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Dubey Moves Privilege Motion Against Rahul



BJP MP Nishikant Dubey on Tuesday requested Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to initiate privilege proceedings against Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi for alleged breach of privilege by "ridiculing" the country and "lowering the prestige of our Republic". Gandhi while participating in debate on the Motion of Thanks on the President's address had on Monday alleged that China was "sitting inside" Indian territory **CONTINUE:P2**

Polavaram Capacity Reduction Opposed in LS

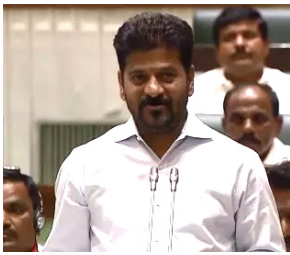


YSR Congress MP Midhun Reddy voiced strong opposition to the proposed reduction in the capacity of the Polavaram project, urging the government not to compromise its original design. During the debate in the Lok Sabha, he emphasised that the project, initially designed to provide water for irrigation and drinking purposes to 7.5 lakh acres, was originally set to deliver 194 TMC of water. However, budget proposals suggest reducing the capacity to 115 TMC, which would significantly limit its effectiveness, providing water to only 3.2 lakh acres. **CONTINUE:P4**

Congress to give 42% tickets to BCs in local body polls

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conduct a similar exercise at the national level.

Initiating the debate, Revanth Reddy criticized the lack of enumeration of BCs over the past 75 years, stating that their concerns had long been ignored. Referring to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's slogan "jitni abadi, utni hissedari" (share as per numbers), he recalled that Gandhi had promised a caste survey during his Bharat Jodo Yatra*in Telangana.

'War Against Indian State...': PM's "Urban Naxal" Jibe At Rahul Gandhi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched an all-out attack on the Opposition in Lok Sabha this evening. Responding to the debate on the Motion of Thanks to President's address on the eve of the Delhi election, he targeted the Opposition on multiple fronts - starting with Arvind Kejriwal's Aam Aadmi Party - and then went on to the Congress and Rahul Gandhi, with multiple references to the Constitution - which provided the thrust to the Congress attack since before the Lok Sabha election. Only the BJP and its allies



"Understand the spirit of the Constitution and live by it," PM Modi had said in his opening remarks on the Constitution and the Congress. "Some openly speak the language of Urban Naxals. Those who declare war against Indian state can't understand the country's constitution or democracy," he said without naming Rahul Gandhi.



US Deports 205 Illegal Indian Immigrants in Military Aircraft

In a move highlighting the priority of the Trump administration to deport illegal immigrants, an American C-17 Boeing Globemaster military transport aircraft took off from San Antonio, Texas, with 205 illegal Indian immigrants on board to transport them back, according to global news agency reports that cited US officials. According to media reports, the flight is expected to land in Amritsar on Wednesday morning.

The deportation comes just a few days ahead of the forthcoming visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the United States, where he will hold talks with United States President Donald Trump. Media reports cited sources to claim that India had verified the Indian nationality of all 205 persons who are being deported.

This is perhaps the first time, as per reports, that the US has deployed its military aircraft for such a deportation exercise to India when it had earlier utilised chartered or commercial aircraft.

KTR Slams Congress Government Over BC Reservation Promise

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao (KTR) on Tuesday criticized the Congress government for allegedly misleading the Backward Classes (BCs)



by failing to deliver on their promise of a 42% reservation bill. He accused the government of making hollow announcements without taking any concrete legislative action, contrary to the commitments

made during the Kama-reddy BC Declaration meeting.

KTR stated that the Congress government had merely issued a statement on reservations, calling it "historic," without introducing

a legally binding bill to ensure 42% reservations for BCs. "We expected the government to bring a meaningful bill, but instead, they have resorted to deception. BCs will never accept this," he said.

M Kharge, Akhilesh Yadav Wanted Bigger Tragedy At Maha Kumbh: Yogi

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday launched a sharp attack on Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, alleging that they and some "Sanatan-opposing elements" wanted a larger disaster to unfold at the Maha Kumbh stampede.

The stampede happened on January 29, the occasion of Mauni Amavasya, one of the most auspicious days of the Hindu calendar. According to official figures released by the UP government, at least 30 people lost their lives and



60 were injured in the pre-dawn stampede at the Sangam area in Prayagraj. The chief minister's remarks came in response to statements made by Mr Kharge and Mr Yadav in Lok Sabha regarding the stampede.

Speaking to reporters in Prayagraj, Yogi Adityanath said, "While the entire nation and the world are witnessing this grand Sanatan Dharma event with pride, there are some elements conspiring against it, spreading false-

hoods and setting new standards of deception." "The statements made by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav in Parliament today draw attention to this sinister agenda," he added.

Slamming Mr Kharge for his claim in Parliament that "thousands died on Mauni Amavasya at the Prayagraj Kumbh," Mr Adityanath said, "Such a senior leader who heads the country's oldest party is expected to make responsible statements. Instead, he has resorted to outright lies and misleading remarks in Parliament."

Rahul doing irresponsible politics on national interests: Defence Minister



Defence minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday hit out at Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi for "making false allegations" in the Lok Sabha and indulging in "irresponsible politics on matters of national interest". The defence minister was reacting to a statement made by Gandhi on Monday in which he had claimed that the Chief of Army Staff had said the Chinese are inside Indian territory.

"Shri Rahul Gandhi in his speech in Parliament on February 3, 2025 made false allegations about the statement of the Army chief on the situation on the India-China.

Akhilesh slams UP govt over Kumbh deaths

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Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav alleged on Tuesday that the Uttar Pradesh government is hiding the number of deaths in the stampede at the Maha Kumbh congregation in Prayagraj and demanded strict action against those trying to cover up "mismanagement" in organising the fair.

Participating in the debate on the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address in the Lok Sabha, Mr Yadav said that the government claims to



have organised "digital Kumbh" but is hiding the digits of the dead.

The SP chief demanded that the Uttar Pradesh government call an all-party meeting to discuss the arrangements of the Maha Kumbh and hand over disaster management and the "lost and found centre" to the Army. **CONTINUE:P4**

"The government is continuously reeling out the Budget numbers... Please also give the numbers of those who died in the Maha Kumbh," he said. The former Uttar Pradesh chief minister also demanded disciplinary action against officers who have tried to cover up the "mismanagement" in the arrangements for the Kumbh. "The figures for the deaths in the Maha Kumbh accident, treatment of injured, availability of medicines, doctors, food, water and transport should be presented in Parliament," he said.

Indian embassy in Libya facilitates return of 18 Indian nationals from Benghazi

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The Indian embassy in Libya has facilitated the return of 18 Indian nationals from Benghazi after being stranded in the city for several weeks. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said this on Tuesday. It is learnt that the Indians were lured to the Libyan city by fake recruitment agents. "The Embassy of India in Libya facilitated the return of 18 Indian nationals from Benghazi, Libya. They would be arriving in India tomorrow," MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in a post on X.

"They had gone to work in Libya & had been stranded for several



weeks. The Embassy worked closely with the local authorities and assisted the Indian workers with required authorization and travel documents," he said. Jaiswal said the embassy remained in touch with the Indians. "While their case was being looked into, the Embassy remained in constant touch with them to ensure their well-being, assisting them with articles of daily living," he said. "Three other Indian nationals from the same group, assisted by the Embassy, had returned to India **CONTINUE:P4**

Hyderabad Tops Breast Cancers in India

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Hyderabad has the highest incidence rate of breast cancer in the country, with an age-adjusted incidence rate of 48 per one lakh population, according to data from the Population Based Cancer Registry (PBCR) The city also has the highest incidence of paediatric cancers in south India, occurring among children in the age group of 0-14 years. They constitute 2.44 per cent of the total cancer load in both sexes with a higher percentage among boys (3.2 per cent) than girls (1.8 per cent).

On the positive side, the city also had the lowest total mortality as a per-



centage to incidence for all cancers: in males, 35.4 per cent and in females 27.7 per cent. The study revealed that on average, one out of 16 males and one out of 10 females in Hyderabad get cancer in their lifetime, considering one lives up to the age of 64 years. Tobacco and alcohol were among the biggest contributors to the development of cancer.

On World Cancer Day, the Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (Nims) released data from the Population Based Cancer Registry (PBCR) for Hyderabad on Tuesday. During the period of the study, from 2014 to 2016, 11,596 new cancer cases were registered in Hyderabad. Of these, 5,143 were male patients and **CONTINUE:P2**

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Design Flaws Exposed in Kaleshwaram Barrages: IIT



The rush for constructing the three Kaleshwaram project barrages and getting it into operational mode by the then BRS government appears to have resulted in cutting of corners in both investigations and designing of the barrages. All three barrages — at Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla — followed the same design provided by the Central Designs Organisation (CDO) of the irrigation department, and were inaugurated in 2019, three years after contracts were signed for their construction. All developed problems including leaks, seepages, forming of cavities under their foundations, and in the case of Medigadda, partial sinking of Block 7 of the barrage resulting in serious cracks in some of the piers of the block.

According to a report by IIT Roorkee which reviewed the designs of the Medigadda barrage, several shortcuts appear to have been taken in designing, and some design calculations left much to be desired. The end result was the eventual serious damage that occurred to the barrage on October 21, 2023, just four years into the operation of the barrage that was supposed to have been designed with a lifespan of a 100 years. One of the problems at all the barrages was that the shooting velocities of water, once released from the under the gates, exceeded the design parameters resulting in downstream protection structures, whose repeated failures over five flood.

CM Revanth Reddy Announces 42% Seats for BCs in Local Body Elections, Challenges BRS and BJP

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conduct a similar exercise at the national level. Initiating the debate, Revanth Reddy criticized the lack of enumeration of BCs over the past 75 years, stating that their concerns had long been ignored. Referring to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's slogan "jitni abadi, utni hissedari" (share as per numbers)*, he recalled that Gandhi had promised a caste survey during his "Bharat Jodo Yatra" in Telangana. "We have fulfilled that promise by conducting a comprehensive caste survey, which acts as an X-ray of society," he said. The Chief Minister explained that the Telangana government had studied caste-based surveys con-



ducted in Bihar and Karnataka before formulating a robust model for the state. "We ensured a foolproof plan before executing the survey," he added. Calling the day a "red-letter day"

in history, he asserted that the progress toward social justice was now "irreversible and unstoppable." Revanth Reddy took a sharp dig at the BJP-led central government for de-

laying the national census since 2014, accusing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's administration of deliberately stalling the process to deny rights to marginalised communities. "For

70 years since Independence, the census was conducted regularly. Why did it stop after Modi became the Prime Minister?" he questioned. He urged opposition MLAs who had not participated in the caste census to submit their details, reiterating the Congress government's commitment to BC welfare. "Inspired by Rahul Gandhi's vision of social justice through proportional resource allocation, Telangana has set an example for the nation," he asserted. As per the Telangana caste survey, BCs constitute 56.33% of the state's population. Revanth Reddy pointed out that the last caste census in India was

conducted in 1931 before Independence and stressed the need for updated data to formulate effective policies. "For any policy to be implemented, data is essential. The findings of this caste survey will drive socio-political changes in Telangana," he said. He also reaffirmed that while the survey was completed in the state, similar exercises would soon be undertaken nationwide. The Chief Minister emphasized that the Congress government had fulfilled its electoral promise of conducting a caste census within a year of coming to power, marking a significant step toward social justice.

Harish Rao Criticizes Congress Government for Neglecting Retired Employees' Welfare

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Harish Rao, while addressing the ongoing issues faced by retired government employees, emphasized the difficulties many of them face post-retirement, particularly regarding their retirement benefits and health security. He highlighted the struggles of retired employees, especially police officers who have dedicated decades of service to the government. One such example is T.



Narayan Singh, a retired police officer with 30 years of service, who is currently battling severe health problems, including kidney issues. He is unable to access his retirement benefits, and his financial situation has worsened, making it difficult to afford medical treatment. Furthermore, Singh's health security card, which should cover his medical expenses, has been rejected by hospi-

itals, leaving him without the necessary care. Rao pointed out that retired employees, particularly policemen who have served with dedication, are now facing critical issues like health problems and old age. However, the delay in processing their retirement benefits, pensions, and health security services has worsened their situation. He criticized the Congress government for failing to address these issues and called on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to respond immediately, showing concern for the welfare

of these employees. Rao demanded that the government expedite the payment of retirement benefits, improve medical services, and ensure that health security cards are honored by hospitals to prevent further hardships for retired employees. Rao stressed that the government must focus on resolving these issues, such as providing proper pension services, addressing health security concerns, and ensuring timely assistance to retired employees, especially in their old age when they need it most.

AICC OBC coordinator Shri Nirmal Kumar Yadav attended mass social marriages event in Nanded maharashtra

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AICC OBC coordinator Shri Nirmal Kumar Yadav attended the program of Shri Yadav Ahir Gawali Samaj, Nanded Twenty Fourth (24th) Mass Marriage Ceremony held Matrimonial event on Feb 2, 2025. In this programme Engagement and marriage writing from 11am to 1pm 2 PM to 4 PM: Oil and turmeric from 8 p.m. The divine service of the bridegroom's side on 03/02/2025 Daily Monday. From 11am to 12pm, Devkarya of the bride's side, Naubar of the groom 1 PM to 4 PM : Baraat exit from 4 pm to 6 pm Blessing and thanksgiving ceremony at 7:05 PM: Akshada Bhavari, followed immediately by a reception. In the presence of Respectful Shri Yadav Ahir Gawali Samaj, Twenty Fourth (24th) Mass Marriage Ceremony Committee, Nanded and the elite class of society Mr. Sitaram Dulichand Mandale, Mr. Tularam Babulal Routray, Mr. Durgesh



Ramlal Bhurewale, Mr. Dashrath Ramu Bhagat, Mr. Hanuman Gangaram Kotwal, Mr. Santosh Kishanlal Meghawale, Mr. Tuljaram Narayanlal Kutlyawale. Marriage Venue : Bhandiravan, Vdarikadham, Narhar Kurundkar High School Ground, Kautha, Mr Nirmal Kumar Yadav like this programmes always ahead perception of social charity he was participated earlier like this mass social marriages this Hyderabad State of Telangana congress party leader, he is the face of the Aahir samaj and hindhi saamaj leader. Like this mass social marriages programmes he spent so much financial expenditure.

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Leads Historic Caste Survey Initiative to Empower Weaker Sections in Telangana

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Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, who heads the Transport and BC Welfare Department, highlighted the Telangana government's historic efforts to conduct a comprehensive caste survey aimed at uplifting weaker sections. The initiative, despite facing several setbacks, reflects a long-standing demand for updated caste data—something that has been missing since the last survey conducted in 1931. Minister Prabhakar emphasized the importance of caste-based information to ensure that government schemes are properly tailored to benefit weaker sections. He explained that, while



other states had not undertaken such surveys post-independence, Telangana is taking a significant step forward, ensuring that all sections are represented in policy-making. This effort aligns with the goals set by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during his Bharat Jodo Yatra, advocating for equitable opportunities for underrepresented communities. Minister Prabhakar reiterated the commit-

ment to the weaker sections, outlining that the state government is focused on addressing their aspirations. He also stated that the survey was carried out with the assistance of thousands of government employees and will form the basis for future policymaking. The survey has already garnered support at the national level, with Rahul Gandhi hailing it as a "role model" for the country. The Chief

Minister and other political leaders have also backed the initiative, emphasizing its potential to bring justice to the marginalized communities. The data collected from this survey will provide critical insights for future developmental plans and government schemes, ensuring fair representation and opportunities for all. Minister Prabhakar urged the public to engage in the process by offering suggestions and recommendations. He concluded by stressing that the survey is not just a political move but a historic opportunity to bring about lasting change for the weaker sections in Telangana, marking the beginning of a new era of justice and progress.

Bandi Ramesh hectic schedule in the Kukatpally constituency



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Kukatpally Congress Party in-charge Bandi Ramesh and Gottimukkala Venkateswara Rao attended the puja program held on Tuesday February 4 at Jai Durga Maisamma temple in Hyder Nagar, Kukatpally as chief guests and performed special pujas to the goddess. Organizers Om Prakash Goud, Rachamalla and others

were participated. And also Amjad Ali and Syed Mustafa-fali and others invited with invitation card today at the party office in Balanagar asking Kukatpally Congress party in-charge Bandi Ramesh to be the chief guest for Garmi Sharif festival to be held at Hasmat Peta on 7th of this month. Today hectic schedule to the Mr Bandi Ramesh as well as received the visitors of the Kukatpally constituency people to resolve the problems.

Union govt Budget is a guide for the country's bright future: yenugu Sudarshan Reddy



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Expressing happiness over the union govt budget introduced on February 1, under the leadership of mandal and municipal presidents Baswaraju Goud and Mahipal Reddy in Ghatkesar, member of the BJP state executive committee and contested MLA candidate of Medchal constituency, yenugu Sudarshan Reddy, along with large scale BJP cadre, annoited Modi's portrait . He said on this occasion Reforms on one hand and large scale

funding for welfare schemes. On the other hand, he described this as a budget that will create new space for the country's progress and future by providing tax concessions up to 12.75 lakhs to reduce the tax burden of employees earning. But the Congress government in the state, which turn a blind eye and is mired in the pits of corruption, is a proof of their foolishness. He stated that all the people are noticing that the development and welfare of the state is running only with the help of union government of India funds. He added

9th Nizam Raunaq Yar Khan Promotes Interfaith Unity at Basant Panchami using smartphones

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His Highness Raunaq Yar Khan, the 9th Nizam of the Asaf Jahi Dynasty, attended the annual Basant Panchami celebrations at Keys High School, Secunderabad, as the special chief guest. The two-day event, dedicated to the worship of Goddess Saraswati, saw participation from over 1,500 attendees and showcased a vibrant mix of cultural activities, including music in Hindi and Bengali and traditional



cuisine. The Basant Panchami festival, rooted in the teachings of Sufi saints Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya and Amir Khusrow, underscores the harmony between spiritual reflection and joyous celebration.

These traditions, celebrated in Sufi dargahs, were highlighted during the event with soulful Qawwali performances, symbolizing unity across religious boundaries. Speaking at the festival, Raunaq Yar Khan emphasized the importance of interfaith harmony. "I embraced this celebration with a deep reverence for Goddess Saraswati, connecting with my Hindu brothers and sisters. It is vital to preserve our shared cultural heritage and promote understanding between faiths," he

said. Raunaq Yar Khan's role as chief guest was a testament to his contributions toward secularism and interfaith dialogue. His Highness is known for participating in diverse festivals like Holi and Sankranti, reflecting his commitment to inclusivity and cultural unity. Mr. Abhijeeth Bhattacharjee, founder of Sangitanjali, an organization dedicated to cultural events, expressed his appreciation for Raunaq Yar Khan's presence. "Having His Highness, the 9th

Nizam, grace this occasion is an immense honor. His involvement highlights the festival's spirit of unity and the secular values he embodies," Bhattacharjee stated. The Basant Panchami festival featured colorful performances, community engagement, and a tribute to the intertwined legacies of Sufi traditions and Hindu customs. The event served as a vibrant reminder of Hyderabad's cultural richness and the enduring message of interfaith harmony.

AIMIM Leaders Meet in Sangareddy, Felicitate New Appointees

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In a recent event held in Sangareddy, the newly elected AIMIM (All India Majlis-e-Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen) team gathered for a meeting with MLA Kausar Mohiuddin in his office in Hakimpet. Following the discussions, the MLA extended his congratulations to Mohammed Fazil Irfan, the newly appointed President of Sangareddy Town, along with the district's General Secretaries and Joint Secretaries. The meeting served



as an important occasion to foster unity within the party, celebrate leadership appointments, and strengthen efforts for future political objectives. The felicitations highlighted the significant contributions and leadership skills of the newly appointed members, reaffirming their commitment to the party's growth and success.

BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha Demands Clarity on BC Reservation Increase and Caste Census

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BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha raised critical questions in the Legislative Council regarding the government's stance on increasing reservations for BCs in local body elections. During a discussion on the caste census, she expressed disappointment that the government merely repeated statements made by Cabinet Sub-Committee Chairman Uttam Kumar Reddy, instead of providing new answers. Kavitha pointed out that the Congress party had promised an increase in



BC reservations during the assembly elections and demanded that the government clarify whether elections will be held once that promise is fulfilled. She also voiced concerns over the separation of BCs and BC Muslims in the population data, suspecting it may be aimed at under-

estimating their population. Addressing the issue of population data, Kavitha questioned the government's claim of lacking accurate data, citing the 2011 census and estimated population growth of 13.5% over the last decade. According to her estimates, Telangana's

population should now stand at approximately 4.18 crore. However, the government's survey shows a decrease in the population of SCs, STs, BCs, and OCs, which Kavitha found contradictory. Kavitha also highlighted large-scale complaints from citizens, who reported that enumerators had not visited their homes to conduct the survey. She called on the government to take immediate steps to ensure that these individuals' details are properly collected in the next round of surveys.

Telangana Government Tables Caste Survey 2024 Report in Assembly

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The Telangana Government has tabled the Caste Survey 2024 report in the Assembly today (Tuesday). Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy highlighted the lack of official data on weaker sections in India, noting that since 1931, no enumeration of these communities has been conducted. As a result, the implementation of the BC quota has faced challenges. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had



promised a caste census during the Bharat Jodo Yatra, and upon Congress coming to power, this promise was fulfilled by adopting a resolution in the Assembly. The caste census process was completed swiftly,

with the report now presented in the Assembly. Enumerators meticulously collected data from villages and Tandas, with 150 houses identified as a unit for data collection. A dedicated team of 76,000

data entry operators worked for 36 days to compile the information. The Telangana Government spent Rs 160 crore to prepare the report, adopting strict measures throughout the process. The state Cabinet approved the decision to give due recognition to the BCs, who constitute 56% of Telangana's population. The government congratulated everyone involved in the census, which is now considered a model for the rest of the country.

Leaders Slam Congress for Premature Adjournment of Telangana Assembly

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Former Minister and MLA Vemula Prashanth Reddy, along with leaders Gangula Kamalakara and Talasani Srinivas Yadav, sharply criticized the Congress government for adjourning the Telangana Legislative Assembly



prematurely. Reddy remarked that the Assembly session began as if it had never ex-

isted and was adjourned without addressing any of the scheduled business. He emphasized that such an incident had never occurred in the history of the united Andhra Pradesh. He further criticized the decision to adjourn the House, pointing out that it was done without a single word being spoken about the House's agenda, sending a negative signal regarding the state of Telan-

gana and the Legislative Assembly's reputation. Reddy questioned the justification for adjourning the session simply because the Cabinet meeting had not concluded, and raised concerns over changes being made despite prior decisions. He termed it inappropriate to adjourn the House within just one minute of its commencement.

Woman SI, biker die in accident in Telangana's Jagtial

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Two persons including a woman sub-inspector of police died in an accident in Telangana's Jagtial district on Tuesday, February 4.

The accident occurred at Shilvakodur, Golapalli mandal, when the car in which she was travelling and a motorcycle collided. The woman police officer

and the motorcyclist were killed on the spot. The car went off the road and crashed into a roadside tree. Swetha died on the spot. Swetha, who was deployed at the Jagtial Crime Records Bureau, earlier worked in Korutla, Velgatur, Kathalapur and Peddapalli stations. She was placed under suspension after an accused in a case she investigated, died by suicide in Korutla.



Study Committee Tour Aims to Instill Self-Confidence in Farmers



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In an effort to boost farmers' morale and address the challenges faced by them, a study committee led by Singireddy Niranjan Reddy, Chairman



of the committee on farmer suicides, conducted an extensive tour of Ibrahimpatnam and surrounding areas today. The tour, aimed at understanding the pain caused by farmer suicides, involved visits to affected families, where committee members offered their support and vowed to stand by the farmers.

Singireddy Niranjan Reddy, while addressing the issues, highlighted the significant progress made during the tenure of Chief Minister KCR, mentioning key schemes like Rythu Bharosa, loan waivers, and Rythu Bhima, which had greatly benefited farmers and made agriculture feel like a festival. He contrasted

this with the Congress-led government's failure to deliver on promises, which, according to him, contributed to the unfortunate rise in farmer suicides. Reddy stated that under KCR's leadership, Telangana farmers enjoyed uninterrupted power supply, loan waivers, and financial support through various schemes, all of which had transformed farming into a sustainable profession. However, he condemned the Congress government for its failure to implement key promises, leading to an increase in farmer suicides, which have now reached a tragic 418. The committee ex-

pressed its deep sorrow over the suffering of farmers' families and reiterated its commitment to boost farmers' self-confidence. Singireddy Niranjan Reddy urged farmers to remain patient while they fight for the implementation of promises like Rythu Bandhu, loan waivers, and employment, emphasizing that the state government has shown negligence in addressing these critical issues for the past 14 months. The study committee vowed to continue their efforts to secure the rights of farmers, with a promise to support and empower them through every challenge they face.

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Hyderabad records the highest age-adjusted incidence rate of breast cancer in India, at 48 per one lakh population, as per the Population-Based Cancer Registry (PBCR). The city also has the highest pediatric cancer incidence in South India, accounting for 2.44% of total cancer cases in both sexes, with a higher prevalence in boys (3.2%) compared to girls (1.8%). Despite these alarming figures, Hyderabad shows the lowest total cancer mortality rate as a percentage of incidence: 35.4% in males and 27.7% in females. According to the data, one in 16 males and one in 10 females in the city are at risk of developing cancer before the age of 64 years. Tobacco and alcohol remain major contributors to cancer development. Among males, 42.2% of cancer cases were tobacco-related, while the rate was 13.51% among females.

During the study period from 2014 to 2016, 11,596 new cancer cases were reported in Hyderabad, including 5,143 male and 6,453 female patients. Among women, breast cancer was the most common (35.5%), surpassing cervical cancer (8.7%). Ovarian cancer (6.9%), corpus uteri cancer (5.5%), and lung cancer (4.1%) followed. Among men, mouth cancer was most prevalent (13.3%), followed by lung cancer (10.9%), tongue cancer (7.9%), stomach cancer (5.7%), and prostate cancer (4.7%). Prostate cancer has shown a significant rise in rankings compared to previous years. Dr. Sadashivudu Gundeti, head of medical oncology at NIMS, highlighted urbanization, pollution, and obesity as key factors contributing to the rise in breast cancer cases. He emphasized the need for robust screening measures, early detection, and targeted therapies, noting that cancer risk increases with age. The cumu-

lative risk of developing cancer after the age of 74 years is one in nine for males and one in seven for females. Dr. N. Bheerappa, director of NIMS, outlined the financial resources allocated for cancer treatment, including ₹4 crore for cancer drugs, ₹138 crore from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund for treating underprivileged patients, ₹30 crore from CSR funds for medical equipment, and additional treatment support through the Aarogyasri scheme. Doctors urged citizens to lead healthier lifestyles, avoid processed and sugary foods, and undergo regular screenings after 40 years of age. They emphasized the importance of personalized care and targeted therapies for effective cancer management. The findings were released on World Cancer Day by NIMS, underlining the critical need for awareness and action in combating the growing cancer burden in Hyderabad.

Talasani Criticizes House Conduct, Warns of BC Rights Movement

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Talasani Srinivas Yadav, a prominent political leader in Telangana, voiced strong concerns regarding the recent conduct of the Telangana Legislative Assembly. He specifically took issue with the manner in which the House was adjourned abruptly, without any substantial discussion or debate on important matters. According to Yadav, this decision to adjourn the House in such a hasty and undemocratic manner was highly unfair. He argued that such actions go against the very principles of proper parliamentary procedure and disrupt the smooth functioning of governance. Yadav's criticism pointed to what he saw as a lack of respect for democratic processes, which are crucial for effective decision-making and the fair representation of people's concerns. In his statement, Talasani Yadav took the opportunity to highlight the severe economic and social struggles faced by various sections of society in Telangana. He drew attention to the fact that a significant portion of the population, around 90%, is made up of marginalized groups such as the poor, weaker sections, Dalits, tribals, and minorities. These groups, he argued, have long faced discrimination and have not received the attention and resources they deserve. He stressed that



the state must take more proactive steps to uplift these communities and ensure they receive the rights and opportunities that are their due. Yadav's statement underscored the need for a more inclusive and equitable approach to governance, especially in addressing the challenges faced by these vulnerable groups. A particularly strong focus of his speech was the situation of Backward Classes (BCs) in the state. Yadav criticized how BCs have been treated historically, recalling the injustices they endured even during the tenure of the Congress government. He warned that if the KCR-led government continued to disregard the rights and needs of the BCs, the situation would only worsen, leading to a situation where their rights would be ignored completely. Yadav made it clear that the treatment of BCs should be a critical priority for the government, as neglecting their concerns could have far-reaching consequences.

Protest Against Telangana Government's SC Classification Move

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The National Mala Mahanadu, Telangana State, has announced a call for a statewide protest tomorrow, February 5, 2025, to burn the effigy of the Telangana government. The protest is in response to the Telangana Assembly and Vidhan Sabha's approval to divide the SC classification into ABC categories. Pilli Sudhakar, the State President of National Mala Mahanadu, has urged all Mala Mahanadu activists to be ready for this action. The organization con-



demns the government's unilateral decision to divide the SC classification, which it deems unconstitutional and oppressive towards the Malas. Activists are encouraged to participate in protest and rebellion programs to show their resistance to the move.

Akhilesh Yadav Accuses UP Government of Hiding Maha Kumbh Stampede Death Toll



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Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav has accused the Uttar Pradesh government of concealing the number of deaths from the stampede at the Maha Kumbh congregation in Prayagraj. Speaking in the Lok Sabha during the debate on the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address, Yadav demanded strict action against those involved in what he termed as "mismanagement" of the event.

Yadav criticized the government's claim of organizing a "digital Kumbh" while allegedly hiding the actual number of fatalities. He called for an all-party meeting to address the arrangements for the Maha Kumbh and suggested that disaster management and the "lost and found center" be handed over to the Army for better coordination.

"The government is continuously sharing Budget numbers. Why not also share the numbers of those who died in the Maha Kumbh?" Yadav questioned, demanding transparency about the fatalities, the treatment of the injured, and the availability of essential resources like food, water, medicines, and transport during the event.

Yadav also alleged

that the government instructed seers to postpone the shahi snan—a ritual holy bath performed during an auspicious planetary alignment—breaking with traditional Sanatan Dharma practices. He claimed the authorities later reversed the decision under public pressure but ignored the sanctity of the specific timing (muhurat).

Further accusing the government of insensitivity, Yadav alleged that JCB machines and tractor trolleys were used to clear bodies after the stampede. "People came to earn blessings but left with the bodies of their loved ones," he said.

He criticized the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister for delaying his response to the tragedy, claiming that he expressed grief 17 hours after the President and Prime Minister. "The government showered flower petals from helicopters while bodies lay in mortuaries. What kind of Sanatan traditions are these?" Yadav remarked.

The Samajwadi Party chief demanded that the figures related to the deaths, injuries, and other arrangements during the Maha Kumbh be presented in Parliament and called for disciplinary action against officials involved in the alleged cover-up.

US Deports 205 Illegal Indian Immigrants Using Military Aircraft

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In a move underscoring the Trump administration's aggressive crackdown on illegal immigration, a United States C-17 Boeing Globemaster military transport aircraft departed from San Antonio, Texas, carrying 205 illegal Indian immigrants back to India. This unprecedented deportation effort, as reported by global news agencies citing US officials, is expected to culminate with the aircraft landing in Amritsar on Wednesday morning.

This operation marks the first time the United States has utilized a military aircraft for deportation to India, deviating from previous practices that relied on chartered or commercial flights. The deployment of military resources reflects the administration's emphasis on border security and strict enforcement of immigration laws. While the US has conducted similar deportations to countries in Latin and South America, this represents a new phase in US-India cooperation on

immigration matters.

The Indian government reportedly verified the nationality of all 205 deportees prior to their return. This verification process ensures that individuals on the deportation list are indeed Indian nationals, a key requirement stressed by New Delhi in its dealings with the US on such matters.

This deportation exercise comes at a strategically significant time, just days ahead of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's scheduled visit to the United States. According to reports, Prime Minister Modi is expected to meet President Donald Trump at the White House shortly after completing a three-day visit to France from February 10-12. Although the Indian government has not officially confirmed the dates, the White House announced that the visit would take place in February.

The timing of this deportation has raised speculation about its political implications, particularly as it coincides with discussions on immigration policies, trade,



and economic cooperation between the two nations.

A spokesperson from the US Embassy, while not directly confirming details of this specific deportation, commented on the broader immigration policy: "The United States is vigorously enforcing its border, tightening immigration laws, and removing illegal migrants. These actions send a clear message: illegal migration is not worth the risk."

Reports indicate that the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) had drawn up a list of 14.5 lakh illegal immigrants slated for deportation,

including approximately 18,000 Indian nationals. Over the past year, the US deported more than 1,100 Indian nationals through both chartered and commercial flights, signaling its intent to tackle illegal migration systematically.

The Indian government has maintained its position of supporting only lawful migration through formal agreements. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has repeatedly emphasized that India does not condone illegal immigration. However, he has also stressed the importance of verifying the identity and nationality of individuals before ac-

cepting deportees.

"India has always been open to the legitimate return of Indian illegal immigrants," Jaishankar stated, while cautioning against relying solely on reported numbers. He added, "These numbers become operative only if their identities as Indians are verified. Verification and validation are critical steps in this process."

Jaishankar's remarks align with India's broader policy of encouraging migration through agreements like the Migration and Mobility Partnerships, signed with several countries to ensure streamlined and lawful

movement of people.

Last month, Jaishankar met with the newly appointed US Secretary of State Marco Rubio. The bilateral discussions covered a range of topics, including economic cooperation and concerns related to irregular migration. A joint statement issued after the meeting highlighted the Trump administration's desire to work with India to address these issues while advancing mutual economic interests.

President Trump, addressing concerns about the presence of illegal Indian immigrants in the US, stated that he expects India to "do what is right" in addressing the issue. The President's remarks reflect a broader strategy of strengthening bilateral relations while resolving contentious issues like immigration. The deportation operation not only underscores the US administration's stricter immigration policies but also represents a unique moment in US-India relations. The use of a military aircraft for such an exercise signals the level of priority accorded.

Indian embassy in Libya facilitates return of 18 Indian

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The Indian embassy in Libya has facilitated the return of 18 Indian nationals from Benghazi after being stranded in the city for several weeks. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said this on Tuesday. It is learnt that the Indians were lured to the Libyan city by fake recruitment agents. "The Embassy of India in Libya facilitated the return of 18 Indian nationals from Benghazi, Libya. They would be arriving in India tomorrow," MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in a post on X. "They had gone to

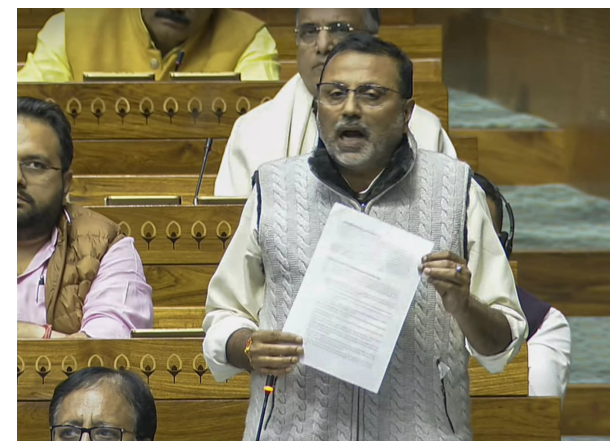


work in Libya & had been stranded for several weeks. The Embassy worked closely with the local authorities and assisted the Indian workers with required authorization and travel documents," he said. Jaiswal said the embassy remained in touch with the

Indians. "While their case was being looked into, the Embassy remained in constant touch with them to ensure their well-being, assisting them with articles of daily living," he said. "Three other Indian nationals from the same group, assisted by the Embassy, had returned to

India last October," he added. Jaiswal also thanked the Libyan authorities for their support and cooperation in the case. The government of India remains committed to the welfare and safety of all Indians abroad, he said.

Dubey Moves Privilege Motion Against Rahul



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BJP MP Nishikant Dubey on Tuesday requested Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to initiate privilege proceedings against Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi for alleged breach of privilege by "ridiculing" the country and "lowering the prestige of our Republic". Gandhi while participating in debate on the Motion of Thanks on the President's address had on Monday alleged that China was "sitting inside" Indian territory because Make-in-India had "failed". He had also alleged that foreign affairs minister S. Jaishankar was sent to Washington to secure an invite for Prime Minister Narendra Modi for Trump's inauguration ceremony.

In a letter to Birla, Dubey said, "Rahul Gandhi not only shamelessly distorted the historical and substantive facts but also made an attempt to ridicule our country and lowering the prestige of our Republic". "I request your good self to initiate

privilege proceedings against him on an urgent basis. I also wish to emphasise that since the Parliament records and proceedings are the testimony to his incessant callous/irresponsible attitude," he wrote.

Dubey alleged that the LoP was distorting the historical and substantive facts as Rahul raised six issues in his Parliament speech on Monday, including China capturing vast land in the Eastern Regions of India and appointment of Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and other Election Commissioners. He accused Rahul of misusing Article 105 of the Indian Constitution, which advocates for freedom of speech in the Parliament, and said that the LoP failed to authenticate whatever he spoke. "To the best of my knowledge, this 'erudite' person has neither authenticated his gibberish canards nor apologised for using the pious forum of the Parliament to defame our country and the elected government," the letter said.

POLAVARAM CAPACITY REDUCTION OPPOSED IN LS

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YSR Congress MP Midhun Reddy voiced strong opposition to the proposed reduction in the capacity of the Polavaram project during a debate in the Lok Sabha, urging the central government not to compromise the original design of the project. Highlighting its importance to Andhra Pradesh, he pointed out that the Polavaram project was initially designed to deliver 194 TMC of water, which would provide irrigation and drinking water

to 7.5 lakh acres. However, the recent budget proposals have suggested reducing its capacity to 115 TMC, which, he warned, would significantly limit its effectiveness, reducing the irrigation potential to just 3.2 lakh acres. He described this reduction as a grave injustice to the farmers and the people of the state, asserting that the YSR Congress and Telugu Desam MPs would come together to fight this decision.

Midhun Reddy reminded the government of the division agreement, which



mandated the maintenance of the Polavaram project's original capacity. He further questioned how water would be supplied to crucial regions like Banakacharla and Rayalaseema if the capacity was reduced, emphasizing the dire consequences such a move would have on these areas.

In addition to the Polavaram project, Reddy raised concerns about the government's failure to fulfill promises made to Andhra Pradesh during the state's bifurcation. He criticized the lack of special status for the state, which had been a long-standing demand, and expressed dissatisfaction over the continued neglect of key commitments.

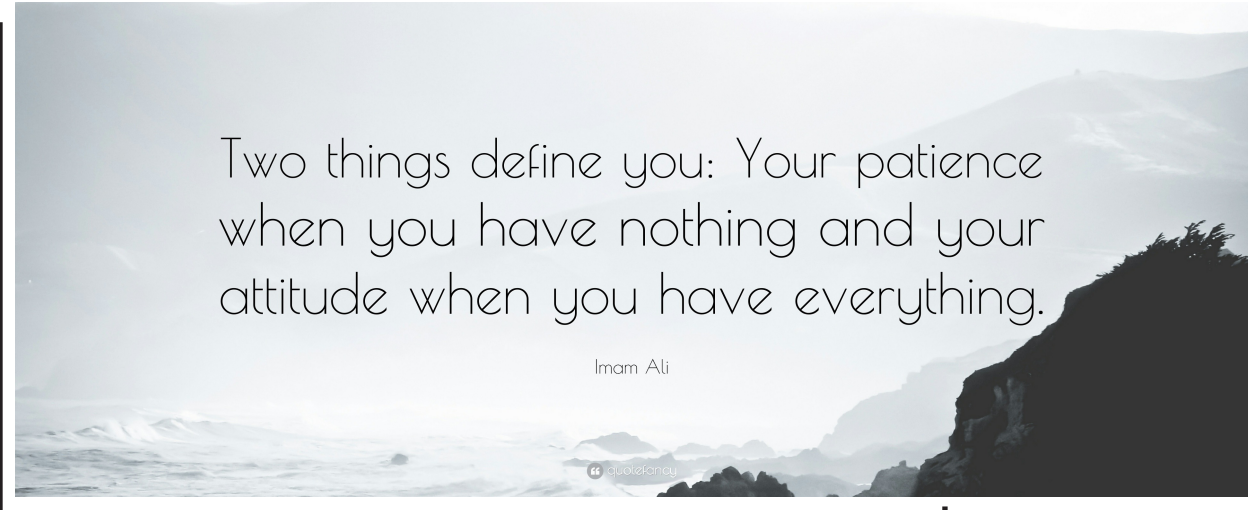
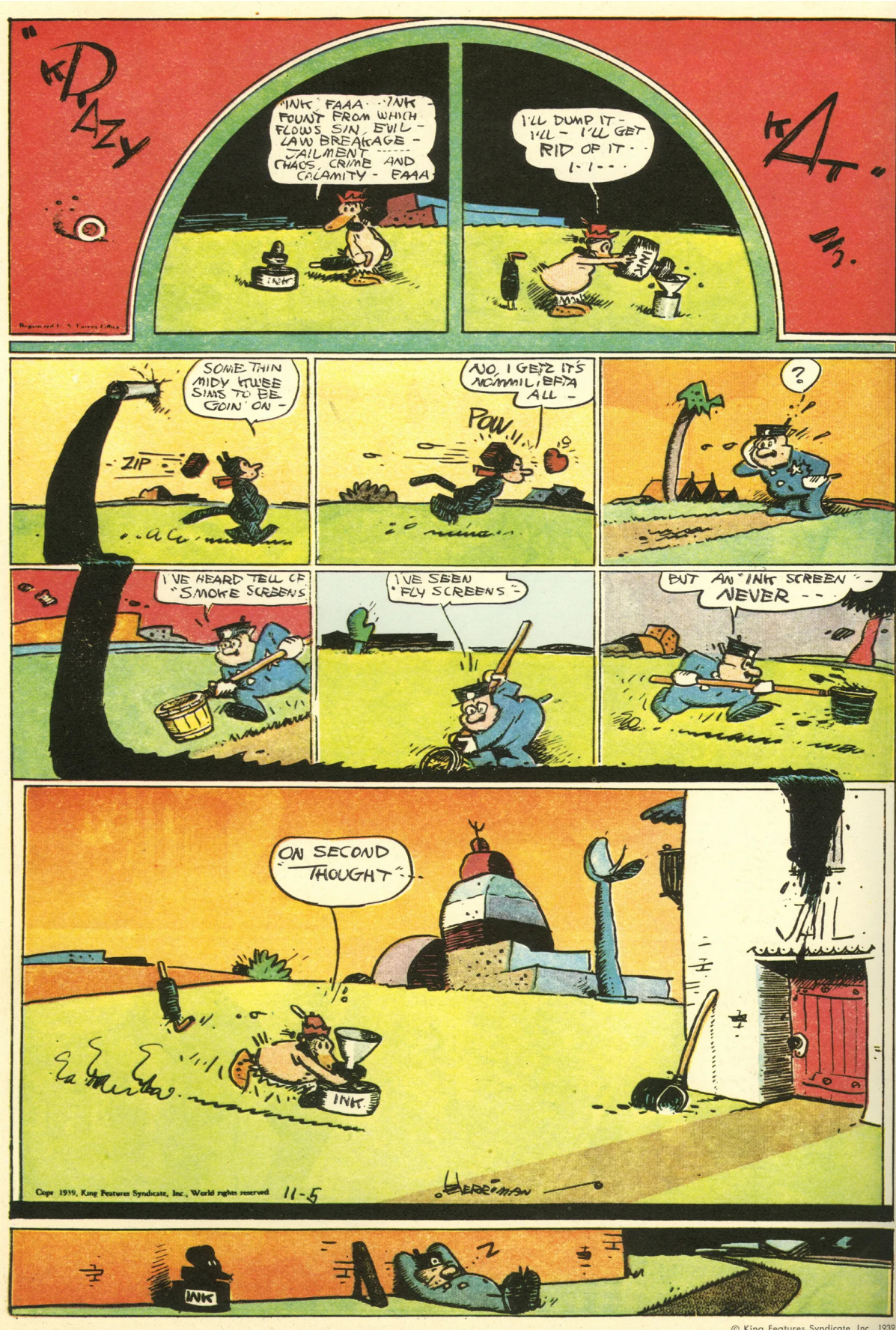
Turning to the education sector, Reddy expressed discontent over the gradual removal of the English medium in government schools. He argued that proficiency in

English is essential for securing corporate jobs abroad and for ensuring better career opportunities for students. He strongly advocated for the continuation of English and Telugu instruction in schools, highlighting the importance of equipping students with the skills needed to succeed in a globalized world.

Reddy also voiced strong opposition to the privatization of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant and called for the government to halt the process. He urged the authorities to engage in direct talks with

the Jindal Group to expedite progress on the Kadapa Steel Plant, emphasizing its importance for the region's industrial development.

Throughout his address, Midhun Reddy underscored the need to protect the interests of Andhra Pradesh, stressing that the state should not be deprived of its rightful resources and opportunities. He called on the government to honor its commitments and ensure that key projects and policies are implemented as originally planned.



EDITORIAL


WELL-BEING FOR THE ELDERLY, BATTLING NEURODEGENERATIVE DIS-

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Staying positive and resilient while facing and experiencing a neurodegenerative disorder can be challenging for the individual as well as their caregivers. While it becomes important to have a cure to numb the symptoms, it is also crucial to look at the factors that will lead to a positive outlook toward the illness and life. According to the World Health Organization, there are more than 55 million individuals globally living with a neurodegenerative disorder, with 60% of them in low and middle-income countries. Newer strategies and counselling to help elderly individuals battle such challenges tend to overshadow the power of social support as an en-

couragement of positive health while facing the challenges of neurodegenerative disorders like dementia and Alzheimer's. Several studies have concluded that social support has facilitated coping, adjustment and adaptation to chronic illnesses (Cotter et al, 2018), and has significantly reduced the risk for a range of diseases, health issues and all-cause mortalities. (Joshi et al, 2024) Social Health Social health includes two elements: social support and social isolation. Social isolation is explained through the number of social interactions and the individual's interaction with their social environment. When people interact, they exchange something, and this 'something' is called social support,

which is embedded in social relationships (Murata et al, 2019). Social support is the subjective component, varying among individuals, which is the extent to which an individual feels that their social needs are met. It can be defined as having four or more relatives or close friends with whom one can discuss their personal matters, essentially, be comfortable with, and could be called upon for help. Related to this, systematic reviews show that better social health results in older individuals having better control over their cognitive functions. It was also stated that poor social health increases the likelihood of an individual's risk of dementia (Joyce et al, 2021), including other disabling and life-shortening disorders.



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The Editor

Brief Insights

Infra company staff granted anticipatory bail



Justice K. Sujana of Telangana High Court granted anticipatory bail to two accused in an alleged financial fraud committed by the directors of Pudami Infra Projects. The judge was dealing with a pre-arrest petition filed by Shaga Shyamsunder Reddy and Koyyada Lingaswamy. A complaint was filed alleging that the directors had established a company that promised unusually high returns on investments. They allegedly approached the complainant and induced him to invest in their company by promising to return double the amount deposited and registering a plot as security. The complainant, believing their promises, became the deputy general manager (DGM) and was responsible for bringing in customers. He, along with 16 other DGMs and 150 marketing staff, collected a total of Rs 36 crore from customers. The company, through its Vanasthalipuram branch, collected Rs 7.09 crore from the complainant's customers alone. However, the company paid only part of the amount back to customers and registered plots, leaving an outstanding due of around Rs 22.37 crore. Despite repeated requests from the complainant and other DGMs, the directors failed to return the remaining amount to the customers. On receipt of the complaint, the police registered cases against the petitioners and arrayed them as Accused No. 12 and 14. At this, the petitioners filed a criminal petition. The petitioners contended that they were initially customers and were later employed as DGMs to mobilise customers. Counsel for the petitioners also argued that the petitioners were not involved in the financial matters of the company and did not intentionally induce customers to deposit money. As a matter of fact, the petitioners were also victimised by the directors and had lodged a complaint against them.

Hussainsagar boat fire: Driver succumbs to injuries

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M. Ganapathi, a 22-year-old driver and firecracker operator, tragically passed away from the severe injuries he sustained during a firecracker explosion that occurred on January 26 at the Bharata Mata Maha Harathi celebration, which took place at Hussainsagar. The explosion took place while he was aboard a boat, and he suffered life-threatening burns, with over 95% of his body affected by the flames. Despite the best efforts of medical staff, Ganapathi suc-

cumbed to his injuries at 10:05 AM in a private hospital, leaving behind a grieving family and raising concerns about the safety measures taken during such events. Ganapathi was originally from East Godavari and had worked as a mini-truck driver, in addition to being a firecracker operator. On January 26, he had traveled to Hyderabad after being hired by the event's organizer, Vasudeva Reddy, who is also known by the alias Sukumar Reddy, a resident of Andhra Pradesh. Ganapathi's primary responsibility was to deliver firecrackers and



other materials necessary for the event. As part of his duties, he was aboard the ill-fated boat when the fire broke out, leading to the catastrophic explosion. Alongside Ganapathi, two other boat drivers, Palle Pranith and Dubasi Sunil, were also injured in the explosion. Fortunately, both of them are

reported to be out of danger, though they remain under medical care as they continue to recover from their injuries. Initial reports from the police categorized the incident as a fire accident under FIR No. 9 of 2025. However, following Ganapathi's death, the investigation was revised, and the case was updated to reflect charges of "death due to negligence." Subsequently, the event organizer, Vasudeva Reddy (alias Sukumar Reddy), has been booked under charges of causing death due to negligence. The investigation is being carried out by Sub-Inspector M. Hanumanth Rao, who is leading the efforts to hold those responsible for the tragic incident accountable. The revision of the case to a charge of negligence underscores the serious concerns regarding the lack of adequate safety protocols during such public events.

Ganapathi's untimely and heartbreaking death has prompted both emotional and legal reactions, highlighting the need for a closer look at how public events involving hazardous activities, like firecracker displays, are managed. Safety standards and the enforcement of rules are now being questioned, especially in light of the tragic outcome that has left a young life lost and families devastated. The case continues to unfold, with authorities pursuing further investigation into the specific details surrounding the negligence that led to such a devas-

Telangana HC Freezes Activity on 72 Acres of Kongara Kalan Land

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The Telangana High Court on Tuesday found missing, an essential file regarding the exclusion of 72 acres of prime land in Kongara Kalan village of Rangareddy district from the prohibitory list, and sought an explanation from the government. The court also froze all activity on the land in Survey No. 249 of Kongara Kalan. Justice C.V. Bhaskar Reddy of the High

Court directed the principal secretary of revenue and the Rangareddy district collector to submit all the details about the deletion of the land from the prohibition list and issuing of pattadar passbooks to private parties. The judge was dealing with a petition filed by local resident K. Praveen Goud, who complained that the then Rangareddy collector in November 2019 had reportedly issued a letter to delete 72 acres of land from the prohibitory list, out of an

extent 1,026 acres and 19 guntas in Survey No. 249, situated at Kongara Kalan. He submitted that the land was notified as a reserve forest and the collector had no authority to de-notify the land. Based on the collector's letter of 2019, the Rangareddy collectorate administrative officer, on June 19, 2024, issued a memo for deletion of the land. Following this, pattadar passbooks were issued to private parties and transaction took place on the land.

Relief for advocate in dispute

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Justice B. Vijaysen recently directed the police to refrain from interfering with the personal liberty of advocate Avunoori Ramakanth Rao, a senior member of the Sircilla Bar Association, in relation to a crime registered at the Sircilla police station. The ruling followed a plea by Rao, who claimed he was being harassed and falsely implicated by the police under the influence of a private respondent. The petitioner's counsel, E. Venkata Siddhartha, ex-

plained that the issue began as a civil dispute that had been under litigation in various courts since 2019. However, the police allegedly transformed this civil matter into a criminal case, exerting pressure on Rao and his clients to settle the ongoing dispute. Justice Vijaysen, while considering the facts, criticized the police for overstepping their authority. The court emphasized that the investigation should not infringe upon the personal liberties of individuals, particularly advocates, unless due process of law was strictly

followed. The judge issued clear instructions to the police inspector not to interfere with Rao's personal liberty under the guise of an investigation. The court's ruling highlighted the crucial role of protecting the professional and personal freedoms of advocates and underscored the need for police to act within their legal boundaries. This decision sets a precedent for ensuring that legal practitioners are not unjustly targeted or harassed through the misuse of criminal proceedings in civil matters.

Epsilon India Camp 2025: A Journey into the World of Mathematics



Get ready for an intense and immersive summer programme that could change the course of your child's academic journey! The Epsilon India Camp returns this summer, bringing together a community of young math enthusiasts from across the globe. Organized by the Raising A Mathematician (RAM) Foundation, this residential camp is designed for students aged 9 to 13 who are passionate about mathematics and eager to explore advanced concepts in a fun and collaborative environment.

Taking place at the serene 40-acre Krea University campus in Sri City, 70 km from Chennai, the camp offers a blend of academic excellence and personal growth, providing students the opportunity to engage in an enriching two-week experience from April 29 to May 12, 2025.

Epsilon India is inspired by the highly esteemed Epsilon Camp in the USA, founded by Dr. George R. Thomas, a veteran research mathematician. This year's camp will feature a challenging curriculum that covers key topics such as Methods of Proofs, Combinatorics, Geometry, Group Theory, and Number Theory, delivered by professional mathematicians, scientists, and statisticians from both academia and industry.

The camp's primary focus is to create an environment where young learners can immerse themselves in mathematical challenges and solve problems at the undergraduate level, preparing them for various prestigious competitions such as Math, Computer Science, and Science Olympiads.

To join the camp, students must undergo a qualification test, which is followed by an interview and may include a letter of recommendation. The final selection will include 40-50 students, chosen from hundreds of applicants both from India and abroad. Students will be fully immersed in screen-free academic sessions, working closely with experienced faculty, teaching assistants, and counselors.

Key Dates:
Application Deadline: February 10, 2025
Camp Dates: April 29 to May 12, 2025
For more information on how to apply, visit www.epsilonindia.org or email epsiloncampindia@gmail.com for details on costs. RAM Foundation is dedicated to nurturing mathematical talent and providing students with the resources to excel in math and pursue rewarding careers in related fields. Through various programmes like Epsilon India, RAM creates opportunities for young talent to grow, helping them excel in Math, Computer Science, and Science Olympiads. The foundation also fosters a community for students and their families to share experiences, opportunities, and insights.

Located in Sri City, Krea University is a hub for interwoven learning, designed to help students become agile, ethical, and purposeful leaders.

Pushpa 2: The Rule: A Global Phenomenon in Indian Cinema

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Directed by Sukumar and starring Allu Arjun in the titular role, the film has not only captivated Indian audiences but also drawn significant international attention. Combining intense action with rich cultural elements, Pushpa 2 has been hailed as a masterpiece, featuring a distinct cinematic style that blends regional storytelling with universal appeal. Its global success has cemented Allu Arjun's place as one of the most celebrated stars in Indian cinema.

Set in the rugged landscapes of the Seshachalam Hills, Pushpa 2 continues the journey of Pushpa

Raj, a red sandalwood smuggler who rises to power amidst corruption, violence, and intrigue. The film delves deeper into the gritty world of Pushpa, exploring themes of loyalty, power struggles, and defiance. Allu Arjun's portrayal of the titular character has been nothing short of iconic, combining raw intensity with an effortless swagger that has become his trademark.

What sets Pushpa 2 apart is its ability to marry high-octane action with poignant cultural moments. One standout sequence that has drawn significant attention is a battle set in ancient ruins, where Pushpa, clad in traditional attire, fights off adversaries in a manner

that feels both historical and timeless. The scene's visual storytelling and choreography are reminiscent of Hollywood director Zack Snyder's signature style, especially his penchant for slow-motion sequences and epic, visually rich settings. This stylistic comparison has led some viewers to humorously speculate whether Snyder had any involvement in the film's direction, although Sukumar's distinct vision remains central to its success.

One of the most compelling aspects of Pushpa 2: The Rule is its strong cultural representation. The film is set against the backdrop of Andhra Pradesh's red sandalwood trade, a region rich in heritage,

folklore, and natural beauty. The traditional attire, folk music, and rituals showcased in the film offer a glimpse into the culture and traditions of rural India, creating a sense of authenticity that resonates with audiences across the globe. While the film primarily caters to the South Indian audience, its cultural elements transcend borders, allowing international viewers to appreciate the depth of Indian traditions and storytelling.

This cultural richness has been one of the driving forces behind the film's widespread success. Pushpa 2 has trended in 19 countries, including regions where Indian cinema is not traditionally

mainstream. From Southeast Asia to the Middle East and even parts of Europe and the Americas, the film has drawn a diverse and engaged audience. Fans worldwide have praised the movie for its ability to blend action with cultural authenticity, creating a cinematic experience that feels both fresh and familiar. At the heart of Pushpa 2's success is Allu Arjun's powerhouse performance. The actor, known for his energetic dancing and intense portrayals, brings a level of charisma and depth to the character of Pushpa Raj that has resonated with fans across the world. His ability to seamlessly transition between fierce action sequences.

Samsung BKC Store Delivers Over 700 Galaxy S25 Devices Early

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Samsung's flagship store at Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC) celebrated a milestone event, marking the early delivery of over 700 Galaxy S25 Series smartphones. This record-breaking delivery follows strong pre-order demand for Samsung's highly anticipated flagship devices. The event was attended by Soon Choi, Corporate EVP/Head of MX Division at Samsung Electronics, who personally handed over some of the Galaxy S25 devices to excited customers. The



celebration also commemorated the one-year anniversary of the BKC store, which is known for offering unique, curated experiences that showcase Samsung's premium products in real-life scenarios. To manage the large number of customers and ensure a smooth experi-

ence, the store set up specialized zones for data transfer, device exchanges, and food and beverage offerings. Customers who visited the store to pick up their new devices were also treated to exclusive services such as Gen-AI Smartphone Case Customization, access to Dedicated Tech

Experts, and a special Celebration Programme designed to enhance their experience. The Galaxy S25 series, including the Galaxy S25 Ultra, Galaxy S25+, and Galaxy S25, represents Samsung's most advanced smartphone lineup, built to be "A True AI Companion." These devices feature cutting-edge technology, including the custom Snapdragon® 8 Elite Mobile Platform for Galaxy chipset, which powers enhanced AI capabilities and superior camera performance through the ProVisual Engine.

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Seeks Universal Banking Licence

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Ujjivan Small Finance Bank has submitted an application to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) seeking approval for a transition to a Universal Bank. This move reflects the bank's long-term strategy to expand its offerings and strengthen its position in the banking sector. Ujjivan has consistently demonstrated strong financial growth and a commitment to financial inclusion, serving a diverse range of customers across India. Commenting on the development, Mr. Sanjeev Nautiyal, MD & CEO of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank, emphasized that the bank is eager to evolve into a Universal Bank, in line with RBI's guidelines. If granted, the li-

cence will enable Ujjivan to offer a broader range of financial products and services, further empowering its customers. Recently, Ujjivan announced strong Q3 FY2025 results, marked by accelerated growth in its diversified loan book, with the secured loan segment contributing 39% to total loans. The bank also reduced interest rates for Group and Individual Loans, positioning itself as one of the most competitive in the small finance sector. Founded in 2017, Ujjivan now serves over 93 lakh customers through 753 branches across India. The bank remains focused on financial and digital inclusion, with a strong commitment to improving access to banking services for underserved communities.

Manipal Hospital Vijayawada Marks World Cancer Day with Awareness

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On World Cancer Day 2025, Manipal Hospital Vijayawada hosted a Cancer Awareness Event, reaffirming its leadership in comprehensive cancer care. The event brought together oncology experts, cancer survivors, and hospital staff to raise awareness about cancer, promote early detection, and advance multidisciplinary treatment options. Under the theme "United by Unique," the event focused on community strength in the fight against cancer. Leading oncologists, including Dr. Sudhakar Kantipudi, Dr. Krishna Reddy, Dr. Sravan Kumar, Dr. Dharmendra, Dr. Dinesh Reddy, Dr. Rama Krishna, and Dr. Sri Divya, shared insights on cancer care and the importance of early diagnosis. Attendees also heard powerful survivor stories and learned about the latest advancements in cancer treatment. A key highlight was the hospital's large-scale



cancer screening initiative, which has reached over 50,000 individuals. The Cancer Screening Bus, operational for 12 years, serves rural areas across Andhra Pradesh, providing accessible screenings and consultations. Mr. S. V. Raja Sekhara Babu, Commissioner of Police, Vijayawada, praised the initiative, emphasizing the importance of awareness and early detection. Dr. Krishna Reddy highlighted advancements in cancer care, while Dr. Dharmendra stressed the role of timely screenings in improving recovery chances. The event concluded with a call to action: stay informed, get screened, and fight against

COMEDK/Uni-GAUGE 2025 Exam: Applications Open for 1.2L+ Students

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The COMEDK UGET/Uni-GAUGE 2025 entrance exam will be held on May 10, 2025, for admission to B.E./B.Tech programs across over 150 engineering colleges in Karnataka and 50+ private and deemed-to-be universities in India. The exam will be conducted online at 400+ centers in 200+ cities nationwide, with over 1.2 lakh students expected to participate. Online applications are open from February 3 to March 15, 2025, at the official websites, www.comedk.org and www.unigauge.com. COMEDK, which has been instrumental in enhancing the higher education landscape in Karnataka, offers skill-enhancement programs through its 10 Innovation Hubs located across the state. These hubs provide cutting-edge training in Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, IoT, and Data Science, among others. Dr. S Kumar, Ex-



ecutive Secretary at COMEDK, emphasized the importance of merit-based admissions, while Mr. P. Muralidhar, CEO of ERA Foundation, highlighted the role of Uni-GAUGE in fostering holistic development. COMEDK and Uni-GAUGE aim to offer fair, transparent, and equal opportunities to students seeking quality education. All details about the application and exam process are available on the official websites.

'Unify to Notify' Campaign Launched to Urge Government to Classify Cancer as a Notifiable Disease

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Apollo Cancer Centres, in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Indian Medical Association (IMA), and State Oncology Associations, has launched the nationwide campaign 'Unify to Notify'. The initiative, unveiled on World Cancer Day at Apollo Health City, Arilova, Visakhapatnam, calls upon the Government of India to classify cancer as a notifiable disease. Medical experts believe this move will improve cancer surveillance, early detection, and treatment strategies, ultimately enhancing patient outcomes. The campaign was inaugurated by Dr. I. Vani, President, IMA, as the Chief Guest, along with Dr. Murali Mohan, Secretary, IMA, as the Guest of Honor. The event was attended by leading oncologists and healthcare professionals, including Dr. Rakesh Reddy Boya, Dr. Jayasree, Dr. Venkatram Pradeep, Dr. V. Balakrishna, Dr.



Chief Guest Dr. I. Vani (5th from left), President, IMA; and Guest of Honor Dr. Murali Mohan (4th from right), Secretary, IMA; inaugurating the nationwide campaign 'Unify to Notify' on World Cancer Day on 4th February, being hosted by Apollo Cancer Centres in collaboration with Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Indian Medical Association (IMA) & State Oncology Associations, at Apollo Cancer Centres, Apollo Health City Arilova, Visakhapatnam. (L-R) Dr. Brahmani Naidu, Unit Head, Apollo Cancer Centres, Visakhapatnam; Dr. Jayasree, Radiation Oncologist, Apollo Cancer Centres, Visakhapatnam; Dr. Venkatram Pradeep, Medical Oncologist, Apollo Cancer Centres, Visakhapatnam; Dr. Rakesh Reddy Boya, Senior Medical and Hemato Oncologist, Apollo Cancer Centres, Visakhapatnam; Dr. V. Balakrishna, Medical Superintendent, Apollo Hospitals, Visakhapatnam; Dr. Suman Das, Senior Radiation Oncologist, Apollo Cancer Centres, Visakhapatnam; Dr. Aditya Narayan, Senior Radiation Oncologist, Apollo Cancer Centres, Visakhapatnam; graced the occasion.

Suman Das, Dr. Aditya Narayan, and Dr. Brahmani Naidu from Apollo Cancer Centres, Visakhapatnam. Their participation underscored the medical community's commitment to strengthening India's cancer care framework through better policy implementation and research-driven solutions. India reports over 14 lakh new cancer cases annually, a number expected to rise to 15.7 lakh by 2025. Despite these increasing cases, cancer is still not classified as a notifi-

able disease, meaning there is no mandatory reporting of cases to health authorities. This gap in epidemiological data hinders efforts to develop standardized treatment protocols and preventive measures. By recognizing cancer as a notifiable disease, the government can establish a real-time cancer registry, ensuring better data collection and tracking of trends in cancer incidence. This will help improve early detection, strengthen research capabilities, and lead to more

effective, evidence-based treatment protocols. Additionally, it will allow for better resource allocation and policy planning, ensuring equitable access to cancer care across the country. Many countries, including the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia, have already classified cancer as a notifiable disease, which has led to more efficient data-driven policy decisions. In 2022, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare submitted a report to the Rajya Sabha recommending cancer be classified as a notifiable disease. However, no legislative action has been taken. Through the 'Unify to Notify' campaign, leading oncologists, researchers, and healthcare professionals are urging the Government of India to pass the necessary legislation in the upcoming budget session. Experts believe this decision will improve cancer surveillance, patient care, healthcare policy planning, and research advancements. The campaign

aims to create national awareness and encourage policymakers to take immediate action on this critical issue. Apollo Cancer Centre has been at the forefront of oncology care for over three decades, offering comprehensive, multidisciplinary treatment. With a network of more than 390 oncologists, it provides cutting-edge therapies and follows an organ-based cancer management approach. It is also home to South Asia and the Middle East's first Pencil Beam Proton Therapy Centre, reinforcing its role as a leader in advanced cancer treatment. Patients from 147 countries seek treatment at Apollo Cancer Centres each year, making it a trusted name in oncology care. The institution focuses on early diagnosis, precision medicine, and technological advancements, ensuring world-class treatment for cancer patients. For inquiries, domestic and international patients can contact the 24x7 Patient Helpline at 040-48964515.

Keerthy Suresh Impresses Fans with Fierce New Look in 'Akka' Teaser

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National Award-winning actress Keerthy Suresh, known for her stellar performances and captivating screen presence, continues to command a massive fan following across the country. After making a remarkable Bollywood debut with Baby John, she is now creating waves with her upcoming film Akka.

The recently released teaser of Akka has left fans in awe, with many praising Keerthy's intense transformation. Social media is flooded with admiration, with fans calling her performance "raw" and "unfiltered." One fan commented, "Gonna witness another raw Keerthy after Saani Kaayitham," while another wrote, "Keerthy akka, we will be seated!" Others hailed her as a "wildfire" and predicted a blockbuster success for the film. Keerthy's look in Akka



exudes power and intensity, with a rugged aura that promises an unforgettable performance. Her fierce expressions and commanding screen presence have heightened anticipation for the film. With Akka, Keerthy Suresh once again proves her versatility and ability to captivate audiences across industries. The teaser has set high expectations, ensuring that fans eagerly await yet another powerful performance from the actress.

CITY CLICKS

Ranji Trophy quarterfinal: Suryakumar, Dube included in Mumbai squad



Mumbai's T20 captain Suryakumar Yadav and all-rounder Shivam Dube have been included in the team's 18-member squad for the Ranji Trophy quarterfinal clash against Haryana, set to begin on February 8 in Rohtak.

Both players were part of India's recent 4-1 T20I series win against England and have featured in one Ranji Trophy match each this season. Suryakumar played against Maharashtra in October, while Dube was in the Mumbai squad that included Rohit Sharma and Yashasvi Jaiswal during their defeat to Jammu and Kashmir last month.

Mumbai secured their quarterfinal spot with a dominant innings-and-456-run victory over Meghalaya. They will now face Haryana, who topped Group C, at the Chaudhary Bansi Lal Cricket Stadium in Lahli. Jammu and Kashmir also advanced to the knockouts from Elite Group A.

The squad also includes uncapped player Harsh Tanna, who has played four List A matches.

Mumbai Squad:

Ajinkya Rahane (c), Ayush Mhatre, Angkrish Raghuvanshi, Amogh Bhatkal, Suryakumar Yadav, Siddhesh Lad, Shivam Dube, Akash Anand (wk), Hardik Tamore (wk), Suryansh Shedge, Shardul Thakur, Shams Mulari, Tanush Kotian, Mohit Avasthi, Sylvester D'Souza, Royston Dias, Atharva Ankoekar, Harsh Tanna.

Congress MLC burns caste survey statement of CM Revanth



Congress MLC Chinthapandu Naveen alias Teenmaar Mallanna has burnt chief minister A Revanth Reddy's statement on the comprehensive socio-economic, political, caste, education and employment survey that was tabled in the assembly on Tuesday, February 4.

He asked the people from the backward classes to pour urine and burn the statement, as he claimed that Congress has insulted the people of Telangana. Live-televasting the burning of the statement, he alleged that the survey data was manipulated to protect the reservations of economically weaker sections (EWS), while bringing down the reservation of the backward classes (BC).

is a conspiracy to show that the population of other castes (OC) has increased from 8 to 15%, while the BCs have come down from 60 to 46%. I told Uttam Kumar Reddy when he released the data that it won't be useful in any way. I thought the statement tabled in the council and assembly today would have more information, but they have repeated the same thing," Naveen said.

He alleged that while the population of OCs has doubled, around 40 lakh BCs were missing from the survey report. He questioned what happened to 4,20,00,000 population as was arrived at in the election commission's records.

"I joined the Congress because of Rahul Gandhi because he promised caste census and 42% reservations for BCs. But this is a fake survey which has damaged the self-respect of BCs, to further crush the BCs and bury their future," Naveen alleged.

said that soon he will take a decision on his next move.

TPCC's disciplinary committee is expected to send show cause notice to Naveen for speaking against the party-line with regard to the BC census. Congress workers have complained to TPCC president B Mahesh Kumar Goud on MLC Naveen's actions.

Meanwhile, members of Reddy community organisations complained to Telangana DGP to take action against Naveen for using abusive language against the community members during a public meeting of BCs in Warangal recently.

Neymar takes 89 percent pay-cut as he returns to his first club Santos

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Twelve years after leaving Brazil for Europe, Neymar has returned to his boyhood club Santos, marking a significant chapter in his footballing journey. The Brazilian star, who once seemed destined to be his country's greatest player since Pele, arrives back at Santos as a global celebrity with immense wealth but a career plagued by injuries.

At his peak, Neymar was among the finest players in the world, known for his dazzling skills and artistry on the field. His former Barcelona coach, Luis Enrique, once described him as someone who "understands football as art." However, despite his undeniable talent, Neymar never fully realized his potential, often overshadowed by Lionel Messi and Kylian Mbappe at club level. His long-held dream of winning the Ballon d'Or remained unfulfilled.

Having signed a six-month contract with Santos, Neymar is expected to make his much-anticipated second



debut on Wednesday—his 33rd birthday—against Botafogo-SP in the São Paulo state championship. Santos coach Pedro Caixinha confirmed the news, stating, "He will play on Wednesday."

Even before stepping onto the pitch, Neymar's presence has already made an impact. His return was followed by a 3-1 victory over São Paulo on Saturday, with forward Guilherme acknowledging the superstar's influence. "He played a big part in this victory," Guilherme said after scoring twice. "He passed on so much positive energy. This is praise from an idol, not just anyone."

Despite his impressive career, Neymar's legacy re-

to Santos as a chance to regain form. "Now I need to play again," he said. "Only a club like Santos can provide the love I need to prepare for the challenges ahead."

Neymar's move to Al Hilal in Saudi Arabia in 2023 made him one of the highest-paid athletes in history, earning a reported €100 million per season. However, his stint was short-lived—after just five matches, he suffered a serious knee injury while playing for Brazil. A comeback in October saw him play two more matches before another setback with a hamstring tear.

His most successful club years remain with Barcelona, where he won the Champions League, La Liga, and Copa del Rey in 2015, finishing third in the Ballon d'Or rankings behind Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo. His record €222 million move to Paris Saint-Germain in 2017 was intended to elevate him to the pinnacle of world football, but persistent injuries and the rise of Mbappe saw him struggle to be the main star.

mains a tale of what could have been. He surpassed Pele as Brazil's all-time top scorer in September 2023, but his World Cup journey has been riddled with heartbreak.

In 2014, playing on home soil, Neymar suffered a fractured back in the quarter-final against Colombia. Four years later, he was fit but unable to prevent Brazil's quarter-final exit at the hands of Belgium. The 2022 World Cup saw him hampered by an ankle injury, though he did score a brilliant goal against Croatia in the quarter-finals before Brazil's elimination on penalties.

With the 2026 World Cup in North America on the horizon, Neymar sees his return

Odisha Tourism Expands Regional Outreach, Showcases Eco-Tourism at Hyderabad Roadshow

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Odisha Tourism launched its latest promotional campaign with a roadshow in Hyderabad, highlighting the state's tourism potential and investment opportunities. Organized in collaboration with FICCI, the event saw participation from over 40 travel operators and key stakeholders. Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Odisha, Pravatī Parida, emphasized the state's investor-friendly policies and world-class infrastructure. "Odisha presents a golden opportunity for investors to build, grow, and thrive in one of India's most promising tourism markets," she stated. The roadshow showcased Odisha's diverse attractions, including cultural heritage sites, waterfalls, wildlife, Buddhist circuits, and its signature Eco Retreat Odisha



Chief Guest Smt. Pravatī Parida (center), Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Odisha, addressing at the 'Odisha Tourism Roadshow' being hosted by Department of Tourism, Government of Odisha in association with FICCI, today at Taj Krishna. Guests of Honor (L-R) Mr. Lokesh Kumar, Head - PMU, Odisha Tourism; and Shri Balwant Singh, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Department of Tourism, Government of Odisha, looks on.

glamping festival. Commissioner-cum-Secretary Tourism, Balwant Singh, highlighted the state's extensive road network and commitment to infrastructure development, positioning Odisha as a key destination for domestic and international travelers. Interactive Q&A sessions and B2B meetings allowed travel agencies and tourism stakeholders to explore business collaborations. Discussions centered around Odisha's inclusion in Tourism Plazas and the promotion of wellness tourism, leveraging the state's serene

landscapes and traditional wellness practices. Additionally, the Odisha Tourism delegation held B2G meetings with 12+ potential investors. Talks were initiated with Rohit Matta (Sensation Infracon Pvt. Ltd.) and Akhilesh Reddy N. (Formula 4) to develop hotels, resorts, and concert-led infrastructure in Odisha. With a focus on niche tourism, including camping, homestays, and caravan tourism, Odisha Tourism continues its strategic push to enhance the state's hospitality and travel sector.

Trump to make unprecedented Super Bowl visit

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In a historic first, US President Donald Trump will attend the Super Bowl this Sunday at the Caesars Superdome in New Orleans, marking the first time a sitting president has been present at the NFL's biggest annual event. The White House confirmed the development on Tuesday.

The Kansas City Chiefs will face the Philadelphia Eagles in the championship clash, while Fox, this year's official broadcaster, is set to air a pre-recorded interview with Trump during the pre-game coverage.

While no sitting president has attended the Super Bowl before, past leaders have been involved in ceremonial roles. George H.W. Bush participated in the coin toss at the 2002 and 2017 Super Bowls, while Ronald Reagan conducted a coin toss remotely from the White House in 1985.

Trump's history with the NFL has been marked by tensions, particularly over the league's handling of player protests. In 2017, he criticized NFL athletes who knelt during the national anthem to protest racial injustice, leading to widespread controversy.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell reaffirmed the league's commitment to di-



versity and inclusive hiring practices on Monday, a stance that conflicts with Trump's policies. "We are going to continue these efforts because they make the NFL better," Goodell stated.

In a notable change, the NFL has confirmed that the "End Racism" slogan—displayed in previous Super Bowls—will not be featured this year. Instead, messages reading "Choose Love" and "It Takes All of Us" will be displayed in the end zones.

NFL spokesperson Brian McCarthy stated that the decision was influenced by recent national tragedies, including wildfires in California, a terrorist attack in New Orleans, and multiple aviation accidents across the country.

The Super Bowl remains one of the most-watched events in the United States, and Trump's presence is expected to add further significance to this year's edition.

Padma Shri Chintakindi Malleshm Shares Vision for Transforming Weaving Industry at TEDx Woxsen University

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International Trainer, Motivational Speaker, Best-selling Author, Painter, and Transformation Coach, Mayur Kalbag, captivated the audience as the headline speaker at the TEDx event hosted by Woxsen University. Known for his books Aghori - An Untold Story, Smile at Stress, Rising Waterfall, and Adventures of Poorna, Kalbag shared his insights on self-discovery and personal transformation, offering a thought-provoking perspective on embracing change.

In his address, Kalbag explored the concept of disruption, emphasizing its role as a catalyst for growth. He framed disruption as not only developmental—leading to personal and professional evolution—but also directional, providing clarity and purpose, and dynamic, fostering adaptability. His powerful message encouraged the audience to see change as a means of transformation in both their personal and professional journeys.

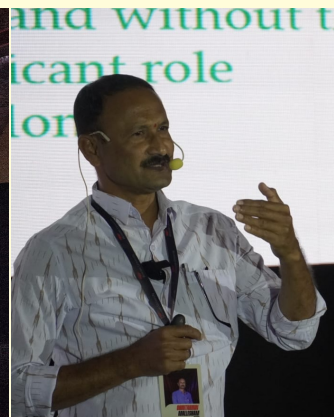
The TEDx Talks featured a distinguished lineup of speakers, including Santosh Kocherlakota, Co-founder



of Earthen Tunes and Associate Dean at Woxsen University. Kocherlakota shared his passion for user-centric design and social innovation, discussing his work on biodegradable footwear and snake-bite-resistant shoes for farmers. His projects, incubated by IIT Madras, aim to im-

prove rural safety, exemplifying how design thinking can drive real-world impact.

Also present at the event was Padma Shri awardee Chintakindi Malleshm, known for his revolutionary Laxmi Asu machine, which transformed the traditional weaving industry and empowered



artisans. Malleshm's innovation has played a pivotal role in preserving cultural heritage while enhancing the livelihoods of weavers. Other notable personalities in attendance included Neehar Bisabathini, Founder & MD of Churroto Hyderabad & Zasa Media, and Akshay Mirji.

A Woxsen University student remarked, "Platforms like TEDx encourage critical thinking, innovation, and leadership, which are essential for the development of future leaders."

Woxsen University, dedicated to fostering intellectual curiosity and industry-driven learning, continues to provide platforms such as TEDx to inspire and empower the next generation of leaders and changemakers. The event underscored the university's commitment to cultivating a culture of thought leadership and interdisciplinary learning.

Basant Panchami Celebrations at Shloka School, Jiyaguda

Shloka School celebrated Basant Panchami with great devotion and enthusiasm, honoring Goddess Saraswati, the Mother of Education, on her birth anniversary. A series of devotional rituals, including Kumkum Archana, Abhishekam, Akhanda Harati, and Akshara Abhyasam, were conducted as part of the auspicious occasion.



The event, organized by the school, was attended by parents and children from various areas.

Principal Nageswara Rao extended a warm invitation to all to partake in the celebrations, which included a special literacy program led by Naduma. The program emphasized the importance of education and literacy for everyone.

The celebrations concluded with the distribution of school bags to the children, encouraging them in their academic journey. Vice Principal Amita Charan also actively participated, contributing to the overall significance of the event.

Akbaruddin Owaisi Urges Government to Raise BC Reservation to 50%



AMIM Floor Leader Akbaruddin Owaisi has called on the Telangana government to increase reservations for Backward Classes (BC) in local bodies to 50%. Speaking during a special session in the Assembly on the BC census report, Owaisi pointed out that since the 50% ceiling had already been exceeded with 54% reservations in local bodies, there should be no hindrance in implementing the increase.

Owaisi raised concerns over inconsistencies in population figures reported in various government surveys. While the state government claimed to have surveyed 3,54,77,554 people, he highlighted that according to the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) in March 2023, Telangana's population stood at 3,80,90,000. He also cited previous records, including the 2011 Census, which recorded 3,50,31,674 people, and the Samagra Kutumba Survey (SKS) of 2014, which listed 3,66,37,160 people. Questioning the reliability of the data, he demanded the state government table the full survey report instead of just presenting its findings.

Responding to Owaisi, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy stated that the government was prepared to table three out of the four volumes of the caste survey, but the fourth volume would remain confidential due to data privacy regulations. Addressing discrepancies in population figures, he noted that the 2014 SKS survey recorded the BC population at 51%, whereas the new state government report found it to be 56.33%. The OC population, which was recorded at 21.55% in 2014, was found to be 15.79% in the new report. The ST population increased from 9.8% in 2014 to 10.45% in 2024, while the Muslim population was reported to have grown from 11% to 12.6%.

Revanth Reddy dismissed the 2014 SKS as a "Fall-too Document," arguing that it was neither officially tabled in the Assembly nor made available on government websites. He accused the previous BRS government of using the SKS survey for electoral gains, stating that they submitted the data to the Limca Book of Records but not to the Cabinet or Assembly. Criticizing the survey, he questioned, "Will the Limca Book do justice to BCs?"

The Chief Minister cited central government data, stating that Telangana's population grows by 1.20% annually and that the difference between births and deaths has stabilized. He acknowledged that 3 lakh households were missed in the survey, meaning nearly 16 lakh people were left out. Advising Owaisi not to be misled, he said, "Don't fall into the trap of the association of lies."

Owaisi presented financial data showing that between 2014-2018, the government allocated ₹6,607.48 crore for BCs but spent only ₹417.57 crore, a mere 6.32%. He urged the government to pass legislation mandating the full utilization of allocated funds, similar to the SC Sub-Plan model, ensuring unspent funds are carried forward.

During a separate discussion on SC sub-classification, Owaisi questioned why the one-man commission report by retired Justice Shameem Akhtar was not tabled in the Assembly. He reminded the Congress of its Chevella SC/ST Declaration, which promised to raise SC reservations to 18%, but noted that the state government settled for 15%, as recommended by the commission. He also criticized the commission's use of 2011 Census data instead of the 2024 caste survey and suggested reclassifying SC sub-groups into four categories instead of three.

Owaisi called on the government to fulfill its election promise of implementing Ambedkar Abhaya Hastham for 12 lakh Dalits and to ensure that the ₹33,123 crore budget allocation for SCs is fully utilized. He urged the government to introduce legislation to ensure fool-proof implementation of SC sub-classification in the state.

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ters have voiced support for the report, it has faced criticism from the public and opposition parties, who argue that the survey is unscientific and inaccurate.

There are growing concerns about whether the upcoming cabinet discussions will reflect the government's administration and the steps it

Telangana Moves Ahead with SC Sub-Categorization

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In a historic move, the Telangana government has become the first in India to implement the sub-categorization of Scheduled Castes (SCs) based on a judgment delivered by the Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court. The verdict, handed down on August 1, 2024, in the case of Punjab State Government vs. Davinder Singh, paved the way for a scientific reclassification of SC castes.

The Telangana government, led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, expressed its gratitude to the Supreme Court for the judgment and committed to the implementation of SC classification in the same legislative session on August 1, 2024. This was followed by the creation of a Cab-



net Sub Committee in September 2024, under the chairmanship of Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy. The committee, consisting of senior ministers and members of parliament, was tasked with studying the Supreme Court's verdict and providing a path forward.

After detailed discussions and consultations, including field visits to

states like Punjab, Haryana, and Tamil Nadu to examine SC sub-categorization practices, the committee recommended the establishment of a one-member Judicial Commission for an in-depth study.

On October 11, 2024, Dr. Justice Shamim Akhtar was appointed to head the Commission, tasked with providing a report within

60 days. Due to the complexity of the matter, the deadline was extended until February 10, 2025. The Commission visited 10 districts in Telangana from December 2024 to January 2025, receiving a total of 8,681 petitions, and gathering extensive data from various government departments.

The Commission's 199-page report, submitted to

the state government on February 3, 2025, outlined the classification of 59 SC castes into three groups:

Group I (Most Backward/Neglected) – 15 castes, 3.29% of the SC population, 1% reservation

Group II (Moderately Benefited) – 18 castes, 62.75% of the SC population, 9% reservation

Group III (Better Benefited) – 26 castes, 33.96% of the SC population, 5% reservation

The Commission also proposed a preferential model for filling vacancies in government jobs and educational institutions, suggesting that unfilled vacancies in Group-I be filled by Group-II, and those in Group-II be filled by Group-III. If vacancies remain unfilled, they should be carried forward.

Additionally, the Commission recommended introducing a "creamy layer" concept to exclude public representatives and certain service members from receiving benefits under the second-generation reservation.

The Telangana government has accepted the first three recommendations but rejected the suggestion regarding the exclusion of the creamy layer from reservations. The government has committed to implementing further steps as per the Commission's recommendations, with hopes that these measures will benefit the SC communities that have long awaited classification.

The state government continues to focus on ensuring social, economic, and educational empowerment for all SC sub-castes as part.

Encalm Hospitality Launches Encalm Privé at Hyderabad's Rajiv Gandhi International Airport

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Encalm Hospitality, a leader in premium airport services, has elevated the travel experience with the launch of its exclusive airside lounge, Encalm Privé, at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) in Shamshabad. Located on the Mezzanine level of the International Departures terminal, the lounge spans 885 square meters and offers a luxurious and serene environment for travelers to relax, recharge, and refresh before their flights. Open 24/7, Encalm Privé features a range of world-class amenities designed to meet the needs of modern travelers. Guests can enjoy spacious seating areas, high-speed Wi-Fi, and a variety of dining options. Culinary



offerings include international and local delicacies, with live cooking stations providing freshly prepared meals, while the Grab n Go counter caters to those in a hurry. A full-service bar offers premium

spirits and expertly crafted cocktails. The lounge also includes shower facilities for passengers seeking a revitalizing break between flights, as well as a tranquil spa offering a range of soothing treatments. Vikas Sharma, CEO of Encalm Hospitality, expressed, "The launch of Encalm Privé at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport marks a milestone in our commitment to providing personalized, efficient, and luxurious travel experiences. We've designed the lounge to seamlessly blend comfort and convenience while maintaining global standards with a touch of local insights. As we expand, we aim to set new benchmarks in the hospitality industry and elevate the travel experience worldwide."

HYDRAA seizes vehicles dumping soil inside lakes

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The Hyderabad Disaster Response Assets Monitoring and Protection Agency's (HYDRAA) disaster response force caught vehicles dumping soil and construction debris inside the lakes during its enforcement drive on Monday, February 3.

Four tippers and a JCB were caught dumping soil inside the Umdasagar lake under the Bandlaguda police station's limits late Monday night.

In another similar incident, a tipper was caught dumping soil inside the Devulapalli

(Samarkunta) under Pet Basheerabad police station's limits on Monday night. The drivers and helpers along with the vehicles caught, were seized and sent to the police stations concerned, and filed cases against the perpetrators. The arrests follow HYDRAA's special monitoring of lakes and government lands where soil and other construction debris is being dumped in violation of laws.

TNGOs Leaders Felicitated at Hyderabad District Office

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A special program was held today at the TNGOs Union Hyderabad District Office to honor key union leaders. TNGOs Central Union President Sri Maram Jagadeeshwar, General Secretary Dr. S.M. Hussaini (Mujeeb), and Associate President Sri Kasturi Venkat were felicitated. The event was attended by Hyderabad District President Sri Vikram Kumar, District Secretary Kurradi Srinivas, Associate President K.R. Raj Kumar, Treasurer Balraj, and other district executives. District President Sri Vikram Kumar expressed confidence in the leadership of Sri Maram Jagadeeshwar, highlight-



ing the union's efforts to address employee issues and foster growth. He assured full support from the Hyderabad District Union. Sri Maram Jagadeeshwar pledged to work for the welfare of employees, collaborating with the government to resolve challenges, while Dr. Mujeeb committed to safeguarding employees' rights and ensuring justice for all.

Telangana Assembly Adjourned Amid Caste Census Debate

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There are growing concerns about whether the upcoming cabinet discussions will reflect the government's administration and the steps it



plans to take for the welfare of the people. Ponnala Lakshmaiah has expressed his con-

cern over these developments, highlighting the need for reflection on such actions in a country

that prides itself as the world's largest democracy.

This situation has elevated the importance of discussions surrounding the caste census and reservations in Telangana, emphasizing the need for the government to clarify its stance and actions to bring better understanding among the people.

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