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## IB officer posted at Hyderabad killed in Pahalgam terror attack

**Baharat Samachar**  
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Hyderabad: An officer of the Intelligence Bureau posted in Hyderabad has reportedly been killed by the terrorists during the dastardly attack on tourists in Pahalgam of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, April 22. The officer has been identified as Manish Ranjan, a native of Bihar, who was posted in the Intelligence Bureau as the Assistant Central Intelligence Officer (ACIO-1) in Hyderabad. He was reportedly shot dead before his wife and children,

while they had gone to Kashmir on a vacation. Soon after the attack, his wife and children could be seen escorted to safety by the security forces. At least 26 tourists were reported killed during the terrorist attack. Among them was a naval officer from Haryana, a businessman from Karnataka among others. Expressing his shock over the terror attack, chief minister A Revanth Reddy condemned the attack and offered his deepest condolences to the bereaved families of the victims. He stated on X that such cowardly attacks

## Adani Data Networks to transfer 400 MHz spectrum to Bharti Airtel



**Baharat Samachar**  
april 22 2025

Ahmedabad: Adani Data Networks Limited (ADNL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Adani Enterprises Limited (AEL), on Tuesday announced that it has signed definitive agreements with Bharti Airtel Limited and its subsidiary Bharti Hexacom Limited to transfer the rights to use 400 MHz of spectrum in the 26 GHz band. The spectrum covers six telecom circles — Gujarat (100 MHz), Mumbai (100 MHz), Andhra Pradesh (50 MHz), Rajasthan (50 MHz), Karnataka (50 MHz) and Tamil Nadu (50 MHz). "Adani Data Networks Limited (ADNL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Adani Enterprises Limited, has signed definitive agreements with Bharti Airtel Limited and its subsidiary Bharti Hexacom Limited to transfer the rights to use 400 MHz of spectrum in the 26 GHz band," the company said in its stock exchange filing. The transaction, however, is subject to statutory

## Cyber criminal escapes custody in Delhi after conning Telangana police

**Baharat Samachar**  
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Hyderabad: A cyber criminal, who was detained by the Telangana cyber crime team during a raid in New Delhi, managed to con the police and escape. A police team from Hyderabad went to the national capital and caught six conmen involved in cybercrime cases. All of them were shifted to

Telangana Bhavan there and kept under detention to be produced before the court later. On pretext of using the washroom, one of the arrestees managed to escape. The Telangana cybercrime team has approached the Delhi police for help. The cyber criminal gang is involved in several cases in Telangana. Officials in Hyderabad are tight-

## 'Emergency' movie row: Author Coomi Kapoor alleges distortion of facts

**Baharat Samchar**  
april 22 2025

New Delhi: Actor and BJP MP Kangana Ranaut's controversial film, "Emergency", has landed in trouble once again after senior journalist and author Coomi Kapoor accused her production house, Manikarnika Films Private Limited, and Netflix of "intentionally and maliciously distorting facts" and exploiting her name by claiming that the film is based on her

book, "The Emergency: A Personal History". Kapoor, whose book was published by Penguin in 2015, has claimed that the tripartite agreement signed between Manikarnika Films, Penguin and herself regarding the book's intellectual property rights for adaption into a feature film has been "blatantly breached". She has accused the makers of the film of "multiple factual inaccuracies and misleading portrayals of historical events". "My daughter is a lawyer, so on her advice

# KTR invites Rahul Gandhi

to University of Hyderabad over Kancha Gachibowli row

**Baharat Samachar**  
april 22 2025

Hyderabad: Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president KT Rama Rao (KTR) has publicly invited Congress leader Rahul Gandhi back to the University of Hyderabad (UoH) to discuss urgent issues, such as the planned Rohith Vemula Act and recent environmental issues regarding land development in the Kancha Gachibowli area. In a public statement posted on social media, KTR has referred to Gandhi's earlier visit to UoH

in 2016 when there was a tragic loss of Dalit student Rohith Vemula. He asked Gandhi about his silence regarding current issues concerning the university and its environment. "Mr. @RahulGandhi visited HCU not once but twice in a month during the KCR government, where he was provided with all security and protection. He had protested along with the students demanding justice for Rohith Vemula. Now, the Congress government of Telangana won't let us anywhere near the University of Hyderabad and sends police



to stop us. Why this hypocrisy, Rahul Ji? What is your Govt hiding from the world?" he questioned. The row revolves around the Telangana govern-

ment's development work on a 400-acre plot of land in Kancha Gachibowli that has triggered protests by students and environmental activists.

They allege that the deforestation at the Kancha Gachibowli land has led to the destruction of natural habitats and the displacement of wildlife. The state government, however, asserts that the land is state-owned and that the redevelopment was carried out legally, emphasising that the project serves a public purpose. Rahul Gandhi recently called on Telangana chief minister A Revanth Reddy to implement the 'Rohith Vemula Act,' which seeks to ban caste discrimination in schools and colleges. In his letter, Gandhi called for legislative

## Belgian court rejects Mehul Choksi's bail plea,

**Baharat Samachar**  
april 22 2025

New Delhi: A Belgian court on Tuesday rejected the bail plea of Mehul Choksi, the diamond merchant who is a prime accused in the Rs 13,000-crore PNB fraud case, his lawyer said. The diamantaire was arrested in Antwerp by the Belgian police on April 12 based on an extradition request moved by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Enforcement Directorate (ED). His lawyer Vijay

## Protestors form human chain in Ahmedabad against Waqf Act

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april 22 2025

Ahmedabad: Muslim community members formed human chains in Ahmedabad and Vadodara cities to protest against the Waqf (Amendment) Act and Uniform Civil Code on Tuesday. In Ahmedabad, separate human chains comprising men and women were formed on both sides of the Nehru Bridge. The protest

was organised by 'Gujarat Hitrakshak Samiti', a non-political body with Muslim members from various parties including the Congress and All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM), said one of the organisers of the protest, Abdul Ahad. Some protesters demonstrated in Lal Darwaja area and shouted slogans against the BJP government. "Since permission was not granted for such a protest on a public road, local po-



lice detained 19 persons from the spot and released them in the evening," said Shahpur police station inspector PD Khambhla. In Vadodara, a human chain

was formed in the Tandajia area on both sides of the road, holding placards with slogans "We Reject Waqf Act" and "We Reject UCC".

## Community leaders gather to condemn rising polarisation; warn of looming worse time

**Baharat Samachar**  
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New Delhi: The Delhi State branch of the All India Muslim Majlis-e-Mushawarat organized a major conference on Saturday evening to strengthen national harmony and social unity. According to a press note, eminent leaders from the Muslim, Sikh, Christian, and Buddhist communities participated in the event. Together, they pledged to reinforce the fabric of national and social unity and exposed those forces that are at-

tacking unity for their petty political gains. The conference was attended by the national spokesperson of the Gurudwara Sangh and President of the All India Peace Mission, Daya Singh; former Delhi minister Rajendra Pal Gautam; Dr. M. D. Thomas, President of the Institute of Harmony and Peace Studies; renowned Islamic scholar Mufti Ataur Rahman Qasmi; Advocate Feroz Khan Ghazi, General Secretary of Samla; Prof Mohammad Suleman, Working President of the Muslim Majlis-e-Mushawarat and head of the Indian Na-

tional League; former MP Ram Bakhsh Verma; and President of the Muslim Majlis-e-Mushawarat, Dr. Zafarul-Islam Khan. The event was conducted by the well-known journalist Suhail Anjum. Dr. Zafarul-Islam Khan said that Islam makes no distinction among human beings. According to Allah Almighty, the best person is the one who is most pious and God-fearing—that is, the one who fears Allah and protects and honours the rights of others. He highlighted the need for national and social unity and brotherhood in the coun-

## 4 cardinals, including two from Kerala, eligible to vote for new Pope

**Baharat Samachar**  
april 22 2025

Kochi: Four cardinals from India, including two from Kerala, are eligible to vote in the cardinals' conclave, expected to be held at the Vatican next week, to elect the new Pope following the death of Pope Francis, church sources said here. Only cardinals under the age of 80 are eligible to vote, as per the regulations, they said. Francis, who was the first non-European Pope in nearly 1,300 years, passed away on Monday at the age of 88. Anthony Poola, the Archbishop of Hyderabad; Filipe Neri Cardinal Ferrao, the Archbishop of Goa and Daman; Cardinal Basileos Cleemis of the Syro-Malankara Church; and George Koovakkad, the newly appointed cardinal, are the four who can cast votes in the upcoming conclave, according to a church spokesperson. "There are a total of 252 cardinals in the Church. Among them

## New Office Bearers of MEWA elected

**Baharat Samachar**  
april 22 2025

Hyderabad: Shaik Naveed has been elected as President of Maulana Azad National Urdu University's Employees Welfare Association's (MEWA). This is his fifth term and third in a row as President. The elections were held on April 16, 2025 and results were declared on Thursday last.

According to Prof. Mohammed Abdul Azeem, Returning Officer, MEWA Elections 2025 other elected office bearers include Dharanjeet Kumar (Vice-President); Mohd Shawn-avaz Ali Qureshi (General Secre-



tary); M.A. Nawaz (Joint Secretary); Syed Ghouse (Secretary); Syed Yousuf Razvi (Organizing Secretary) and; Razzak Shareef (Treasurer). Meanwhile, Mohd. Javed, Md. Asif and Mr. M A Khayyum Baba are elected as the members. Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan, Vice-Chancellor and Prof. Ishtiaque Ahmed, Registrar congratulated the newly elected office bearers.



# Editorial

## Will New Pontiff Continue Pope Francis’ Glasnost?

As the world mourns the death of Pope Francis, the first Latin American head of the Roman Catholic Church, who died on April 21, Easter Monday, at the age of 88, the Catholic Church’s top prelates in the Vatican will be busy in the next few weeks with the election of the new Pope. The Church has its time-honoured bureaucratic procedures of electing the successor to Pope Francis through the members of the College of Cardinals below the age of 80. Interestingly, Pope Francis has created 30 cardinals from Asia and Africa, making the important assembly of cardinals even more representative. So, the speculation about the successor of Francis is whether it would be another outsider like him -- an Argentine though his Italian grandparents had migrated to Argentina after the First World War to seek a better life compared to the straitened economic status in Turin. Also Read - Pradeep S. Mehta | India’s ‘Circular Economy’: It’s An Old Concept For a New World Advertisement He was also the first Jesuit to become the Pope. This has its own symbolism. The Jesuits, known as the Society of Jesus, had spearheaded the Counter-Reformation in the face of German Augustan monk Martin Luther’s Protestant rebellion. The Jesuits have been known to be the defenders of the Roman Catholic Church, reputed for their shrewdness and cunning. Pope Francis was shrewd in many ways but in a benign sense. His liberal views on the issue of gay priests -- his famous riposte “Who am I to judge” -- and his attempt to reach out to the Islamic world at the time of rising Islamophobia -- have their element of cunning too. But he made these issues more than a matter of policy and strategy. Also Read - Aakar Patel | China’s GDP Will Outstrip US Soon: Tariff War Last Bid To Check Beijing? The openness he displayed was rooted in his moral commitment. And here comes the interesting complication of his worldview. Even as he adopted the name of Francis after St. Francis of Assisi, he showed his commitment to the Franciscan vows of poverty, compassion. Pope Francis cared for the poor, and one of his declared commitments on becoming the Pope was to keep the Church poor and to care for the poor. This awareness of the poor can be traced back to his own growing-up years in Buenos Aires in a neighbourhood of immigrants. And he was also drawn to the famous Liberation Theology movement of the Roman Catholic priests in Latin America. He recalls in his autobiography, Hope, that he grew up among people of other faiths, who included Jews and Muslims. This is a dimension that shaped his views about religions and how the church should approach the issue. Also Read - Shikha Mukerjee | Chronicle of a strategic retreat: Waqf Act shift The general view of Pope Francis has been that he has been a liberal and progressive pontiff, and the Roman Catholic Church was in need of a man like him after the pronounced conservatism of his predecessor Pope Benedict XV and of Pope John Paul II, who was hailed as the man who contributed to the downfall of Communism starting with his native Poland. That was a formidable legacy. John Paul II was the Pope from 1978 to 2005, and Benedict XVI from 2005 to 2013. So, Pope Francis’ papal term of 12 years seems to have just opened the windows to winds of change if they are to be called that. Also Read - Sanjeev Ahluwalia | Fix Glitches In UPI Fast: National Symbol At Risk The conservatives in the Roman Catholic Church remain entrenched, and Pope Francis had to brush them aside. He did not always consult the College of Cardinals, and formed his own small, select committee of nine cardinals to advise him. He appointed many women to key positions in the Roman Curia, the administrative setup of the Vatican. The other revolutionary and conservative -- yes, this is indeed the mix of irreconcilable features -- aspect of Francis’ papacy has been his canonisation policy. He has reached out to create saints through the well-laid out process of the Roman Catholic Church from outside the Western realm -- Kolkata’s St. Teresa (of the Missionaries of Charity) in 2016, Cardinal John Henry Newman, the 19th century English Catholic priest who is known for his famous essay The Idea of a University. And also from Argentina and Brazil. The little noticed canonisation was that of 800 Catholics who had been massacred by the Turks in 1480 and known as the Italian martyrs of Otranto. The total number of those canonised by Francis rises to a phenomenal 912. Among those canonised were three of his predecessors, Pope John XXIII, Pope Paul VI and Pope John Paul II. Canonisation is a way of strengthening the Roman Catholic Church. It can be rationalised as a way of remembering the people who have done much for the faithful. And he would have most likely defended it as such. Pope Francis had adopted a nuanced stance of being rooted in religion and the traditions of the Church even as he reached out to the poor people of all faiths across the world. And he derived his compassion and concern from his own religious beliefs. To remain rooted in religion and faith in a time of both existential and political uncertainties is a matter of both integrity and courage. It is in this act of commitment that Pope Francis becomes an ideal, and it is not surprising that people across the world and across faiths admire him.

# Protestors form human chain in Ahmedabad against Waqf Act

Varun Kesavan Managing editor E Mail I'd - varunkesavanpressmedia@gmail.com Toshiba Energy Systems on Monday said its arm Toshiba Transmission has inked an initial pact to invest about Rs 562 crore to expand manufacturing capacity in Telangana. The memorandum of understanding (MoU) signing ceremony was held in Tokyo in the presence of Telangana Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy and Hiroshi Furuta, Chairman and Managing Director, Toshiba Transmission & Distribution Systems (India) Private Limited (TTDI).

TTDI, a subsidiary of Toshiba Energy Systems & Solutions Corporation (Japan), has signed the MoU with the Telangana government on April 18, 2025, to advance its previously announced investment of JPY 10 billion (Rs 562 crore) for expanding its manufacturing capabilities in the state, according to a statement. “This MoU will bolster Toshiba’s manufacturing footprint in India and contribute to local employment and skills development. With strong support from the Government of Telangana, we are poised to accelerate

our manufacturing capabilities and deliver high-quality, sustainable energy solutions for India and the world,” Furuta said. Karnataka govt signs MoU with European firms to run e-RT in Hubballi-Dharwad As part of the agreement, the proposed investment of Rs 562 crore is expected to generate over 250 direct jobs over the three years from FY2024, further contributing to the socio-economic development of the region. TTDI and the Telangana government have also expressed their intent

to explore future opportunities for growth and diversification, while jointly advancing skill development initiatives to nurture local talent and strengthen the industrial ecosystem in the state. The strategic MoU reaffirms Toshiba’s long-term commitment to India and strengthens its alignment with the ‘Make in India’ and ‘Export from India’ initiatives through a significant investment to expand TTDI’s manufacturing footprint in Hyderabad. This includes scaling up assembly and test-

ing capacities for both distribution and power transformers, with a focus on meeting growing demand in India and boosting export capabilities. The investment will also establish a state-of-the-art facility to enhance vertical integration, reduce lead times, and improve quality, safety, and workplace efficiency. With a strong focus on quality, innovation, and sustainability,TTDI has exported India-made transformers to more than 50 countries, cementing its role as a global hub for T&D equipment.

## India’s ‘Circular Economy’: It’s An Old Concept For a New World

In India, the circular economy is not a borrowed idea -- it is a cultural legacy. Woven into our traditions, values, and daily practices, circularity has long been a way of life rather than a policy. Long before terms like “circular economy” or “sustainable consumption” entered the global discourse, Indian households have lived these values without fanfare, but with conviction. Sustainability wasn’t strategy, it is a way of life. It was sanskar (culture) -- part of how we were raised to think and act. Also Read - Parsa Venkateshwar Rao Jr | Will New Pontiff Continue Pope Francis’ Glasnost? Advertisement Old saris became quilts. Oil tins turned into storage boxes. Clothes were mended by neighbourhood tailors, often shared across siblings, and rarely wasted. Leaving behind uneaten food in the plate was blasphemous. These weren’t acts of altruism but acts of reverence. Our ancestors practiced what the world now preaches: respect for resources, minimisation of waste, and living in harmony with nature. Circularity ran through our festivals, rituals, and rural economies, echoing philosophy rooted in regeneration and restraint. Also Read - Aakar Patel | China’s GDP Will Outstrip US Soon: Tariff War Last Bid To Check Beijing? What looked like thrift was a deep ecological worldview. While

industrial economies raced ahead with the linear “take-make-dispose” model, India retained its cultural ethic of renewal. But even we haven’t been immune to the pull of hyper-consumerism. Aspirations have shifted. Global supply chains have shortened product life cycles, advertising has redefined needs as wants, and durability has given way to disposability. Even those striving to make responsible choices find themselves caught in a dilemma, as sustainable alternatives, when available, are often expensive or inaccessible. Also Read - Shikha Mukerjee | Chronicle of a strategic retreat: Waqf Act shift From Cultural Memory to Climate Mission: In this landscape, where conscious choices are difficult and traditional wisdom is fading, India needs a new path -- one that reconnects with its roots while aligning with global climate goals. It is in this context that Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment), launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in October 2022 alongside UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, becomes highly relevant. Framed as a global mass movement, Mission LiFE calls for shifting from wasteful consumption to mindful, purpose driven living. It identifies individual behaviour as the core of climate action, urging people to make small, impactful changes in daily life.



Also Read - Sanjeev Ahluwalia | Fix Glitches In UPI Fast: National Symbol At Risk We have had Ecomark, the environmental labelling scheme, in India since 1991, but it has hardly been successful because of lack of political will. Very few products qualified under that which were also not marketed with the environmental attributes. Few years ago, Prime Minister Narendra Modi reviewed the scheme and suggested that it should be revived and to begin with, products made from waste be promoted under the Ecomark scheme. This step would have pushed our circular economy in a big way. Alas, there was little traction then and even today. However, many such products are being promoted by businesses. The transformative potential here is vast. Even without Ecomark, campaigns now promote energy efficient appliances, electric mobility, and responsible e-waste disposal. A working paper by the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister estimates that a circular

economy path could reduce India’s greenhouse gas emissions by 23 per cent in 2030 and by 44 per cent in 2050 compared to current trajectory, significantly supporting our Paris Agreement commitments. Making Sustainability the Default, Not the Privilege: But real transformation demands more than individual resolve. The burden of sustainability cannot rest solely on consumers, especially when eco-friendly choices remain a luxury. If organic food, renewable energy and ethically produced goods are costlier and less accessible than their polluting counterparts, sustainability risks becoming an elite pursuit. The challenge, therefore, is systemic: how do we make sustainable consumption the default -- affordable, aspirational, and available to all? This is where policy and industry must lead. Green innovation needs investment. Circular businesses must be incentivised. Sustainable goods must enter mainstream supply chains. Urban planning must

support zero waste models, shared mobility, and walkable cities. Subsidies must move from fossil fuels to renewables and regenerative agriculture. India is already making bold moves. The Green Credit Programme, launched in 2023, aims to create a market where eco-positive actions earn tradable credits, offering economic incentives for sustainability. Still, much remains to be done and addressed. Recent reports indicate that several leading electronics companies are resisting India’s e-waste rules under EPR, calling them overly strict, expensive and difficult to comply with. Sustainability cannot be optional, especially by those who have long profited from a linear, extractive economy driven by planned obsolescence and unchecked consumption. To overcome resistance, we need not just regulate, but affirm circularity as the way ahead. A contemporary reflection of this ethos lies in the global second-hand trade. In many regions, markets for pre-owned garments

and used cars support livelihoods, offer affordability, and slow the production waste cycle. Yet, these markets are unfairly stigmatised as symbols of underdevelopment rather than tools of sustainability. Instead of discouraging them, policy must dignify and strengthen such markets. Religious traditions can play a transformative role. Research from the UK finds that Hindus in India exhibit the highest concern about the environmental impact of their consumption. This cultural capital, rooted in values of restraint and interdependence, can become a powerful lever for change, if activated with care and inclusivity. India stands at a unique juncture. It has the policy momentum, the cultural heritage, and the demographic energy to lead a truly transformative circular economy model. Success will depend on how well we bridge past and future, tradition and innovation. In doing so, India can offer the world not just climate solutions, but civilisational wisdom -- reminding us that the circular economy isn’t just about managing materials, but about reimagining our relationship with the planet. The writer is the secretary-general of CUTS International, a 40-year-old leading global public policy research and advocacy group. He is also a founder member of the Government of India’s Ecomark



## By Dismissing Doubts Over EVMs, EC Must Know It Can't Promise a Free and Fair Elections

While announcing the schedule for the 18th Lok Sabha elections on March 16, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar snubbed the Doubting Thomases who question the reliability of EVMs (which most of the electorate do). He was at his poetic best and hit out at EVM doubters by sharing an Urdu couplet he had penned on how the machines would have themselves responded to such allegations. “Adhooree hasaraton ka iljaam har baar ham par lagana theek nahin, vafa khud se nahin hoti, khata EVM ki kahate ho (It is not right to blame us every time for unfulfilled desires. While you fail to prove yourself, you say it is the fault of EVM).” CEC mocked democratic voices when he derided the political parties, social media and EVM experts demanding the banning of EVMs amid laughs saying that the machines made the poll process fairer and better and expressed his expert opinion that all parties know this in their hearts. And he falsely claimed that courts have certified the integrity of these machines. Also read: Are India's Elections Free and Fair? These utterances expose CEC's ignorance of the basic concept of elections and democracy. His comment that only those who lose elections question the reliability of EVMs implies that elections are only meant for political parties and the candidates, which is a fallacy. He should know that in a democracy sovereignty vests with the citizens and elections are the tool for the citizens to transfer this sovereignty to his/her chosen representative once in five years. To do so elections and voting system must adhere to certain “democratic principles” which are: The voting process should be transparent in a manner that the general public can be satisfied that their vote is correctly recorded and counted. The voting and counting process should be publicly auditable. Ordinary citizens should be able to check the essential steps in the voting process. There should be verifiability in the counting of votes and

ascertainment of the results reliably without too much special knowledge. The election process should be free and fair, and also be seen to be free and fair. The Election Commission should be in full control of the entire voting process, and the public at large should be able to verify the casting and counting of their votes. Electronic processes and technological practices should be subject to public scrutiny/examinability. In short, the voting/counting system must ensure that the voter should have the knowledge that her vote is cast as intended, recorded as cast and counted as recorded. Why has not the CEC ever responded to this critical poser raised by several sources including the Report of the Citizens Commission on Elections (CCE) headed by a former Supreme Court judge which was submitted to the ECI in January/February 2021? Now to the CEC's half-baked poetry, “It is not right to blame us every time for unfulfilled desires. While you fail to prove yourself, you say it is the fault of EVM.” Did the CEC go through the report of the CCE, the expert group which had reviewed the functioning of EVMs primarily on the touchstone of whether and how far their use complied with the ‘democracy principles.’ In short, it insists on absolute transparency in facilitating the voter to exercise his or her choice and in ensuring that these selections are, indeed, reflected in the stored vote and counted as such—without the slightest deviation whatsoever. Representational image. Voters at a polling booth in Bangalore during 2009 general elections. Photo: Wikimedia Commons/Ranjit Bhaskar/CC BY-SA 2.0 DEED These principles also mandate that the voting procedure is easily understandable and verifiable by the voter and open to audit without complications even when relevant technology is utilised. There should be absolutely no scope for error or misrepresentation of the elector's choice. CCE had relied on deposi-

tions and opinions of several national and international experts and was informed of the reasons why even the most advanced countries do not prefer the use of EVMs during polls. Among the domain knowledge holders who submitted deposition before this CCE group were Ronald L. Rivest of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA; Alex Halderman of the University of Michigan, USA; Poorvi L. Vora and Bhagirath Narahari of George Washington University, USA; Alok Choudhary of North-western University, USA Sandeep Shukla, Professor, Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Kanpur; Douglas W. Jones of the University of Iowa, USA; Nasir Memon of New York University (Brooklyn), USA; Philip B. Stark of the University of California, Berkeley, Vanessa Teague, Associate Professor, School of Computing and Information Systems, University of Melbourne, Cybersecurity, Australia; Bappa Sinha of Free Software Movement of India, Subodh Sharma of Computer Science and Engineering and of the School of Public Policy, IIT, Delhi; KV Subrahmanyam, Professor, Computer Science, Chennai Mathematical Institute, Chennai; Dr Sanjiva Prasad and Dr. Subhashis Banerjee of IIT, Delhi and Anupam Saraf, Professor and Future Designer among others. These are the best brains on the subject across the globe and it would not be possible to put together another group to match this vast and varied expertise. And the conclusions of the CCE report are: Due to the absence of End-to-End (E2E) verifiability, the present EVM/VVPAT system is not verifiable and therefore is unfit for democratic elections. That an EVM has not yet been detected to have been hacked provides no guarantee that it cannot be hacked. Thus, elections must be conducted assuming that the EVMs may possibly be tampered with. In practice, it may be necessary to test more EVMs than even what the civil society and the political

parties demand (30% and 50% respectively) to ensure verification and reliable ascertainment of results. There must be stringent pre-audit of the electronic vote count before the results are declared. The audit may in some cases – depending on the margin of victory – require a full manual counting of VVPAT slips. The electronic voting system should be re-designed to be software and hardware independent in order to be verifiable or auditable. The CEC should know that none in the CCE or those who deposed had “unfulfilled desires” to capture political power by any means and did not fault the EVM for failing to do so! Also read: The Case for Bringing Paper Ballots Back Integrity of EVMs Now to the falsehood about the courts certifying the integrity of EVMs. The first serious legal challenge to EVMs was made by Dr Subramanian Swamy of BJP in the Delhi high court in W.P.(C) No. 11879 of 2009 and this was the verdict in January 2012: “Dr. Swamy is right to the extent that it cannot be ruled out that EVMs may be vulnerable to frauds. There may be security issues as well.” Dr Swamy moved the Supreme Court for relief. On October 8, 2013 the Court confirming the doubts on the integrity of EVMs mandated the use of voter verified paper audit trail (VVPAT) system in a phased manner to bring about some semblance of democratic principles. The Court observed: “From the materials placed by both the sides, we are satisfied that the ‘paper trail’ is an indispensable requirement of free and fair elections. The confidence of the voters in the EVMs can be achieved only with the introduction of the ‘paper trail’. EVMs with VVPAT system ensure the accuracy of the voting system. With an intent to have fullest transparency in the system and to restore the confidence of the voters, it is necessary to set up EVMs with VVPAT system because vote is nothing but an act of expression which has immense importance in demo-

## AMP Organizes School Development Program at Faiz-e-Aam Inter College, Agra Students receive guidance on career planning, personality development, and value education

Agra, April 22: The Agra Chapter of the Association of Muslim Professionals (AMP) successfully organized a one-day School Development Program (SDP) at Faiz-e-Aam Inter College, Agra, for students of classes 9 and 11. The primary aim of the program was to guide students in career planning, personality development, and value-based education. The session began with a warm welcome extended by the school principal, staff, and students to the AMP team. This was followed by an introductory address by Chapter Head Syed Mohtashim Ali, who outlined AMP's mission and highlighted the various educa-



tional and community initiatives run by the organization. Dr. Naseem Akhtar, the Chapter Coordinator, presented AMP's impactful session titled “Kaamyabi ka Waheed Raasta Taleem” (Education is the Only Path to Success), offering students detailed insights into the importance of education and the various career opportunities available to them. This was

followed by an interactive Q&A session conducted by Azhar Umri, where students had the opportunity to ask questions and receive personalized guidance. Toward the end of the session, Syed Mohtashim Ali also encouraged students to prepare for the upcoming NTS 2025 exam by sharing the exam pattern and syllabus. The session concluded with a vote of thanks and

a promise to organize another career guidance program at the end of the academic year. The session was highly appreciated by both the staff and the students for its informative and motivational content. Prominent attendees included Syed Mohtashim Ali, Dr. Naseem Akhtar, Syed Azhar Ali, Azhar Umri, and Arfeen Khan

## Arete Group To Expend Rs 1,200 Crore For Phase Two Of Payal Industrial Park In Gujarat

Varun Kesavan Managing editor E Mail I'd – varunkesavanpressmedia@gmail.com Arete Group on Monday said it will invest Rs 1,200 crore to develop infrastructure in its industrial park at Dahej in Gujarat. In a statement, the company said it has launched the second phase of Payal Industrial Park at Dahej, within the Petroleum,

Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Region. The second phase is spread across 850 acres. Arete Group, established in 1990, has a presence in businesses like industrial parks, real estate, retail, and investments. “Arete Group will invest approximately Rs 1,200 crore in the overall Infra-

structure development in the park across multiple phases,” the statement said. The company is targeting industries like agrochemicals, pesticides, specialty chemicals, inorganic chemicals, dyes & pigments chlor-alkali and other such chemical industries for setting up a base in its industrial park.

## Fleeing a crackdown by security forces, Maoists leave behind

Chhattisgarh's anti-Maoist campaign has led to the recovery of 155 IEDs in early 2024, surpassing previous years, as extremists flee and plant explosives. While the aggressive campaign to weed out Maoists from the jungles of Chhattisgarh has helped security forces gain control of Maoist bastions, the development has come at the cost of the extremists planting improvised explosive devices (IEDs) across the region before fleeing. Fleeing a crackdown by security forces, Maoists leave behind unexploded IEDs. Fleeing a crackdown by security forces, Maoists leave behind unexploded IEDs Data accessed by HT showed that in the first three months of the year, forces have recovered 155 IEDs — a figure significantly higher than 38 and 35 in the same period in 2023 and 2024. Live the Thrill of IPL 2025!

□ Get Ball-by-Ball Updates, Scores & Breaking News. □ Stay Updated Now! “Last year, the highest number of IEDs at 260 were recovered throughout the year. The number this year is already higher than the recovery in 2021 and 2022. We expect the number to reach a record high this year,” an official aware of the matter said requesting anonymity. With teams of state police and central paramilitary forces conducting extensive operations in Maoist strongholds, in line with the government's proposed deadline to end left wing extremism (LWE) in the country by March 31, 2026, the recovery of IEDs weighing anywhere between 1 kg to 45 kg has become a major challenge. “The number in 2023 and 2024 crossed over 200 because the aggressive push against Naxals had started in late 2023 after the

change in government at the state. The armed cadres are fragmented and there is friction among them. They are fleeing but also planting the IEDs before leaving their core areas,” the official cited above said. Over all the forces in 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 recovered 163, 128, 242 and 260 IEDs. On Friday, Chhattisgarh police recovered almost 50kg explosives during a raid at a Maoist camp in the jungles of Kasod-Kumuradi village within the Narayanpur district. “This was just raw explosives, which when mixed in small parts creates dozens of high intensity IED. The two IEDs attacks in which nine DRG jawans were killed this year and another in which 10 were killed last year, easily measured 40-50 kg. Fortunately, this year, the forces have been able to detect almost all IEDs, barring one in which nine DRG

jawans were killed this year,” a second officer said, requesting anonymity. The officer said that the retrieved IEDs are planted on that the forces take during anti-Maoist operations. “But with extensive demining exercises and locals no longer helping Naxals groups with intelligence about the routes that security forces are taking, they are getting fewer success with IEDs attacks than they used to in the past. Currently, the weapons that they have are no match for what the security forces possess so they depend on planting IEDs and pressure cooker bombs to inflict casualties,” the second officer said. Earlier on April 14, forces in Bijapur recovered five IEDs, of which three measured 2kg each while the other two measured 5kgs. On March 28, a CRPF team recovered a high intensity IED weighing almost 45kg planted on a



## Eminent English Language expert Literaturer and educationist Dr.Sangeetha Motkar has been selected for William Shakespeare Excellency Award for 2025



Eminent English Language expert, Literaturer and educationist Dr.Sangeetha Motkar has been selected for William Shakespeare Excellency Award for 2025. She has been honored with the award for her passionate and innovative engagement with teaching English Language and Literature

to UG and PG students across a successful career spanning two decades. Vikas Charitable Trust Managing Director Shri K.Ramgopal Reddy released a press note announcing that Dr.Sangeetha head, Department of English at St.Joseph's Degree and PG College has the unique honor of being the only per-

son nominated for this award from the state of Telangana to mark The World English Language Day and Eminent English Playwright William Shakespeare's birth anniversary .He further said that the award would be given at St.Joseph's Degree and PG College premises for her soulful and relentless contributions to the teaching and development of English Language and Literature . Dr.Sangeetha Motkar ,MA,PhD., Associate Professor and Head, Department of English ,St.Josephs College, has 21years of experience in teaching English Lan-

guage and Literature at the UG and PG Level. Her teaching profile is enriched by a passion to conceive and execute an integrated curriculum which aims at promoting English proficiency of students along with a shared focus on the development of their communication skills, soft skills , life skills, social and moral values, so that they attain human excellence, global competencies and world wide employability.The cutting edge of her teaching ideology and practices are manifested in creating generations of successful students rich in lit-

erary sensibilities, with wholesome enriching engagement with life around and within them Dr.Sangeetha's Consultancy Services chiefly include -designing a module for theUGC Staff Refresher Course -Orientation Programe in English Foundation (interdisciplinary) at - Academic Staff College,OU,- -Conducted a session for Telangana Police on - "Effective Communication Skills and Report Writing for Professional Success" - Her civic engagement activities include - spearheading Student awareness



Nirmal.22.04.2025 press media by Mohammed Muqeemuiddin State Food Commission Chairman Goli Srinivas Reddy has suggested that the authorities take special steps to provide quality food to the people. On Tuesday, he and his members toured the district. He and his team inspected the Anganwadi Center in Chincholi B village of Sarangapur mandal. They inspected the quality of food being provided to children and pregnant women and warned them not to be careless. Later, they visited the Government Girls' Social Welfare Hostel in Jam village. They spoke to the students and collected information about the food being provided to them. They asked whether they were receiving food as per the menu. They advised the students to eat quality food and improve their physical fitness. Later, they inspected the Government Maternity Hospital in the district center and the Primary Health Center in the Son mandal center. They said that pregnant women and infants need nutrition. He inspected the ration shop in Kadthal village and advised the ration dealers to ensure that the government's Sanna Biyyam scheme for the poor reaches the deserving people. He said that the rice being distributed has nutritional value. Later, he inspected the rice storage center. Local Bodies Additional Collector Faizan Ahmed, Commission Members V. Anand, R. Sharada, M. Bharathi, B. Jyoti, District Panchayat Officer Srinivas, DEO P. Rama Rao, DMHO Rajender, RDOs Ratna Kalyani, Komal Reddy, District Welfare Officers Srinivas, Rajeshwar Goud, Mohan Singh, Ambaji and others participated in this visit.



Nirmal.22.04.2025 press media by Mohammed Muqeemuiddin District Local Bodies Additional Collector Faizan Ahmed said in a statement on Tuesday evening that all approved LRS applicants should register for regularization. District Local Bodies Additional Collector Faizan Ahmed said that among those who applied for LRS (Regularization of Layouts), approved applicants should register. He said that to reduce the financial burden of regularization of LRS applications, the government has provided a 25 percent subsidy on LRS registration fee in rural and urban areas. He said that all LRS applicants should use this opportunity and pay the registration fee. He said that this subsidy opportunity will end on April 30. Therefore, the applicants should keep this in mind and pay the fees as soon as possible, the Additional Collector said in the statement.

## Khammam MP Raghuram Reddy Inspects Railway Station Modernization

(22.04.2025 Press Media Bureau G.Rama Rao- Khammam District) Khammam MP Ramasahayam Raghuram Reddy on Tuesday inspected the ongoing modernization works at the district's railway station. He reviewed the progress of escalator construction and other infrastructure projects with railway officials. During the inspection, he questioned why the work was still not com-

pleted, despite being promised completion by March. Raghuram Reddy emphasized the need to complete the works quickly to avoid inconvenience to passengers, especially during the hot summer months, when high temperatures make waiting inside the station uncomfortable. He instructed officials to expedite the work. Later, the MP visited a tea stall outside the station,



where he enjoyed tea with Congress party leaders, praising the tea as very

good. Congress district president Puvalla Durgaprasad and other local

leaders and workers participated in the event.

## Let's Protect All Life, Says ST Commission Chief

Visakhapatnam,Venkatgiri BharatSamachar, April 22: AP State ST Commission Chairman Dr. DVG Shankar Rao emphasized the need for collective efforts to protect all living beings on the occasion of Earth Day. Addressing the media at MVP Colony on Tuesday morning, he called upon citizens to actively participate in conservation efforts and take responsibility for the well-being of nature. As part of his personal contribution, Dr. Rao shared that he has arranged clay pots filled with water, set up nests, and placed grain bunches to support sparrows and other wildlife amid rising temperatures.Humans do not build nests, yet we are an integral part of the ecosystem. We must remember that all living beings have a right to survive, he said.Dr.Rao highlighted the plight of the house sparrow, whose population has



seen a dramatic 80 percent decline in recent decades. He noted that sparrows, which began living in man-made structures since the advent of agriculture 10,000 years ago, are now struggling due to urbanization and habitat loss. "We must ensure the availability of water and food for birds and wildlife, especially as the climate continues to warm," he urged.The program saw the participation of JV Ratnam, Founder Secretary of the Green Climate Team NGO, along with other environmental advocates.

## Sustainable Living is Our Duty, Says AU's Prof. EUB Reddy



Visakhapatnam,Venkatgiri BharatSamachar, April 22: "The Earth should forever be in harmony with all living beings," said Professor EUB Reddy from the Environmental Department of Andhra University, during Earth Day celebrations held at the Madhavadhara office of the Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB) on Tuesday.Addressing the gathering after distributing prizes to winners of drawing and writing competitions, Prof. Reddy emphasized that it is the collective responsibility of humanity to live in an environmentally friendly manner. He cautioned that the extinction of any spe-

cies will inevitably affect human life and the balance of nature. APPCB Regional Environmental Engineer PV Mukunda Rao also spoke on the occasion, stressing that Earth Day should not be a one-day event, but a continuous commitment to protect the environment. He urged everyone to adopt sustainable, eco-friendly practices in their daily lives. The event was attended by AP-PCB SEs Rama Rao Naidu, Nagireddy, EE Srinivas, AM Srinivas, along with JV Ratnam, Founder Secretary of the Green Climate Team NGO, and green volunteers J Rajeshwari, I Krishna Kumari, J Ravi Teja, and others.

## Mohammed Abdul Muiz Siddiqui Excels in Intermediate Exams with 888 Marks

Mahabubnagar April 22 (Press Media) The results of the Intermediate examinations conducted under the Telangana State Board of Intermediate Education have been announced. Mohammed Abdul Moiz Siddiqui, a bright student of New Rushi College (English Medium) Mahabubnagar, has secured an impressive 888 marks in the second year of Intermediate, achieving first division with distinction. Moham-

med Abdul Moiz Siddiqui is the son of businessman Mohammed Abdul Mateen Siddiqui and the nephew of senior journalist Mohammed Abdul Aleem Siddiqui. Family members, friends, the college principal, and lecturers congratulated him on his



outstanding performance and extended their best wishes for a bright future.



## Easter Celebrations at CSI All Saints' Church, Trimulgherry



CSI All Saints' Church, Trimulgherry, celebrated Easter with great reverence and joy, marking the resurrection of Jesus Christ—an event that signifies victory over sin and death, and the promise of eternal life. The Holy Communion service was led by Rev. D. Raja, Presbyter of the church, and was attended by a large and devout congregation. The Easter message was delivered by Guest Speaker, Pastor Ben Komanapalli, who spoke on the theme

“Resurrection: Celebrating Boundless Transformation.” His thought-provoking sermon emphasized the transformative power of Christ’s resurrection and called upon the faithful to embrace a life of spiritual renewal and purpose. The service was held in the church’s open grounds, where a symbolic structure of the tomb and the cross was created, making the occasion deeply meaningful and visually impactful. Speaking on the occasion Rev. Dr.

D. Prassana Kumar, Presbyter-In-Charge said on this glorious occasion of Easter, we rejoice in the triumphant resurrection of our Lord, who conquered sin and death and brought us the gift of eternal life. The empty tomb stands as a symbol of hope, renewal, and victory—a reminder that God’s love for us is unfailing and His promises are ever true. As we celebrate this season of new beginnings, may the resurrection power of Christ fill our hearts with peace,

our homes with joy, and our lives with purpose. Let us continue to walk in faith, share His love, and be a light to the world around us. On behalf of CSI All Saints' Church Trimulgherry and our Pastoral & Pastorate Committee team, we extend our warmest Easter blessings to you and your family. May the joy of the risen Lord be with you today and always. Noel Robinson Michael Director - Media All Saints Church Trimulgherry

## Bengali New Year (Subho Nababarsha) Celebrated in Hyderabad on April 20, 2025

Prof Shankar Chatterjee, Hyderabad: With the civilization of human beings, different communities observe different celebrations. One is the New Year, so the New Year is celebrated on various dates by different communities worldwide. This year, Bengali people celebrated the New Year, which is known as Shubo Nababarsha, on April 15, 2025 ( Bengali New Year is 1432). Since April 15 was a working day, mostly the Bengali-speaking ( because of marriage, a few others were also involved) people in the Suncity area of Hyderabad organised a cultural programme in Hyderabad on April 20, 2025. The Agomoni Cultural Association organized the event, which has established itself as a significant cultural and social organization in Hyderabad, mainly by the Bengali people from different places in India. However, with heart and soul, they mingled with the local people of Hyderabad. The Agomoni Cultural Organisation lit up Hyderabad’s cul-



tural calendar with a vibrant Bengali New Year celebration, marking the Bengali New Year 1432. The highlight was the Baul Night, featuring the celebrated Suralap Baul Group from Faridabad. It may be mentioned here that the Baul are a group of mystic minstrels of mixed elements of Sufism and Vaishnavism from different parts of Bangladesh, West Bengal, Tripura, and Assam’s Barak Valley and Meghalaya. For the first time in Hyderabad, residents experienced the Baul music. The renowned artists — Sri Sudip Guha Roy, Sri Jhilik

Modak, Sri Sham Khapa, Sri Milan Hira, and Sri Biswajit Babu — enthralled the audience with their performances of Baul spirit. Distinguished personalities, namely Sri Chandan Chaudhary, Sri Gopi Sikdar, and Prof. Shankar Chatterjee, graced the event. The festivities were formally inaugurated with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, led by the honoured guests alongside Agomoni’s Sri Sumay Maity, President; Sri Mridul Chakraborty, General Secretary; Smt. Kanchan Routh, Cultural Secretary, and other executive committee

members. The cultural journey of the evening commenced with a melodious group song performed by Agomoni’s members. In addition, three individuals, Smt. Shelly Routh, Smt. Sonam and Smt. Srestha Bhaumick mesmerized the audience through their dance. Smt. Satwati Sil sang two songs written by the great poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, which was another notable performance. Around 100 people, irrespective of age and gender, attended the event, which was finally over with a scrumptious dinner.

## Do Indians Have Right to Freedom of Religion? Constitution Says Yes, but the Laws Say No

Do Indians have freedom of religion? Meaning, do they have the right to invite others into their faith and the right to easily leave their faith? The Constitution says yes, but the laws say no. India is an unusual nation where propagation is both a fundamental right and a criminal offence. A fundamental right is defined as one that enjoys a high level of protection from encroachment by the state. But Article 25 (right to freely profess and propagate religion) doesn’t enjoy such protection. In effect, the Constitution tells us we are free to propagate but when we do so the police shows up and takes us away. On July 11 this year it was reported that the Allahabad High Court rejected the bail of a man named Shrinivas Rav Nayak with the observation that “the Constitution confers on each individual the fundamental right to profess, practice and propagate his religion. However, the individual right to freedom of conscience and religion cannot be extended to construe a collective right to proselytise”. Advertisement On the subcontinent, Nepal doesn’t allow conversions, while Pakistan has the same phrasing as India does, with the same restrictions. There is no real freedom of religion in Pakistan, just as the honest observer will conclude there isn’t in India. But this is not what was intended by those who wrote the Constitution. The Constituent Assembly debate on reli-

gious freedom happened on December 6, 1948. It came after meetings of the Minorities Committee and the Committee on Fundamental Rights, which discussed the issue in detail and produced a text, which is today Article 25. It reads: “Right to freedom of religion: Subject to public order, morality and health and the other provisions of this Part, all persons are equally entitled to freedom of conscience and the right freely to profess, practise and propagate religion”. The key word here is “propagate”, which the dictionary defines as to spread and promote, and to breed. The context in which the word was debated by India’s Constituent Assembly was of conversions, specifically by Christians. Gujarat’s K.M. Munshi, the Hindu conservative, was part of a group that arrived at the text and he said of the word “propagate” that: “I know it was on this word that the Christian community laid the greatest emphasis, not because they wanted to convert people aggressively, but because the word ‘propagate’ was a fundamental part of their tenet.” And “so long as religion is religion, conversion by free exercise of conscience had to be recognised”. People must not fear the idea of a right to propagate, Munshi said, because “whatever conversions take place... are only the result of persuasion and not because of material advantages”. Note that conversion was always

accepted as the reason for propagation. In the Interim Report on Fundamental Rights dated May 1, 1947, Frank Anthony had spoken to the committee and said: “My community (he was an Anglo-Indian) does not propagate. We do not convert, nor are we converted. But I do appreciate how deeply, how passionately millions of Christians feel on this right to propagate their religion.” Anthony, the founder of a school network around India, congratulated the majority for retaining “in spite of its contentious character” the words “to propagate”, “a right which is regarded as perhaps the most fundamental of Christian rights”. T.T. Krishnamachari said Dalits became Christian because of the status it gave them, that Hindu reform would deter such conversions, and that the right to propagate also applied to Hindus and Arya Samaj members who were free to carry out their conversion activities, which they called “Shuddhi”. The point here is that the meaning of the word “propagate” was understood by all as the right to, in Munshi’s words, “persuade people to join their faith”. That is, to convert. But what would happen instead in India, as we see around us, is that the State would step in to not only the right to propagate but also the individual’s right to change his/her religion. The only opposition in the Constituent Assembly came from a 26-year-old man from Od-

isha, who wanted the word “propagate” removed. This was Loknath Misra, brother of Ranganath Misra, who would later become Chief Justice of India, and uncle of Dipak Misra, also to become Chief Justice. Loknath Misra said he didn’t have any problem with propagation. “If people should propagate their religion, let them do so”, he said, but “only I crave, let not the Constitution put it as a fundamental right and encourage it”. His opposition also came from an understanding of the right to propagate as meaning the right to convert. V.P. Bharatiya, writing in the Journal of Indian Law Institute in 1977, says the specificity in the debates gave the impression that the inclusion of the word propagate “creates a specific fundamental right to convert”. Dr B.R. Ambedkar was present in the debate but did not speak. He said he had nothing to add to what the others had said in defence of the right to propagate. It must be noted that Ambedkar’s original draft submitted to the Constituent Assembly’s committees bore the words: “right to profess, to preach and to convert, within limits compatible with public order and morality”. He was satisfied that propagate meant the same thing. He would himself leave Hinduism and convert to Buddhism along with more than three lakh other Dalits in Nagpur on October 14, 1956. Beginning in the 1970s, India’s judiciary and

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## Mass Protest Meeting on April 26 Against Waqf Amendment Bill: DCC General Secretary Siraj Quadri request to attend large number



Mahabubnagar April 22 (Press Media) DCC General Secretary Abdul Siraj Quadri stated that protests will continue until the Central Government withdraws the Waqf Board Amendment Act, which he claimed was introduced to target a particular community. Speaking at a press conference alongside minority leaders at the Congress party office in the district headquarters, he emphasized that Waqf properties and lands are donated in the name of Allah for the welfare of poor Muslims and questioned the Central Government's interference in Waqf af-

fairs. He alleged that the amendment aims to marginalize Muslim minorities and questioned the government's intent to include non-Muslims in the Waqf Board. He further accused the government of attempting to create a divide among religious communities through this legislation. Calling upon Muslims and democrats from the erstwhile district, Abdul Siraj Quadri urged them to participate in large numbers in a grand public protest meeting organized under the aegis of the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB). The meet-

ing will take place on Saturday, April 26 at 7:00 PM at the Boys Junior College Grounds, Mahabubnagar. He announced that AIMPLB President Allama Maulana Khalid Saifullah Rahmani will preside over the event. Prominent guests include Barrister Asaduddin Owaisi (President, AIMIM and MP, Hyderabad), Maulana Abu Talib Rahmani (Founding Member, AIMPLB, Kolkata), Maulana Jafar Pasha Hasami, Mufti Ziauddin Naqshbandi (President, Darul Ifta, Jamia Nizamia), and Maulana Hamed Mohammed Khan (Jamaat-e-Islami Hind). Local dignitaries such

as Mahabubnagar District MLAs Yennam Srinivas Reddy, G. Madhusudhan Reddy, and Anirudh Reddy will also be attending as chief guests. District Congress Minority Unit President Mohamed Fayaz appealed to the Muslim community to attend the public meeting in large numbers to register their strong protest against the Waqf Board Amendment Act. Minority leaders including Fakhruddin Qureshi (Minority Assembly President), Ghulam Ahmed Zaheer (Minority Town President), and Khwaja Pasha (former Councilor) were present at the press meet.

## No Room for Negligence in Development Programs: Minister Jupally Krishna Rao Ensure uninterrupted drinking water supply during summer, minister instructs officials

Mahabubnagar April 22 (Press Media) There is no scope for negligence in the implementation of development programs, said Telangana State Excise, Tourism, and Cultural Affairs Minister Jupally Krishna Rao. He directed district officials to take timely steps to ensure uninterrupted drinking water supply during the summer season. The minister held a review meeting with district officials at the Collectorate Meeting Hall in Mahabubnagar. Key issues such as drinking water supply, paddy procurement, tourism development works, and gas subsidy distribution were reviewed in detail. During the meeting, officials from Mission Bhagiratha briefed the minister on water supply status in habitations and urban areas. He noted that although there is no shortage of water in reservoirs, some operational issues need to be addressed to ensure smooth supply. He added that the Chief Minister had sanctioned Rs. 1 crore to district collectors to handle emergency water supply and suggested using MLA SDF funds to meet any additional needs. On paddy procurement, the minister stressed that receipts must be provided immediately for paddy purchased from farmers after verifying moisture content and quality standards. He ordered strict imple-



mentation of this practice at all procurement centers and warned against any unauthorized deductions in the name of moisture or other factors. The minister also directed officials to assign special officers to each procurement center to oversee operations and ensure timely transportation of paddy to rice mills, without keeping farmers waiting. Highlighting irregularities from the previous Rabi season, he instructed officials to recover Rs. 150 crore from millers who failed to deliver rice after milling and to file criminal cases if necessary. Instructions were given to purchase additional tarpaulins at market yards to protect paddy from rain, and to provide basic amenities like drinking water, toilets, and sheds for farmers. The Collector was directed to hold review meetings with procurement officials to ensure smooth functioning. Regarding LPG subsidy, the minister said the government is providing a subsidy of Rs. 500 per cylinder. However, eligible beneficiaries were

missing out due to errors in names, Aadhaar numbers, and ration card details. He instructed officials to rectify these within 15 days by preparing a proforma and finalizing a beneficiary list. He also mentioned the issuance of new ration cards. Tourism development works in the district were reviewed extensively. The minister directed that government-sanctioned projects in Pillalamarri and Koilsagar be immediately taken up through tenders. He instructed engineers to prepare estimates for soundproofing the auditorium at Shilparamam and to complete the Haritha Hotel and Kalyana Mandapam at Manyamkonda. He ordered re-estimation for the Necklace Road, Tank Bund, and Island development projects near the Pedda Cheruvu, where only Rs. 7 crore of the Rs. 48.99 crore sanctioned has been spent so far. A fresh report is to be submitted in three weeks. Mahabubnagar MLA Yennam Srinivas Reddy raised concerns over plots forcefully acquired for

Shilparamam, suggesting that if they are not needed, they should be returned to the owners or compensated accordingly. The minister instructed officials to submit a physical and documented report on the matter within a week. He also emphasized that the unused function hall at Shilparamam, built at considerable expense, must be made usable by soundproofing it. Issues faced during recent Ugadi celebrations due to poor acoustics were mentioned as a reason for urgency. Devarkadra MLA G. Madhusudan Reddy requested the minister to prioritize drinking water projects and the development of tourism infrastructure at Koilsagar in his constituency. District Collector Viziendira Boyi, Additional Collectors Shivendra Pratap and Mohan Rao, District Library Chairman Mallu Narasimha Reddy, Market Committee Chairperson Bekkari Anita Madhusudan Reddy, MUDA Chairman Lakshman Yadav, and other departmental officials attended the meeting.

## ‘If the country is run by the CJI...’: Bengal BJP MLA supports

The Bharatiya Janata Party distanced itself from Dubey's remark, saying the party neither agrees nor supports such statements. Bharatiya Janata Party MLA Agnimitra Paul on Sunday lent her support to BJP MP Nishikant Dubey over the latter's remark against the Supreme Court, saying there wasn't a need for the parliament if the country was being run by the apex court and the Chief Justice of India. BJP leader Agnimitra Paul in Kolkata (PTI file photo) BJP leader Agnimitra Paul in Kolkata (PTI file photo) "He has said the right thing. The President appoints the Chief Justice of India. Then how can the Chief Justice of India deny the President's order? How can he deny the decision of MPs and policymakers of the nation? If the country is run by the CJI and the Supreme Court, then there is no need for the Parliament. Everything should be done by the CJI

then," she was quoted as saying by the news agency ANI. What Nishikant Dubey said Dubey has courted a controversy after he accused the Supreme Court of judicial overreach. "The top court has only one aim: 'Show me the face, and I will show you the law'. The Supreme Court is going beyond its limits. If one has to go to the Supreme Court for everything, then Parliament and the State Assembly should be shut," he said earlier this week. PROMOTED 50-year-old woman arrested for confiscating daughters' iPads, lodged in cell for more than seven hours Hindustan Times BMC officer's wife dies in Kasara Ghat accident; 1 seriously injured Hindustan Times 4 Indians who rescued Pawan Kalyan's son, others from fire honoured by Singapore government Hindustan Times Nasha: Tamannaah Bhatia sizzles with her moves in Raid 2 song, but internet says 'nothing can beat Aaj Ki

Raat'. Watch Hindustan Times Supreme Court quashes case against parents-in-law: 'Few taunts here and there...' Hindustan Times MK Stalin removes minister K Ponmudy from key post in DMK over remarks on Shaivism-Vaishnavism Hindustan Times Andhra CM stalls Waqf board's proposal to lease out 30K-acre plot for commercial purposes Hindustan Times Interview: Supreme Court timeline to decide on bills overreach, says Kerala governor Hindustan Times The Bharatiya Janata Party distanced itself from Dubey's remark. "The Bharatiya Janata Party has nothing to do with the statements made by BJP MPs Nishikant Dubey and Dinesh Sharma on the judiciary and the Chief Justice of the country. These are their statements, but the BJP neither agrees with nor supports such statements. The BJP completely rejects these statements," said BJP chief JP

Nadda in a statement. Congress slams Nishikant Dubey Former Uttarakhand chief minister and Congress leader Harish Rawat on Sunday condemned the remark. "What Nadda ji has said is just a whitewash. If the BJP is serious, then they can remove them and tell them that we will not be able to support them. Targeting the judiciary cannot be accepted under any circumstances," he said. Also read: 'Close down Parliament if...': Nishikant Dubey attacks Supreme Court; Congress MP says 'not acceptable' Congress leader BK Harirasad also shared a similar sentiment and demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi apologise to the country. "This is the latest fashion of the BJP. Their fringe elements will speak against the Constitution, tri-colour and secularism, and they will quietly say that we distance ourselves from this statement. PM Modi should apologise

## Did Kareena Kapoor just confirm her south

### Indian film debut with Yash's Toxic?

Actor Kareena Kapoor has said that she will star in a 'very big South film', and this made fans wonder if she will be part of Yash-starrer Toxic. Reddit account BollywoodBlindsNGossip shared a video of Kareena talking about her South Indian film debut. (Also Read | Yash reacts to fan theories about his upcoming film Toxic) Kareena Kapoor opened up on her south Indian film debut. What Kareena said about her debut in South film The caption read, "So I think Kareena's film with Yash is confirmed! She said this on a zoom meeting with her fans yesterday." In the clip, Kareena said, "Now, like I said, I might be doing

a very big South film. Now it's like, all pan-India so I don't know where I'll be shooting, but I'm excited for all my fans to know that it's going to be the first time that I will be doing this." Hindustan Times - your fastest source for breaking news! Read now. Fans think she'll be part of Yash's Toxic A fan wrote, "She is doing big films like Toxic and Singham and at the same time content-driven films like Jaane Jaan, Crew, The Buckingham Murders. Her longevity is insane." A person wrote, "She will do her first Pan India film opposite Yash at 42 years old! I think it is pretty remarkable considering how sexist film industries can be." PROMOTED No Upper

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said earlier In January this year, an India Today report said that Kareena would play the lead in Yash's Toxic. It also said that the film's makers are "very keen on Kareena, and they have started talks to sign her up for the film". In another report, it shared the actor's team's statement asking people to hold speculations. The statement read, "There have been many speculations doing the rounds about Kareena Kapoor Khan's next film. While we understand the excitement and the anticipation. We request media to refrain from Kareena Kapoor about her next project and its star cast. Something very exciting is coming up very soon and we request everyone to wait



## Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) created a new record under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi



The Khadi and Village Industries sector, which empowers the spirit of self-reliance in the country, has not only touched new heights in the last 11 years under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the guidance of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), but has also brought new light to hope in the lives of crores of villagers. Khadi, the legacy of Puja Bapu, is no longer just a fabric, but has become a symbol of the creation of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'. Said Shri Manoj Kumar Chairman KVIC while releasing the provisional data of Khadi and Village Industries for the financial year 2024-25 at the office located at Rajghat, New Delhi on Monday. He informed that KVIC has set a new record of production, sales and new employment generation in the financial year 2024-25. In the last 11 years, there has been an increase of 447 percent in sales, 347 percent in production and 49.23 percent in employment generation. As said, in the financial year 2023-24, there was an increase of 399.69% in sales and 314.79% in production in comparison to the year 2013-14, he added. Chairman Shri Manoj Kumar further said that this excellent performance of KVIC has made a significant contribution towards realizing the resolution of 'Viksit Bharat' by the year 2047 and making India the third econo-

my of the world. He attributed this historic achievement to the inspiration of Puja Bapu, the guarantee of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the guidance of the Ministry of MSME and the tireless hard work of crores of artisans working in the remote villages of the Country. Chairman KVIC shared that while the production of Khadi and Village Industry products was Rs. 26109.07 crore in the financial year 2013-14, it increased nearly four times to Rs. 116599.75 crore in the financial year 2024-25 with a jump of 347 percent. While the sales were Rs. 31154.19 crore in the financial year 2013-14, it increased nearly fivefold with an unprecedented growth of 447 percent to reach Rs. 170551.37 crore in the financial year 2024-25, which is the highest sale till date. Speaking to the media, he opined that unprecedented growth has also been observed in the production of Khadi clothes in the last 11 years. While the production of Khadi clothes was Rs. 811.08 crore in the financial year 2013-14, it increased by 366 percent and increased four and a half times to Rs. 3783.36 crore in the financial year 2024-25, which is the best performance till date. There has also been a tremendous jump in the sales of Khadi clothes. While its sale was only Rs. 1081.04 crore in the financial year 2013-14, it increased by about six and a half times to Rs. 7145.61

crore in the financial year 2024-25 with an increase of 561 percent. The promotion of Khadi by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi from a larger platform has had a huge impact on the sale of Khadi clothes, he reiterated. Speaking on objective of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission he said that major objective of KVIC is to provide maximum employment opportunities in rural areas. In this area too, KVIC has set a record in the last 11 years. While the cumulative employment was 1.30 crore in the financial year 2013-14, it rose to 1.94 crore in 2024-25 with an increase of 49.23 per cent. There has also been an unprecedented increase in the business of Khadi and Village Industries Bhawan, New Delhi. While the business of Bhawan was Rs. 51.02 crore in the financial year 2013-14, it increased by almost 2 times and reached Rs 110.01 crore in the financial year 2024-25 with a jump of 115 percent. Since the launch of the Pradhan Mantri Employment Generation Program (PMEGP) scheme, a total of 1018185 units have been established, for which the Government of India has distributed margin money subsidy of Rs. 27166.07 crore against a loan of Rs. 73348.39 crore. So far 90,04,541 people are getting employment through PMEGP. He said that with the aim of providing employment to maximum number of people in rural areas under the Gramodyog Vikas Yojana Scheme, KVIC has more than doubled the budget of Rs 25.65 crore in the financial year 2021-22 by 134 percent to Rs. 60 crore in the fi-

nancial year 2025-26. So far, 39244 electric pottery wheels, 227049 bee boxes and honey colonies, 2344 automatic and pedal-operated incense stick manufacturing machines, 7735 footwear manufacturing and repairing toolkits, 964 paper plate and dona manufacturing machines, 3494 AC, mobile, sewing, electrician, plumber toolkits, 4555 turnwood, wastewood craft, wooden toy making machines as well as 2367 palm jaggery, oil ghani and tamarind processing machines have been distributed under the Gramodyog Vikas Yojana Scheme. If we talk about the last three financial years, a total of 22284 machines and equipment were distributed in the year 2022-23, 29854 in the financial year 2023-24 and the highest 37218 machines and equipment in the financial year 2024-25. Under Gramodyog Vikas Yojana, KVIC has made a significant contribution in the creation of a self-reliant India by distributing a total of 287752 machines, toolkits and equipment so far. Speaking on significant contribution towards women empowerment he further said that in the last 10 years, 7,43,904 trainees have been trained through 18 departmental and 17 non-departmental training centres of KVIC, out of which 57.45 percent i.e. 4,27,394 are women. Apart from this, 80 percent of the 5 lakh Khadi artisans are also women. In the last 11 years, the wages of Khadi artisans has been increased by 275 percent while in the last three years, it has been increased by 100 percent.

## Bhubharati's new ROR Act 2025 is available to the common man and the people. The main goal of public government

April 22, Tuesday, Press Media Gudur Mandal, Mahabubabad District The Telangana state government's most ambitious Bhu Bharati - Act 25 awareness conference was held at Bhupatipet village Rythuvedika on Tuesday. District Collector and Magistrate Advait Kumar Singh, Mahabubabad MLA Dr. Bhukya Murali Nayak, Additional Collector (Revenue) K. Veerabrahmanchari, Revenue Divisional Officer Krishnaveni, and others attended and sang the Telangana anthem, read out PPTs, and made the farmers aware of the Bhu Bharati New ROR Act - 2025. On this occasion, Collector and Magistrate Advait Kumar Singh said that the government has taken a very ambitious Bhu Bharati New ROR Act and that steps will be taken to ensure that justice is done to everyone who has land problems who has applied under it. In the past, land matters and problems were not resolved within their jurisdiction, and many difficulties arose. Now, for the solution of land problems accessible to the common people and farmers, different times have been allotted to everyone from the village officer to the collector level, he said, adding that this law will be very useful in conducting field-level examination of the application and doing due justice during those times. He said that free legal aid and services will be provided to the farmers, according to the management of the rights



register, the Bhudhar number will be allotted through the Aadhaar link of the farmer, and the farmer's land will be surveyed and maps will be fixed. He said that the government will appoint village administration officers and surveyors for this purpose. Thus, everyone will not face land problems at the field level, he said. Dr. Bhukya Murali Nayak, MLA from Mahabubabad, said that he himself had also lost money through the last Dharani portal, and that the Honorable Chief Minister has introduced this Bhu Bharati New Revenue Act so that our government can do justice to the common farmers and people, so that everyone will get justice, he said. He said that if necessary, he will personally talk to the Chief Minister to resolve the land issues of Sitanagaram in Gudur Mandal and that they will get justice through this new law. He said that the Telangana government has introduced many welfare schemes like

nowhere else in the country and is working for the upliftment of farmers, women and youth of all sections. He said that during the Dharani, the revenue officials were unable to do justice to the common people and through this law that has been introduced, the status of appeals and applications will be provided with faster services. Additional Collector (Revenue) K. Veerabrahmachari briefly explained to the farmers about the differences and services between the previous Dharani and the current Bhubharati New ROR Act - 2025. District Collector and MLA Dr. Bhukya Murali Nayak answered the questions asked by farmer Akula Ramesh and said that the problem will be resolved through the Bhubharati Act. Agriculture Department Officer Vijaya Nirmala, ADA Srinivas, local Tehsildar Chandrashekhar, MPDO Veeraswamy, concerned officials and farmers participated in the program in large numbers.

## Telangana police integrate T-SAFE app with Uber SOS and Safegaadi for commuter

Hyderabad: The Women Safety Wing of state police has integrated the T-SAFE app with Uber SOS and Safegaadi.com, making it easier for commuters in distress to seek immediate police help. Telangana is the first state in the country to embed citizen-initiated, police-led ride monitoring directly within public and private transport platforms, according to an official statement. A live demonstration was held for commuters on Wednesday during the T-SAFE annual success meet held at Ameerpet Metro station by the Women Safety Wing. When a rider taps the SOS button on the Uber app, the T-SAFE team of Telangana police receives the live location and ride details instantly, enabling emergency police intervention. Safegaadi offers QR-based vehicle and driver

verification, ideal for users without the app. "This is a leap forward in our mission to make every ride safe. With Uber SOS and Safegaadi integrations, T-SAFE ensures real-time alerts and swift police response, shifting from reactive safety to proactive intervention," said Shikha Goel, DG Women Safety Wing. BY TABOOLASPORE LINKS YOU MAY LIKE How can a 3-month-old get cancer? Please help! Ketto Launched on March 12, 2024, by chief minister A Revanth Reddy, the T-SAFE app allows users to get their journey monitored by police for their safety via phones or web links. So far, 36,000 rides were monitored in Telangana through T-SAFE and 27,000 SOS alerts were addressed with an average response time of eight minutes. The

T-SAFE app was downloaded 43,000 times and has 32,000 registered users. Police said that they had resolved 39,910 ride deviations flagged through the app, and seven other state govts have expressed interest in replicating the model. Police are planning to expand the integration of T-SAFE with other travel aggregators such as Ola, Rapido, Manayatri, and Abhibus. HMRL Hyderabad security manager Balakrishna, Uber's South India Operations head Harshini, Safegaadi.com founder Ramesh Reddy and Parimala Hana Nuthan, DIG, Integrated Command Control Centre (ICCC), attended the event on Wednesday. shifting from reactive safety to proactive intervention," said Shikha Goel, DG Women Safety Wing. BY TABOOLASPORE LINKS YOU

MAY LIKE How can a 3-month-old get cancer? Please help! Ketto Launched on March 12, 2024, by chief minister A Revanth Reddy, the T-SAFE app allows users to get their journey monitored by police for their safety via phones or web links. So far, 36,000 rides were monitored in Telangana through T-SAFE and 27,000 SOS alerts were addressed with an average response time of eight minutes. The T-SAFE app was downloaded 43,000 times and has 32,000 registered users. Police said that they had resolved 39,910 ride deviations flagged through the app, and seven other state govts have expressed interest in replicating the model. Police are planning to expand the integration of T-SAFE with other travel aggregators such as Ola, Rapido, Manayatri,

## Putin orders Easter ceasefire, Ukraine calls for extension

Russia's truce took effect at 6 p.m. Moscow time on Saturday is slated to end at midnight Sunday, Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered a 30-hour pause in hostilities in Ukraine that will cover Easter Sunday, though Ukraine downplayed it as theatrics as it urged a month-long halt in fighting. Putin's move comes after the US warned on Friday that it may abandon efforts to end the war in

Ukraine within days if there isn't progress toward a ceasefire. (AP) Putin's move comes after the US warned on Friday that it may abandon efforts to end the war in Ukraine within days if there isn't progress toward a ceasefire. (AP) Russia's truce took effect at 6 p.m. Moscow time on Saturday is slated to end at midnight Sunday, Putin said at a televised meeting with the military's chief of

the general staff, Valery Gerasimov. "I order all combat operations to cease for that period. We proceed from the premise that the Ukrainian side will follow our example," Putin said. "At the same time, our forces must be ready to repel any violation of the ceasefire and any provocations from the adversary." Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy dismissed the announcement.

"As for yet another attempt by Putin to play with human lives — at this moment, air raid alerts are spreading across Ukraine," with attack drones detected in the skies, he said on X. PROMOTED Nisha: Tamannaah Bhatia sizzles with her moves in Raid 2 song, but internet says 'nothing can beat Aaj Ki Raat'. Watch Hindustan Times Andhra CM stalls Waqf board's proposal to lease



## Leaders of the Padmasali Sangam of Mahabubabad Telangana Region paid a courtesy call on Government Advisor Vem Narender Reddy

April 22, Tuesday, Press Media Mahabubabad District The newly elected leaders of the Padmasali Sangam of Mahabubabad met Government Advisor Vem Narender Reddy at his residence in Kesamudram Mandal of Mahabubabad District, and presented a bouquet of flowers to the newly elected Padmasali Sangam leaders, Vem Narender Reddy, MLA of Mahabubabad Constituency Bhukya Murali Nayak, and Chairman of Kesamudram Agricultural Market. The association expressed its gratitude to the Chief Minister of Telangana State,



Anumala Revanth Reddy, for which the government is providing all kinds of support to the handloom weaving communities of our Telangana Region. On behalf of our association, we wish all the members of our

Telangana State Padmasali Sangam family all the blessings of our government and that our association will always provide all kinds of support to their party. Leaders included Mahabubabad District President Chilaka

Mari Venkateswarlu, General Secretary Samala Narasaiah, Working President Vannala Sagar, Markandeya Temple President Kairamkonda Veeranna Srinivas, Thati Pamula Ravi, Parikapandla Ashok Kumar and others.

## Steps should be taken to prevent drinking water problems in summer: Minister Jupally Krishna Rao



Wanaparthi (Azharuddin) 22 April, (Bharat Samachar) Minister Jupally has instructed the officials to take steps to provide drinking water to the people during the summer. He held a review with the district officials at the Integrated District Office Complex in Mahabubnagar. He directed the officials on drinking water supply, purchase of grain, tourism development works, gas cylinder subsidy, free electricity up to 200 units and other issues. Mission Bhagiratha officials explained about the residences and drinking water supply in urban areas of the district. He said that there is no problem of water storage in the reservoirs, there are some shortcomings in management and that no problem should arise in drinking water supply during the summer. On this occasion, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has allocated Rs. crore to the district collectors to ensure drinking water supply in emergency

situations. In addition, he said that the SDF funds of the legislators can also be used for this occasion. He reviewed the procurement of grain. As soon as the farmers bring the grain to the paddy procurement centres, they are instructed to immediately weigh the grain with the specified moisture content and quality standards and immediately issue a receipt according to the quantity of grain purchased. He said that this process should be implemented 100 percent. He ordered that the farmers should transport the grain to the mills and send the purchased grain to the mills without any delay. He made it clear that the grain procurement centre managers should not be discounted under any circumstances in the name of moisture and quality. He ordered that the millers should collect Rs. 150 crore in arrears from those who milled and sold rice without supplying rice in the last Rabi season and

if necessary, criminal cases should be registered. He suggested that special officers should be appointed for each grain procurement centre to monitor the purchases. He suggested that additional tarpaulins should be purchased with funds in the market yards and that precautions should be taken so that not a single grain of rice gets wet in case of rain. He said that drinking water, toilets and sheds should be set up for the farmers in the market yards. The Collector suggested holding a review meeting with the grain procurement managers and issuing orders to ensure smooth grain procurement. He said that the government will provide 500 gas cylinder subsidy, and that the mistakes in the name, Aadhaar number and ration card of the eligible people should be corrected, and such people should be given the opportunity to apply again. He suggested that those who use electricity within 200 units and do not get zero bills should also be corrected. He suggested that a proforma be prepared within 15 days, and if there are eligible people, a list should be prepared and the data should be prepared. He said that new ration cards would also be issued

as soon as possible. He reviewed the tourism development works in the district. He said that the works sanctioned by the government should be completed immediately. He ordered that the works sanctioned by the government in Pilal Marri and Koil Sagar should be immediately called for tenders and undertaken. He instructed the engineering officers of the Tourism Development Department to assess the soundproofing of the auditorium in Shilparamam. He said that the works of Haritha Hotel and Kalyana Mandapam in Manyamkonda should be completed. He said that the work on Tank Bund Necklace Road and Island should be re-evaluated. He inquired about the progress of the construction work of the tourism hotel under construction in Mahabubnagar. MLAs Yennam Srinivas Reddy, Madhusudhan Reddy, Collector Vijayendra Boi, Additional Collector of Local Bodies Shivenendra Pratap, Additional Collector of Revenue Mohan Rao, Chairman of District Library Association Mallu Narasimha Reddy, Chairman of Market Committee Bekkari Anitha, Chairman of MUD Laxman Yadav and officials of various departments participated in the program.

## Former MLA G Vitthal Reddy distributed Chief Minister's Relief Fund cheques to beneficiaries.

Nirmal District April 22 ( Bharat Samachar mudhol constancy reporter Shaik Khaja Mohinuddin ) Former MLA G Vitthal distributed Chief Minister's Relief Fund cheques worth Rs 4 lakh 84 thousand to 13 beneficiaries from various villages in Kubeer mandal of Nirmal district on Tuesday in Degam village. The cheques were distributed to the beneficiaries through the hands of the Kubeer mandal leaders and activists.



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Chatha Village	60000
Rekha Halda Village	15500
Muttanna Kup-ti Village	27500
D. Sayanna Pardi K Village	44000
Gangamani Malegaon Village	17500
Tukaram Malegaon Village	21000
Mallesha Dodarna	60000
Sangeetha Kup-ti Village	60000
Raju Kubeer Vil-	

The Chief Minister's Relief Fund cheques were sanctioned. Telangana State Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. Nirmal District In-charge Minister Sitakka thanked the beneficiaries. The beneficiaries thanked Mudhol former G. Vitthal Reddy for his efforts in sanctioning the Chief Minister's Relief Fund cheques. Former ZPTC Shankar Chauhan. Bainsa former ZPTC Suryam

Reddy. Kubeer former market chairman Kandur Santosh. Former sarpanchs Meera Vijay, Kumar. Mahipal Reddy. Devender. Datturampatil. Haima Hussain. Atma Rao. Raof. Subhash. Gopal, Kalyan, Dharma-kiran. Sainath Dattu. Sayanna. Prasad Dattu. Sainath. Mandal leaders, activists and beneficiaries participated in the cheque distribution program.

## We will contribute to the development of fishermen Collector Manu Chaudhary



(Our correspondent kothapalli Rajender) PRESS MEDIA HUSNABAD, APRIL 22; Siddipet District Collector Mikkilineni Manuchaudari said that they will cooperate in all ways for the development of fishermen. Collector Manuchaudari participated as the chief guest in a meeting organized by the District Fisheries Department at Shanigaram Village Fisheries Industrial Cooperative Society in Koheda Mandal of Husnabad constituency on Tuesday. The Collector met with the faculty

and students of the Fisheries Department of Siddipet Government Degree College, members of Shanigaram Fisheries Association and representatives of various private companies who participated in the program. He inquired about the problems faced by the fishermen. The District Collector said that in order to bring the fishermen's associations in the district into development, marketing facilities have been provided to the fishermen's associations, linkages have been

made with private companies, and students and faculty of the Fisheries Department of the Degree College have been brought here for suggestions and advice. The members of the government degree college team said that good seeds and feed should be selected for fish growth, fish production should be increased according to modern methods in line with the changing times and income should be generated. Fish deaths are occurring from

time to time due to water pollution. They said that their team will provide advice and suggestions to increase fisheries, they will monitor the society frequently and the society should take responsibility for fish conservation. Before this program, the collector inspected the paddy purchase center in Shanigaram village at the field level. He instructed the organizers and officials to ensure that all facilities are available at the center. When talking to the farmers, they said that they have only one machine for removing husks and they asked for another machine to be provided, which the collector said would be provided soon. District Fisheries Officer Mallesham, Krishi Kalpa Foundation CEO CM Patil, Husnabad RDO Rammurthy, local Tehsildar Surekha, Degree College Vice Principal Ayodhya Reddy, Shanigaram Fishermen's Association President Komuraiah and others participated in the meeting.



## All communists should unite and fight against the RSS BJP Fascism!CPI (ML) Red Star State Secretary Sri Kollipara Venkateswara Rao's call



On 22- 4 -2025, a meeting was held at Comrade Sheikh Bude Library, Lakshmi Ragaghu Ramaiah Colony, Sangadigunta, Guntur, on the occasion of the 56th Foundation Day of the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) under the chairmanship of Comrade Pilli Chenakeshavulu, CPI (ML) Red Star Guntur District Secretary. In this meeting, the party's state secretary, Sri Kollipara Venkateswara Rao, said that the tribal strug-

gle of Naxalbari was sparked on May 25, 1967, for the liberation of the oppressed people and for the land of the poor, and then the tribal peasant struggle of Srikakulam in Andhra State for land, for the sake of freedom and for social liberation. In the context of those struggles, the communist revolutionaries broke away from the CPI(M) party and formed the CPI(ML) party on April 22, 1969, on the birthday of the great Marxist teacher Lenin, with

Charu Majumdar as the general secretary. This was explained by Kanusanyal in a grand public meeting in Calcutta on May 1, 1969. He said that the CPI(ML) party made a mistake in thinking that the individual annihilation actions followed by the party were an armed struggle, and in the process of correcting this mistake, the party's general secretary Charu Mujumdar died in the Calcutta jail. He explained that from the CPI(M) in Andhra State, Tarimela Nagi Reddy, Kolla Venkaiah, Devulapalli Venkateswara Rao, Chandra Pullareddy etc. won the Palakollu plenum in Andhra State against the then central leadership and fought an ideological struggle in Bharadwaan. He said that in the wake of the constant split

of the CPI (ML) party into several groups, there is a need for the communist revolutionaries to unite now. He said that the unity of the communists can create an alternative to the BJP government that is gaining power at the Centre, the Chandrababu government that is gaining power in Andhra Pradesh, and the Indian ruling classes that are giving a foothold to the American imperialists. He called on all communists to unite and fight against the fascism followed by the RSS/BJP. Also speaking in this meeting were party Polit Bureau member Mannava Hariprasad, All India Revolutionary Women's Organization leader Sri Venigalla Pushpalatha, Veeravalli Sarada and others.

## Vaccination Drive Organised for Hajj Pilgrims by Mahabubnagar Hajj Society

Mahabubnagar April 22 (Press Media) A vaccination drive was organised today for Hajj pilgrims by the Mahabubnagar Hajj Society at JJR Function Hall in Yengunda. The program was presided over by Mohammed Mahmood Ali, President of the Hajj Society. During the program, Mr. Mahmood Ali personally administered vaccine doses to the pilgrims. Several medical officers including Dr. Shankar, District Immunization Officer, Dr. Abdul Rub, Dr. Shiva Kumar, Dr. Rafiq, Dr. Sami, and Dr. Gautami along with nursing staff and



other medical professionals, actively participated in the drive. The District Medical and Health team efficiently conducted the vaccinations. Mahmood Ali stated that a total of 205 pilgrims from Mahabubnagar's district are scheduled to travel

for Hajj this year. The first group will depart on April 30, while the largest batch comprising 171 pilgrims will leave on May 17. The final flight is scheduled for May 27. Prominent members of the Hajj Society including General Secretary Mohammed

Merajuddin, Roof Pasha, Mohammed Rafiqur Rahman, Mohammed Arshad Ali, Mohammed Faya-zuddin, Mohammed Rafiq, Khwaja Nizamuddin, and Razzaq, along with several others, were present on the occasion.

## April 22, 2025 - 155 th Birth Anniversary of Comrade V I Lenin

Let's pay humble tributes to the great leader of the world proletarian revolutionary movement, the immortal Comrade Lenin, on his 155th birth anniversary. Let's draw inspiration from this revolutionary ascetic! Lenin applied Marxism to Russia's specific conditions and circumstances, just like a doctor diagnoses a patient's pulse. He implemented it in practice and led the revolution to victory. He established a new human society, a socialist paradise on earth, and paved the way for the working class worldwide. Lenin developed Marxism and created Leninism. Marx and Engels devoted their entire lives to creating the great proletarian revolutionary theory, Marxism, which changed the course of world

history. They guided the working-class struggles in France, Belgium, Poland, and other countries. Engels fought on the barricades, armed and guiding worker brigades. Both were the architects of proletarian revolutionary philosophy and theory. Lenin, a dear disciple of Marx and Engels, played a dual role as a revolutionary theorist and a political innovator in Russia. Until his death in January 1924 (about 35 years of his political life), Lenin worked tirelessly. At 35, Lenin led the 1905 Russian Revolution, which shook Europe. By 47, he led the October Revolution in 1917. Lenin passed away at 54. As the originator of the philosophical theory of world proletarian emancipation and the Russian political revolution, Lenin's unparalleled



efforts are worth emulating. Today, it is historically essential for working-class organizations and forces to draw inspiration from Lenin's legacy. Lessons from Lenin's Life 1.Lenin studied Russia's specific conditions and applied Marxism accordingly. 2.He made strategic political moves at the right time. 3.He proved that communist forces can merge with the masses like fish in water, leading to revolutionary breakthroughs. 4.Lenin built the Bolshevik Party with iron discipline and emphasized party building. 5.He showed that revolutionary leaders

must set an example with their lives and ideals. 6.Lenin lived modestly in the Smolny building even after socialism was established. 7.During economic hardships, Lenin and his family lived on rationed food, setting an example for others. Let's learn from Lenin's extraordinary revolutionary life, which is a model for historical and political lessons. On his 155th birth anniversary, let's remember him and draw revolutionary inspiration. Comrade Gaddam Sadanandam, CPI(ML)MassLine, Telangana State Secretariat member. Mob:9398188064.

## Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelensky accuses Russia of nearly 3,000 ceasefire violations amid Easter truce

Ukraine's president Volodymyr Zelensky also proposed a 30-day extension of the ceasefire, of any strikes using long-range drones and missiles. Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelensky on Sunday accused Russia of carrying out nearly 3,000 violations of the Easter truce his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin had announced. Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky said that there were a total of 1,355 cases of Russian shelling, 713 of which involved heavy weaponry.(AFP) Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky said that there were a total of 1,355 cases of Russian shelling, 713 of which involved heavy weaponry.(AFP) In a post on X, Zelensky said, "The total number of violations by the Russian army of Russia's own ceasefire promise throughout the day reached 2,935. The highest number of shellings and assaults occurred in the Pokrovsk direction. Russia's promise of a full ceasefire also did not apply to the Kursk direction. Overall, across the frontline, there were 96 Russian assaults, 1,882 instances of shelling on our positions, in-

cluding 812 involving heavy weaponry, and over 950 instances of FPV drone use by Russian forces." He said that Ukraine's actions will remain symmetrical, adding that ceasefire will be met with ceasefire. "Russian strikes will be met with our own in defense. Actions always speak louder than words," he added. Additionally, Zelensky also proposed a full ceasefire, starting from Easter, lasting for 30 days. He said that Ukraine proposes to cease any strikes using long-range drones and missiles on civilian infrastructure for a period of at least 30 days, with the possibility of extension. PROMOTED 50-year-old woman arrested for confiscating daughters' iPads, lodged in cell for more than seven hours Hindustan Times 4 Indians who rescued Pawan Kalyan's son, others from fire honoured by Singapore government Hindustan Times Nasha: Tamannaah Bhatia sizzles with her moves in Raid 2 song, but internet says 'nothing can beat Aaj Ki Raat'. Watch Hindustan Times Cong at its weakest in Pune as former MLA set to join BJP Hindustan

Times MK Stalin removes minister K Ponmudy from key post in DMK over remarks on Shaivism-Vaishnavism Hindustan Times Andhra CM stalls Waqf board's proposal to lease out 30K-acre plot for commercial purposes Hindustan Times Tempo traveller collides with parked aircraft at Bengaluru airport Hindustan Times How India's most expensive film became biggest box office bomb: Had 3 superstars, earned just ₹8 cr, left maker bankrupt Hindustan Times However, the Ukrainian president said that if Russia does not agree to such a ceasefire, then it will be "proof that it intends to continue doing only those things which destroy human lives and prolong the war". Putin's Easter truce Earlier, Putin had announced a 'Easter' truce from Saturday to Sunday midnight, saying it was motivated by "humanitarian reasons". To this, Zelensky responded by saying that Kyiv was ready to follow suit and proposed an extension of the truce for 30 days to "give peace a chance". Later, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that the Russian presi-

dent gave no order to extend the truce. The 30-hour truce, which was meant to begin on Saturday to mark the Easter holiday, witnessed both Russia and Ukraine accusing each other of violations. ALSO READ | Russia refused Easter truce offer, says Zelensky as he seeks \$7 bn monthly aid While Zelensky accused Russia of keeping up its attacks on the front line, Moscow said that it had "repelled" assaults by Kyiv and accused it of launching hundreds of drones and shells, causing civilian casualties. "Despite the announcement of the Easter truce, Ukrainian units at night made attempts to attack" Russia's positions in the Donetsk region, Moscow's defence ministry said, insisting that its troops had "strictly observed the ceasefire". Putin's Easter truce came in the backdrop of months of efforts by US president Donald Trump to bring a permanent ceasefire to the war. However, Trump on Friday had threatened to withdraw from talks if no progress was made. Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, and now occu-

## 371 applications received in Prajavani: Chinna Reddy

Wanaparthi (Azharuddin) 22 April, (Bharat Samachar) A total of 371 applications were received in the Prajavani program organized at Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Praja Bhavan on Tuesday. 75 applications were received for the Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department, 24 for the Power Department, 71 for the Revenue Department, 24 for the Municipal Department, and 96 for Indiramma Houses. Officials said that



81 applications were received for other departments. Prajavani in-charge, State Planning Commission Vice Chairman

Dr. G Chinna Reddy and State Nodal Officer Divya Devarajan received the applications, listened to the problems of

the people, gave approvals, spoke to the concerned officials over the phone and resolved many issues immediately.



## Red Cross Chairman Dr Lion Nataraj Honoured with Vishwa Telugu Velugu Award



Mahabubnagar April 22 (Press Media) Red Cross Chairman Dr Lion Nataraj was honoured with the prestigious Vishwa Telugu Velugu Award for his outstanding contributions to social ser-

vice. The award was presented by the International Cultural and Literary Association (ITKALA), which has been promoting Telugu language, culture, and arts nationally and interna-

tionally for over three decades. The award ceremony took place at Somajiguda Press Club in Hyderabad on Tuesday. The event was organized under the leadership of ITKALA President K. Dharma Rao as part of the 2025 Vishwa Telugu Velugu Awards. Telangana Legislative Council Chairman Gutha Sukhender Reddy attended as the chief guest and felicitated Lion Nataraj along with other distinguished per-

sonalities from various fields. Chairman Gutha Sukhender Reddy praised Lion Nataraj for his active role in social service and highlighted that he had also received a national award from the President of India for his exemplary services through the Red Cross. Members of the Red Cross and Lions Club extended their congratulations to Lion Nataraj on receiving the prestigious recognition.

## Sheikh Chand Pasha felicitated in Baramati, Pune

Hyderabad, April 22 (, Bharat Samachar) The Samvidhan Vichar Manch organised a felicitation programme in Baramati, Pune on Sunday to felicitate individuals for their extraordinary contributions to the society. The programme was attended by prominent personalities Amrapali Kokare (social activist and writer) and Bhagwan Kolekar (social activist and Maharashtra State President, Seva Dal), who felicitated Dr. Sheikh Chand Pasha, Convener of TPCC, NRI Cell and S. D. Sa-meena Parveen, social activist, poet and government employee. Amrapali Kokare came to know about the wonderful work of Madam Dr. Sheikh



Chand Pasha through cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar's guru, Professor Appasaheb. Dr. Pasha was invited to Baramati to receive the award for his outstanding social service, led by Samvidhan Vichar Manch Chairman Rajesh Kamble and Secretary Ghanshyam Kelkar. At the event,

Dr. Sheikh Chand Pasha participated in a detailed two-hour discussion with Amrapali Kokare Madam about the challenges faced by Gulf and foreign victims. He also launched a government welfare scheme to provide financial assistance of ₹5 lakh to the affected persons on December

7, 2023. Amrapali Kokare Madam, impressed by his 20 years of dedicated service, expressed her deep respect and appreciation. She recognized the greatness of his work and assured that she would join hands to support him in moving his cause forward.

## World's best airports: Singapore's Changi airport not at top position.

World's best airports: US airports were nowhere to be seen near the top. The highest ranked Seattle-Tacoma slipped six places to 24. What about Indian airports? World's best airports: In the recent years, the world's best airport crown has either been taken by Doha's Hamad International or Singapore Changi. This time 12-time winner Singapore lost the spot to Doha in the Skytrax World Airport Awards 2024 while Seoul Incheon bagged third place. Seoul Incheon was also named 2024's most family friendly airport while Tokyo's Haneda and Narita took fourth and fifth spots in the list. What stood apart in the list was Hong Kong airport which is up 22 positions to 11th place while US airports were nowhere to be

seen near the top. The highest ranked Seattle-Tacoma in the US also slipped six places to 24. Armed security policemen (L) patrol inside the terminal at Singapore Changi Airport in Singapore on April 15, 2024. (Photo by Roslan RAHMAN / AFP)(AFP) Armed security policemen (L) patrol inside the terminal at Singapore Changi Airport in Singapore on April 15, 2024. (Photo by Roslan RAHMAN / AFP)(AFP) Read more: Google layoffs: Company announces second major round of job cuts in 2024 saying 'change is difficult' Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive Officer Badr Al Meer said, "This year HIA celebrates its milestone 10th year of operations and we are truly honored that passengers have vot-

ed us Best Airport in the World for a third time." HT launches Crick-it, a one stop destination to catch Cricket, anytime, anywhere. Explore now! What about Indian airports? Read more: Delhi's IGI airport among top 10 busiest airports in the world. At no. 1 is... Just four Indian airports made it to the top list. Delhi airport retained 36th rank in the list, while Mumbai airport's rank dropped to 95 from 84 last year. Bengaluru airport jumped 10 ranks, climbing to 59 from 69 last year and Hyderabad airport rose to 61th place from being the 65th best airport in 2023. These are the world's best airports of 2024 with their last year's rankings: Doha Hamad (2) Singapore Changi (1) Seoul Incheon (4) Tokyo Haneda (3) To-

kyo Narita (9) Paris CDG (5) Dubai (17) Read more: Nestle adds sugar to infant milk, cereal products sold in several countries including India, study claims Munich (7) Zurich (8) Istanbul (6) Hong Kong (33) Rome Fiumicino (13) Vienna (11) Helsinki-Vantaa (12) Madrid-Barajas (10) Centrair Nagoya (16) Vancouver (20) Kansai (15) Melbourne (19) Copenhagen (14), while Mumbai airport's rank dropped to 95 from 84 last year. Bengaluru airport jumped 10 ranks, climbing to 59 from 69 last year and Hyderabad airport rose to 61th place from being the 65th best airport in 2023. These are the world's best airports of 2024 with their last year's rankings: Doha Hamad (2) Singapore Changi (1) Seoul Incheon

## Selection of Indiramma houses should be done transparently

Nirmal.22.04.2025 press media by M o h a m m e d Muqeemuddin Efforts to resolve people's land problems through the Bhu Bharati Act. Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy. State Revenue, Information and Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy has instructed the officials that the selection of beneficiaries in the housing scheme being implemented by the state government with the aim of realizing the dream of owning a house for the poor should be completely transparent. On Tuesday, he held a video conference with the collectors from the Secretariat along with CS Shanti Kumari, Principal Secretary of the Municipal Administration Department Dana Kishore and Housing Project Director Gautam. Speaking on the occasion, the minister said that 3,500 houses have been sanctioned for each



assembly constituency in the first phase and field verification of the applications should be completed by April 30. He said that if there is anyone ineligible in the list approved by the Indiramma Committee, they should be removed immediately. He said that one lakh rupees have already been released under the first installment to the beneficiaries who have completed the basement stage. He instructed the officials to take steps to prevent artificial

increase in the prices of materials and to ensure that there is no shortage of sand. He said that plans are being prepared for the construction of G+3 model houses in the cities. He revealed that civil engineering students are being temporarily appointed and trained. The minister suggested that workshops should be organized at the district level to implement the Bhu Bharati Act across the state. He made it clear that the LRS subsidy period will not

be extended again. Speaking on the occasion, District Collector Abhilasha Abhinav explained the details of the awareness seminars held in the district on the Bhu Bharati Act and the progress of the construction of Indiramma houses mandal-wise to the Minister and CS. Additional Collectors Faizan Ahmed, Kishore Kumar, RDOs Ratnakalyani, Komal Reddy, Tehsildars, MPDOs, and others participated in this video conference.

## Muslim Personal Law Board protests against Waqf Amendment Act in Delhi

New Delhi, April 22 (Bharat Sama Char) The All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) on Tuesday held a protest against the recently enacted Waqf (Amendment) Act under the 'Wakf Bachao Abhiyan' (Save Waqf Conference) at the Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi. The event, titled 'Tahafuz-e-Awqaf Caravan' (Protection of Waqf), alleged that the amended Act is a conspiracy to eradicate Waqf properties and end the religious autonomy of the Muslim community. The event was attended by presidents and representatives of several Muslim organisations from across the country, including Jamaat-e-Islami Hind. Prominent among them were AIMIM MP Asaduddin Owaisi, RJD MP Manoj Jha, Congress MP Imran Masood and SP MP Mohibullah Nadvi. The meeting discussed further legal fight against Waqf Act. "A BJP member said in Parliament that there is no Waqf in this particular Muslim country. I would

like to ask the Crown Prince whether the Madina Waqf was built on the land during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Saudi Arabia. Every Muslim country has a Waqf, be it a democracy or a state," Owaisi said. The first phase of AIMPLB's 'Wakf Bachao Abhiyan' began on April 11 and will continue till July 7. In these 87 days, one crore signatures will be collected in protest against the law and presented to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to withdraw it. If the government does not back down, the AIMPLB has made it clear that it will launch a major public awareness campaign in the next phase of the movement. On the other hand, Jamaat-e-Islami Hind said on Monday that its council of representatives, headed by its president Syed Sadatullah Hussaini,



had passed important proposals during a meeting held at the organization's headquarters between April 12 and 15, discussing national and international issues. "The council felt that the law had given the power to resolve waqf disputes to government-appointed officials, allowing the state to be the judge in its case and opening the door to encroachment and removal of centuries-old religious properties, especially those historically used by

the Muslim community," Jamaat-e-Islami Hind said. Jamaat-e-Islami Hind demanded the immediate repeal of the Waqf Act and appealed to the public to support the AIMPLB campaign. It requested democratic institutions, civil society and intellectuals to create awareness about the ill-effects of the amended Waqf Act. The council appreciated the lawmakers and organizations that expressed their views on the issue.



## 610th birth anniversary of Sant Shiromani Bhakt Dhanna Jat celebrated Bharat Samachar



Jhajjar, April 22: On the occasion of the 610th birth anniversary of Sant Shiromani Bhakt Dhanna Jat ji, Baba Shivpuri ji Maharaj, 19th Mathadhish, Baba Mukteshwarpuri Math, Kosli, inaugurated the food and water offering program - a bhandaar of saag, puri and sweet kheer, in front of Shaheed Flight Lieutenant Akash Yadav Government Senior Secondary School, Kosli, near Levy Disposal House, Kosli. Baba Shivpuri Ji Maharaj said in his address that Sant Shiromani devotee Shri Dhanna Jat, due to whose true and unwavering devotion, Lord Shri Krishna himself appeared in front of him. Yudh-veer Singh Lamba, President, Maa-Matibhoomi Seva Samiti, Veeron ki Devbhoomi Dharauli, who has donated blood 21 times, said that the following 1. Sanjay Kumar, Prof., Balaji Tent House and Light Decoration, Tumbahedi 2. Secret dona-

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## CP Bagchi Lauds Vizag Police for Tracing Missing Nepal Girl-

Visakhapatnam, Venkatgiri Bharat Samachar, April 22: In a heartwarming display of cross-border cooperation and prompt policing, Visakhapatnam City Police helped trace a missing Nepalese girl and reunite her safely with her father—an effort that earned them sincere appreciation from the Nepal Police. The young woman, a resident of Kathmandu district, had been reported missing in Nepal, prompting a search that eventually pointed to her possible presence in the Gajuwaka area of Visakhapatnam. Acting on this lead, Nepalese officials, along with the girl's father, reached out to Dr. Shankha Brata Bagchi, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Visakhapatnam, and the Additional District Magistrate, seeking assistance. Moved by the urgency of the case, Commissioner Bagchi swiftly directed his team to act. Sub-Inspector Nazir from Gajuwaka Police Station coordinated



closely with the Nepalese delegation. Together, they conducted a focused search across the locality and successfully located the girl in Tungalapalem, Gajuwaka. She was found safe and was immediately reunited with her father in the presence of both Nepalese and Indian officials. The emotional reunion brought immense relief to the family and highlighted the humane side of policing.

In recognition of this effort, the Kathmandu District Police Range issued a formal letter expressing heartfelt gratitude to the Visakhapatnam Police for their timely action, sensitivity, and outstanding cooperation. The case stands as a shining example of how compassion and coordination can transcend borders to make a real difference in people's lives.

## Mahabubnagar MLA Yennam Srinivas Reddy Inspects Site for New Advanced Skill Development Center in Veerannapet

Mahabubnagar April 22, (Press Media) Mahabubnagar MLA Yennam Srinivas Reddy conducted a site inspection on Tuesday for the proposed "Advanced Skill Development Center" to be constructed in Veerannapet, within the Mahabubnagar Municipal Corporation area. The inspection took place near the Veerannapet Community Hall, marking a significant step toward enhancing skill development opportunities in the region. The MLA was accompanied by MUDA Chairman



Laxman Yadav, DCC General Secretary Siraj Quadri, former Municipal Councillor Syed Mohsin, and other. The new center aims to provide advanced training and skill-building programs to empow-

er local youth and boost employment prospects. Speaking on the occasion MLA Yennam Srinivas Reddy emphasized the importance of skill development for the region's progress, aligning with the

state's vision for economic growth. The initiative is expected to contribute significantly to transforming Mahabubnagar into a hub for education and employment.

## Supreme Court Bar Association condemns BJP MP Nishikant Dubey's remarks on judiciary

New Delhi, April 22 (Bharat Samachar) The Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) has condemned BJP MP Nishikant Dubey's remarks on the judiciary and Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna and expressed hope that Attorney General (AG) R Venkataramani will allow criminal contempt proceedings against Dubey. In a resolution on April 21, the SCBA said: "The Supreme Court Bar Association condemns the actionable and absurd statement made by BJP MP Nishikant Dubey, which clearly states that Chief Justice of India Justice Sanjiv Khanna is responsible for 'all civil wars in the country'". Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, president of SCBA, said the MP had said, "The Supreme Court is acting beyond its limits. If everything has to go to the Supreme Court, then Parliament and

state assemblies should be closed..." The resolution said. "This statement is not only defamatory but also amounts to contempt of the Supreme Court. This attack on the Supreme Court as an institution, and the impugning of the Chief Justice of India, Justice Sanjiv Khanna as an individual, is unacceptable and should be dealt with as per law," the resolution said. The bar association said it hopes that AGR Venkataramani, who is responsible for protecting the Constitution and laws, who accepted the petition seeking permission for criminal contempt against Dubey, will grant permission to protect the honour of the institution and the honour of CJI Khanna. In a separate development, the Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to hear next week a petition filed by Dubey seeking removal of derogatory



videos from social media platforms, noting the recent criticism made by the apex court and CJI Khanna. In the morning, the matter was listed for urgent hearing before a bench comprising Justices B R Gavai and Augustine George Masih. Dubey was quoted by the lawyer as saying that the CJI was responsible for the "civil wars" in the country and that after the video of his remarks went viral, phrases derogatory to the Supreme Court were being used on social media. "This is a very serious issue..." the lawyer said. "What do you (want to file)? Do you want to file

a contempt of court petition?" The bench asked the lawyer. The lawyer requested the bench to issue orders to the social media platforms to remove these videos and also stressed that he has already filed a petition in the Supreme Court in this regard and the government is not taking any action against the MP. The lawyer said that one of his colleagues wrote a letter to the AG to initiate contempt of court proceedings against Dubey, but to no avail. The Supreme Court said that the case will be taken up for hearing next week.

## Grand Felicitation for Retiring Headmaster Sheikh Naseem Ahmed

JAGTIYAL district correspondent" PRESS MEDIA BY" MD ikramuddin April 22) Sheikh Naseem Ahmed, the Headmaster of the Zilla Parishad Urdu Medium School in Raikot town, officially retired from service on Tuesday. On this occasion, a farewell ceremony was held at the school premises, attended by teacher union leaders, fellow staff members, parents, and well-wishers. During the event,

Sheikh Naseem Ahmed was honored with a shawl and felicitated with warm wishes for his retirement. Speakers at the event praised his dedication and commitment to the cause of education, highlighting his efforts in laying strong foundations for students' bright futures and increasing student enrollment in government



schools through his tireless work. They expressed their gratitude for his invaluable

service and wished him a healthy, peaceful, and happy retired life.





## Waqf (Amendment) Act 2025 'black law', "It is against our fundamental rights:" AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi



New Delhi: AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi has slammed the Narendra Modi-led government over the Waqf (Amendment) Act 2025, alleging that it is not to save waqf but to help land grabbers become landowners. "This is a black law and we will not accept it as it is against our fundamental rights," he said at the "Save Waqf Conference" against the Waqf Amendment

Act 2025 organised by the All India Muslim Personal Law Board at the Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi on Tuesday. Hitting out at Prime Minister Modi over his visit to Saudi Arabia, Owaisi said, "Prime Minister Modi is visiting Saudi Arabia, where he will meet Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman cordially, but in India, he says people will identify these people (Muslims) by their

clothes." Addressing the people, Owaisi said, "Prime Minister Modi should ask the Crown Prince whether there is waqf land or not. Every Muslim country has waqf, be it a democracy or a state." Speaking at the event, RJD MP Manoj Jha said, "We should be united as people will try to mislead us, but we should be vigilant to fight against injustice." On this issue, Samajwadi Party leader Dharmendra Yadav said, "I want to assure you that the Samajwadi Party is against this law. Whether it is on the road, in Parliament or in court, our party will stand with you." Accusing the BJP-led government of hate speech, Yadav said, "According to a

recently released report, BJP has made 10 hate speeches because there is no secular person." According to the All India Muslim Personal Law Board, the recent amendments to the Waqf Act have posed significant challenges to the administration of Waqf and have affected the constitutional rights of the Muslim community and this meeting focused on all such issues. Speaking on the occasion, former MP Mohammed Adeb said, "I want to say one thing that a sleeping community has now woken up after the action taken on Waqf. We were silent on every issue, but now the Waqf issue has helped us raise our voice.

## Srikanth Reddy blessed the newlyweds

ADILABAD : BHARAT SAMACHAR : Telangana Kisan Congress State General Secretary Boranchu Srikanth Reddy attended the wedding of Chandrakant Bhokre's daughter, which was held at Ganesh Garden in Bela Mandal Center, and blessed the newlyweds. Bhokre Shankar, former ZPTC

Ramdas Nakle, former market chairman Vaman Wankde, former sarpanch Roop Rao Wankde, Vipin Thackeray, Ramesh Bhuvan, Ishwar Dhote, Block Congress president Sanjay Gundawar, Mavala Mandal president Dharmapuri Chandrasekhar, leaders Vijay Darne, Avinash Ghode, Nalimela



Naveen Reddy, Harish Reddy and others participated in the program.

## Transparent Selection of Indiramma Housing Beneficiaries: Minister Ponguleti

(PRESS MEDIA JAGTIAL District "BY MD ikramuddin April 22) State Revenue, Housing, and Information Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy emphasized the need for transparency in selecting beneficiaries under the first phase of the Indiramma Housing Scheme. During a video conference with District Collectors and senior officials, the Minister directed that field verification of applications be completed by April 30. He stated that the Telangana government is offering Rs. 5 lakh subsidy per house, the highest in the country. Each assembly constituency has been allotted 3,500 houses in the first phase, and one special officer will be appointed per constituency to monitor progress. Selection should be done through Indiramma Committees



at village and ward levels. Any ineligible names in the beneficiary list must be removed. The Minister also urged officials to provide full support to beneficiaries at every stage of house construction. Regarding Bhū Bhārati, he said the Act is being implemented on a pilot basis in four mandals, with plans to expand statewide after

gaining practical experience. Awareness campaigns and workshops will follow. On LRS (Layout Regularisation Scheme), the Minister clarified that the 25% concession deadline has been extended only till the end of April, with no further extensions. Collectors were instructed to ensure timely completion of

the scheme and facilitate material supply, including free sand for the weaker sections. Civil engineering graduates are to be temporarily appointed to support construction. Additional Collector B.S. Latha, municipal commissioners, housing officials, and others participated in the meeting.

## DIG Reviews Crime Strategy, Stresses Ganja Crackdown and Tech Policing



Visakhapatnam, Venkatgiri BharatSamachar, April 22: In a comprehensive crime review meeting held in Visakhapatnam, Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) Gopinath Jatti, IPS, interacted with Superintendents of Police (SPs) and senior officials from districts across the Visakhapatnam Range. The meeting focused on strengthening strategies for crime prevention, with special emphasis on ganja eradication, cybercrime awareness, and the integration of modern technology in policing. As part of the state's 'Sankalpam' initiative, the DIG issued clear instructions to intensify efforts against illegal ganja cultivation and transportation. He directed officers to swiftly identify and seize assets of individuals involved in the trade, ensure immediate arrest of accused persons, and enhance community intelligence

gathering. Check-post surveillance is to be tightened with thorough inspections to intercept illegal movement. The DIG emphasized the importance of speedy execution of Non-Bailable Warrants (NBWs) and fast-tracking of investigations to facilitate early filing of charge sheets. He also encouraged departments to apply for rewards through the National Narcotics Bureau for notable achievements in narcotics control. On crimes against women and children, DIG Jatti instructed officials to open special history sheets against habitual offenders and to increase public engagement through the SHAKTI app and dedicated SHAKTI teams. He recommended scaling up self-defense training programs and outreach initiatives to empower vulnerable groups. Recognizing the growing threats posed by cybercrime

and misuse of social media, the DIG urged for extensive public awareness campaigns. He stressed the need to educate people about common cyber fraud tactics and promote the use of the national cybercrime helpline (1930) for timely reporting of incidents. In line with modern policing standards, DIG Jatti called for strengthening surveillance infrastructure through wider deployment of CCTV cameras and drones, enhancing real-time monitoring and deterrence capabilities across both urban and remote areas. The meeting was attended by district SPs Tuhin Sinha, Amit Bardar, Vakul Jindal, Maheshwar Reddy, and Madhav Reddy, among other senior police officials. The session highlighted a unified and forward-looking approach to law enforcement, centered on proactive strategies, technology integration, and public collaboration.

## City Police Commissioner Organizes Vehicle Mela



Visakhapatnam, Venkatgiri BharatSamachar, April 22: In a people-centric move, the Visakhapatnam City Police organized a special "Vehicle Mela" to return seized vehicles to their rightful owners. This initiative, the first of its kind in the city, aimed to make the process more transparent and accessible for the public. A total of 320 vehicles were handed back to their owners, including 272 vehicles seized by the Traffic Department, 37 from the Crime Branch, and 11 from the Law & Order Department. Dr. Shankha Brata Bagchi,

IPS, Commissioner of Police and Additional District Magistrate, personally handed over the vehicles, ensuring that the process was smooth and efficient. The event was attended by senior police officials, including K. Latha Madhuri, DCP (Crimes), and other key members of the police team, who worked together to make this event a success. The vehicle mela was not just a logistical exercise, but a gesture of goodwill and transparency, aimed at making a positive impact on the community.