rooted in Swaraj and inclusion. At a time of rising political aggression and social polarisation, invoking Gandhi reminds us of the enduring need for compassion, moral leadership, and grassroots empowerment. *Jai Bhim (Dr. B.R. Ambedkar)*

— *Social Justice and Equality*  
 Dr. Ambedkar remains the strongest voice for the marginalised — Dalits, Adivasis, OBCs, and women. As the chief architect of the Constitution, he laid down the legal framework for a just and equal India. "Jai Bhim" reinforces our party's commitment to breaking systemic inequalities and building an inclusive society free from discrimination. *Jai Samvidhan (The Constitution) — Rule of Law and Democratic Institutions*  
 In the face of democratic erosion, the Constitution remains the ultimate protector of every citizen's rights and freedoms. Reaffirming "Jai Samvidhan" is a pledge to safeguard secularism, federalism, and the rule of law — principles under threat in today's political environment. *A Unified Vision for India's Future*  
 Together, these three pillars — Gandhi's ethics, Ambedkar's justice, and con-



stitutional integrity — represent a holistic and forward-looking political vision. This is Congress's blueprint for reviving trust, rebuilding institutions, and standing firmly with the people of India. *A Vision for Revival*  
 With this ideological repositioning, Congress is charting a clear path back to relevance. After years of electoral setbacks and organisational stagnation, we see an opportunity to rebuild — by empowering emerging leaders, revitalising our

grassroots network, and reflecting the full diversity of Indian society. *A Political Imperative*  
 Despite a legacy of iconic women leaders, women remain underrepresented in our organisation and on electoral platforms. Only 14% of Congress candidates in 2024 were women, and women hold less than 20% of key posts in party structures. Congress must now walk the talk. Guided by Gandhi's belief in women's leadership and Ambedkar's constitutional commitment to equality, we must implement the Raipur 2023 resolution for 50% reservation for SCs, STs, OBCs, and women across AICC and PCC bodies. Congress acknowledges its past communication failures, especially in countering misinformation and conveying its commitments clearly. Manifestos including landmark initiatives like NYAY, reforms to MGNREGA, and stances on Agnipath, MSP,

and reservations, lacked amplification. As we move forward, Congress will invest in reshaping its communication strategy, building relatable narratives, and projecting authentic, people-focused leadership. To pose a credible challenge in 2029, Congress must evolve into a more inclusive and representative force. Congress must induct more Dalit, OBC, minority, and regional leaders into decision-making roles.  
 The upcoming elections in Delhi and Bihar (2025), and in Kerala, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and West Bengal (2026) will be crucial testing grounds for this transformation. Slogans alone don't win elections. But when backed by structural reforms, community engagement, and credible leadership, they can inspire movements. "Jai Babu, Jai Bhim, Jai Samvidhan" is more than a slogan — it's a call to action. The path to 2029 is long, but it begins now.



## Police Checks with Dog Squad in Congested Areas in Nalgonda

People should cooperate with the police to maintain law and order : Two Town SI Saidulu

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nalgonda town, Apr 18 :** In the Nalgonda district headquarters, as per the orders of District SP Sarath Chandra Power, extensive checks were conducted with trained narcotic dog squads under the leadership of Two Town SI Saidulu to detect prohibited drugs and other illegal items. The bus stand as well as lodges and shops were inspected along with the staff.  
 Speaking, SI Saidulu said that if any suspicious persons are found, they should inform the police. He also advised that the proper certificates of those staying in the lodges should be obtained and their details should be recorded in the records. He said that rooms should not be given to anyone illegally. He advised that the details of the suspects should be informed to him immediately. He warned that legal action will be taken against those who do not follow the rules. He asked the people to stay away from marijuana and narcotics and cooperate with the police in their eradication.  
 He said that action will be taken against anyone who uses prohibited drugs. He advised parents to monitor the behavior of their children. He said that the people and youth should play a key role in eradicating drugs like marijuana that are harmful to people's lives. He said that the city police are working hard to eliminate the sources of marijuana in the city.  
 The SI said that the people should cooperate with the police to maintain law and order in the society. Police personnel participated.

## Telangana is the only state in the country that is providing Fine Rice : Nakrekal MLA Vemula Veeresham

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nakrekal, Apr 18 :** Nakrekal MLA Vemula Veeresham said that Telangana is the only state in the country that is providing thin rice. Rudrakshi Yadagiri and Pushpa, a couple from Thatikal village in Nakrekal mandal, had a flake rice meal at their home.

Speaking on the occasion, they said that recently,

they had eaten rice cooked with thin rice started by Chief

Minister Revanth Reddy. A family who earns a liv-

ing by going to work for a day did not eat thin rice even on festivals. Today, we are distributing thin rice with the idea that the poor and the rich should eat equally.  
 Yadagiri and Pushpa do not have houses, so first of all, Indiramma houses will be allotted to them.



## Advocades felicitate District Judge Sunitha Kunchala

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nizamabad Bueruo, Apr 18 :** On the occasion of the transfer of Nizamabad District Chief Justice Sunitha Kunchala to Peddapalli district, the lawyers felicitated her with shawls and presented her with mementos at the District Judicial Service Organization meeting hall.  
 On this occasion, District Bar Council President Mallepula Jaganmohan Goud said that the provision of legal services in the last three years is commendable and wished her to work hard to provide speedy justice to the people in the coming days and to ascend to higher positions in the future.  
 DLSA Secretary, Senior Civil Judge Padmavati, Defense Councils Rajkumar Subedar, Uday Krishna Pramod, Pramod Vishwak Sen, Ravi Babu, Khalid Mahipal, DLSA Sibba Supervisor, Shailaja and other staff members participated in the program.



## Women and child welfare is ICDS's aim : ICDS ACDPO Rathamma

**(Capital Information)**  
**Sathupalli, Apr 18 :** ACDPO Rathamma said that women and child welfare is an ICDS aim. She said at the Poshan pakwad program under the auspices of the Kallur Sector Supervisor Sandhya Rani in one of the Lokavaram centers in the Kallur Zone and the Anganwadi teachers, who are taking measurements every month to ensure that children have a loss of weight.  
 Children who do not have the weight of the height are identified as 'Sam and Mam' children and provide them with additional nutritional value.  
 Sandhyarani explained about the immunization of pregnant women and lactating women and nutritional foods. Subsequently, mass spelling practices and Annaprāsana program was organized.  
 Anganwadi teachers Srilakshmi, Rukmini, Aya Rekha, Moms and others were participated in the event.

## Must be aware of the Bhu Bharati Act : Collector Rajiv Gandhi Hanumanth

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nizamabad Bueruo, Apr 18 :** Collector Rajiv Gandhi Hanumanth suggested that farmers should have a complete understanding of the Bhu Bharati Act, newly introduced by the state government with the aim of solving land problems. He called for widespread discussion in the villages on the issues of this act and to create awareness among fellow farmers.  
 On Friday, the Collector participated in the Bhu Bharati Act awareness seminars organized separately at the farmers' forums in Nadilli and Mopai mandal centers of Dichpalli mandal along with Additional Collector Kiran Kumar. On this occasion, the Collector explained the benefits of the Bhu Bharati Act to the farmers through a power point presentation on each topic.  
 The Collector explained that the Bhu Bharati (ROR) Act - 2025, which was formulated by the government with the aim of resolving land issues, was gazetted in January and the government introduced this law on April 14, incorporating comprehensive aspects. It was advised that farmers with land



issues should apply through the Bhu Bharati portal within a year. He said that after the awareness seminars, the officials will organize village-wise seminars in the first week of May and receive applications.  
 The Collector said that according to the Bhu Bharati Act, land-related issues will be resolved within a specific time frame. If the issue is not resolved, an appeal can be made to the Collector or the CCLA, and a new land tribunal will also be available in this act. He reminded that due to the removal of revenue courts in Dharani, farmers had to resort to civil courts in case of land disputes. Recognizing that farm-

ers are facing difficulties due to this, the government explained that the revenue courts have been restored in the same way as before through the current Bhu Bharati Act. He said that the Revenue Division Officer and the Collector have been given powers to resolve land issues locally.  
 He said that if the farmers feel that the problem is not resolved, they can appeal. He said that free legal aid will also be provided to poor farmers who cannot afford it. He said that if they feel that the decision of the Revenue Division Officer is not correct, they can appeal to the Collector, and if there is an objection to the Collector's

decision, they can appeal to the Land Tribunal.  
 He said that revenue records will be prepared in every village and the record will be displayed in the villages every year. He said that the government will take steps to appoint village administration officers in every village to strengthen the revenue system. He said that a Bhudar number will be allotted to the land like an Aadhaar card to a person, and through this, there will be no possibility of land encroachment. He said that the land records currently in Dharani will continue under the Bhu Bharati Act.  
 He advised that those who are eligible for correction

of errors in land rights records should apply within a year of the new law coming into force in the district. He said that the government has provided an opportunity in the Bhu Bharati Act for the resolution of pending Sadha Bainama. He said that guidelines in this regard will be issued soon. He said that the officials are always ready to clear any doubts regarding the Bhu Bharati Act.  
 Nizamabad RDO Rajendra Kumar, IDCMS Chairman Tarachand, Nizamabad Market Committee Chairman Muppa Gangareddy, Dichpalli Mandal Special Officer Yohan, local officials and farmers participated in these conferences.



## Negligence of Government Hospital Doctors Leads to Infant's Death

**(Capital Information)**  
**Mulugu, Apr 18 :** In a tragic incident that has sparked outrage, the negligence of doctors at the Mulugu Government Hospital reportedly led to the death of a newborn. Bade Naga Jyothi, former ZP Chairperson and BRS Party Constituency In-Charge, visited the hospital and demanded strict action against the responsible medical staff.  
 The victim, Billa Ravi from Bandarupalli village in Mulugu Mandal, was admitted to the government hospital on Wednesday evening with labor pains. While one doctor assured that she would handle the delivery, another reportedly attempted a normal delivery. Tragically, the baby died after the deliv-



ery was performed in the early hours of Thursday. The bereaved family was left in deep distress. On learning about the incident, Bade Naga Jyothi visited the hospital, viewed the infant's body, and expressed strong disapproval over the negligence. She demanded that strict action be taken against the responsible doctors. She also extended her condolences and provided emotional support to the grieving family.

Speaking to the media, Bade Naga Jyothi criticized the ruling leadership: "Instead of focusing on tours and celebrations, efforts should be directed toward improving government hospitals. What development has been done in Mulugu that warrants such pomp by Seethakka? Did she even visit.



## State Finance Controller Visits Dharmapuri Temple

**(Capital Information)**  
**Jagtial/Dharmapuri, Apr 18 :** State Finance Controller Venkanna visited the Jagtial District Dharmapuri Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple, where he was welcomed by temple officials and received blessings from the priests. Senior Assistant Alwal Srinivas honored him with Seshavastram and Prasadam.  
 The event was attended by temple staff, including Chief Priest Chilaka Mukku Ramanayya, Priests Chakrapani Kiran Kumar, Dharmapuri Mandal Education Officer Sitha Iaxmi, Govt High School Headmaster Mahender and others.



## Continuous effort for the development of the constituency : MLA Kunamneni

(Capital Information)  
**Kothagudem**, Apr 18 : Kothagudem constituency legislator constantly working for the development of the constituency and the provision of infrastructure and facilities for the people.

The Shab Center building at Laxmidevipalli Zone, a Rs 16 lakh fund, has been built on Friday at the Ramanjaneya Colony in Chunchupalli Mandal at a cost of Rs 20 lakh, Venkateswara Colony at a cost of Rs 20 lakh and Rs 16 lakhs in Vidyanagar colony Had done.

Speaking on the occasion, Koonaneni said that the construction of four years has been completed with ITDA funds in the Lakshmi Devi pally and Chunchupalli zones. Roads and drains have been completed in priority in various



schemes in the constituency. The people are in need of drinking water and electricity facilities. In the summer, there is precautionary measure of water shortage. With the MLA funding, 14 unions will be built in the constituency, 7 bus cellars, electricity pillars, government buildings, schools, roads and drains, and Rs 10 crore will be prepared for this.

He said that he was ready to address any trouble to the people in the rural and graduation areas and was constantly working to-

wards building a non-problemal constituency.

CPI District Secretary Sk Sabir Pasha, District Medical Officer Bhaskar Nayak, Tahsildars KVRK Prasad, Krishna, MPDOs Hanku babu, Shubhashini, ITDA Officers Srikanth, Madhukar, Shivakrishna, Members Vasireddy Murali, Lagadapati Ramesh, Polamuri Srinivas, Nunavat Govind, Lingaiah, Ajay, Andra Mahesh, Nagesh, Poonam Srinu, Gousre, Nani, Venkatesh, Harish, Veeraiah and others were participated.

## Rajiv Young Vikas Scheme Applications Examine : Municipal Commissioner Narasimha

(Capital Information)  
**Sathupalli**, Apr 18 : Municipal Commissioner Narasimha said the Rajiv Yuva Vikas Scheme

applications are being examined in the field.

Speaking on the occasion, Narasimha said that



the Rajiv Yuva Vikas scheme was recently going to the houses of candidates who had applied for the Yuva Vikas scheme under the municipality. The selection of eligible candidates is transparent.

Ward Officer Srinivasa Rao, Angothu Rama Rao, Kakarla Rama Krishna, Guntru Surya, Nazir and Swapna were present at the programme.

## Food is Medicine – Healthy Eating Habits Can Heal and Protect the Liver

### CARE Hospitals Experts Share Liver Health Insights on World Liver Day 2025

(Capital Information)  
**Hyderabad**, Apr 18 : The liver, the second largest organ in the human body after the skin, is essential for maintaining overall health. In recognition of its importance, April 19 is observed every year as World Liver Day. The theme for this year, "Food is Medicine", highlights the powerful role that diet plays in supporting and healing the liver.

In recent years, India has seen a significant rise in liver-related diseases, including non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), alcohol-induced liver cirrhosis, and viral hepatitis. Experts point to sedentary lifestyles, unhealthy diets, rising alcohol use, and unmonitored medication consumption as leading causes. What's more concerning is that liver damage often goes unnoticed until it becomes severe.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Mohammed Nayeem, Clinical Director & HOD, Care Institute of Digestive Diseases & Liver Transplant, Hyderabad, said, "The liver carries out over 500 vital functions in the body. From metabolizing nutrients to detoxifying harmful substances, it is deeply impacted by what we eat and how we live. We are increasingly seeing liver issues even among young adults due to poor lifestyle choices. Treating food as medicine is one of the most effective preventive approaches."

The liver is a very special organ because it can heal and



repair itself. In ancient Chinese medicine, the liver was called the "General of the Body" because of how it protects us. It removes harmful substances from our system and keeps us healthy. The good news is that the liver gives us a chance to fix the damage if we change our habits. But if we ignore it, it can become dangerous.

To maintain a healthy liver, experts recommend avoiding processed and packaged foods that are high in sugar, salt, and unhealthy fats. Instead, include fiber-rich foods, leafy greens, antioxidant-

loaded fruits, nuts, and items rich in vitamins E, C, and B-complex, which help protect liver cells. Staying well-hydrated by drinking plenty of water also supports the liver's natural detox functions.

Alongside dietary choices, adopting the right lifestyle habits is essential—this includes completely avoiding alcohol and smoking, engaging in at least 30 minutes of physical activity five times a week, and getting vaccinated against Hepatitis A and B. Doctors recommend not relying on home remedies or self-medicating with supplements if symptoms like jaundice or liver issues appear, it's important to consult a doctor immediately. Annual liver health check-ups are strongly recommended to enable early diagnosis and prevention of liver-related diseases.

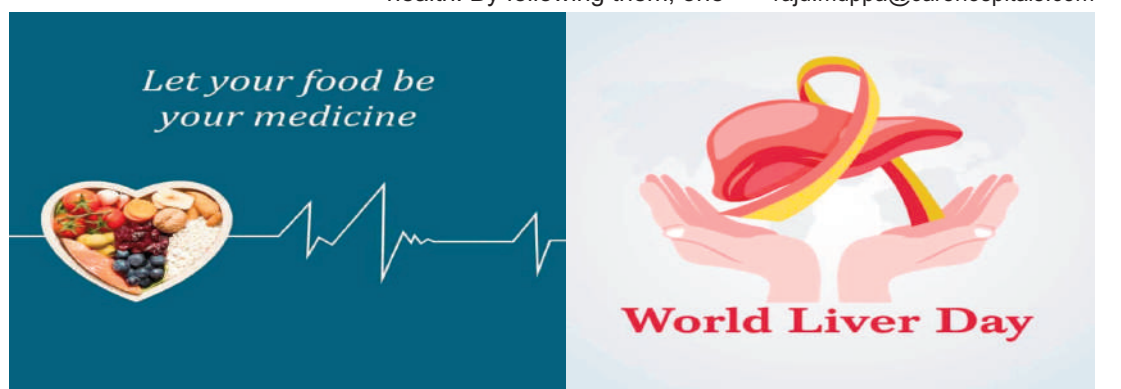
"Food can become our strongest armor against disease when chosen wisely. Right diet, right habits, and the right approach, these are the fundamental principles of liver health. By following them, one

can live a life of complete wellness," Dr Nayeem added.

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## Strict legal action will be taken against those who make comments or post inciting hatred between castes and religions : SP Paritosh Pankaj

(Capital Information)  
**Sangareddy**, Apr 18 : Sangareddy District SP Paritosh, who held a peace meeting with leaders of various caste groups at the District Police Office on April 18, said on this occasion. Dr.B.R. Ambedkar was the architect of the Indian Constitution, he was not limited to any one caste, religion or region, he was a guide not only for India but also for the countries of the world. He advised everyone to respect the Constitution of India and abide by the laws enned in the Constitution.

The SP warned that strict legal action will be taken against anyone who takes the law into their own hands. He said that elders from various groups should form committees at the village level and organize awareness programs about community peace and harmony, and that the District Police Department would always extend cooperation and



assistance in maintaining peace and security.

In the present days of AI (Artificial Intelligence), we are making our work easier by using AI, but some youth are using AI in bad ways, creating distorted photos as if they are not there and posting them on social media, disrupting peace and security. Such people will not be ignored under any circumstances, he said, adding that the District IT cell will contin-

uously monitor social media.

The SP warned that strict legal action will be taken against the rioters and history sheets will be opened if necessary. No one should take the law into their own hands to punish the criminals. He advised everyone to follow the rules and regulations enned in the law, as there is a law to punish such people, and the information of the above people should be provided to the police.

The SP said that the District police department will always be at the forefront to help those who work for peace in the society, and that they will be strict with those who take the law into their own hands by going against the law. He said that he will be available 24\*7 to maintain peace and security and that anyone can call/message this number 8712656777 at any time to provide information. He said that awareness

programs are being organized in various villages through community policing on behalf of the District police department and that the influence of social media is very high in the current society.

Additional SP A. Sanjeeva Rao, SB, DCRB Inspectors Vijay Krishna, Ramesh, leaders of various associations Atimela Manikyam, Kuna Venu, Kondapuram Jagan, P.Durga Prasad and others participated in this peace meeting.



## Govt Whip, MLA Adluri Inaugurates New Ambulance

(Capital Information)  
**Jagtial/Dharmapuri**, Apr 18 : Government Whip and Dharmapuri MLA Adluri Laxman Kumar inaugurated a new ambulance at the Brahmin Sangh in Dharmapuri town.

The ambulance is being operated by the Annapurna Seva Samithi, under the aegis of Manthani Sitaram Sevashram's, Gayatri Nitya Annadan Satram.

The MLA expressed his happiness in launching the ambulance and appreciated the services being provided by the organizations. He also mentioned the successful organization of Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy's Brahmotsavams and the arrangements made for the Swamy's kalyanam.

The MLA assured that all measures would be taken to set up a sewerage plant to prevent sewage water from mixing with Godavari water. Brahmin community leaders, members, Mandal Congress Party leaders and others participated in the event.

## Farmers should take advantage of subsidized equipment : MLA Balu Naik

(Capital Information)  
**Devarakonda**, Apr 18 : Devarakonda MLA Nenavath Balu Naik said farmers should take advantage of the equipment provided by the Telangana state government on subsidy, Telangana State Horticulture and Silk Industry Departments in the Market Yard on Friday distributed micro -irrigation equipment to farmers from various villages with the department of silk industry, distributing sprinkler pipes,

Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said that after the formation of the Congress government, agriculture, education, medicine and the government were given high priority as part of public rule,

When the BRS government was in power for the past ten years, the farmers were not sub-



sidized without any subsidies! Similarly, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has been credited with the farmers' loan waiver of up to Rs 2 lakh to farmers as promised by the Congress government.

He said that the Congress government is working to liberate the farmers by implementing various schemes to benefit each farmer.

The government is encouraging farmers with bonuses of Rs 500 per quintal Farmers are

advised not to be deceived by believing the soldiers should be sold at the IKP centers set up by the farmers.

Former MPPs Muthiyala Sarvaiah, Bikkur Nayak, Former Market Chairman Mukumala Venkataiah Goud, Lokasani Krishna, Kinnara Harikrishna, Papa Nayak, Korra Ram Singh, Narya Naik, Sivaiah, Eppa BasavaReddy, Gaddam Venkataiah Laxmipathi, Surender Reddy Vijay, in this Event,

## The Waqf Amendment Act should be withdrawn : CPI National Committee Member Palla Venkata Reddy

(Capital Information)  
**Nalgonda town**, Apr 18 : CPI National Committee Member Palla Venkata Reddy has demanded that the Central Government immediately withdraw the Waqf Board Amendment Act introduced by the Modi government at the Center, saying that it is causing irreparable injustice to the minority communities. The CPI Nalgonda District Committee Council meeting was held at the local Magdum Bhavan on Friday.

Speaking at the meeting as the chief guest, Palla Venkata Reddy called on the people of all sections of the state to protest against the Waqf Board Amendment Act and the autocratic attitude of the Central Government. He alleged that since the Modi government came to power, instead of tying up



the country's wealth to the wealthy classes, it has been bringing laws favorable to them and burdening the poor with high prices and works.

He said that it is shameful that the Central government is increasing the price of gas by Rs 50 while the Revanth Reddy government is giving a subsidy of Rs 500 in the state. Similarly, the Congress government is lifting the dharna and bringing Bhu Bharati to solve the land problems in the state.

He urged the people to work hard to solve the land problems faced by the people for some years through this Bhu Bharati. Purchase of paddy.

CPI District Secretary and MLC Nellikanti Satyam advised the government officials to immediately survey the crops that farmers had cultivated with hard work due to unseasonal rains due to climate change and take steps to provide compensation. He said that the purchase of paddy that

came to the paddy purchase centers should be expedited. He called on the party ranks to organize CPI village branch and mandal samiti mahasabhas with enthusiasm throughout the district in the months of May and June.

The meeting was chaired by district executive member Boddupalli Venkataramana, while state executive member Palla Narasimha Reddy, senior leader Mallepalli Adireddy, Prajanatyaman-dali State Secretary Palle Narasimha, CPI district assistant secretaries Palla Devender Reddy Lodangi Sravan Kumar, district executive members Pabbu Veeraswamy, R Anjaiah Chari, Buluguri Narasimha, T Venkateswarlu, Nalaparaaju Ramalingaiah and others participated.



# “Bhoobharati is a Law to Wipe the Tears of the Poor” : Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy

**(Capital Information)**  
**Mulugu, Apr 18 :** Revenue, Housing, and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy stated that the Bhoobharati Act has been introduced with the sole aim of addressing land issues faced by the poor, particularly those included under Part-B of the Dharani portal. He emphasized that the Act will provide resolution for nearly 6 to 7 lakh acres of agricultural land within the 18 lakh acres wrongfully placed in Part-B by the previous government.

Speaking at the launch of the Bhoobharati pilot project in Venkatapur mandal, he was joined by Forest and Endowments Minister Konda Surekha, Panchayat Raj and Women & Child Welfare Minister Danasari Anasuya (Seethakka), Mahabubabad MP Balaram Naik, Principal Secretary (Finance) Ramakrishna Rao, MLAs Gandra Satyanarayana Rao and KNR Nagaraju, Principal Secretary Revenue Budha Prakash, and District Collector Divakar T.S.

**The minister noted that under the Bhoobharati Act :**

Residential houses (Abadi lands) without documents will be regularized.

A toll-free helpline will soon be launched for grievance redressal.

A committee will be formed to address land issues in tribal and non-tribal areas under Central norms.

Villagers no longer need to approach offices — revenue officials will visit villages



to resolve disputes.

The government will reconsider 9.24 lakh pending Sadabainama applications and provide land rights where valid.

**“A Law Crafted Not for the Elite, but for the Needy”**

Minister Srinivas Reddy said the Act was designed keeping in mind the struggles of small farmers. He reiterated that land rights will be granted to those in possession

(kasthu) and passbooks will be issued accordingly. He criticized the previous administration for not conducting revenue summits and alleged that their mishandling led to land distress and farmer suicides.

**“Indiramma Housing for Every Eligible Beneficiary”**

The minister assured that Indiramma houses will be sanctioned to every poor person, transcending caste, religion,

and political affiliations. He reiterated that public welfare is the guiding principle of the current government under CM A. Revanth Reddy, and that despite financial constraints, welfare schemes and job opportunities are being provided to the people.

Minister Konda Surekha emphasized that Bhoobharati ensures justice for all farmers and warned them against being misled by brokers and

intermediaries. Minister Seethakka likened the bond between farmers and their land to that of a mother and child, blaming the previous government's Dharani portal for pushing farmers to despair.

Principal Secretary Ramakrishna Rao described Bhoobharati as a “celebration for farmers,” with extensive awareness campaigns underway across districts.

MP Balaram Naik hailed the act as a fulfillment of electoral promises, ensuring food and dignity to the poor.

MLAs Gandra Satyanarayana Rao and KNR Nagaraju criticized the earlier government for removing VROs and failing to secure land rights for over a decade.

District Collector stated that Mulugu was chosen as the pilot location and that 14 major reforms have been incorporated in Bhoobharati, including survey number clarity, boundaries, and a unique Bhodhar number for each land parcel.

The Bhoobharati Act empowers local Tahsildars, RDOs, and Collectors to swiftly resolve land disputes. The Collector assured corruption-free implementation and advised farmers not to fall prey to middlemen.

ASP Shivam Upadhyay, Additional Collector (Revenue) C.H. Mahender, DFO Rahul Kishan Jadhav, Library Chairman Ravi Chander, Special Officer Kiran Prakash, RDO Venkatesh, district and Mandal officials, public representatives, cultural artists, farmers, and local residents were present.

## TGSRTC launches advanced Cath Lab and 12-bed emergency unit at Tarnaka Hospital

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad, Apr 18 :** In a major boost to healthcare services for its employees, the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) inaugurated Cath Lab services and a newly expanded 12-bed Emergency Care Unit at the TGSRTC Hospital in Tarnaka on Friday.

TGSRTC Managing Director VC Sajjanar, who inaugurated the new facilities, highlighted the corporation's commitment to employee welfare. The Cath Lab, crucial for diagnosing and treating heart-related ailments, has been established in collaboration with the Facts Foundation. The Critical Cardiac Care Unit was developed in partnership with Ashok Leyland, while IOCL provided financial support for the Emergency Care Unit's expansion through Nirman.org.

Sajjanar emphasised that the health of the employees is the foundation for the health of the organisation. "Tarnaka Hospital has now evolved into a super-specialty facility offering services comparable to top corporate hospitals," he stated.

Sajjanar noted the increase in outpatient numbers from 600 daily in 2021 to nearly 2,000 now, underscoring the growing trust in the hospital's services. He also lauded the efforts of IOCL, Facts Foundation, and Ashok Leyland in enhancing cardiac and emergency care facilities.

The hospital now features a full-fledged MRI and CT scan facility, a 24-hour pharmacy, a physiotherapy unit, and an upgraded emergency ward. With the addition of the

Cath Lab, a wide range of critical medical services is now available under one roof.

As part of the Grand Health Challenge initiative, medical examinations were conducted for employees and their spouses, resulting in life-saving interventions for over 900 individuals with serious health conditions.

Sajjanar reiterated the management's vision of integrating technology to provide top-notch healthcare and hinted at the launch of more such initiatives in the future.

The event was attended by TGSRTC Executive Directors Munishekhhar and Venkanna, Tarnaka Hospital Superintendent Dr. Shailaja Murthy, Medical Administrator Dr. Srinivas, and representatives from IOCL, Nirman.org, Facts Foundation, and Ashok Leyland.

## CONQUER THE MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS : CPM KHAMMAM DIVISION SECRETARY Y VIKRAM

**(Capital Information)**  
**Khammam Bureau, Apr 18 :** CPM Khammam Division Secretary Y Vikram has called on activists to hold a grand celebration of the Khammam division in honor of World Labor Day on May 1.

The party zonal committee meeting chaired by Gali Anjaiah was held at Khanapuram Haveli CPM party office on Thursday.

Members of the CPM state committee who recently deceased before the meeting and senior leader of the Khammam district, Yarra Srikanth, paid homage.

Speaking on the occasion, Vikram said that the central state government were adopting anti-labor policies and that the central government would bring in the Labor Code laws to ensure that the minimum



wage laws were not enforced, and the laborers were fighting across the country against the laws.

The BJP government at the center has called on the workers to unite and unite in the future against this government.

In the city of Chicago in the city of Chicago, the workers who were born in the blood of the workers who were born from the blood of

quote for financial workers. The workers have been asked to organize more movements in the future, saying that governments themselves are not in a position to resolve themselves unless the workers fight on these issues.

The meeting was attended by party district committee members Pinninti Ramya, Mandal Committee members Kathula Amaravathi, Gali Venkatadri, Poturaju Venkati, Tipparthi Narasimha Rao, Talapudi Mangamma, Sathenapalli Srinu, Thota Nagaraju, Vaddepalli Narendra, Gorremuchu Satyanarayana, Charu Prasad, Macharla Gopal, Nallamala Satyanarayana, Vedagiri Murahari, and department secretary D Vijaya were among the participants.

## Former Minister vemula Prashanth Reddy Responds to Bheemgal Incident on Social Media

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nizamabad Bureau, Apr 18 :** Former Minister MLA Vemula Prashanth Reddy spoke on social media in Hyderabad on Friday on the developments of the Bheemgal incident, police lathi charge, illegal cases and other developments. Police rule and demon rule are running in the Balkonda constituency in the name of public administration. He alleged that.

He asked when the government would give the gold worth 2500 rupees to each woman along with Kalyana Lakshmi cheques, he said that he would give it after the formation of Indiramma Rajyam, he asked when the money would be given, he said that the elderly and beedi workers would be given 4000 instead of 2000, but it is wrong to ask when the government will give it, Prashanth Reddy said. There was no complete loan waiver



in Balkonda constituency. Out of 51,000 farmers, only 21,000 were waived off, but there were 30,000 of them. We asked when they would be waived off their loans. We asked why the farmer bond did not come. They said that they would give bonuses for the years. We asked why the bonus they promised did not come to everyone.

The Chief Minister said that the farmer assurance would be given by March 31,

but we questioned that the money has not been deposited in the farmers' accounts yet. When we asked Minister Jupally Krishna Rao when he would give the assurances, Congress leaders started a fight inside the house. Outside the house, BRS workers protested in a peaceful atmosphere, holding placards, asking when they would give the assurances.

The BRS workers who were protesting peacefully

were tied up and the Congress workers were left free. They later charged the BRS workers indiscriminately. Balkonda Congress Party in-charge Sunil Reddy filed cases against BRS activists who asked Minister Jupally Krishna Rao to implement the promises he had made.

As soon as Sunil Reddy asked in a press meet to file cases, the police registered cases of attempted murder against BRS activists who were beaten up by the police on. The police registered an illegal case against me and 33 others. They beat us, will they file police cases against us? Former Minister Prashanth Reddy questioned the government, asking whether this is public administration or police administration.

We went to appeal to Minister Jupally Krishna Rao to fulfill the promises he made, but he was not asked.

As an opposition party, it is our responsibility to ask you to fulfill the promises you made. What is wrong with that? The people, girls and farmers of Balkonda constituency should think about it. The activists were beaten with sticks not for their homes, not for their needs, they were beaten with sticks for you.

No matter how many cases Congress leaders, government officials and police file, they cannot damage our self-esteem and courage. We will continue to fight with double enthusiasm and double effort until we fulfill every promise you made in the elections and reach the people. If you want to scare us with illegal cases and lathi-charges, it is only your misconception. We sincerely hope that the people of Balkonda constituency, girls and farmers will support our struggle.

## Cong questions propriety of AP govt to acquire another 44,000 acres of land for Amaravati

**(Capital Information)**  
**Kakinada, Apr 18 :** Andhra Pradesh State Kisan Congress Chairman Kamana Prabhakara Rao on Friday questioned the propriety of the state government in taking decision to acquire another 44,000 acres of land for the Capital City of Amaravati.

Rao told media persons that the government already acquired 34,000 acres from the farmers and constructed Temporary Secretariat, High Court, Assembly and Administration building complex.

He said only 2700 acres of land was required for all these buildings.

Alleging that Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu was interested in benefiting the affluent but not the people, the AP Kisan Congress Chairman said that acquiring another 44,000 acres of land was meant for real estate business at the cost of poor farmers.

He blamed Naidu for his failure on bringing pressure on the Central government on implementation of the assurances given at the time of division of the state.

## Journalists Should Be Allotted House Plots and Double Bedroom Houses : IJU Mulugu District President Shafi Ahmed

**(Capital Information)**  
**Mulugu, Apr 18 :** Journalists should be allotted house plots and double-bedroom houses under government welfare schemes, said IJU (Indian Journalists Union) Mulugu district president Md. Shafi. Speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the Bhoobharti program held on Friday at the Zilla Parishad School premises in Venkatapur, Mulugu district, Shafi emphasized the need to recognize journalists' contributions by providing them with housing benefits.

The event was organized under the joint aegis of IJU and TUWJ (Telangana Union of Working Journalists). District vice-presidents Bethi Satish, Gampala Shiv Kumar, Sayini Srinivas, Madhari Suresh, Pit-tala Madhusudan, Srujan, and Afzal Pasha were also present.

On this occasion, a representation was submitted to state ministers including Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas



Reddy, Panchayat Raj and Women & Child Welfare Minister Danasari Anasuya (Seethakka), Endowments Minister Konda Surekha, MP Balaram Naik, Wardhannapet MLA Nagaraju, and Bhupalpally MLA Gandra Satyanarayana, requesting the allotment of house plots and Indiramma houses to journalists.

The ministers responded positively and assured that efforts would be made to sanction

house plots and houses for journalists by the end of this month. They acknowledged the pivotal role journalists play in society, bridging the gap between the government and the public. The ministers praised the unwavering commitment of journalists in fearlessly reporting the truth and addressing public issues.

Several journalists Sunkari Sampath Rao, and local dignitaries participated in the event.



## Polo returns to Hyderabad with grand exhibition match at Bison Polo Ground

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad, Apr 18 :** In a vibrant celebration of equestrian tradition, polo made a majestic return to Hyderabad with an exhibition match between the Hyderabad Polo & Riding Club and the Indian Army's elite 61st Cavalry Regiment.

The event was held on Thursday at the historic Bison Polo Ground in Secunderabad.

Organised jointly by the Telangana & Andhra Sub Area (TASA) and the Secunderabad Cantonment Board (SCB), the match underscored the Indian Army's enduring commitment to promoting polo and equestrian sports in the country.

Lieutenant General Karandeep Singh Brar, PVSM, AVSM, General Officer Commanding (GOC), Dakshin Bharat Area, formally inaugurated the event. His presence, along with a large gathering of dignitaries, armed forces personnel, and polo enthusiasts, lent grandeur to the occasion.

TASA played a key role in facilitating the match, which not only thrilled spectators but also reaffirmed Hyderabad's legacy as a premier polo destination in India, a defence statement said on Friday.

## Thunderstorms with lightning and gusty winds likely in Telangana in next 48 hours: Met

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad, Apr 18 :** The Meteorological Centre has forecast thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and gusty winds with speeds ranging between 30-40 kmph at isolated places across Telangana over the next 48 hours.

In its daily weather report issued on Friday, the Met Department also predicted light to moderate rain or thunder-showers at isolated locations across the state.

Maximum temperatures are expected to rise by 2-3 degrees Celsius across Telangana during the next three days.

According to media reports, a hailstorm was reported in Medak district in the past 24 hours. Additionally, light rainfall occurred at one or two places in the state during the same period.

The highest maximum temperature of 42°C was recorded at Nizamabad on Thursday, the report added.



# Cinema Information

## Jaat director Gopichand confirms his next film with Balakrishna

Tollywood director Gopichand Malineni, who recently ventured into Bollywood with Jaat starring Sunny Deol, is currently celebrating the movie's success. With Jaat still performing well in theatres across India, the director has confirmed that a sequel, Jaat 2, is officially in the works.

In an exclusive interview with Bollywood Hungama, Gopichand revealed that his next film will reunite him with Nandamuri Balakrishna after their successful collaboration on Veera Simha Reddy. He mentioned that the script for this new project is currently under development and that the film will be officially



launched on NBK's birthday, June 10, 2025.

Fans of Balakrishna are eagerly awaiting the details of

this upcoming film, particularly the genre and the powerful role Balayya is expected to play.

Meanwhile, Gopichand confirmed that the script work for Jaat 2 is already underway. The director and his team are taking audience feedback into account as they plan the sequel, aiming for an even bigger impact than the first film.

With two major projects in the works, one in Tollywood and another in Bollywood, Gopichand Malineni's schedule is packed until the end of 2026. Fans can expect exciting updates on his ventures with Balakrishna and Jaat 2 soon.



## Siddhu Jonnalagadda shifts focus to Telusu Kada after Jack's debacle

Jack, Siddhu Jonnalagadda's latest film, hit the screens on April 10, 2025, generating a decent buzz. However, the film has been largely panned by audiences.

We at 123telugu had already reported that the film might land on Netflix a little early. The failure of the film has kept Siddhu Jonnalagadda out of the news.

He is nowhere to be seen in the media, and as per the latest update, he has already shifted focus to his new film Telusu Kada, which is a romantic drama directed by Neeraja Kona.

Siddhu will be seen in yet another strong role, and this time, he will be back with a bang, say his sources. For now, his fans are disappointed that Jack failed to impress the audience.

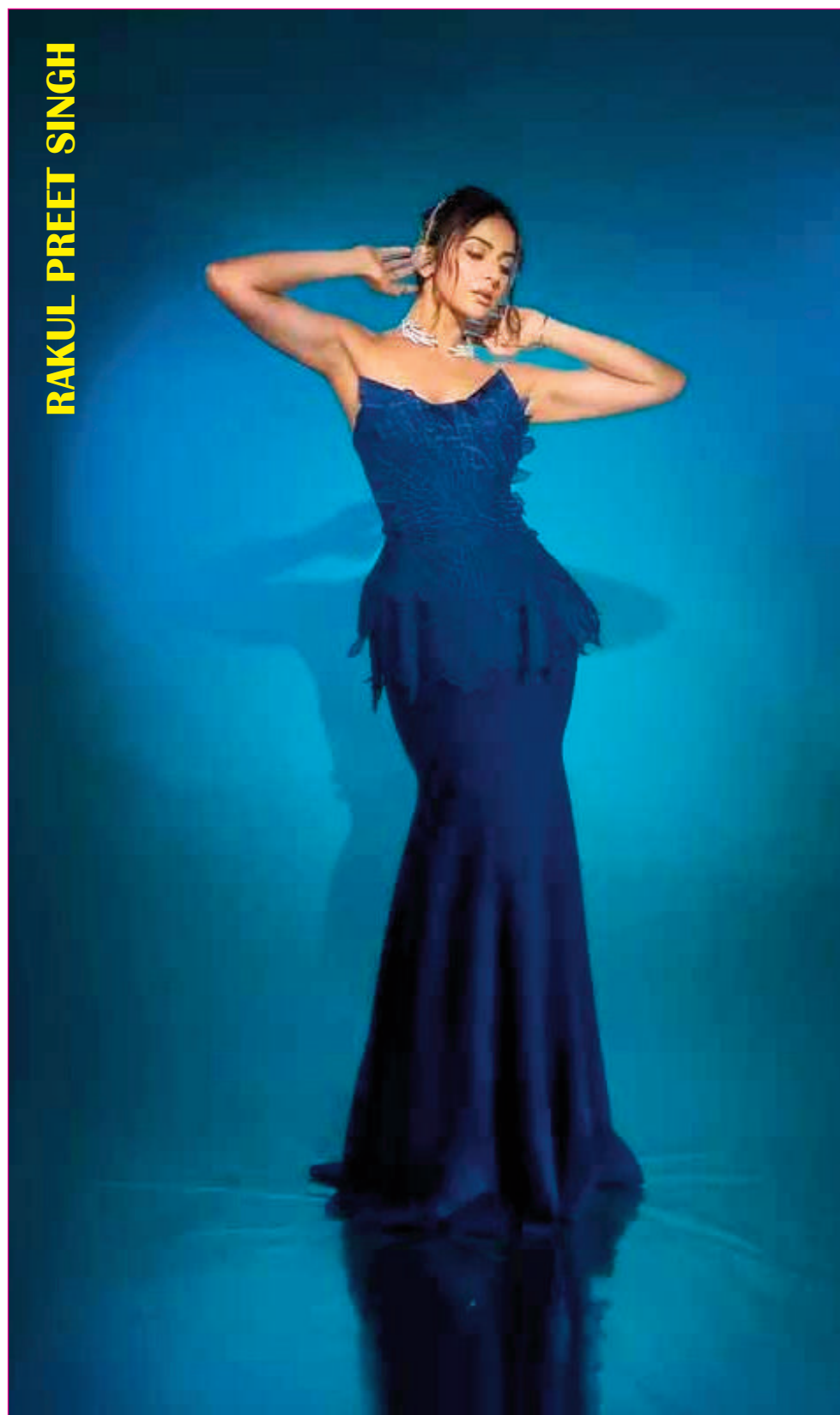


## HIT 3's pre-climax to be quite crazy

HIT 3 is all set to hit the screens on May 1, 2025, and promotions are in full swing. Nani is leaving no stone unturned to make the film a solid hit and is going all out.

Reports suggest that the pre-climax twists are going to be riveting, to say the least. The core twist in the plot will be revealed during this phase, and how director Sailesh Kolanu has executed it is said to be quite special, according to sources.

Srinidhi Shetty plays the female lead, and her character is pivotal to the story's major turn. Nani will be seen in a beast mode avatar, and the reason behind his aggression will unfold during the pre-climax. Stay tuned for more updates.



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## Prabhas Lines Up Multiple Projects as Spirit Gets Set to Roll

It's been a long wait for fans of Prabhas, who've been eagerly looking for a solid update on his next big-screen appearance. While 'The Rajasaab' and Hanu Raghavapudi's untitled film are actively being shot, there's been a quiet buzz about Spirit—the much-anticipated collaboration with director Sandeep Reddy Vanga.

Industry chatter suggests that shifting timelines and post-production delays have led to reshuffling of plans. As directors and actors juggle multiple commitments, several new project combinations are popping up across Tollywood. Though speculation had hinted



that Prabhas and Vanga might

sideline Spirit, the latest up-

date confirms that the duo is still committed. Location scouting is reportedly complete, and the film is expected to go on floors shortly. Prabhas is set to appear in the role of a powerful police officer, something fans are excited to see.

While official announcements are still awaited, Spirit now seems back on track. Prabhas and Vanga will likely take up other films only after this project rolls out, settling the rumours for now. With multiple big ventures lined up, the superstar's schedule might be packed, but his fans are finally getting some clarity—and a reason to look forward.

## Intense and gripping trailer for Naveen Chandra's Blind Spot impresses

Popular actor Naveen Chandra will soon be seen in the upcoming suspense thriller, Blind Spot. The film also features young actress Rashi Singh and Bigg Boss fame Ali Reza in key roles. Blind Spot's team unveiled the film's theatrical trailer earlier today.

Blind Spot's trailer opens with a chilling scene of a woman's dead body hanging lifelessly. What appears to be a suicide soon turns into a murder mystery with the entry of a sharp-eyed police officer, played by Naveen Chandra. The talented actor once again delivers a solid performance, bringing depth and intensity to his character. Rashi Singh, Ali Reza, and popular character artistes Ravi Varma and Gayathri Bhargavi played author-backed roles in this riveting thriller.

Cinematographer Darshan M Ambat's moody visuals, editor Satyaa G's sharp cuts, and Sri Ram Maddury's intense background score heighten the intrigue factor. Blind Spot is directed by Rakesh Varma and produced by Rama Krishna Veerapaneni under the Mango Mass Media banner.



## Samantha grabs HHVM's date for her debut production Subham

Star heroine Samantha has now stepped into production with her banner, Tralala Moving Pictures. While she first announced Maa Inti Bangaram, where she plays the lead, another film titled Subham will mark the maiden release under her banner.

Samantha took to social media to unveil the release date of Subham, directed by Praveen Kandregula. The film is set to hit the big screens on May 9, 2025 – a date that was initially reserved for Pawan Kalyan's Hari Hara Veera Mallu before it got postponed, giving Subham an advantageous window.

The teaser of Subham has already turned heads with its intriguing teaser that delivered a mix of humour and thrills, raising anticipation around the film's theatrical debut.

The film stars Harshith Malgireddy, Shriya Kontham, Charan Peri, Shalini Kondepudi, Gavireddy Srinivas, and Shravani in key roles. As the release date nears, aggressive promotion, especially a gripping trailer, will be crucial to help the film stand out at the box office. Stay tuned for more updates on Subham, Maa Inti Bangaram, and Samantha's journey as a producer.



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