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Shaktikanta Das

## RBI ex-guv. is PM principal secretary 2

DC CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI, FEB. 22

The Centre on Saturday appointed former Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das as Principal Secretary-2 to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, Das's appointment is effective from the date he assumes office and will remain in force for the duration of the Prime Minister's term or until further orders. Previously, P.K. Mishra had held the position of Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister since September 11, 2019.

A retired IAS officer of the 1980 batch from the Tamil Nadu cadre, Shaktikanta Das served as the 25th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for six years, including a three-year extension granted during his tenure after succeeding Ujjit Patel in December 2018.

## Kin of slain activist name BRS ex-MLA

MOULI MAREEDU | DC  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

In a new development in the murder of activist N. Rajalinga Murthy, his family members on Saturday lodged a complaint naming former BRS legislator Gandra Venkataramana Reddy and former Bhupalpally municipal vice-chairman Hari Babu, alleging that they had influenced the assailants to kill the activist on the pretext of land disputes.

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## Bird flu in Bhongir, 1K chickens die

P. SRINIVAS | DC  
BHONGIR, FEB. 22

The first confirmed case of bird flu in Telangana was reported in Nalapatla, Choutuppal mandal, of Bhongir district, after test results from a Bhopal laboratory confirmed the presence of the virus. The outbreak was detected following the death of around 1,000 chickens at a poultry 64 km from Hyderabad.

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## POLL | MODE Modi to release 19th instalment of PM KISAN Monday

# After Delhi, Modi eyes Bihar

SHASHI BHUSHAN | DC  
NEW DELHI, FEB. 22

Immediately after the historic electoral victory in Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has turned his attention to Bihar ahead of the state elections scheduled for October-November this year.

Sounding the poll bugle, the Prime Minister will visit Bhagalpur in Bihar on February 24 to release the 19th instalment of the PM KISAN scheme and unveil several development projects worth several thousand crore.

The event, which is expected to draw farmers from several neighbouring districts of the state, will be attended by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar along with senior BJP leaders and ministers.

# 8 trapped as Srisailem canal tunnel collapses

Incident occurred after floods; teams work to rescue victims

BALU PULIPAKA | DC  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

Disaster struck the Srisailem left bank canal (SLBC) project near Domalapeda in Nagarkurnool district on Saturday, with a portion of the tunnel collapsing and trapping eight workers whose fate was unknown till late in the night. Rescue efforts intensified at the site with rescue personnel from different wings reaching the site. The incident occurred at around 8.30 am when around 50 workers, including engineers from Jaiprakash Associates, the company contracted to build the tunnel, and Robbins, the US-based firm which is doing the digging with a huge tunnel boring machine (TBM), were 14 km inside the tunnel, under the rocks of the Nallamala hills. Three workers who were injured in the incident, were immediately rushed to the nearby TG Genco hospital where they were admitted for treatment.

According to reports, there was chaos for some time inside the tunnel as the power supply was lost following the tunnel collapse, likely cutting off the supply cables and it left everyone inside the tunnel in the dark. However, supply was soon restored, while those still inside reportedly used the auxiliary lights they carry when going in.

Page 7: CM, ministers rush for rescue operations



Rescue teams attempt to reach the eight workers trapped in the SLBC tunnel on Saturday. — BY ARRANGEMENT

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## Disaster site 14 km inside tunnel

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

"First there was some minor disturbance but that was nothing unusual. This was at 8 am. Then a major geological event occurred." "Everyone was asked to leave immediately." Some 30 minutes later, after the first event, "there was another major collapse which was even worse." This was Glen Mynard,

who heads Robbins, an underground construction specialist firm, at the work-site at Domalapeda village from where the Srisailem left bank canal (SLBC) tunnel begins.

When all of this happened, the tunnel boring machine (TBM) on which around 50 workers were positioned, was 14 kilometres inside the Nallamala hills.

During a press conference

## CM monitors situation, briefs Modi

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

Prime Minister Narendra Modi called Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over the phone on Saturday evening and inquired about the mishap at the SLBC tunnel and the ongoing rescue operations. The Prime Minister assured Revanth Reddy that the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) would be deployed immediately and pledged support from the Centre to assist the state government in its relief efforts. Revanth Reddy is closely monitoring the situation.

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## Revanth: Will pass 42% BC quota Bill

L. VENKAT RAM REDDY | DC  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy said that the state government will pass legislation enhancing the reservation for BCs to 42 per cent in education, employment and political representation in the Legislative Assembly in the first week of March.

He made this announcement during a meeting with BC leaders and BC associations seeking their feedback on the proposed BC quota enhancement bill here on Saturday.

Reddy accused BRS and BJP leaders of spreading misinformation about the caste census conducted by the state government, alleging that their aim was to derail the enhancement of BC reservations. He reiterated that the Congress government was committed to fulfilling its promises and ensuring social justice for BCs.

He urged BC leaders to hold caste-based meetings and adopt resolutions



A. Revanth Reddy

approving BC quota enhancement legislation and caste census report by March 10 to strengthen their demand for political, educational and employment benefits.

He described the caste census as the "Bible, Gita, and Quran" for all weaker sections, stressing its critical role in ensuring social justice.

"My responsibility ends with the completion of the process of making legislation on the BC quota and giving legal status to the caste survey," he said.

Page 3: BRS used survey for electoral gains: CM



Donald Trump

## \$21 mn given to 'my friend Modi': Trump

DC CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI, FEB. 22

US President Donald Trump has ignited a fresh controversy by stating that \$21 million in USAID funds went to "my friend Modi" for a voter turnout programme in India. The claim comes as both the ruling BJP and the Opposition Congress trade accusations over alleged foreign funding aimed at influencing Indian elections. This marks the third consecutive day that Trump has mentioned US financial aid directed towards Indian elections.

Page 13: I want voter turnout too, says Trump

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RH: 30%  
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Forecast: Partly cloudy sky.  
Max/Min temp. 36/21 °C

## ASTROGUIDE

Krodhi: Uttarayana  
Tithi: Magha Bahula Dasami till 1.50 pm  
Star: Moola till 6.36 pm  
Varjyam: 4.56 pm to 6.36 pm;  
4.19 am to 5.56 am (Monday)  
Durmuhurtham: 4.44 pm to 5.31 pm  
Rahukalam: 4.30 pm to 6 pm  
HIJRI CALENDAR  
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PRAYERS  
Fajar: 5.26 am  
Zohar: 12.29 pm  
Asar: 3.50 pm  
Maghrib: 6.20 pm  
Isha: 7.33 pm  
SUNRISE TOMORROW 06.38 AM  
SUNSET TODAY 18.43 PM  
MOONRISE 13.44 AM  
MOONSET 02.39 PM

## COUNTER POINT



They must have spent all those funds to buy our votes!

## EVENTS TODAY

- Nizam's Museum heritage walk**  
Time: 9.30 am  
Venue: The Nizam's Museum  
Surabhi Theatre by Surabhi Jayachandra Varma Group  
Time: 10 am  
Venue: Saptaparni
- Workshop on Lord Shiva painting**  
Time: 6 pm  
Venue: Isabel Cafe and Bakery
- Sustainability Dialogue**  
Time: 8 am  
Venue: T-Hub Foundation
- Stand-up comedy by Anubhav Singh Bassi**  
Time: 8 pm  
Venue: Shilpa Kala Vedika
- Shadowgraphy and Sand Art**  
Time: 4 pm  
Venue: Jawaharlal Nehru Auditorium
- Corporate badminton tournament**  
Time: 11 am  
Venue: Gamepoint
- Hyderabad Flower Show**  
Time: 10 am  
Venue: Public Garden

## SHORT TAKE

### TRAINING CAMP FOR ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

A training programme on BuildNow development control regulations was held for licensed architects and engineers on Saturday. The participants were briefed on creation of templates, layers and various entities in the building permit process. S. Devender Reddy, director of town and country planning, said that the training programme will help in increasing transparency in the permit process.

## Neta's natter

### NEW BABUS GET THE REVANTH JOB

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has sent shockwaves through bureaucratic circles with an unprecedented public outburst against new IAS and IPS officers. In a meeting telecast live, he openly criticised the current generation of bureaucrats, accusing them of lacking integrity and public commitment. While praising legendary officers like T.N. Seshan and S.R. Sankaran for their values and guidance, Revanth slammed today's IAS officers for misleading politicians. "Earlier, officers used to correct our mistakes. Now, they encourage us to commit three if we commit one," he fumed. The CM didn't spare IPS officers either, accusing some of meddling in civil disputes and settlements while still in training. His sharpest jab? Accusing bureaucrats of being glued to their AC rooms instead of visiting the field. "Is sitting in AC rooms some kind of disease?" he asked. With transfers looming, Telangana's bureaucrats are now left wondering-who's next in the firing line?

### BUSES AND AUTOS, PONNAM IN A JAM

Transport minister Ponnampalapati Prabhakar has found himself in a traffic jam of sorts, with TGRTC transport unions on the one side and autorickshaw drivers' joint action committee on the other demanding that he fulfil the Congress' election promises to both groups. On their part, the unions say they are justified in asking Ponnampalapati to keep the promises, but for the minister, caught between the poorly stocked state coffers, and the demands, the situation is something like a vehicle running on fumes in a traffic jam. The jam he is in does not appear to get cleared anytime soon.

### KERFUZZLE OVER YSRC LEADER'S ARREST

It's all in the mind, or so the saying goes and at least one minister in AP appears to have taken this to heart. Minister Gummadi Sandhyarani has been pegged away at former chief minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy questioning his state of mind, and at one point even offering financial aid to Jagan's family from the CM Relief Fund for treatment to whatever mental issues Sandhyarani perceived the former CM may be troubled with. In the latest salvo she shot off at Jagan, she said he had lost his grip on reality following his comments on the arrest of YSRC leader Vallabhaneni Vamsi. A sarcastic jab from Jagan that Chandrababu Naidu and Lokesh would not resist Vamsi's charm, was enough to set off Sandhyarani's latest outburst at Jagan.

### GETTING THINGS DONE, AN OFFICIAL'S WAY

Honesty comes at a price. Or at least with some twisting of the arm of the person in question. Such is reported to be the case with Bhawana, a 2019 batch IAS officer known for being strict and going

by the book. This approach did not make her any friends among politicians. During a recent periodic feedback that AP Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu seeks from politicians on how

officials are working, the politicians saw their chance. Apparently alert to the goings-on, the IAS officer reportedly sent out feelers that things could become easy for the politicians including local elect-

ed members. Word doing rounds is that the MLAs expressed dissatisfaction with the superintendent of police Vikrant Patil who has since been moved out to Kurnool.

Contributions from Aruna, K.M.P. Patnaik, Vadrevu Srinivas, Sampat G. Samritan, P. Srinivas, Pillalamarri Srinivas, Sanjay Samuel Paul and L. Venkat Ram Reddy



### COLOUR BOOKS, OPPOSITION'S PET GAME

The latest political fad in Telangana isn't about governance or policy - it's about books. But don't expect literature; these 'books' are more of a warning ledger, tracking perceived political vendettas, and throwing a shade at those in the we-are-gonna-get-you-if-you-don't-do-our-bidding lists. It all started with AP IT minister Nara Lokesh's

'Red Book' when in the Opposition. Now, Telangana leaders are adding their own hues to the mix. BRS MLC and former chief K. Chandrashekar Rao's daughter Kalvakuntla Kavitha has unveiled a 'Pink Book' to track officials allegedly harassing BRS leaders under the Congress regime. BJP MP Etala Rajendar intro-

duced a 'Saffron Book' to list IAS and IPS officers who, he claims, are unfairly targeting BJP cadres. With every party choosing a shade for their revenge registry, Telangana's political landscape now resembles a chaotic colour palette. Whether Congress responds with a 'Tricolour Book' or decides not to turn a new leaf, remains to be seen.

### WANTED: COOKS TO QUELL A STORM

Chicken or egg? What first? At least on the plate? With the ongoing bird flu scare in AP, and demand for chicken meat and chicken eggs plummeting, the state government has decided to break the egg, so to speak, to make omelettes and sell, and show it is OK to consume well cooked chicken and eggs. So far avian influenza cases among poultry chickens have been found in East, and West Godavari, Eluru and NTR districts. To get people to the free food events, the animal husbandry department is apparently on the lookout for some good cooks and chefs who can whip up an egg, or a tasty chicken dish in a jiffy. Officials aren't crowing about it yet but are hoping they can turn things around for the poultry industry before the chickens come home to roost for the government.



### HOW PINK IS BRS HEALTH?

The state of affairs in a political party is generally gauged by its enthusiasm for electoral scrapes. For BRS leaders in the state, the big question doing the rounds is just how in the pink the party's health is. There is widespread worry and confusion with the BRS over the party staying out of the graduates and teachers MLC elections with none of its top leaders speaking up on the issue.

This has come as an opportunity for some independent candidates who entered the fray for the Graduates constituency and claimed that they have support of the BRS. Nature abhors a vacuum and the goings-on indicate that the political vacuum with BRS playing coy, will be filled one way or the other.

### IN BRS, RACE TO KEEP CHAIR VACANT

Protecting one's turf is not the easiest for an out-of-power politician. But it helps if family ties come into play. Such is the case in Huzurnagar constituency where the party does not have an in-charge, if local BRS leaders are anything to go by. A party leader with access to the top BRS leadership has been expending a fair bit of energy and power to keep it this way as Shanampudi Saiji Reddy, the former BRS MLA from Huzurnagar, is related to this particular leader, and if a BRS in-charge is put in place, then things may get dicey for him.

# Groundwater in GHMC area dips

Over 9.46 metres fall in below ground level

NEERAJ KUMAR I DC  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

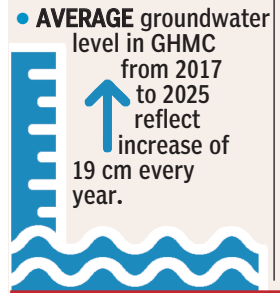
With over-extraction of groundwater due to rapid urban expansion and inadequate focus on rainwater harvesting structures coupled with extensive carpeting of ground with CC roads, have been showing a consistent fall in the groundwater levels in GHMC areas up to the Outer Ring Road (ORR). This has been so from December compared to last year. On an average, the GHMC limits saw 9.46 metres fall below ground level (BGL).

Even after the Hyderabad Metropolitan areas received 858 mm rainfall against the normal of 747 mm, 15 per cent excess, the city limits have witnessed a net fall in groundwater levels of 1.33 metres and 0.58 metres in January and December 2024 in comparison to January 2024 and December 2023.

These were the shocking findings from an exercise carried out by the groundwater department through 57 piezometers (monitoring stations) covering 46 mandals in GHMC area up to the ORR.

The groundwater in Kukatpally fell to a disturbing 25.90 metres BGL as against the average of 9.46 metres. Malkajigiri and Ameerpet followed with 24.71 metres and

### DIP IN WATER LEVEL



THIS YEAR, even after above normal rainfall, city witnesses fall in groundwater level

GHMC sees an average 9.46-metre fall below the ground level.

KUKATPALLY worst-affected with water at 25.90 below ground level.

17.83 metres, respectively. About 44 per cent of GHMC limits up to ORR were found to have 10 to 15 metres BGL, another 45 per cent saw water levels between five to 10 metres BGL and only three per cent occupied shallow water levels of less than five metres below ground level.

Around seven per cent area in north, north-western and eastern parts of the city saw moderately deep water levels of 15 to 20 metres BGL.

But one per cent area covering parts of Serilingampally, Hayathnagar and Saroornagar mandals of Rangareddy district, Kukatpally and Malkajigiri mandals of Medchal Malkajigiri district saw more than 20 metres BGL.

Interestingly, The average water levels in GHMC limits from 2017 to 2025 shows a rising trend of around 19 centimetres. Noted environmentalist

Dr Lubna Sarwath points out that rapid urban expansion and construction activities have led to increased extraction of groundwater, especially among high-rise towers, apartment complexes and commercial units due to inadequate piped water supply. This over-reliance on groundwater has accelerated its depletion.

Despite efforts like making rainwater harvesting structures mandatory for houses, much of the rainwater still goes into storm drains rather than being used to recharge aquifers.

Dr Sarwath wonders where the government is spending the rainwater harvesting cess collected from the people. Referring to rainwater harvesting theme park at Jubilee Hills, she said that the theme park is neither functioning nor has it been constructed scientifically.

# Groundwater levels in state fall as paddy cultivation rises

G. RAM MOHAN I DC  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

Although there was an increase in paddy cultivation in the rabi season and the groundwater levels dipped slightly, the agriculture commission chairman M. Kodanda Reddy has sounded an alarm.

Farmers had shifted to paddy, which they cultivated in more than five lakh acres to touch 52 lakh acres as against 47 lakh acres last year.

Data from the groundwater department indicates that in eight districts the average water levels fell below 10 metres. 19 districts recorded fall in the range of five to ten metres whereas in six districts, the average water level fell by less than five metres. The average groundwater level in the state during January is 7.46 metres below ground

level (mgl). Vikarabad district witnessed the maximum fall at 12.29 mgl while Khammam reported 3.41 mgl.

The state has a net average rise of 0.26 m in ground water levels during January as compared to last January. The rise has been observed in 15 districts in the range of 0.10 m (Jagtial) to 3.32 m (Rajanna Sircilla) and a fall in 18 districts in the range of 0.03m (Nizamabad) to 2.71 m (Yadadri).

During the water year 2024-25 (up to January 31) the state received 1049 mm rainfall against 859 mm of normal rainfall. It ranged from 776 mm (Yadadri district) to 1655 mm (Mulugu). This amounts to 22 per cent excess rainfall during the period compared to normal annual rainfall.

The weekly report given by the agriculture depart-

ment indicates normal rainfall in 18 districts, excess in 12 districts and heavy excess in three districts. The cumulative storage in all the major reservoirs is 547.22 tmc ft as on February 19.

At this time last year it was 327.90 tmc ft. Total area sown in the state is 68.05 lakh acres as against the season normal of 63.54 lakh acres. Data show 68.05 lakh acres of crops have been sown so far, which is 5.65 lakhs acres more than the corresponding sowing time of the previous season. The department report shows that the state received 30 per cent excess rainfall during the southwest monsoon, totalling 962.6 mm, compared to the normal of 738.6 mm. Good rains in late September and early October created favourable conditions for sowing yasangi season crops.

### Heritage walk on bicycles



Members of Hyderabad cycling community visit Golconda Fort as part of heritage walk on bicycle on Saturday. — R. PAVAN

# Bird flu confirmed in poultry farm in Bhongir; 1,000 chickens dead

P. SRINIVAS I DC  
BHONGIR, FEB. 22

The first confirmed case of bird flu in Telangana has been reported in Nelapatta village, Choutuppal mandal, after test results from a Bhopal laboratory confirmed the presence of the virus. The outbreak was detected following the death of around 1,000 chickens at a poultry farm 64 km from Hyderabad.

Officials from the animal husbandry department collected samples from the deceased poultry and received confirmation of avian influenza on Saturday. Following the report, dis-

trict veterinary and animal husbandry officer V. Krishna, along with his team, visited the farm and carried out sanitisation measures to contain the spread.

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Krishna stated that five poultry farms are located within a one-kilometre radius of the affected farm, and samples from these farms will be sent for testing. Additionally, poultry farms within a 10-km radius of Nelapatta will be closely monitored. In a separate incident, 7,000 chickens died at a poultry farm owned by Bantu Mahesh in Cherukupally, Kattangur mandal, Nalgonda district. Veterinary officials collected samples from the site and safely disposed of the dead birds at an isolated location.

## SPiritual | SOJOURN Congregation recalls first Malayali to settle in Secunderabad

# Platinum jubilee at Mar Thoma church

SANJAY SAMUEL  
PAUL I DC  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

The Mar Thoma Church is set to celebrate its Platinum Jubilee on Sunday, immediately following the Worship Service at 8.30 am.

According to Johnson Varghese, vice-president of the church, the celebration will feature Rt Rev. Zacharias Mar Aprem, Episcopa of the Delhi Diocese of the Mar Thoma Church, who will deliver the primary address. Joining him will be Geevarghese Mar



A view of Mar Thoma Church

Philoxenos, Metropolitan of the Orthodox Church, and Jacob Punoose, retired IPS officer and for-

mer DGP of Kerala. Varghese George, secretary of the Mar Thoma Church, recalled its origins under the St. Andrews Church Society, registered in 1958. Under this society, both the Mar Thoma Syrian Church and the Orthodox Syrian Church began offering worship services.

As the congregation grew, the Mar Thoma Church expanded, resulting in the construction of Ascension Mar Thoma Church in Chikkadpally (1967) and the Orthodox Cathedral near Golconda Crossroads (1969), while

Syrian Christians in Secunderabad continued to worship at St. Andrews Church. In 1985, the Union government, through the defence ministry, granted a perpetual lease of St. Andrews Church Society land to both the Mar Thoma and Orthodox Churches. Varghese George highlighted the progress made since 1947, crediting the contributions of Mathew, whose descendants remain proud of the church's pioneering role among Malayalis in the Secunderabad Cantonment.

Reflecting on the church's history, the con-

gregation has shared details in its bulletin about K.M. Mathew, believed to be the first Malayali to settle in Secunderabad in 1902. Hailing from Tiruvalla (then in the Madras Presidency), he travelled by bullock cart from Bengaluru to the Secunderabad Cantonment and established a thriving piano dealership for a British company, eventually taking it over himself. His passion for pianos and commitment to the community are fondly remembered by parishioners.

SHORT TAKES



Kazakhstan honorary consul Dr Nawab Mir Nasir Ali Khan with Kazakhstan ambassador Nurlan Zhalgasbayev, right. — DC

**KAZAKHSTAN REAPPOINTS CONSUL GENERAL**

Hyderabad: The Republic of Kazakhstan has reappointed Dr Nawab Mir Nasir Ali Khan as honorary consul general at Hyderabad. Dr Ali thanked the foreign affairs ministry of Kazakhstan and ambassador Nurlan Zhalgasbayev for their continued trust and support. "His leadership has been instrumental in advancing cooperation in trade, investment, education, tourism, and cultural exchange, fostering greater collaboration and economic growth between the two nations," Kazakhstan said.

**HOUSING CORP. TRAINS 1,200 RURAL MASONS**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

The Telangana government is training 1,200 master masons in cost-effective and innovative housing technologies under the Indiramma Indlu programme. The training is being conducted at the National Academy of Construction in collaboration with PM Awas Yojana-Grameen 2.0. In the first batch, 82 masons from rural areas of seven districts have completed their training.

Telangana Housing Corporation MD V.P. Gautam said at least one mason in each of the 12,672 villages will be trained in a phased manner. The training focuses on innovative construction techniques that reduce costs without compromising strength or quality.

**EDUCATION PANEL SUBMITS REPORT TO REVANTH**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

Listing out its measures to strengthen the state's education sector, the Telangana Education Commission submitted its report to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday. He assured to initiate steps recommended by the panel.

Revanth Reddy held a review meeting with commission chairman Akunuri Murali and members Prof. P.L. Vishweshwar Rao, Chargonda Venkatesh, Jyotsna Shiva Reddy, and the CM's adviser Vem Narendar Reddy. The commission highlighted the need for developing integrated residential schools and improving all government schools across the state. It stressed the importance of addressing issues related to the pending mid-day meal scheme bills and overall management concerns in government schools. The CM directed the commission to draft comprehensive, constituency-wise policies to further strengthen the education system. He also assured immediate steps would be taken to resolve all existing issues in the sector.

**KTR CHALLENGES CM TO DEBATE ON TG FINANCES**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of mismanaging the finances and throwing the state into a fiscal crisis, even as he called for a debate on the issue. Rama Rao, said the Telangana Statistical Atlas report, contradicted Revanth Reddy's statements on rising debt.

"The Congress government released a report showing how Telangana's financial position strengthened under KCR's leadership. Yet, Revanth continues to spread falsehoods," he said. According to him the report showed Telangana's Gross State Domestic Product rising from ₹5 lakh crore in 2014 to ₹15 lakh crore by 2023 — an increase of 300 per cent. He said Telangana experienced "unprecedented development under KCR's leadership but has been deteriorating rapidly under the current Congress government. During Chandrashekar Rao's tenure, state was a shining example of economic progress and welfare. But within 15 months of the Congress government, it is on the verge of financial collapse."

**BRS used caste survey for electoral gains: CM**

FROM PAGE 1

"Now, it is your turn to take it forward until it reaches its goal," Revanth Reddy told BC representatives. Underscoring the significance of the caste census, he quoted Rahul Gandhi, who described it as an "X-ray of society". He recalled that during the Bharat Jodo Yatra, Rahul Gandhi had pledged to conduct a caste census once Congress assumed power in Telangana.

"The Gandhi family has always honoured its promises, and we have conducted the caste census in Telangana as part of our commitment," he said. He said that no other state had dared to take up such an ambitious task, which proves that Telangana's leadership is committed to implement social justice policies.

He criticised the BRS government for not disclosing details of the intensive household survey conducted in 2014, claiming that it was riddled with errors. He alleged that the survey was used only for electoral purposes and not for the welfare of the people.

To ensure accuracy, the Congress government constituted a cabinet sub-committee on caste census and entrusted the state planning department with its execution.

Revanth Reddy dared Bandi Sanjay Kumar, G. Kishan Reddy, and K. Chandrasekhar Rao to pinpoint specific errors in the census.

The Chief Minister claimed that the BJP opposed the caste census because it feared that a few dominant groups in the party would suffer if the BC population figures were declared officially.

According to him, the BRS survey projected BCs at 51 per cent, whereas the new caste census found that the BC population was 56.33 per cent.

"How can they spread lies that there was a drop in BC population in Telangana," he wondered.

He criticised BJP leaders for misleading people by falsely claiming that BC jobs and reservations would be lost due to the

**EASHWARI BAI'S DEATH ANNIV. TOMORROW**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

The state government will observe the 34th death anniversary of J. Eashwari Bai at 5 pm on February 24 at Ravindra Bharathi. She was known for her work as a politician and social activist and was jailed for taking part in the 1969 Telangana statehood agitation.

Former minister and senior Congress leader Dr J. Geeta Reddy, chairperson of the Eashwari Bai Memorial Trust, said that floral tributes would be paid to the statue of the late leader at 9.30 am on Monday at the traffic island opposite St John's Church, Marredpally.

The state government is officially organising the birth and death anniversary observances of Eashwari Bai, the mother of Dr Geeta Reddy, at Ravindra Bharathi every year.

**POLITICAL | MUDSLING**

**Union minister alleges KTR acts as protective shield for CM**

**Bandi threatens to expose KTR's misdeeds**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

Union minister of state for home Bandi Sanjay Kumar reacted strongly to the remarks made by BRS working president K.R. Rama Rao against him, accusing him of acting as a protective shield for Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, by warning that he would expose the BRS leader's dirty acts if he is challenged.

Reacting to Rama Rao's "RS Brothers" jibe that teamed up him with the Chief Minister, Sanjay told



Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka during a review meeting on Saturday. — BY ARRANGEMENT

**Revanth to join MLC poll campaign tomorrow**

L. VENKAT RAM REDDY | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy is set to campaign in the Legislative Council Graduate seat election, marking his first direct involvement since the Election Commission announced the poll schedule on January 29. He will visit undivided Karimnagar and Adilabad districts on February 24 to rally support for Congress candidate Narendar Reddy.

The election for the Medak-Nizamabad-Adilabad-Karimnagar Graduates constituency is scheduled for February 27. Revanth Reddy has taken this election as a prestige issue for himself and the Congress party, as the party holds the seat. The party is keen on retaining it to assert its political dominance ahead of crucial local body elections in the latter half of the year.

In 2019, despite being in the Opposition after a crushing defeat at the

hands of BRS in the December 2018 Assembly polls, Congress secured victory in the Graduate MLC election held soon after in March 2019.

Congress candidate T Jeevan Reddy triumphed over the BRS-supported nominee with a margin of nearly 40,000 votes. Now, with the Congress in power, the dynamics have shifted. The BRS has dropped out of the fray and the BJP has entered contest.

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In response, Congress has deployed senior leaders, including ministers N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, Ponnamp Prabhakar, and TPCC chief B Mahesh Kumar Goud, along with MLAs, to campaign for Narendar Reddy.

Revanth Reddy wants to personally intensify the

party's efforts by engaging directly with graduate voters in the districts from February 24. He is closely monitoring the campaign's progress, conducting daily strategy sessions with ministers and party leaders via Zoom conferences to ensure Congress' victory.

To strengthen grassroots outreach, the CM has appointed an in-charge for every 50 graduate voters. These representatives are tasked with personally meeting voters and highlighting the Congress government's initiatives aimed at benefiting graduates, youth, and the unemployed such as recruitment of 55,000 government jobs within a year of coming to power, the introduction of an annual job calendar to fill vacancies in government departments every year, the establishment of a Skill University for youth training and employment, and efforts to attract private sector investments to generate more job opportunities.

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caste census. He urged BC leaders to counter such propaganda and take up awareness campaigns. The CM challenged the

BJP to include a caste-based survey in the national census to establish transparency. As part of the meeting, a resolution was adopted demand-

ing that the central government incorporate caste data collection in the national census.

**Kishan urges graduate voters to choose BJP**

NARENDER PULLOOR | DC NIZAMABAD, FEB. 22

BJP state president and Union minister G. Kishan Reddy appealed to graduate voters on Saturday to support the BJP in the upcoming Legislative Council elections, asserting the party would raise key public issues if elected.

Addressing campaign gatherings in Nizamabad and Bodhan, he reacted to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's challenge, stating he is willing to engage in a debate provided the Congress first delivers on at least 20 per cent of its poll promises.

Kishan Reddy accused the CM of neglecting governance in favour of focusing on the Congress high command. He further criticised both the BRS and Congress for leading Telangana from a surplus budget into a debt trap.

"The inefficient rule of the Congress harmed real estate in the state. I am



Union minister G. Kishan Reddy attends a graduate MLC election campaign in Bodhan town of Nizamabad district on Saturday. — BY ARRANGEMENT

ready for a debate with the CM if he first fulfills his poll promises," he said. Kishan Reddy remarked, adding that the public is increasingly aware of the Congress party's unfulfilled promises. He called for voters to elect BJP candidates in all three MLC seats to establish a constructive opposition.

Kishan Reddy clarified that the BJP was not opposed to a BC caste census and, in fact, advocates for

an increase in BC reservations. However, he vowed to oppose including Muslims under BC status. He expressed confidence that the BJP will eventually form the Telangana government independently.

BJP MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana Gupta, district president K. Dinesh Kumar, senior leader Medapati Prakash Reddy and others also took part in the campaign events.

**Activist's kin name former BRS MLA, seek CID probe**

MOULI MAREDU | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

In a new development in the murder of activist N. Rajalinga Murthy, his family members on Saturday lodged a complaint naming former BRS legislator Gandra Venkataramana Reddy and former Bhupalpally municipal vice-chairman Hari Babu, alleging that they had influenced the assailants to kill the activist on the pretext of land disputes.

The family members also demanded a CID investigation in order to bring out the facts and



N. Rajalinga Murthy

nail all those involved in the murder conspiracy.

Murthy's daughter Nagavelli Nitya said, "We suspect that my father's killers were influenced of BRS leaders a day before the petition filed by his father was listed for hear-

ing in the High Court. As my father trying to expose their alleged illegal activities, some BRS leaders started harassing my father by registering fake and false cases against him."

They also demanded a CID investigation into the case if Bhupalpally police failed to act tough against the culprits.

Meanwhile, Bhupalpally police reportedly took 10 persons, including the key suspects, into custody and questioned them. The police also collected phone call data and WhatsApp chats of these suspects.

**Security to be beefed up in state, Bhatti tells cops**

M. SRINIVAS | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

Every citizen has to live with a sense of security and the state government is committed to fulfilling the requirements of the police department, said Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka. Speaking at a pre-Budget meeting with police officials at the Secretariat on Saturday, Bhatti said Telangana was developing fast into an urban state and noted that in addition to Hyderabad's three city zones, a new "Future City" zone was under development, and work on the Regional Ring Road (RRR) was progressing swiftly. Police officials submit-

ted reports on budget requirements for eight divisions such as Greyhounds, narcotics, intelligence, fire and ex-servicemen.

He said special attention would be given to addressing security challenges in border areas of the state. Praising the Telangana police for their national reputation, particularly in tackling cybercrime, Bhatti commended officials for their efforts. He asked the police officials to send proposals for the construction of police quarters wherever there was a possibility. The Deputy Chief Minister also urged the police officers to mobilise CSR funds wherever possible and use them to strengthen the department's work. He reviewed the posts filled in the police department in the last year and the current vacancies.

**TG gazetted officers warn of action**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

The Telangana Gazetted Officers' Association has urged the government to resolve their long-standing issues at the earliest. If this was not done, the association said, it would decide on its future course of action on March 12 during a joint action committee (JAC) meeting.

Association president Eluri Sreenivas Rao said, "We are under pressure from employees to decide on our future course of action. We have high expectations from this government and have been patiently waiting, understanding their financial constraints. However, there are nearly 400 demands that do not require any financial expenditure and can be resolved if the CM and Deputy CM engage with us. Meeting various officials in the Secretariat has become our only task."

He said, "Pending bills have surged to ₹8,000 crore and an additional ₹2,000 crore in government contributions under the contributory pension scheme remains unpaid. Apart from regular pensions, no other payments are being processed. These pending bills range from ₹5 lakh to ₹25 lakh."

He added many are being forced to take private loans. He added PRC chairman N. Shiv Shankar stated that the pay revision report will be submitted only when the government requests it. The employees' key demands include the payment of four pending dearness allowances, abolition of CPS and reinstatement of the old pension scheme (OPS), clearance of pending dues for rented vehicles and an increase in vehicle allowances from ₹34,000 to ₹50,000 in view of rising diesel prices.

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA OFFICE OF THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER, KHAMMAM**

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION (See sub rule (1) of rule -19 and Section -11(1) of the Act-30/2013)

The Telangana Gazette PART -1 EXTRAORDINARY PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY/ District Gazette No. A3/05/2025 Dated: 18.02.2025 Collector File No. G1/1027/2018 Date: 17.02.2025 RDO/LAO Khammam File No. C1/4690/2018 Date: 31.01.2025

Whereas it appears to the Government of Telangana/Collector that a total extent of 1210 Square Yards land is required in the DHAMSALAPURAM Village of KHAMMAM (URBAN) Mandal of Khammam District for public purpose, namely for the proposed 3rd Railway line with electrification between Kazipet to Kondapalli Section and the notification is issued under Section 11(1) of the Right Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act-2013 and the Publication is Made as shown in the below schedule. The District Collector, Khammam has appointed the Revenue Divisional Officer, Khammam as Land Acquisition Officer, vide proceedings: Rc.No.G1/1027/2018, dated: 27.08.2018 for acquisition of Patta land for the proposed 3rd Railway line with electrification between Kazipet to Kondapalli Section in the village limits of Dhamsalapuram (Urban) Mandal. Therefore, it is notified that for the above said project in DHAMSALAPURAM village of KHAMMAM (URBAN) Mandal of Khammam District a piece of land measuring an extent of 1210 Square Yards of standard measurement, whose detail description is as following, is under acquisition.

SCHEDULE Village: DHAMSALAPURAM Mandal: KHAMMAM (URBAN) District: KHAMMAM

Sl. No.	Sy.No.(As per SDR)	Area (As per SDR)	Type of Land	Type of Acquisition	Name of the Patta	Structure	Boundaries
1	15/1/2	40	Patta Dry	40	Narsimsetti Savithri W/o Nageswara Rao	Nil	E: 75' W: Village N: 16' S: 23, 14
2	15/1/2	45	Patta Dry	45	Rodha Prabhaka S/o Ramaiah	Nil	E: 75' W: Village N: 16' S: 23, 14
3	15/1/2	203	Patta Dry	203	Bandaru Laxmi W/o Laxmaiah	Nil	E: 75' W: Village N: 16' S: 23, 14
4	15/1/2	22	Patta Dry	22	Saryala Yedukondalu S/o Tirupathiah	Nil	E: 75' W: Village N: 16' S: 23, 14
6	15/1/2	152	Patta Dry	152	Narsimsetti Pushpavathi W/o Laxmi narayana	Nil	E: 75' W: Village N: 16' S: 23, 14
6	15/1/2	33	Patta Dry	33	Seelam Hemalatha W/o Ramesh Babu	Nil	E: 75' W: Village N: 16' S: 23, 14
7	15/1/2	110	Patta Dry	110	Existing CC Road	Nil	E: 75' W: Village N: 16' S: 23, 14
8	16/1/2	8	Patta Dry	8	Narsimsetti Pushpavathi W/o Laxmi narayana	Nil	E: 74' W: Village N: 17' S: 15
9	16/1/2	200	Patta Dry	200	Seelam Hemalatha W/o Ramesh Babu	Nil	E: 74' W: Village N: 17' S: 15
10	16/1/2	22	Patta Dry	22	Jakkula Lakshmayamma W/o Venkat Rao	Nil	E: 74' W: Village N: 17' S: 15
11	16/1/2	60	Patta Dry	60	N. Padma W/o Malliah	Nil	E: 74' W: Village N: 17' S: 15
12	16/1/2	182	Patta Dry	182	Sangolu Rama Chandana Chetty W/o Brahmaiah	Nil	E: 74' W: Village N: 17' S: 15
13	16/1/2	50	Patta Dry	50	Saryala Padma W/o Srinivasa Rao	Nil	E: 74' W: Village N: 17' S: 15
14	16/1/2	10	Patta Dry	10	Bandari Yedukondalu S/o Narsaiah	Nil	E: 74' W: Village N: 17' S: 15
15	16/1/2	73	Patta Dry	73	Existing CC Road	Nil	E: 74' W: Village N: 17' S: 15
Total in Square Yards							1210

This notification is made under the provision of Section-11 (1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Resettlement Act 2013 (Act -No.30/2013), to all whom it may concern. A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the District Collector, Khammam & in the office of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Khammam on any working day during the working hours. The Government of Telangana/Collector-cum-Appropriate Government is pleased to authorize Officer & Revenue Divisional Officer, Khammam and his staff. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Khammam to enter upon and survey land, take levels of any land, dig or bore into the sub-soil & do all other acts required for the proper execution of their work as provided and specified in Section - 12 of the said Act. Under Section 11(4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land to be made, etc. or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of such notification without prior approval of the Collector. Objections to the acquisition if any may be filed by the person interested within (60) sixty days from the date of publication of this notification as provided under Section-15 of the Act before District Collector, Khammam. Sd/- Land Acquisition Officer & Revenue Divisional Officer, Khammam. Sd/- Additional Collector, Khammam. Sd/- District Collector, Khammam. DIPR No: 704/LA-PP/Adv/Pub/2024-25

**IN BRIEF**

**Raid on store for selling above MRP**

Hyderabad: Telangana Drugs Control Administration (DCA) raided on Anil Pharmacy at a hospital in Nalgonda and detected the sale of electrolyte at a price exceeding the MRP, said DCA Director-General V.B. Kamalakar Reddy. In a separate raid, the DCA detected medicines circulating in the market with misleading claims on their labels, stating that they treat diabetes and chronic fevers.

**11 injured on way back from Kumbh**

Nizamabad: Eleven devotees returning from Maha Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj were injured near Bussapur in Mendora mandal on National Highway 44 on Saturday when their vehicle rammmed into a roadside tree and overturned. The injured were shifted to Government General Hospital in Nizamabad for treatment. Preliminary investigations suggested that the driver experienced dizziness which may have led to the accident. Mendora police have registered a case and launched an investigation into the reason behind the mishap.

**Man murdered by pal after brawl**

Hyderabad: A 35-year-old man was murdered allegedly by his close friend after a drunken quarrel near Gopi Cheruvu in Gopinagar on Friday night, Chandanagar inspector Dogga Palavelli said. Mohd Faqrudin reportedly stabbed car driver Mohd Nazeer and fled the scene. Nazeer was taken to a hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

**MAN, SON HELD FOR RAPING MINOR, BEATING VICTIM**

DC CORRESPONDENT ADILABAD, FEB. 22

Adilabad police arrested a father and son duo for allegedly raping a minor girl, as well as their relative for beating up the victim. The victim's family had complained to the police on Friday.

Police identified the accused as Ingole Anil and Ingole Gangadhar and the woman who beat up the victim as Dhupatre Shushma.

Nirmal SP Janaki Sharmila who was acting as incharge for Adilabad district visited the RIMS, Adilabad where the victim was undergoing treatment and also the scene of the offence on Saturday night.

**14-YR-OLD DIES OF HEART ATTACK ON WAY TO SCHOOL**

NARENDER PULLOOR | DC NIZAMABAD, FEB. 20

A 14-year-old girl died reportedly of a heart attack on her way to school in Kamareddy on Thursday. Alle Srinidhi, a student from Singarayakonda, was walking to the school from her uncle's residence in Kalkinagar when she collapsed.

Passersby and school staff rushed her to a private hospital, where she was pronounced dead on arrival. Kamareddy police have registered a case and launched an investigation into the incident.

Family members expressed shock and disbelief, noting that Srinidhi had no prior history of heart problems. Unable to commute by private bus from her native Singarayakonda, she had been living with her uncle at a walkable distance from school.

Villagers from Singarayakonda have since set up flexi boards and expressed their condolences on social media. Srinidhi's body has been shifted to her native village for last rites.

# Boy, 6, stuck between lift & slab, succumbs

Child suffers multiple organ failure during treatment

PRATHYUSH NALLELLA | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

The six-year-old boy, who was trapped between an elevator and a floor slab for over two hours at Maphar Comfortek apartments in Masab Tank on Friday, succumbed to his injuries while undergoing treatment on Saturday. The child suffered severe breathing problems and seizures before he was finally rescued from the elevator. Multiple organ failure during treatment led to his death.

Those residing in the apartment told *Deccan Chronicle* that the boy had accompanied his grandfather to his aunt's in the same complex. When his grandfather was loading bags into the lift, the child was already inside and suddenly, the elevator began moving upwards, even though its doors were still open.

"The boy panicked and tried to jump out of the elevator, but got trapped between the floor slab and the elevator. We heard his screams and called the fire department and ambulance," said K. Greenivas, a resident.

HYDRA's DRF teams and fire marshals arrived and used gas torches to cut through the elevator's flooring and the beams to free the kid, while doctors and ambulance staff tried to provide oxygen. After more than two hours of efforts, the boy was pulled out and rushed in critical condition to Niloufer Hospital, where the doctors said that the extent of his injuries was



The relatives taking the child's body to Osmania General Hospital for an autopsy on Friday.

— P. SURENDRA

extremely severe. Dr Ravi Kumar, head of department of the paediatric department at Niloufer Hospital,

# Absence of safety norms leads to frequent mishaps

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

Most residential and commercial complexes hardly pay attention to their lifts. This oversight is leading to frequent malfunctions, injuries and even fatalities.

There are no clear, enforced safety guidelines for the maintenance and operations of lifts. Building owners and management associations sometimes ignore routine servicing, and many lifts are being run on outdated systems.

What is more, residential apartments, to save on money, use install lifts. In case they have installed branded lifts, they hand over the

maintenance to local firms as it turns out to be cheaper.

Adding to the already existing negligence, in some cases, untrained personnel undertake their repairs, thereby adding to the risk of accidents.

Shashank from Ashoknagar, told *Deccan Chronicle* "The lift in an apartment I used to stay in was completely faulty. Not only did it require frequent repairs but it also used to go up and down with a jolt."

Gunta Ramesh, a resident of Vanasthalipuram and the general secretary of their apartment's committee, said, "The workers coming to attend lift-related complaints are not professionals and

cannot even resolve basic problems." Incidentally, this problem also exists in lifts at Metro Rail stations and government offices ostensibly because of lack of maintenance. While a majority of lifts at skywalks and pedestrian bridges never work or are out of service, other public-access elevators are not maintained properly.

Many people said they had been urging Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation officials and other authorities to come up with effective policies and guidelines on elevator safety, and mandate periodical inspections besides putting in place emergency response systems.

# STUDENT ENDS LIFE AT SCHOOL AFTER TAUNTS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

A 15-year-old student died by suicide at the Sagar Grammar School at New Bharatnagar, after his physical education teacher scolded him in front of the class, Uppal police said on Saturday.

Shortly afterwards, the victim's parents and family members shouted slogans at the school premises and demanded justice. Police reached the spot and pacified the victim's family members.

Police also registered a case and started investigations. Police said the student sought permission to attend to the washroom and stepped out. He then died by suicide.

# KIDNEY RACKET: COPS ARREST ORGANISER, AND MEDIATOR; SEARCH FOR DOCTOR ON

PRIYA RATHNAM | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

Police arrested an organiser Purna, alias Abhishek, and a mediator Shankar R., for the illegal kidney racket that was exposed at the Alakananda Hospita, Saroonnagar police said on Saturday.

Purna reportedly operated along with other organisers Pavan and Laxman and mediators. While Pavan is in Sri Lanka, Laxman was arrested

recently. Another link in the racket, Shankar R., was the channel between the organisers of the illegal organ trade racket and the receivers of the organs. They reportedly identified the donors and recipients and helped the deals.

Meanwhile, police found that one Dr Shoaib from Kashmir had also performed illegal transplantation surgeries. The police are on the look-out for him.

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**



**GADDAM ANIL KUMAR**  
DOB: 24-06-1985 DOD: 15-02-2025  
You will forever be in our hearts and memories. Your love, guidance and presence will be deeply missed.  
Memorial Service will be held on: 23 Feb 2025, 6:00 PM, at CSI Christ Church, South Lallaguda.  
Inserted by: Family Members  
For directions please contact: 9441736756, 9505334861  
(S/2425/D01080)

**OBITUARY**



**ANIL KENNY MARIO**  
DOB: 20/6/1983 DOD: 18/02/2025  
"As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart - Isaiah 40:11"  
Last Respects - 23rd Feb. 2025, Sunday, 1:00 pm onwards at Plot no 883, 3rd Venture, Saraswathi colony, Louthikunta.  
Funeral Mass- 24th Feb 2025, Monday 11:00 am, St. Joseph Church, Bolaram.  
Burial at Valerian Grammar School, Yarpal.  
PH: 9581204932, 8374950955

**SHRADDANJALI**



**REVOORI ANANTHA LAKSHMI GARU**  
DOD: 20-02-2025  
May her soul rest in peace  
Inserted by: Revoori Ananthapadmanabha Swami (Sena)  
Meerabai, Akhilesh, Shirisha, Rudra, Telukuntl Vinay, Arpita, Rishab & Revoori Family  
(S/2425/D01084)

**10th ANNIVERSARY**



**Smt. LYATHA GOURI**  
D.O.B: 11-11-1973 D.O.D: 23-02-2015  
YOU MAY NOT BE WITH US ANYMORE, BUT OUR LOVE FOR U WILL NEVER DIE. WE MISS U A LOT.  
Inserted by: Husband: Anil  
Daughter: Aashrita, Son: Dhruv and Family Members  
(S/2425/D01083)

**26th DEATH ANNIVERSARY**



**SUSHEELA SOLOMON RAJ PERAM**  
(23.06.1938 - 23.02.1999)  
Retd. Nursing Superintendent, Grade-I Govt. Maternity Hospital, Hyderabad.  
"The world changes from year to year, our lives from day to day, but the love and memory of you, shall never pass away."  
Inserted by: Husband: Son: Daughter, Son-in-law, Daughters-in-law, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

**20th DEATH ANNIVERSARY**



**Shri A. GHANSHAM**  
You are always remembered for your valuable upbringing us with discipline and simplicity.  
A.G. SATISH KUMAR  
Mob: 917770050

**7th Remembrance**



**CHERLA JOGENDER**  
6th April 1943 - 23rd Feb. 2018  
You have been an integral part of our lives and its been 7 years since you left us. Your absence is felt in each day of our lives. You are missed dearly-Wife & Family 7032243708

**9th DAY CERMONY**



**BACHALA. MANASA DEVI**  
DOB: 15.03.2007 DOD: 16.02.2025  
9th Day Ceremony will be held on 24 Feb 2025 at 12:30 PM onwards at Our Residence 12-13-12131, St. No. 10, Tamaka, Secunderabad-500017  
Inserted by: Bachala, Venugopal (Father) Bachala, Kiranmayee (Mother) Bachala, Pramila (Grand Mother) Bachala, BHARGAV (BROTHER)  
BELOVED FAMILY MEMBERS & FRIENDS  
Cell: 9849372441

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**



**Smt. PASUPUNURI PUSHPALATHA**  
DOB: 26-12-1953 DOD: 21-02-2025  
Your memories will remain in our hearts forever  
Funeral will be conducted on Sunday at Marredpalay Graveyard, 10:00 AM.  
Inserted by: Pasupunuri Madhukar Rao & Family  
(S/2425/D01085)

**1st DEATH ANNIVERSARY**



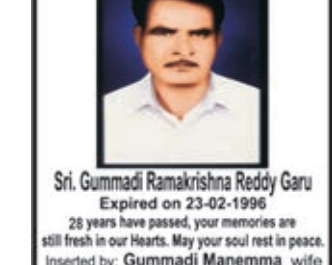
**SARDAR PRATAP SINGH VIRDI JI**  
D.O.D: 23-2-2024  
Your memories are always remembered in our hearts forever  
Inserted by: Wife, Sons & Grandsons  
Ph: 9440449701

**IN LOVING MEMORY**



**Late Mr John C. Marthand**  
S/o Late Mrs. & Mr. T. D. Marthand

**29th ANNIVERSARY**



**Sri. Gummadi Ramakrishna Reddy Garu**  
Expired on 23-02-1996  
26 years have passed, your memories are still fresh in our hearts. May your soul rest in peace.  
Inserted by: Daughters - Sons-in-law S. Saritha (Late)-Surenthar Reddy (Late) K. Suvarna - Ravindhar Reddy S. Latha - Bhagvanth Reddy M. Sukanya - Venkat Reddy

**6th DEATH ANNIVERSARY**



**Dr. DEVA PRAKASAM SAGINALA**  
Retd. Professor, Osmania University  
S/o. Late. Esiah Saginala  
DOB: 24.07.1954 DOD: 23.02.2019  
We Miss You Deeply And Await The Glorious Return of Our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ  
Inserted by: Wife, Children, Grandchildren & All Loved Ones

**2nd DEATH ANNIVERSARY**



**Late. Mr. GANDHAM. J. SREENIVAS RAO**  
(Retired SBI Manager, Vikarabad)  
(S/o. Late Rev. G. Jacob Simonds)  
DOB: 11.12.1944 DOD: 23.02.2023  
Inserted with Love, by: Wife, Children, Grand Children and Gandham Family.

# Waterlogged road in Amberpet



Drinking water due to leakage pours out onto a street near the Amberpet flyover circle. The motorists were seen moving on the waterlogged road.

— S. SURENDR REDDY

# Man duped of ₹25 in stocks

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

In an investment fraud registered with Rachakonda cybercrime police, a private employee was lured to invest in stocks and ended up losing ₹25 lakh.

The victim, a 32-year-old employee from Medipally, was contacted by one Anjali, claiming to be a chief investment officer at a securities firm. The scammers made the victim open an demat account, he started investments with a modest ₹10,000 and kept increasing the amount.

When he saw ₹60 lakh balance on the virtual screen, he sought withdrawal

# MAN FALLS VICTIM TO CRYPTO RACKET, LOSES ₹6.8 LAKH

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

A man fell victim to a cryptocurrency racket to the tune of ₹6.8 lakh in the name of marriage.

The Rachakonda cybercrime police registered a case under cheating and IT Act.

The victim was approached by one Anjali, claiming to be from a matrimonial platform. She evinced interest in marriage, and gradually urged

only to be told that this would block his current funds. Getting

him to invest in cryptocurrency after installing an app. He invested ₹1 lakh through a website. When the app started showing profits, he invested further.

On the pretext that her mother had fallen sick, she forced him to withdraw funds and he ended up paying ₹58,000 as charges towards withdrawal. He tried contacting the girl but in vain. He then filed a case with cybercrime sleuths.

Suspicious, he filed a case with the cybercrime wing.

# Son murders dad in public

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

A man stabbed his 47-year-old father to death in full public view at the Kushaiguda bus stop on Saturday. The incident occurred a few metres from the Kushaiguda police station.

The victim was identified as Mogi, 47, and the assailant was his son Sai Kumar, 25, residents of Lalapet. They were employed at different pri-

ate companies. Police said that Mogi had quarrelled with his family and left the house over some disputes.

He took a bus to Kushaiguda to complete some work. Police suspected that Sai Kumar followed him on his bike.

After Mogi deboarded the bus at Kushaiguda, Sai Kumar rushed to him and began quarrelling during the course of which he stabbed his

father and fled the scene. Police registered a case and are on the look-out for Sai Kumar.

**2 MINOR GIRLS INGEST PESTICIDE**

**Kamareddy:** Two minor girls separately drank a liquid at their house that turned out to be pesticide, at School Thanda village in Ramareddy mandal on Saturday. Police said a 10-year-old girl returned home from

school and consumed the liquid. Later, her seven-year-old sister also ingested the substance.

Their parents who returned home found the children unconscious and rushed them to a private hospital in Rajanna Sircilla district, where their condition was reported as stable.

According to their father, the girls had been humiliated by other children at school and had resorted to the act.



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Ranjona Banerji

Off the beaten track

Is a stupid 'friend' worse than a ghosting frenemy?

The biggest challenge I've put myself through over the past few years is to control my temper. This is inordinately difficult because most humans are terribly stupid and annoying. If you have a short fuse, then you're really stuck. At every turn there's some dimwit doing dimwit things. Let me make a list of what you people do to me.

There are those with the seemingly incurable "stating the obvious" disease. Let's say I post a photograph of a setting sun on social media and I write a caption saying "The burning orb says goodbye for the day". I get it, am trying too hard to be poetic and you are welcome to take issue with that. But why reply: That is the sun.

Like, what? Do you think I do not know that? Why do you think I've put up this photograph? Do you think the other people who look at this photograph do not know what the sun is unless you make this asinine, anodyne comment? Do you think you are being clever by showing off your knowledge about something we see and feel every single day of our lives, by both its presence and absence?

As an aside, there are some who even if I write: "This is the sun", will reply with: "That is the sun". I suspect they are beyond hope.

My challenge for myself is not to react, not to snap, not to make a waspish remark. Which is what I so dearly want to do!

Then there's the "take things literally" disease, which thankfully afflicts less people than the stating the obvious disease. The symptoms surface when, for instance, I might post a photograph of the sun, and then say it is burning hot. Immediately after I will be asked if the temperature where I am is very high and why am I feeling hot. These people are very intelligent but they are unable to understand context, and therefore it does not occur to them that because I say the sun is burning hot it does not necessarily follow that I am feeling burning hot.

Zip your lips and immediately cool down from being burning hot when you were not burning hot at all, is the only way to stop yourself and myself from exploding.

The more intelligent people are, the more difficult I find it to excuse their stupidity.

I understand that I am being unfair. Though I actually don't.

You may think to yourself, hello these are not real people. These are social media people. That is true.

So please meet the in person, "let me give you boring, unsolicited advice" disease people. Now here I must admit to provocation. If you tell a person that you are feeling sad, 99.9 per cent people think you are asking for a solution. And through some bizarre reasoning, no matter the cause of your sadness, most advice will follow the same pattern: Go for walks, look at nature, drink some ginger drink, try some crackpot soothing techniques, meditate and listen to my most trusted guru type.

Almost no one will tell you to do any fun things — get a new haircut, have a drink, eat chocolate, buy a lipstick. And almost no one will figure that you do not want advice. Just someone to hear you out.

I know, I know. I am not alone here. The most annoying are those who proffer the same rubbish when someone says they have terminal cancer, or some other fatal illness or life-threatening condition, or have had a debilitating accident: Drink a ginger drink, go for a walk, have a sweet sugary pill blah blah blah.

I must confess though I have learnt long ago to control my temper with the life-threatening disease advice people, because I do realise that they care and are helpless and all they have to offer is rubbish. So, if not a free pass, then some leeway. But take it from me if you are one of these advisers, no one really wants your guff. Especially if they have a life-threatening disease.

How successful have I been, you may well ask. Well, if I know you and haven't snapped at you lately and if I don't know and haven't said something rude on social media in a while, then yes, I'm doing quite well. If I have succumbed, then I know, I know, I should eat ginger and look at nature. I get it.

Here's the thing though. If I can keep my head when all about me are losing theirs, then I can get angry about what really matters. About hundreds of lives lost in a stampede during a massive religious gathering, while a heartless administration pats itself on the back for a job well done, and a shameless media are breathless about celebrity visits to the gathering.

About an ongoing genocide of thousands, as a tyrannical power amply funded and helped by Western democracies is neither stopped nor checked.

About a planet careening towards disaster, as powerful humans wonder how much more they can squeeze out of us and the Earth for more and more profit.

From the Mahakumbh to Palestine to climate change and global warming, to patriarchy to caste discrimination to religious intolerance to the collapse of democratic freedoms, there is so much to get angry about. No number of walks and no amount of ginger drinks is going to fix this anger and indeed, this sadness. Nor indeed, haircuts and lipsticks.

I'm going to keep at it then. Tolerate all the petty foolishness and save my rage, even if it's all pointless and I'm banging my head against a brick wall. Just don't tell me to...

O, never mind. Look at that setting sun, please. It might well be setting on my failed promises to myself!

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India and the global AI race: Winning strategies



Manish Tewari

State of the Union

At the recent Munich Security Conference, US Vice-President J.D. Vance in a blunt speech reprimanded the leaders of Europe for their duplicity qua the fundamental principles that constitute the holy grail of democracy. However, what got missed amid the fulminations was that his diatribe underlined the reinvigoration of the conceptual insularity that had underpinned the first term of President Trump. The address underscored that Jacksonian impulses would be the beacon of US foreign policy over the next four years.

The above postulates were evidenced by the Trump administration's decision not to sign the Paris Declaration on AI cooperation once again underscoring that competition as opposed to cooperation would be the approach to the political and geo-strategic race for AI supremacy.

**Battle for AI Supremacy:** Nations across the world are making massive investments in AI, recognising it as a cornerstone of future economic and military strength. China has set an ambitious target of investing \$150 billion in AI by 2030, while Russia allocated \$181 million in 2021-23. The United States witnessed a dramatic surge in federal AI contracts, jumping from \$355 million in 2022 to \$4.6 billion in 2023. Additionally, Saudi Arabia recently announced a \$40 billion AI fund.

The US remains at the forefront of AI research and commercialisation, driven by tech giants like Google, OpenAI and Meta. Meanwhile, China, backed by state-led initiatives, is determined to outpace the US by 2030. The success of the Chinese Deepseek AI assistant powered by Deepseek-V3 technology and the alarm bells it has set ringing across the West is indicative of Chinese growing prowess in the field of AI. Smaller nations such as

South Korea and Israel are carving out their own AI niches, focusing on hardware, cyber security, and military applications. However, global AI governance remains fractured, as evidenced by the diffidence and contradiction in the approach of major players like at the Paris AI Summit 2023.

A UN report from July 2024 highlights China's dominance in AI patents, with over 38,000 filings in generative AI, six times more than the US. In contrast, India lags significantly behind, having filed just 1,350 AI-related patents. With AI shaping the future of global power, nations that fail to act decisively risk being left behind.

**A Tale of Lost Opportunities:** Despite its strong IT sector, India lacks a clear and effective AI strategy. Government initiatives, such as the India AI Mission, have yet to make a significant impact and investment in AI research. As per the Economic Survey of India tabled in July 2024, India allocates just 0.64 per cent of its GDP to R&D, significantly lower than China's 2.41 per cent and the over 4-5 per cent spent by nations like Israel and South Korea. The budget for the India AI Mission was slashed from ₹51.75 crore to ₹173 crore in 2024-25, with a proposed Budget estimate of ₹2,000 crore for 2025-26, still far below the level needed to compete globally.

A report by Change Engine ranks India 14th in AI research contributions, accounting for just 1.4 per cent of the global total, while the US and China lead with 30.4 per cent and 22.8 per cent contributions, respectively. Meanwhile, smaller nations such as Hong Kong, Singapore, and South Korea have made significant strides. To bridge the gap, India's engineering education must evolve to equip graduates for advanced AI research. Experts suggest that, to secure a competitive posi-

Many of India's top AI and semiconductor engineers leave for opportunities in the US and Europe, drawn by better research facilities and funding. Without strong incentives, retaining talent will remain a struggle.

tion, India must boost its AI research output by at least 50 per cent over next five years. **Infrastructure Gaps:** A thriving AI ecosystem relies on a robust semiconductor and computing industry, areas where India continues to struggle. While countries like Taiwan, South Korea and the US have made investments in semiconductor manufacturing, India's efforts, such as the Vedanta-Foxconn project, have been hampered by policy uncertainties and bureaucratic delays. In 2022, the US committed \$52 billion to semiconductor R&D through the CHIPS and Science Act, while the EU launched a \$47 billion semiconductor initiative. But India lacks a comprehensive semiconductor strategy. China has been investing in semiconductor research since the 1960s, cultivating a skilled workforce that now commands 30 per cent of the global semiconductor chips market.

AI computing power is another critical shortfall. India accounts for less than two per cent of global computing infrastructure, while the US and China together control nearly 60 per cent. Without a domestic industry, India remains heavily reliant on foreign cloud providers, making its AI growth vulnerable to geopolitical shifts. Nvidia's Vishal Dhupar highlighted that investing in advanced computing infrastructure could add \$1 trillion to India's economy. However, without significant improvements in computational capacity, AI research and innovation in India will continue to face major roadblocks.

**Policy, Funding Shortfalls:** India's slow progress in AI can be attributed to fragmented policies and insufficient investment. Unlike China's aggressive, state-driven AI strategy, India's research

funding remains dispersed, with the government accounting for 55 per cent of total R&D expenditure. In contrast, developed nations rely more on private-sector contributions.

Another major challenge is brain drain. Many of India's top AI and semiconductor engineers leave for opportunities in the US and Europe, drawn by better research facilities and funding. Additionally, India has yet to foster effective public-private partnerships — an essential driver of AI progress in nations like the US and China. Bureaucratic roadblocks further discourage private investment in deep tech and AI startups.

The decline in AI startup funding is particularly concerning. In April-June 2023, Indian AI startups raised just \$8.2 million, a staggering 91 per cent drop from the previous quarter. Total AI funding fell from \$554.7 million in 2022 to just \$113.4 million in 2023. Meanwhile, US AI funding soared from \$5.2 billion to \$16.2 billion. The absence of venture capital, a low-risk appetite and limited government-backed incentives continues to stifle AI innovation in India. While the India AI Mission was designed to bolster AI research, its funding remains modest compared to global investments.

**India Must Act Now:** For India to emerge a global leader, it must urgently revamp its approach to AI, semiconductors, and quantum computing. The government needs to substantially increase R&D investments, build world-class research institutions and implement policies that attract foreign investment in critical technologies. Without a clear strategy and a sense of urgency, India risks falling behind in the global AI race.

The Paris AI Summit 2023 highlighted the complexities of AI governance but also reinforced AI's growing role in international diplomacy and power dynamics. If India does not take bold and decisive action now, it will be relegated to the sidelines of the AI revolution.

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LETTERS

SOPS FOR DESERVING

Freebies and sops must be only for the really deserving, economically weaker sections (Sops to women, sr citizens caused losses: Sena min, Feb. 22).

John Samuel  
Secunderabad

NO FOREIGN MONEY

Fooling people that foreign money is being used convert poor people only goes to show that the government does not give freedom or liberty to people (Chhattisgarh CM warns on conversion, Feb. 22)

Prasad  
Madhapur

HINDI IMPOSITION

Tamil Nadu government should acknowledge Hindi and Tamil are vital links for communication between North and South (Don't stir beehive: Stalin to Pradhan, Feb. 22). Using Hindi across the country will promote national integration.

Mansoor Dashti  
Secunderabad

SUMMER CAUTION

As summer sets in, the state government and concerned departments must ensure shelters and water coolers at all bus stops and public places (Scorching wait, Feb. 22).

K. Surya Prakash  
Hyderabad

CANADA DILEMMA

As if taking a cue from the US, Canada is introducing new rules (Indian students panic as Canada tightens rules, Feb. 22). However, a person becomes inadmissible if false information is given or has a criminal records and cannot leave.

Karra S.R. Murthy  
Hyderabad

WATER BLAME GAME

It is not right to blame the BRS government after one year (KCR allowed AP to take state's Krishna water share: Revanth, Feb. 22). He needs to learn lessons from the past and move forward.

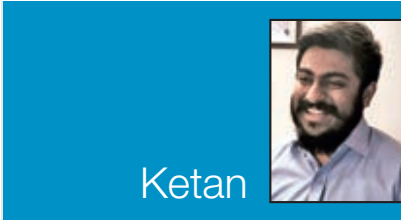
Datta Shivane  
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ARREST LEAKERS

Cyber crime police should take action on those leaking our phone numbers to fraudsters (2 senior citizens lose ₹1.7 cr to 'digital arrest' scammers, Feb. 22).

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Ketan

From test-takers to test-makers: How to boost India's education assessment capacity

Adi had dreamed of becoming a doctor for as long as she could remember. She knew that the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test, or NEET (UG), would decide her future, and spent years preparing for it. After falling short in 2023, she took a gap year, worked harder, and significantly improved her score. Yet, due to alleged unfair practices, her rank, which could have been around 6,000 in a typical year, dropped below 24,000 in 2024, so she still missed admission. This raises questions about fairness, validity, and India's testing capacity — questions we should no longer ignore.

On May 5, 2024, over 2.3 million candidates took NEET-UG, but allegations of paper leaks and scoring inconsistencies shook public trust. Protests erupted nationwide, with petitions demanding cancellation or a re-exam. Recognising the gravity of the situation, the Supreme Court intervened, confirming a paper leak but ruling it was not widespread enough to cancel the exam. The government formed a high-level committee to recommend reforms and enacted the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act 2024 to curb malpractice in competitive exams.

The NEET-UG 2024 controversy highlights pressing concerns about validity — not just of the exam itself, but how its scores are interpreted and used. When unfair practices compromise exams, the results no longer accurately reflect students' abilities. Numerous other exams like the University Grants Commission-National Eligibility Test (UGC-NET) and various state recruitment tests have faced similar challenges. At the school level, there have been recurring discussions on issues like revamping school board examinations and re-entry into the international PISA test for 15-year-olds. Together, these concerns point to deeper challenges in how assessments are understood, designed, administered, reported and maintained in India. Some proposals aim to address these challenges, such as online and hybrid exams to prevent leaks and enhanced security measures like encryption and AI.

However, these solutions remain isolated and reactive, targeting only specific issues. Instead, India needs a cohesive, long-term strategy that prioritises relevance, reliability, validity and fairness across all types of assessments.

Historically, intelligence tests and large-scale group testing, first used in the

military, became common in education in other countries by the 19th century. India's assessment system relies heavily on these testing models. Structured formats like multiple-choice questions and psychometric models developed more than half a century ago continue to shape assessments even today. Despite its test-driven culture, India has focused more on using these systems as it is than developing models suited specifically to its contextual needs.

Moving forward, the focus must shift from passive adoption to active innovation in assessment design. Yet, there is a lack of formal and technical training in India that is necessary to support this shift. Except for a recently introduced programme in Bengaluru, India has no dedicated graduate-level programmes in educational assessments. This lack of specialised training has left the country without a strong base of assessment professionals. To address this, universities must introduce programmes that spark student interest, inspiring a new generation of experts to shape the future of assessments in India.

A logical starting point for such programmes would be institutions offering master's degrees in education, as they

already provide students with a foundation in pedagogy and learning processes. Establishing a dedicated two-year master's programme in educational assessment could build much-needed expertise in this field. The first year could cover educational theories and core measurement principles, including validity, reliability, fairness, and introductory statistics. In the second year, students could take advanced courses in measurement, research and psychometrics while specialising in 2-3 assessment areas, choosing from classroom, formative, and summative, large-scale accountability assessments, competitive entrance tests, and school-leaving examinations. Beyond coursework, practical experience should be a key component of these programmes. Students should engage in hands-on projects, working directly with examination boards and research and implementation organisations. Universities could leverage their own internal examination and data systems as training grounds.

With modern assessments becoming increasingly complex, educational assessment programmes must collaborate with the computer science, statistics, psychology and public policy departments. Advances in data-driven models, adap-

tive testing, and AI-enhanced assessments require interdisciplinary expertise. Moreover, these programmes should train specialists in different areas — some focusing on psychometric and statistical methods, others on assessment policy, accountability, accessibility and cultural relevance. There is also a need for assessment experts with subject-specific expertise, as well as those specialising in emerging areas like socio-emotional learning and 21st-century skills, ensuring assessments capture a broader range of student competencies. Developing such graduate-level programmes with interdisciplinary partnerships would enhance India's overall assessment expertise. Establishing these programmes beyond metropolitan cities is crucial. It would create a more diverse pool of assessment professionals.

Investing in formal training is not just an academic necessity — it is crucial for ensuring a credible and fair system where students like Adi are evaluated on their merit so that dedication and talent, and not technical incapacity, shape their future.

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IN BRIEF



**BANDI: CENTRE HAS SET UP CONTROL ROOM**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

Union minister of state for home Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Saturday said the Centre was keenly monitoring the situation at the SLBC project where a portion of the tunnel collapsed in the morning.

The Union home ministry had set up a control room and was monitoring the situation to extend all possible help to the state government's rescue efforts, Sanjay said. All help will be provided to the state from the Centre for the rescue operations, he said.

The Centre had deployed four teams of the National Disaster Relief Force (NDRF) with necessary equipment. Army personnel from the engineering regiment along with excavator dozers had been placed on standby at Secunderabad and would be deployed at short notice whenever requisitioned by the state administration, he said.

Telangana BJP chief and Union minister G. Kishan Reddy expressed shock over the accident at the SLBC tunnel, inquired about the incident and asked the officials concerned to speed up rescue operations. He also spoke with Union home minister Amit Shah, seeking all possible assistance from the Centre and engaging NDRF teams to carry out the rescue operations. Amit Shah responded positively and deployed three NDRF teams from Vijayawada and a team from Hyderabad, according to a press release from Kishan Reddy's office. BJP MPs D.K. Aruna and Etala Rajendar also expressed shock over the incident and urged authorities to speed up the rescue operations.



T. Harish Rao

**WARNING SIGNS SEEN 4 DAYS EARLIER: HARISH**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

The BRS on Saturday said the SLBC tunnel collapse was "another glaring example of the Congress government's negligence and misgovernance." In a statement, former irrigation minister and senior BRS leader T. Harish Rao said: "This disaster is not just an engineering failure, it is a complete failure of governance."

He said workers had noticed soil erosion over the past four days, but no preventive measures were taken. "This shocking negligence has now resulted in a major accident. Every minute of delay in rescue operations puts their lives at greater risk," he said.

"We demand that the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) conduct an urgent investigation into this disaster. The Congress government cannot continue putting lives at risk while wasting public money on poorly executed projects," Harish Rao said. He said that time and again, the Congress government had rushed into projects without proper planning, only for them to collapse "both literally and figuratively." He noted that the retaining wall had collapsed in Sunkesula recently. "The responsibility for this disaster lies entirely with the government," Harish Rao said. "The government must take up immediate rescue operations and ensure that the injured workers receive the best medical care, and their families are provided with immediate support, Harish Rao said. BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao said the full responsibility for the disaster lay with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.

"This is what happens when a government colludes with contractors, and gives up on work quality and supervision. What do the Congress leaders, who raised a hue and cry when just one pillar of Medigadda barrage sank, have to say now?"

# Workers stuck 400m below surface

Officials hang on to hope for workers safety; condition inside tunnel said to be stable

BALU PULIPAKA | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

There is just one way into the disaster-stricken tunnel of the SLBC. It is also the only way out. The state and Central governments rushed teams from the NDRF, fire and police departments and the Singareni Collieries to the accident-struck SLBC tunnel at Domalapenta village, but the rescue effort is expected to be a hard one.

Though the tunnel is around 10 metres wide and tall, and can accommodate heavy vehicles and a large number of personnel, 12 hours after the accident occurred, rescue efforts were yet to be mounted in full.

Getting to the accident site means a 14 km travel, the length of the tunnel that has been dug so far. Asked about the possibility of drilling down from the top to access the accident spot, a senior irrigation department official said this would be extremely challenging.

"The rock over the tunnel where the accident occurred, is around 400 metres thick. This may not be an option. The best chances are to try and reach the trapped workers by removing the collapsed soil and rock, but that will have to be done very carefully, and that too only after a proper assessment of the situation at the location," the official said.

"Though the tunnel is lined with strong and interlocking cement concrete rings, the collapse occurred just near the tunnel boring machine head where the rock surface remains exposed during drilling. Engineers from Robbins have expertise and have worked using various materials to seal leaks, grout the rock to stop leakages. I hope that the rescue will be successful," the official said.

Till late on Saturday evening, there were no reports of any more damage inside the tunnel raising hopes that the conditions may have stabilised enough to allow rescue operations. "It does not matter if it is day or night as it is dark in the tunnel and now with the power supply restored soon after the accident, work can start as all the lights are back on. We are all hoping that the trapped workers have access to air," the official added.

## WATER SURGE INUNDATES THE MACHINE

FROM PAGE 1

"Soon there was a huge rush of water which inundated the machine (tunnel boring machine) to a depth of around 8 metres, and extending to around 120 metres from the tunnel face. Following that we inspected to see for people on the machine, and we could not identify anyone in need. Some 20 minutes later, we left. And 10 minutes after that there was another major collapse that was even worse."

According to irrigation department officials, what began as an event that was routine at the worksite—water flowing through the rock being drilled through, suddenly turned into a surge with mud and stones falling down. The flow rose rapidly even as all those at the machine tried to leave and within a short time, a section of the tunnel roof, said to be around 3 metres long, collapsed flooding the spot, with the debris forming a plug and simultaneously sealing a part of the TBM on which eight people were stuck and could not make their way out before the collapse.

● ACCORDING TO officials from irrigation department, what started as a routine event at the worksite—water flowing through the rock being drilled—suddenly escalated into a surge.

## WHAT IS THE SLBC?



The entrance to the SLBC tunnel near Domalapenta village. — BY ARRANGEMENT

### LONGEST IRRIGATION TUNNEL IN THE WORLD

● Srisaillam left bank canal (SLBC) project first planned in 1983 by the then Telugu Desam government of N.T. Rama Rao.

### DESIGNED TO IRRIGATE 3 lakh acres,

supply drinking water to the fluoride-affected villages in Nalgonda district through gravity canal

● Work was to begin from site near Akkamma caves in Nallamala forest.

● Site changed, work began in 2004 from the foreshore of Srisaillam reservoir with ₹2,813-crore Budget.

● Delays led to project cost going up to ₹4,776 crore.

● New site was meant increase in tunnel length from 37.5 km to 43.3 km under the Amrabad plateau and the Amrabad tiger reserve.

● Two 10-metre diameter 'double-shield' tunnel boring machines used to drill.

● Work stopped 10 yrs ago for repairs, no funds released;

● Work restarted four days ago at the inlet side near Domalapenta village.

● When completed, SLBC tunnel was to be the longest irrigation tunnel in the world.

Graphics: By Pillalmarri Srinivas



Irrigation minister Uttam Kumar Reddy visits SLBC tunnel on Saturday, following the accident in the tunnel. — P ANIL KUMAR

## Revanth informs PM of measures

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

Prime Minister Narendra Modi called Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over the phone on Saturday evening and inquired about the mishap at the SLBC tunnel and the ongoing rescue operations. The Prime Minister assured Revanth Reddy that the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) would be deployed immediately and pledged support from the Centre to assist the state government in its relief efforts. Revanth Reddy, who has been closely monitoring the situation from Hyderabad, informed Modi about the swift measures undertaken by the state government. He stated that ministers N. Uttam Kumar Reddy and Jupally Krishna Rao had been dispatched to the accident site to oversee rescue operations. Following the incident, Revanth Reddy held

a high-level review meeting to assess the situation on Saturday. Irrigation minister Uttam Kumar Reddy, irrigation adviser Adityanath Das, and Chief Minister's adviser Vem Narendar Reddy were present in the meeting. Uttam Kumar Reddy briefed the Chief Minister on the accident, the condition of the trapped workers and rescue operations at the site. Stressing the urgency of the situation, Revanth Reddy directed officials to expedite rescue operations to save the eight trapped workers. He also inquired about the condition of the injured and instructed the officials to ensure they receive the best possible medical care.

To accelerate relief efforts, the Chief Minister ordered the Narayanpet district collector, superintendent of police (SP), fire services department, HYDRAMA, and irrigation department officials to reach the site.

## Revanth sends ministers to site as rescue teams rush to tunnel

FROM PAGE 1

Work on the inlet end tunnel section was resumed just four days ago after a nearly year long break for repairs to the tunneling machine.

As soon as news of the disaster broke, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy issued instructions for speedy rescue efforts even as irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy flew to the site in a helicopter and tourism minister Jupally Krishna Rao, who hails from Nagarkurnool district, rushed to Domalapenta.

After a quick initial review, the two ministers, and Glen Myrdar from Robbins, addressed the media and confirmed that eight people were trapped behind the collapsed section of the tunnel. While there were fears for their safety with the blocked section getting flooded with water, Uttam Kumar Reddy expressed hope that the eight workers would be safe. "There should be no problem with ventilation, I am told," he said.

To ensure supply of fresh air, a huge vent powered by giant fans located at the entrance of the tunnel pumps in air round the clock into the tunnel but it was not immediately known if the vent pipes were also impacted in the collapse. Rescue efforts were



Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy reviewed the situation at the SLBC tunnel near Domalapenta village with irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, in Hyderabad on Saturday. — DC

expected to be mounted sometime late on Saturday night by National Disaster Relief Force teams deployed by the Centre. In the evening, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called the Chief Minister and assured all help for the rescue efforts.

Meanwhile, the state owned Singareni Collieries Company Limited which has its own rescue teams and expertise, rushed a 19-member rescue team to Domalapenta to assist in the efforts. Also at the site was the state disaster response and fire services chief along with his personnel to assist in the rescue efforts.

At the media conference at Domalapenta, Uttam Kumar Reddy said, "it is a really unfortunate incident. We also sought help from the

Army for the rescue. The government will extend every help and resource to try and rescue the trapped workers safely. That is our first priority over everything else. Once the rescue is done, then we will examine and study what caused the collapse but right now we are completely focused on the rescue efforts." Special teams to offer health support along with ambulances have been stationed near the worksite for offering immediate treatment as and when the workers are rescued.

Answering a question, Uttam Kumar Reddy said seepage of water is a normal occurrence which is dealt with continuously. "Dewatering is a constant process and is part of the work.

Just two months ago, a team from the Geological

### THE MISSING PERSONS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS:

- Project engineer Manoj Kumar from Unnao, UP;
- Sri Niwas from Chandauli, UP;
- Workers Sandeep Sahu, Jagta Xess, Santosh Sahu and Anuj Sahu, all from Gumla, Jharkhand;
- All from Jaiprakash Associates, the contractor, and from Robbins, the tunnel boring contractor, operators Sunny Singh of Gurha Manhasan, J&K; and Gurpreet Singh of Taran Taran, Punjab.

Survey of India inspected the tunnel work and gave the go ahead to restart the work," he said.

Later in the evening, responding to criticism from BRS leaders over the accident, Uttam Kumar Reddy slammed the opposition party saying that former irrigation minister T. Harish Rao was well aware that seepage and flow of water as a normal occurrence in the SLBC tunnel works.

The previous BRS government gave ₹19 crore just for dewatering costs. "What happened here is a natural disaster. The reasons of course will be studied in detail, but right now, all our focus is on the rescue efforts," the minister said.

## Dec. 2026 deadline now in limbo

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

The accident at the Srisaillam left bank canal (SLBC) tunnel comes as a major setback for the Congress government which was hoping that the remaining portion of the work on the project, along with around 10 km of tunnelling, could be completed and the project made ready by December 2026 for operations.

The tunnel is being dug from two sides, the outlet end in Nalgonda district, and the inlet side in Nagarkurnool district, not very far from the Srisaillam dam. The accident happened at the 14 km point in the tunnel, which begins its nearly 44 km journey from close to the dam in Domalapenta on the Srisaillam highway on the Telangana side of River Krishna.



Image shows engineers and operators near the giant tunnel boring machine. — BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Just how Saturday's accident will play out and impact the completion of the project will be known only once the rescue teams complete their mission of getting the eight trapped workers safely from the tunnel face where they are stuck after Saturday's collapse. Cleaning the tunnel boring machine (TBM)

replacement of parts possible in a more easy manner. Saturday's disaster could mean a setback of at least a year or two, if not more depending on the amount of work required, first to repair and restore the TBM after the completion of the rescue mission, and then fresh geological studies to establish the stability of the rock through which the tunnel is being dug, and then strengthening of the area before any further work can be taken up. The project that was launched in 2005, had seen inordinate delays with allegations that the then BRS government was not keen on going ahead with it, holding back on release of funds for urgent repairs to the TBM working from the Nalgonda end, as well as for repairs of the second TBM working from the Domalapenta inlet side.

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**HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
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**Public Notification U/s. 15(3) of HMDA Act 2008**  
 (Government Memo. No.17911/Plg.1/1/2024, Dt. 10.02.2025)

In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 15 of HMDA Act 2008 (Act No.8 of 2008), it is proposed to make the following draft variation to the land use envisaged in the notified HADA Master plan, approved by the Government vide G.O. Ms. No.287, MA Dt. 04.03.2008.

The site in Sy.No.619/A & 619/AA of Nadargul Village, Balapur Mandal, Ranga Reddy District to an extent of 75575.28 Sq.Mts. (Ac.18.27 Gts.) which is presently earmarked for Work Center use zone, as per the notified HADA Master Plan, approved by the Government vide G.O. Ms. No.287, MA Dt.04.03.2008, is now proposed to be designated as Residential use zone.

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Objections/Suggestions would be considered from any person or body to the said proposals. They can submit objections/suggestions in writing either to the M.C. HMDA or to the Principal Secretary, MA & UD Dept. Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad within Fifteen (15) days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Sd/-  
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 R.O.No.:1050-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADV/1/2024-25, Date:22.02.2025

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7.	Date of Pre Bid Meeting	04/03/2025, 11:30HRS Chief Engineer, Design Master Planning And Hydrology, Room No. 203, Second Floor, Jal Bhawan, Dardanda, Ranchi, Jharkhand-834002
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GATED COMMUNITY, Golden Enclave, Plot No. 150, East Facing, 326 sq.Yds. For sale at Kondapur, Ph:9849146886, 9959992875, (W/24/25/AT000952)

OPEN PLOT in survey no: 56 measuring 1771 sq yards at Kondaapur near Kims hospital for outright sale. Contact: 9632502353, 9010094695 (HY/24/25/C05727)

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PLOT FOR sale Manikonda panchavati village 267 square yards west facing, 1.0 lakh per square yards. Negotiable broker's commission. Ph:9177264447 (HY/24/25/C06151)

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PATANCHERU, INDAPUR 511 sq.yds 16000/- sqft. Pennar back side 600 sq.yds. Rs: 6000/- sq.ft. Commercial Maklapur. For sale. Ph:9846375253/6304743991. (HY/24/25/C05793)

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EXIT-17, ORR, Rajendranagar, Prestige Park Opp. Waltamitri 4340 Sq.Yds abutting 100ft Radial road, Commercial North facing, growth corridor, S.D.Z. Zone, 700 Meter to ORR, near to Hitch City, Excellent location, Prestigious Ventures. Suitable for Hotel, Hospital, Convention Centre, Hirise Towers, 480 Sq.Yds Kottur, Suchir India Towers, 480 Sq.Yds. Contact: 9849870218, (S/24/25/C02472)

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## MULTIPLE VACANCIES

**YASH RESOURCES** Recycling Limited, a leading lead manufacturing company in Hyderabad seeks candidates for Accounts Manager. CA Finalist/ MBA (Finance), 1-2 years experience (2 Positions) 735214103. CA Inter B.Com. 1-2 years experience (5 Positions) HR: 1-2 years experience (1 Position) Send CVs to hr@yashresources.com or contact +91-9618555090 (HYHA/2425/C06049)

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT** executive/telecallers, graduates with 1-2 years experience with good communication. For BDE must have 2 wheeler and license. Call 8374947710 (HYHA/2425/C06086)

**URGENT REQUIRED** Experienced Marketing Field Salesman, Sales Manager For Furnishing Industry, Location Lbnagar, Salary- Inc 35-40k. Contact: 9959122077. (HYHA/2425/C06031)

**WANTED FEMALE** telecallers salary 15k and team leaders salary 25k for a real estate company in Madhapur. Contact: 9652438661 (HYHA/2425/C05731)

**PC2C A Complete Family Footwear Opp. Spencers Hyper Market Mainroad Musheerabad, Hyderabad. Recruiters Personal Asst One Female Good Looking, Sincere, 4 Helpers, 3 Salesman Experience, 1 Housekeeping Boy 9301303255 (HYHA/2425/C0108)**

**REQUIRED SITE** Supervisor/ Site Engineer and Drive for Construction and Water Proofing Contractors. Waive or Contact 9390854319, 8688370208. (S/2425/C02481)

**DIRECT REQUIREMENT:** for Sainikpuri/Kapra villa site- experienced marketing managers no.4, sales executives no.12 and experienced drivers. Contact Mr. land owners and realtors, Kapra, ECIL. Email: projects@landlordsandrealtors.com. Ph:8500581976. (HYHA/2425/C05503)

**REPUTED PESTICIDES** Formulation Factory Wants to Labour Skilled/ Unskilled Workers and Electrician, Machinery Operators, along with Phosphate and Aadhar card and Experience Certificate immediately. Send your detailed profile to: Mr.Venkat Raju Cell: 9494513717, Email: sruvankas164@gmail.com (S/2425/C02387)

**WALK-IN INTERVIEWS:** bank, Secunderabad. Looking for business development officers marketing executives; relationship managers & finance officer for immediate appointment. Interviews are scheduled between 10 am to 6 pm, email CVs to: HR@NKBank.in, 1st floor, Mahalakshmi complex, R.F. Road, Secunderabad. Contact: 977071182 (HYHA/2425/C05612)

**WANTED RESORT** sales & marketing executives, computer operators having very good ms& excel experience, social media executives, digital & google maps marketing management and experienced full part time computer professionals, consultants. Multi tasks also wanted. Secunderabad residing candidates preferred. Best Salary & future prospects assured. Contact: 8099999007. (HYHA/2425/C06038)

**WANTED FRESH** or experience staff and semi accountant (tally compulsory) for wholesale Jewellery work at Somajiguda Salary 15 to 20K. Cont: 99522277, 984819171. Call time 12 to 4pm (Mon to Sat). (HYHA/2425/C05947)

**REPUTED WHOLESALE** jewellery work at Raj Bhavan road, Somajiguda. Hyderabad. Required req c person male/ female 3 no of person, computer knowledge person male/ female 3 no of person having min 1 year experience. Salary: 9247335774. (HYHA/2425/C06001)

**REQUIRED TEAM** for Industrial Civil Construction Projects Hyderabad & Visakhapatnam. Managers (10y Exp), Billing & Site Engineers (3-8y Exp) mail:anukarprojects@rediffmail.com. Ph:949897222 (HYHA/2425/C05893)

**LIFE INSURANCE** company hiring agents. High income opportunity. Part time. Call or whatsapp: 932643392, 8886103456. (HYMM/2425/C05498)

**WANTED FEMALE** office incharge & telecallers with fluent english & hindi & sound knowledge. Salary: 12k- 20K. Ph:9885566589 (HYMM/2425/C05779)

**WANTED A female** with 2-3 years experience in import export documentation age 25-40. Mail id: importexport@rediffmail.com. Whatsapp: 9866353653 (HYMM/2425/C06148)

**WANTED 3-4 years exp** computer operator for back office work with good english. Location: Tel. 9182550942. (HYHA/2425/C06082)

**LOOKING FOR** a highly organized and proactive Executive Associate to support our Directors in managing daily tasks, coordinating meetings and events. The ideal candidate should possess excellent communication skills, a professional demeanor, and the ability to work independently. Email: rekolar2016@gmail.com (W/2425/AT00951)

**RECEPTION-CUM-TEL-OPRTRS**

**REPUTED CONSTRUCTION** company required female tele-caller, fluent in english, hindi & telugu. Qr Inter. Dr.A.S.Rao nagar. Contact: 7013403192. (HYMM/2425/C05796)

**FEMALE TO** Handle small office independently at Nampally, no telecalling, no targets peaceful job. Whatsapp Resume 7842719020, will call back. (B/2425/C00738)

**SECURITY**

**METAFORCE, URGENTLY** requires experienced operation managers, business managers, tender manager, facility manager, field officers, Mktg officers, security officers etc. as per services. ASD, SG M/F, drivers, ambulance drivers contact: 9395524440, 910222201 (HYMM/2425/C05753)

**STENOS & TYPISTS**

**WANTED STENO/ typist** with high/ low speed skills with good command over english and who is capable to take dictations directly on computer for an advocate office at plot no.5, road no. 10-C, MLAs & MPs Colony, JubileeHills, Hyderabad. Remuneration will be fixed based on your skills. Contact: Ph:8498801883. (HYHA/2425/C05927)

**TEACHERS**

**URGENT REQUIREMENT** for school principal qualification M Phil/ MA/ M.Ed. Experience minimum 10 years teaching & administrative. Eligible male/ female candidate to send their CVs along with 2 photographs and complete testimonials by 28th February 2025 at following address. Almas International school, Allapur, Tandur, Vikarabad. Ph:9550231571, 9000508991, email: mas@almaschools@gmail.com (HYMM/2425/C05732)

**CALPS- CBSE/ English, MEd, Sr. in Chemistry and English, MEd school: English, Maths, Science, Hindi, Social, Primary teachers and Tennis coach** contact: 7382142107. info@calps.in (HYMM/2425/C05507)

**WANTED EXPERIENCED** lady principals, vice-principals, coordinators, receptionists & faculty for all subjects pre-primary -X class SSC/ CBSE based schools. 15k to 1 lakh. Sedashiva Group of Schools, Ferroguda, old Bowenpally, Dr.A.S.Rao Nagar, Bollaram, Medchal, Kawadiga, Anempur, Kondapur, Ph:912899992, send your CV whatsapp: 9898993352, walk in interview Sunday: 10:00am -1:00pm, Ferroguda. (HYMM/2425/C05684)

**OXFORD INTERNATIONAL** School, Dammaiguda, ECIL, CBSE affiliated requires experienced principal, vice principal, coordinators, PGTs & TGTs of all subjects with fluency in english well versed with computer knowledge, front office executives and PET. Attractive salary. Walk in interview at working days 9am to 1pm. 9398987545, 9398988900, email: oxford.dammaiguda@gmail.com (HYMM/2425/C05538)

**WANTED FACULTY** Palaknurna/ Behadrapur, Sarajiguda/ Shashipuram branches wanted qualified & experienced teachers of all subjects for classes VI-X B.Ed preferable/ Mother teacher for class (4-11), Primary/ Secondary (8/9/10) (W/10), (W/14), 25-Feb-25 @ The Progress High School Palaknurna Branch. Between: 10am-2pm, 7989888678/ 8247862019. Email: ign@999@gmail.com. Salary negotiable as per Qualification & Experience (HYHA/2425/C06153)

**REQUIRED PRINCIPAL** for english medium high school, humnabad, karnataka 150km from hyderabad 9448100299 (HYHA/2425/C06023)

**WANTED QUALIFIED & Experienced** Teachers to teach (CBSE) English, Hindi, Telugu, Maths, Science, Social. Qualification: B.Ed, Computer/IT (M.Sc/ B.Tech), Counsellor (Pay.M), PET, Nurse, Clerk/ Accountant, Art, Dance & Music require relevant qualification. Apply before 28-02-2025. E-Mail: onlinemontfort@gmail.com, Montfort School, Boys Town Campus, Jahannuma, Hyderabad -53. Ph:8096084008, interview Dt. 02-03-2025. (S/2425/C0241)

**WANTED Head Master, Teaching** (Pre-Primary, Primary/ Non Teaching Staff for a new school in Ocumim International School at Kompally (Beside St. Martins Engineering College): call: 7207180425, 7207180354. Mail contact: ocumim.edu.in (HYHA/2425/C06129)

**WANTED TEACHERS** Maths, social, science, english, hindi, telugu high school & primary school teachers. apply for king kothi & jambagh Ph:9912223622, 9398213100 (HYMM/2425/C05634)

**REQUIRED HOME** tutor for IGCSE 10th standard for Maths and science at Marredpally. With very good teaching skills. Tel: 70432 7770 (HYMM/2425/C05789)

**SAGE SCHOOL** (CBSE Nursery to XI) Uppal road, Medipally, requires experienced, student counselors, librarian, passionate teachers for all classes & subjects including pre primary, art, financial literacy, entrepreneurship. Attractive salary. Walk in interview from 23/02/25 to 25/02/25 from (9am to 3pm). Ph: 9010802229. Email: sageschool.edu.in (HYHA/2425/C06051)

**TEACHERS: NURSERY** to X all subjects. IIT/NEET foundation teachers, principals, vice principals, admission counselors, accountants, computer operators, librarians, PETS, transport incharge, music & dance teachers, Sanskrit/ Group of Schools @ Pantancheru, Myapour & Nizampet. Sal-10k to 35k walk-in for P2F interview from 19th Feb 2025. Ph: 9915102205/ www.samskrutigroupofschools.com (HYMM/2425/C05558)

**VIJAYARATNA SCHOOL** Near Uppal bus Depot, Peerzadiguda, Hyderabad. HIRING Trained/Experienced Teachers for CBSE & State Board for Pre-Primary, Primary and High School (All Subjects), Foundation Faculty Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology (Fluency in English is must). Office Staff, Computer Operators, Office Boys, Aayas, Drivers. Contact:6304091604, 9302451156 Mail us at resume\_vrns@gmail.com (HYHA/2425/C06017)

**WANTED WELL** trained and experienced female teachers for middle school for hindi & science. Sunflower School, Diamond Point, Secbad. 7207012005. Email-id: sunflower.school@mail@gmail.com (HYHA/2425/C06018)

**WANTED TECHNICIAN** having experience in SMD rework for a reputed professional JBL-HARFAM Audio service centre at Secunderabad. Good salary. Ph:9848236360 (HYMM/2425/C05785)

**MATRIMONIAL BRIDE WANTED**

**BENGAU**

**WANTED ISSUELESS** divorced lady for 4B/ 5B/ Bangaru MBA issueless divorced man. Asst. Prof. in Pvt. MBA college. Caste no bar. Send photo biodata & biodata at Ph: 630584748. (HYHA/2425/C05906)

**CASTE NO BAR**

**SEEKING A** match for a boy 5'9" B.Tech graduate, born in 1991, working as director at a software company with a 30k package. Hindu. SC madiga caste no bar. Looking for a well-cultured girl from a good family. Contact: 9701034589 (HYMM/2425/C05647)

**HINDU**

**UPPARA/ SAGARA** bride wanted for 29 yrs, 5'10", B.Tech, MBA, HR-Manager, 9 LPA, Educated Family settled in Hyderabad. Call: 7207821484. (HYHA/2425/C06067)

**SM KURNOLU** family settled in Hyderabad invite alliance for son, 35 years, 5'9" MBA (Divorce/ NO Issues) Rec store Educated Bride should be 36 during 58 years. Interested may contact 7038846326. (S/2425/C02487)

**CANADIAN BOY** 32 years, 5.6, well educated Cyber Security, looking Bride 16-26 years, good looking, fair religious respectable family. Boy in Hyderabad until 25 February. Only Whatsapp: +1 6472283271. Agents' excuse. (S/2425/C02446)

**SMP SETTLED** in Hyd, sunni muslim, alliance for their son 29 years, computer science, Hindu SC madiga caste no bar as manager, required fair, well educated, below 30 yrs Ph:98692 23554 Sharif (HYMM/2425/C05742)

**ISM My** age Exact 59 years, colour fair, height 5'9" by the Professional of Architect Private Construction Works. Rec store Educated Bride should be 36 during 58 years. Interested may contact 7038846326. (S/2425/C02487)

**GROOM 32**, engineer BE MS (USA), HIB visa, highly qualified family; wanted bride- professional -doctor/ engineer (US) preferred; contact 956681880. (HYMM/2425/C05826)

**SMP invites** alliance for their Son 1992 B.Tech. Bangaru MBA, works in USA H1B looking for religious, beautiful, educated Girl, having with citizen, green card, gulf born. Email id: 830116118@gmail.com (HYMM/2425/C02458)

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**SM PARENTS** invite alliance for son, fair, handsome, 1995 BE (Mech) gold medalist, MS (M.A.Sc) Canada working, PR holder seek fair, beautiful, namazi and hijabi Engg graduate girl 5'4" and above, age below 26 from well educated, respectable new city based family away from shrik and bidah WA 9490994561, 8978667766. (HYHA/2425/C05782)

**2ND MARRIAGE** Dubai family Visa Boy Smp Boy DOB:1986 HT:5.8, BA, Settled in Dubai Australia- pri. Salary:7000 dirham. Boy having 2 kids, under the custody of mother, looking unmarried/ Divorce/ Mm ssc/ inter/ degree, age 28-33. If he is below 28 from well responsible from her will Seeke (NO Demands) C/W-9321996712. (HYHA/2425/C06156)

**A WELL settled** family looking for a match for their son, age 27 years, Civil Engineer from Manipal University Dubai Campus, employed and earning good salary. Match preferred age between 24-25 years. Slim and beautiful. Higher education is not important. Interested family please contact us on tel: 9063316942, 9008509974. (W/2425/AT003935)

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## SHORT TAKES

## 2nd ANM UNION CALLS OFF STRIKE AFTER TALKS

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

The Telangana Second ANM Union on Thursday temporarily withdrew its strike following assurances from health commissioner R.V. Karnan, that their long-pending demands would be addressed. The decision was announced by All India Trade Union Congress state deputy general secretary M. Narasimha.

The strike was launched demanding better working conditions, regularisation of posts, and financial benefits for Second Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs). The government promised to take steps to sanction regular ANM posts in PHCs and urban health centres, extend retirement benefits to ANMs without exam qualifications, and implement 100 per cent gross salary for eligible workers.

"The government has given a clear commitment to resolving our issues. While we remain cautious, we are stepping back from the strike for now in good faith," Narasimha told Deccan Chronicle.

The commissioner also assured that pending PRC arrears for seven months and sub-centre rent dues would be cleared by March 31.

## EVENING SNACKS HELP CLASS 10 STUDENTS

V. SHIVANI REDDY | DC  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

The government is providing snacks to Class 10 state-run school students in the evening to improve their attendance in special cases and help them focus on their studies. Students have to stay back in schools for the special classes until 5 pm. The programme will end on March 20, the day before the final exams, and covers 42,545 schools across the state, including 302 in Hyderabad.

Gatadi Neeraja, principal of Mahubia Government Girls High School at Abids, said that the scheme helps in boosting students' energy. "Practice tests for final exams have started. Students have to stay in school from 8 am to 5 pm. It is difficult for them to bring snacks. So offering snacks to them will make them attentive during lessons," she said.

Each student will be provided snacks worth ₹15 per day, which include peanut chikki, bananas, samosa and sweet buns. "As students prefer samosa and puffs, we place orders with vendors in the morning. A total of 90 girls from class 10 in our school are benefitting from this programme," she added. According to B. Meghana, a student, "Evening snacks have been very helpful to us. After eating we feel refreshed, and our brain stays active while studying." Another student S.Uzma shared: "Sitting for long hours makes us tired, but having snacks helps us stay focused."

Venkat Reddy, principal of the government school at Azampura, said: "We are providing snacks other than oily foods such as millet biscuits and peanut chikki. As we don't have a kitchen in school, we order food from outside. However, we plan to prepare sprouted green gram and boiled chickpeas at the school," he said. The government has allocated funds to the school management committees. Snacks are distributed between 3.30 pm and 4 pm.

## Mahbub Ghats strive to be on tourist map

Pan-India motorists used to stay in British-era bungalow

NEERAJ KUMAR | DC  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

The Mahbub Ghats, also known as Nirmal Ghats, which are part of Sahyadri mountain range, offer a challenging drive over 12 km, with picturesque views of virgin forests and the large water body of the Sriramsagar Project. It possesses several unique features that set it apart from other ghat roads in the country.

The unique serpentine road was laid in the early years after Independence, but a well-laid road believed to have been in use since the times of Emperor Ashoka.

The road came into prominence during the time of the last Nizam Mir Osman Ali Khan in 1932, with the construction of watch-towers at the peak point of the ghat from Nirmal towards Adilabad and was a popular destination for people from adjoining districts till the late 1990s.

The ghat road section is located hardly four km from Nirmal. But, the building of a highway bypassing Nirmal has drastically reduced the



A file picture of the Mahbub Ghats. — DC

number of motorists who were also dissuaded from using the road due to the non-development of basic infrastructure by successive governments.

S. Nitin, resident of Nirmal, said that hundreds of tourists from far off places like Hyderabad and even foreigners used to visit the place in the summer as the deciduous forests around the Mahbub Ghats presented a rare glimpse, as well as during the rainy season.

Motorists doing pan-India trips used to stay in a lavish British-era dak

bungalow, and visit nearby areas like the Kuntala, Pochera and Gayatri waterfalls (Mukdi Gundam), which are within 30 km, he said.

Polishetty Laxman, a tax consultant from Nirmal, said the government had failed to include the popular ghat road section in the tourism map and popularise it as a tourist circuit.

He underscores the need to develop the existing two 30-foot watch-towers and a lawn around it with seating arrangements and a mini theatre for travellers to take rest in case of sud-

den heavy downpour.

Besides historic Shargarh Fort or Nirmal Fort and nearby Kadam Project, the travellers can have a look at the unique wooden toys of Nirmal and visit the ancient Basara Saraswati, Jainath, Kadile Papaharshwara and Kalwa Narasimha Swamy temples, he said. The area is known for its fog and chilly breeze, especially in the early morning even in peak summer, enhancing its appeal to nature lovers. The curvy and serpentine road and steep ghat sections offer an exciting driving experience, particularly for biking enthusiasts, said Mahender Reddy, an adventure tourist and a government employee from Nirmal town.

Green activist and engineering student Amulya points out that the ghat section was made initially by cutting the rocks of hills manually, showcasing their engineering skills. Over the years, the road was widened, but the steep ghat section with picturesque surroundings is popular even now for motorists, she points out.

## Colourless street



NTR Marg during summer, was a beautiful scene with Golden Laburnum flowers in full bloom. However, most of these trees were removed from the NTR Marg to create a track for the Formula E car races. Now, the same road wears a colourless look. A file picture of the NTR Marg is given on the left, with flowers in full bloom, in comparison to how the road looks now, on top. Only a few of the trees are left on the traffic islands near the Trafface Road junction, and a few opposite the Secretariat at the other end of the NTR Marg.

— S. SURENDER REDDY

## Parking in the middle



Cabs parked in the middle of the Raidurg Road, obstructing the traffic. Drivers park the vehicles here after dropping the employees in the nearby offices. — R. PAVAN

## Dist. police tighten vigil to catch 'summer' criminals

MOULI MAREEDU | DC  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

Every summer there will be a substantial increase in criminal activities like murder for gain, dacoity, burglary, thefts and property offences, especially in the rural areas of Telangana.

Following the onset of summer, district police officials held a review meeting with all SHOs and other staff on the need to increase night patrolling and maintain a close vigil on the movements of inter-state gang members as precautionary measures.

Many SPs and police commissioners of several cities pointed out that the inter-state offenders, who target the interiors and vulnerable districts, nor-

## RISE IN NUMBER OF PROPERTY OFFENCES

**Murder for gain:** 44 cases (2020); 85 (2021); 51 (2022); 59 (2023) and 85 (2024).

**Robbery:** 305 (2021); 441 (2021); 501 (2022); 495 (2023) and 703 (2024).

**Theft:** 8,330 (2020); 12,531 (2021); 14,494 (2022); 14,393 (2023) and 19,480 (2024).

mally move around in trains and buses. The offenders arrive at the targeted locations, commit offences and flee with the booty to their native places as a summer rou-

tine. The SHOs were asked to increase night patrolling and to be vigilant at bus stations, railway stations and other entry and exit points.

Senior officials from districts said that thefts, burglaries, and murder of gain, including property offences, are committed by inter-state gang members in summer.

"We have kept a close vigil on the regular movements of repeat offenders, who have been released from jail. Meanwhile, we also asked the residents to be cautious while talking to strangers in the village. If they notice anyone moving around suspiciously in the surroundings, the locals must dial 100 immediately," a senior official said.

## TURMERIC FARMERS HIT BY PRICE DIP

NARENDER PULLOOR | DC  
NIZAMABAD, FEB. 22

Farmers across north Telangana are deeply concerned about a sharp drop in turmeric prices at the Nizamabad agriculture market yard — one of the country's largest hubs for the spice. Growers from Nizamabad, Jagtial, and Nirmal districts have been bringing large volumes of turmeric to the yard, but increased arrivals have led to falling prices.

At the start of the turmeric season in January, prices touched ₹15,000 per quintal. Later, however, some traders allegedly formed a syndicate and forced down the prices. Neither the market committee nor officials have taken action to check these practices, farmers say.

With the peak turmeric season approaching in February and March, arrivals at the market are expected to rise further.

Speaking to Deccan Chronicle, turmeric farmer Uppera Narsaiah of Konasamundar village in Kamarpally mandal said that cultivating turmeric, which requires nine months to grow and costs approximately ₹1.2 lakh per acre, had repeatedly led to losses in recent years.

"If we get at least ₹12,000 per quintal, we would neither profit nor lose," he explained. "Right now, the finger and bulb varieties are selling below ₹10,000, which is a major setback."

## PCB, firefighters split on pharma, solvent factories

PRIYA RATHNAM AND SAALINI LOKESH | DC  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 22

Fire accidents in pharmaceutical and solvent factories highlight the gap between the Pollution Control Board (PCB) and the fire department.

The PCB, which is responsible for monitoring hazardous materials, does not actively inform the fire department during chemical accidents. Firefighters on the scene often rely on labourers or factory staff for manufacturing-related information.

Fire department follows its own protocols, said Director General of Fire Safety, Y. Nagi Reddy.

Speaking to Deccan Chronicle, Nagi Reddy outlined their procedures before responding to fire incidents. "The protocol includes the use of material safety data sheets, oil industries safety directorate guidelines, and the hazchem code for hazardous chemicals. These resources contain information on flammability, toxicity, reactivity, first aid measures, and the handling and storage conditions required for each chemical or solvent," he said.

While the roles of the departments differ, coordination between them could minimise accidents.

The PCB and other relevant agencies, such as the industries department, can push for stricter implementation and monitoring of existing safety protocols at industrial sites, which could reduce fire mishaps.

If PCB notifies the fire department about the existence of hazardous

## CHEMICAL-RELATED ACCIDENTS

In 2024, the fire department responded to a total of 8,520 fire calls, 42 of which involved chemical-related accidents.



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**Decontamination gear:** Hazmat (hazardous material) and rescue tenders with advanced fire containment equipment, decontamination gear, and personal protective equipment.

materials at factories, the fire fighters could advocate for better firefighting equipment and specialised training for hazardous material-related incidents.

Speaking about a recent fire accident at a solvent factory in Cherlapally, a PCB official said that the chemicals would not affect air, water, or soil quality in the surrounding areas, as the fire was not completely burned out and only a small part of the factory was affected.

However, there was no clear information on the extent of the damage or what tests were being conducted to assess pollution levels.

Ironically, PCB officials learned about the fire at the Cherlapally factory from TV. The PCB is investigating the incident and communicating with the company to understand

how they managed to control the fire.

The official did not clearly explain the PCB's role in handling such incidents. It was also unclear what actions the PCB took to control pollution or whether any legal measures would be taken against the factory.

Additionally, Nagi Reddy noted that standard firefighting gear differs from equipment used for chemical-related accidents. "Specialised training includes the use of personal protective equipment (PPE), chemical firefighting tactics, and environmental protection measures during chemical fires. Firefighters are trained in hazardous materials awareness, including understanding chemical properties, health risks, and emergency response procedures."

## Love triangle fails to impress with outdated storytelling

**FILM: MERE HUSBAND KI BIWI**  
Cast: Arjun Kapoor, Rakul Preet Singh, Bhumi Pednekar,  
Director: Mudassar Aziz

L. RAVICHANDER

Lead actor Arjun Kapoor has stated that the making of *Mere Husband Ki Biwi* felt like an escapade, which is quite accurate. It does not seem like a product of serious planning and execution. The film revolves around a love triangle with a premise that feels outdated. The story follows two women vying for the affections of a confused male protagonist who, incidentally, is portrayed as a "nepo kid", making a living in the real estate business established by his father.

The clash between the two

women borders on a catfight and does not align with the portrayal of contemporary women, especially in the given backdrop.

The film is reminiscent of old South Indian movies starring Shoban Babu, which capitalised on love triangles and heroes caught unwittingly between two warring heroines.

There comes a moment in the film, particularly after the intermission, when the characters make strategic moves. However, their acts of one-up-wo-manship feel degrading, regressive, and intrusive.

Ankur Chadda (played by Arjun Kapoor) is haunted by nightmares of his ex-wife Prabhleen (Bhumi Pednekar), reinforcing his Delhi backstory.

If the film's title isn't enough of a clue, the audience is also treated to a bachelor party where Ankur's father, Senior

Chadda (Shakti Kapoor), is seen ogling at women three generations younger than him.

The film offers glimpses into Ankur's past romance with Prabhleen, who is often poorly advised by their mutual friend Rehan Qureshi (Harsh Gujral).

The love story quickly escalates into marriage, celebrated amidst the Chaddas (Shakti Kapoor and Kavita Kapoor) and the Dhuloons (Mukesh Rishi and Alka Badola).

To modernise the narrative, Ankur arrives with a full band to declare his love for Prabhleen with the song *Zinda Rehti Hai Mohabbatein*. However, the marriage soon crumbles.

Immediately after the separation, Ankur reconnects with Antara Khanna (Rakul Preet Singh), an old classmate of both Ankur and Prabhleen. The bad blood between the



A still from 'Mere Husband Ki Biwi'

rebellious Prabhleen and the stylish Antara dates back to their college days. Both characters utter profound statements that will inevitably come back to haunt them.

In the present, Antara becomes a confidante for Ankur as he recounts his troubled marriage. Enter Big Bro Ricky Khanna (Dino Morea), who assures his sister that this new rela-

tionship won't lead to heartbreak again. Peculiar circumstances lead to Prabhleen re-entering the Chadda household, bringing chaos along with her.

Idiotic confrontations follow, leading to an even more unconvincing finale set in the United Kingdom. Generally, films featuring love triangles rely on strong confrontations to build credibility.

In this case, the film loses whatever little credibility it has. To be fair to the actors, they put in their best effort to salvage the script, but the writing is so painfully outdated that the conflicts feel contrived and exhausting. The characters are reduced to caricatures, completely lacking believability.

The film's climax falls just short of a Punjabi baraat at an English airport, making it a constant assault on both nerves and common sense.

Veteran actors like Kamal Jatt and Anita Raj are wasted in insignificant roles. The standout performance, surprisingly, comes from Harsh Gujral.

Amidst the over-the-top direction, he maintains his composure and delivers impeccable comedic timing. Bhumi Pednekar, on the other hand, tries too hard, bringing an excessive intensity to a role that is poorly written, misconceived, and outdated.

In contrast, Rakul Preet delivers a steady and balanced performance. Not only does she look stunning, she also carries the weight of the weak script on her shoulders, despite the script's obsession with emphasising her looks rather than her character's depth.

As for Arjun Kapoor, he stands tall, much like Ozzy mandias — commanding yet lost in the ruins of a

poorly executed film. As the confused, down-on-luck male protagonist, he brings much-needed charm to the story.

There are shades of Abhishek in his portrayal — only these two actors could have salvaged *Mere Husband Ki Biwi* and given it some substance. One standout moment is when Ankur walks out of the hospital and engages in a brief yet powerful confrontation with Dino Morea's character.

However, Kapoor's efforts are ultimately drowned in a weak script and poor execution.

Someday, hopefully, he will find the right space, much like his famous uncle, and achieve his true potential. His fans at least have something to look forward to. For the rest of us, the film — much like its opening nightmare sequence — remains a nightmare till the end.

SHORT TAKES

ASSAM ENDS BRITISH ERA 'NAMAZ BREAK'

Guwahati, Feb. 22: In a significant move the Assam assembly in its ongoing budget session discontinued its decades old practice of two-hours break on Friday to facilitate Muslim legislators to offer namaz.

However, decision to end this practice of namaz-break was taken in the last session of the Assam assembly in August, but implemented from this sitting.

The Assam assembly speaker Biswajit Daimary who took this decision of abolishing a British-era rule that enabled Muslim members to take a two-hour break to offer namaz on Fridays in a statement, stated that since the creation of the state assembly, the sitting of the House on Fridays used to be adjourned at 11 a.m. to facilitate the Muslim members to go for namaz. The Assembly used to resume proceedings in the post-lunch session after their return from offering prayers. On all other days, the House would conduct its proceedings without any such adjournment for religious purposes. "Speaker took note of this matter and in view of the secular nature of the Constitution, proposed that the Assembly must conduct its proceedings on Fridays.

RAUT CALLS PM 'POLITICAL BUSINESSMAN'

DC CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI, FEB. 22

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut on Saturday said his party knows the truth behind Prime Minister Narendra Modi's respect for former Union minister Sharad Pawar. He said Mr Modi dismantled Balasaheb Thackeray's Shiv Sena and Sharad Pawar's NCP. "What kind of respect is this?" asked Raut.

The PM and Mr. Pawar shared a stage during the inauguration of the 98th All India Marathi Sahitya Sammelan in Delhi on Friday. A video from the event has gone viral, in which the PM is seen helping the 84-year-old veteran leader to sit in his chair and subsequently serving him water after which the audience broke out in applause.

Referring to the video, Sanjay Raut said, "Pawar is senior to Modi. Just because someone holds the PM's position doesn't make him superior. We welcome that Pawar is the chairman of the conference."

CHOUHAN FUMES ON GETTING BROKEN SEAT ON FLIGHT

VINEETA PANDEY | DC NEW DELHI, FEB. 22

Air India, now under the Tata Group, is facing harsh criticism from within the government itself. Union agriculture minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, in a lengthy post on X, expressed his dismay over broken seats and the dilapidated condition of the airline's aircraft, describing the situation as "cheating passengers."

The minister, who had hoped that service quality would improve under Tata's management, detailed his experience on Air India flight AI436 from Bhopal to Delhi, where he was assigned seat 8C that turned out to be broken and sunken. Despite the offer by co-passengers to change seats, he chose to remain, highlighting the inconvenience and unethical nature of charging full fare for substandard facilities.

KARAT STRESSES ON UNITY TO COMBAT BJP

Kolkata, Feb 22: Maintaining that unity of secular forces is necessary to stop BJP's juggernaut, CPM leader Prakash Karat on Saturday admitted that the Left party has struggled to strengthen itself and regain public support.

Karat said that to fight the RSS ideology, which according to him has spread across the country, it is crucial to strengthen the CPIM and other Left parties.

The unity of opposition INDIA bloc ensured that the BJP did not win a majority by itself in the last Lok Sabha polls, he said. The CPM central committee coordinator said in West Bengal, the Left forces need to escalate its presence to fight the ruling Trinamool Congress and the BJP.

Cong. urges PM to heed to Trump's ballot advice

Demands return to paper-ballot voting system for elections

New Delhi, Feb. 22: The Congress on Saturday asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi to heed to his friend, US President Donald Trump, for using paper ballots and not machines for voting to address the concerns of the entire country on the integrity of India's electoral process.

Congress general secretary, organisation, K C Venugopal wondered why the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is feigning ignorance to what the entire world is saying and why is its government running away from transparency.

"Will PM Modi pay heed to his best friend Donald Trump's message on ballot papers and same day voting, and address the concerns of the whole nation about the integrity of our electoral process?" Venugopal asked in a post on X.

"I'm sure his best friend will also be appalled at the abnormal increase of lakhs of voters in Maharashtra, or the surgical deletions of opposition votes



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abnormal increase of lakhs of voters in Maharashtra, or the surgical deletions of opposition votes," he said, citing Trump's remarks at a governors' meeting.

At the meeting, Trump was heard urging governors to switch to paper ballots and same-day voting, claiming that machines are expensive.

"It is tragic that the BJP is feigning ignorance to what is evident to the entire world, that the electoral system can be severely manipulated and their attitude of running away from transparency is only

confirming our suspicions about their malpractices," Venugopal said.

The Congress has been demanding a return to the paper-ballot system for voting for quite some time, alleging that the results of electronic voting machines are doubtful, even as the Election Commission (EC) has been saying that no one has been able to prove anything wrong with EVMS.

The government has repeatedly told Parliament that there is no going back to the paper-ballot system.

—PTI

I WANT VOTER TURNOUT TOO, SAYS TRUMP

FROM PAGE 1

The US President questioned if it constitutes external influence on India's democratic process. "\$21 million going to my friend Prime Minister Modi for voter turnout. We are giving \$21 million for voter turnout in India, what about us? I want voter turnout too, Governor... \$29 million to strengthen the political landscape in Bangladesh went to a firm that nobody ever heard of," Trump said in remarks to US governors. Trump's latest comments have prompted renewed clashes between the BJP and Congress. No matter how much money Modi brings, he cannot weaken India's democracy," said Pawan Khara.

Kids in west region states hit by malnutrition: Shah

DC CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI, FEB. 22

Union home minister Amit Shah on Saturday expressed concern over the prevalence of malnutrition and stunting among children and citizens in western zone states, which are among the most prosperous in the country. He urged the chief ministers, ministers and chief secretaries of the western zone to prioritise eliminating malnutrition to improve overall health.

Shah chaired the 27th meeting of the Western Zonal Council, which includes the states of Gujarat, Goa, and Maharashtra, and the Union Territories of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, in Pune. Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnis, deputy CM Eknath Shinde, Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel and Goa CM Pramod Sawant also attended the meeting.

Emphasising that good health is not solely dependent on medicines and hospitals, Shah said that the governments should rather make efforts to ensure that children and citizens do not require them in the first place. He stressed the need for serious attention to the problem of stunting in children and called for



Union home minister Amit Shah with Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis and Dy CM Eknath Shinde at the 27th meeting of the Western Zonal Council, in Pune. —PTI

all possible measures to resolve it.

Shah said that Zonal Councils have been established as a strategic decision-making platform, surpassing their traditional role as formal institutions. "Through this platform, several significant and transformative decisions have been made, particularly in the meetings of the Eastern Zonal Council," he said. Further, the Union minister further said that the Western region's role is critical in the country's economy, noting that it accounts for more than half of India's trade with the world. The Northern and Central

regions also rely on the Western region for global trade. Key infrastructure, including ports and urban development facilities in the Western region, serves not only its states but also others like Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, and Rajasthan. The Western region contributes 25 per cent to the nation's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and is home to industries where 80 to 90 per cent of operations take place. Given its economic significance, the Western region is a benchmark for balanced and holistic development across the country, Shah said.

Sacred Kumbh gathering



An aerial view captures thousands of devotees taking a holy dip at Sangam, the confluence of rivers Ganga, Yamuna and Saraswati, during the ongoing Maha Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj on Saturday. —PTI

BHUPATHI HAILS BIHAR'S TENNIS PROWESS

DC CORRESPONDENT PATNA, FEB. 22

Indian tennis legend Mahesh Bhupathi visited Patna today, interacting with budding tennis players and discussing their training, techniques, and career opportunities. He urged them to remain dedicated to the sport and consistently work on improving their skills.

During his visit, Bhupathi met additional chief secretary of the sports department, Dr B. Rajender, director Mahendra Kumar, and director general of Bihar State Sports Authority, Ravindran Shankaran. Their discussions focused on sports development in Bihar and the facilities available to athletes.

He said "It is exciting to see growing sports awareness and emerging talent in Bihar. With better infrastructure, coaching, and competitive tournaments, the state can further boost its sports culture."

Modi to be chief guest at Mauritius National Day

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, FEB. 22

Mauritius Prime Minister Navin Ramgoolam announced in the National Assembly that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will serve as the Guest of Honour at the country's National Day celebrations. Modi is scheduled to visit Port Louis on March 11 and 12, during which bilateral talks will be held between the two nations.

Mauritius commemorates its National Day on March 12, marking the 57th anniversary of its independence.

Speaking amid enthusiastic applause, Ramgoolam expressed his delight at hosting a leader of such stature, noting that despite his busy schedule and recent trips to Paris and the United States, Modi had graciously accepted the invitation.

He described the visit as a testament to the close ties between India and



Narendra Modi

Mauritius commemorates its National Day on March 12, marking the 57th anniversary of its independence.

Mauritius. The two countries share a robust relationship and strong economic partnership, underscored by the signing of the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (CECPA) in 2021 and a recent protocol amending the tax treaty to curb evasion and foster mutual trade and investment.

MEA: INDIA AND BHUTAN TIES EXEMPLARY

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, FEB. 22

As Prime Minister of Bhutan Tshering Tobgay concluded his two-day visit to India, the ministry of external affairs said (MEA) said his visit was in keeping with the tradition of regular high-level exchanges between India and Bhutan, "a hallmark of the special partnership" the two nations enjoy.

Tobgay was on an official visit to India from February 20-21 to participate in the inaugural Leadership Conclave of the School of Ultimate Leadership.

"India and Bhutan enjoy exemplary ties of friendship and cooperation, based on trust, goodwill at all levels," MEA said.

KUNO | TROUBLE

Gender of two cubs born in South Africa yet to be determined

Finding cheetah gender turns challenge

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY BHOPAL, FEB. 22

The process of identification of gender and fathers of all the 14 cheetah cubs, barring two, in Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park (NP) has been completed, giving birth to a new challenge to the authorities concerned of maintaining genetic diversity of the species, the key objective of the cheetah introduction project in India.

A senior forest officer in KNP disclosed to this newspaper that the gender and fathers of 12 out of 14

cheetah cubs in Kuno have been identified.

Gender of a cheetah cub is confirmed when it is one year old.

"Gender and fathers of all the 14 cubs, barring two, in the KNP have been identified.

The gender of two cubs, born to South African female cheetah Veera, is yet to be determined, as they are barely a few weeks old", the forest officer said, unwilling to be quoted.

According to him, 23-month-old Mukhi, the lone survivor among four cubs, born in the first litter of South African female

cheetah Jwala, was fathered by Freddie, the Namibia cheetah who died of unknown reasons later.

The female cub Mukhi was abandoned by Jwala in her infancy following the death of her three siblings due to acute dehydration in Kuno soon after their birth. Jwala's second litter yielding four cubs including two females was fathered by Namibian cheetah Pawan which died of drowning later.

The cubs are now 13-month-old. Similarly, Namibian female cheetah Aasha's first litter of three male cubs was fathered by Pawan.



Cheetah cubs at the Kuno National Park. Gender and paternal identification of 12 cubs has been completed, raising concerns over genetic diversity.

INDIA, JAPAN JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE TOMORROW

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, FEB. 22

India and Japan are poised to begin the sixth edition of their Joint Military Exercise 'DHARMA Guardian' on February 24, aiming to bolster interoperability between the two armies in joint urban warfare and counter-terrorism operations under a UN mandate.

The exercise will be held at the East Fuji Manoeuvre Training Area in Japan, running until March 9, 2025. It is part of an annual series alternately conducted in both countries, with the previous edition taking place in Rajasthan from February to March 2024.

An Indian contingent of 120 personnel, primarily from a MADRAS Regiment battalion, will represent the Indian Army, supported by other arms and services. The Japan Ground Self Defence Force (JGSDF) will field an equally sized unit from its 34th Infantry Regiment.

"The Indian Army contingent departed today for the 6th edition of India-Japan Joint Military Exercise 'DHARMA Guardian'," the Indian Army said in a statement pm Saturday. Joint drills will focus on high-intensity physical fitness, joint planning, and tactical exercises, particularly related to urban warfare and counter-terrorism.

Operational scenarios will also include disaster response strategies, emphasising enhanced combat readiness and seamless interoperability during joint missions.

U'khand bars outsiders from purchasing land

PRITHVIRAJ SINGH | DC DEHRADUN, FEB. 22

The Uttarakhand Assembly has passed the Uttarakhand (Uttar Pradesh Zamindari Abolition and Land Reforms Act 1950) (Amendment) Bill, 2025, effectively banning non-natives from purchasing land in the state's hill regions. The Bill, introduced to halt indiscriminate sales of agricultural and horticultural land, was approved with a thumping majority despite the opposition's demand to refer it to a select committee.

According to its provisions, the purchase of land in 11 hill districts of Uttarakhand by non-natives is now completely banned, and buying more than 12.5 acres of land for prescribed purposes has been disallowed. For Udhampur Singh Nagar and Haridwar, administrative permission is required. The mandatory consent of the District Magistrate for land transactions has been removed, and if an affidavit to purchase over 250 square metres of land outside municipal limits is found false, any excess land can be seized by the state. Defending the Bill, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said it



Pushkar Singh Dhami

respects the will of the people by safeguarding state resources, cultural heritage, and the rights of Uttarakhand's citizens. He termed it the beginning of broader land management reforms in the state. Although the Congress and other Opposition parties supported the law in principle, they argued it contained flaws and pressed for referral to the select committee. Leader of the Opposition Yashpal Arya claimed the new law could harm the Terai belt and questioned its protections against outside buyers. Arya further said the Bill was introduced due to public pressure as people across Uttarakhand demanded a stringent land law. Despite the opposition's stance, their attempt to send the Bill to the select committee failed during voting, and the new land law was passed.

Centre launches big crackdown in Manipur

MANOJ ANAND | DC GUWAHATI, FEB. 22

The Central government has worked out a multi-pronged strategy to restore law and order in strife-torn Manipur by launching a massive crackdown against all the armed rebel groups, besides proposing an amnesty plan to recover illegal arms and restore free movement of people and goods across the state.

Informing that security forces have already started taking steps to remove illegal check posts of Kuki groups in hill areas, security sources said that there were protests in many parts of the state's valley after 26 members of Arambai Tenggol, a Meitei militia, were rounded up on Friday along with some village volunteers. They were released later. In just one week, security forces have arrested over 30 insurgents, including senior leaders from various mili-

tant outfits. Several village volunteers were also detained, triggering protests in multiple areas across Imphal.

The arrested militants belong to various valley-based insurgent groups, including the Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP), People's Liberation Army (PLA), PREPAK and KYKL, as well as Kuki militant groups such as the Kuki National Army (KNA) and United National Kuki Army (UNKA).

Pointing out that the amnesty scheme has been rolled out for those who have looted weapons from police armouries, security sources said that governor A.K. Bhalla has already issued a statement that if arms looted from armouries are returned within the next seven days, no prosecution will take place. Beyond the deadline, strict action will be taken against those in possession of looted or sophisticated weapons.

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**OAMB** 10.35, 7.25, 10.15PM (TAMIL-1.30PM)

**PRASAD'S** - 9.30AM

**LAKSHMIKALA** - 11.15, 6.15, 9.30PM

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MANTRA MALL-11.00, 1.50, 4.40, 10.20PM  
SUDHA-11.30, 2.20, 5.10, 8.00PM  
LULU-11.00, 4.50, 10.30PM  
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MOOSARABAGH-10.20, 4.30, 7.20, 10.50PM  
IRRUMMANZIL-11.00, 1.40, 7.20, 10.40PM  
PRESTON-10.20AM, 10.20PM  
ATRIUM MALL-5.00, 7.50, 10.40PM

**INOX**  
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NECKLACE MALL-10.00, 12.45, 5.10, 7.50, 10.40PM  
ASHOKA ONE-11.15, 2.00, 8.00, 10.40PM

**MIRAJ**  
SHALINI-10.40, 4.40, 7.30, 10.30PM  
BALANAGAR-11.00, 1.50, 7.50, 10.20PM  
CHANDANAGAR-11.00, 1.50, 7.50, 10.20PM  
MIYAPUR-11.10, 1.20, 7.50PM  
MALKAJGIRI-11.10, 1.20, 7.50PM

**MOVIE AMX**  
AMR MALL 10.10, 3.30PM  
**SFC** 10.15, 1.15, 4.15, 10.15PM

**TIVOLI** 11.15, 2.00, 7.50PM  
**NEO** 10.30, 1.35, 4.50, 8.05, 11.15PM

**MOVIE TIME**  
AMEERPET-11.00, 4.30, 10.30PM  
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**ASIAN SWAPNA 70** 2.15, 9.00PM

**KRISHNAALIYABAD** 11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

**TALLURI COMPLEX** 11.00, 6.00PM

**VENKATESWARA 70 - GUMMADIDHALA**

**OAMB** AMB-1.35PM | **AAA** - 4.30PM

11.30, 6.15PM | **PRASAD'S** - 10.00AM

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MUSARABAGH-11.45, 8.10PM  
L&T GALLERIA-11.00, 4.45PM | PRESTON-11.00, 4.40

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GVK-5.10PM | MP MALL-5.00PM  
GSM MALL-11.15, 8.15PM | PRISM-11.25, 5.05  
SATTVA NECKLACE-11.50, 8.05PM  
ASHOKA ONE-10.45, 4.55PM

**ASIAN CINEMAS**  
RADHIKA-1.30PM | MCUBE MALL-1.30PM  
CINESQUARE-4.25, 10.30PM  
MJR SQUARE-10.50, 4.35PM  
JP CINEMAS-4.30, 10.40PM | CINEMART-1.30, 7.35  
SHA-2.45PM | CINEPLANET-4.25PM

**MIRAJ**  
BALANAGAR-11.20, 1.55, 7.40PM  
SHALINI-11.30PM | MIYAPUR-5.10PM  
MALKAJGIRI-5.10PM | RCPURAM-2.00, 7.40PM

**MOVIE TIME**  
AMEERPET-2.00, 7.30PM  
GACHIBOWLI-11.00, 5.15PM  
SANATH NAGAR-2.30, 10.15PM

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04:25 PM

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10:10 AM, 12:50 PM, 04:00 PM  
07:20 PM, 10:20 PM  
TAM 2D (UA)  
01:10 PM, 04:05 PM

**THANDEL** ₹250/350  
TEL 2D (UA)  
01:20 PM, 03:55 PM, 07:15 PM  
10:25 PM

**CHHAAVA** ₹250/350  
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07:00 PM, 07:10 PM, 07:20 PM  
10:10 PM, 10:20 PM, 10:30 PM

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01:00 PM, 10:15 PM

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04:40 PM, 10:25 PM  
ENG 2D (UA) ₹295/350  
10:40 AM

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