

Hon'ble President of India serves AkshayaPatra's 5 Billionth Meal

New Delhi, March 17, 2026:The AkshayaPatra Foundation commemorated the milestone of serving 5 billion meals and its completion of 25 years of service to humanity at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre, New Delhi. Hon'ble President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu graced the event as the Chief Guest, and the Hon'ble Minister of Education Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, was the Guest of Honour. The event was held in the august presence of AkshayaPatra's founders - Shri Madhu Pandit Dasa, Chairman and President of ISKCON Bangalore, and Shri Chanchalpathi Dasa, Vice Chairman and Sr. Vice President.

The theme of the event – 'Suposhit and Sushikshit Bharat for Viksit Bharat' highlighted the collective efforts towards child nutrition and education for a developed India. The event was attended by AkshayaPatra's Board of Trustees, senior government officials, distinguished leaders, public policy think tanks, philanthropists, partners, supporters and key stakeholders. Some of the past beneficiaries of AkshayaPatra, students, parents, teachers and staff from government schools were also present. The Hon'ble President gave gifts, served meals and in a heartfelt gesture, personally fed the children with her own hands.

Currently in Telangana, AkshayaPatra is feeding 2.5 lakh meals daily through 5 centralised kitchens, and AkshayaPatra Founder and Chairman Shri Madhu Pandit Dasa, and Telangana President Shri Satya Gaura Chandra Dasa were present during the celebrations along with the Hon'ble President of India.

As an implementing partner of the Government of India's flagship PM POSHAN initiative, AkshayaPatra has been serving fresh, nutritious meals to millions of children studying in government schools across India. The Foundation is currently feeding 2.35 million children through its state-of-the-art kitchens in 78 locations across 16 States and 3 Union Territories of India, and aspires to feed 3 million children every day by 2030.

Speaking on the occasion, **Hon'ble President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu** said, "Serving five billion meals in advancement of educational objectives is the remarkable achievement of The AkshayaPatra Foundation. The theme of this event, 'From a Well-Nourished and Well-Educated India to a Developed India', underscores the significance of a nourished and educated society in realizing our national resolve to build 'Viksit Bharat' by the year 2047.

A safe and bright future for our children is not solely the responsibility of the government, but a shared responsibility of

us all. When teachers, parents, social organizations, the corporate sector, and every segment of society work together, then we lay a strong foundation for the coming generation. We must ensure that every child receives quality education, nutritious food, good health, and a clean and safe environment. These fundamentals enable holistic development of children.

Education is the instrument that determines the opportunities available in an individual's life and paves the way for their success. It serves as an effective medium for transformation and empowerment. The process of empowerment and capacity-building begins to take shape from the very moment children start attending school. School equips children with the skills and experiences necessary to effectively navigate the challenges of daily life and to become responsible, conscientious citizens. She commended AkshayaPatra Foundation for working continuously to address the issue of malnutrition among children and encourage them to pursue education by delivering mid-day meals to schools for past 25 years.

It is essential that our children, who are the future of the nation, have ready access to nutritious food and quality education. The Government of India has launched numerous significant initiatives aimed at providing adequate nutrition and improved healthcare services to pregnant mothers and children. The school lunch program, implemented under PM POSHAN, has proven to be a significant incentive for parents to send their children to school. Numerous studies substantiate that, as a result of this program, there has been an increase in children's enrolment, attendance, and retention in schools. Also there has been a remarkable improvement in their learning capabilities and academic performance. She was happy to note that AkshayaPatra Foundation is playing an important role in furthering the objectives of 'Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan,' which aims to ensure quality and inclusive education for all children by the year 2030.

Children are not merely beneficiaries of the free meal program. They are the architects of the nation's bright future. The nutritious food they receive today is an investment in our nation's human capital. The healthy, educated and energetic children will constitute India's workforce and play a pivotal role in achieving 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047."

Hon'ble Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan said, "I offer my respects to Srila Prabhupada, whose inspiration gave rise to this selfless food distribution initiative, which has now grown into a mass movement.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Shri Madhu Pandit Dasaji and Shri Chanchalpathi Dasaji, whose vision laid



AkshayaPatra to continue our services to children with even greater enthusiasm.

the foundation of the AkshayaPatra movement. The journey of 25 years has not been easy, yet your resolve has remained unwavering. Today, one of the greatest beneficiaries of this Jan Andolan is India's education sector. Across 16 states and over 25,000 schools, you are providing nutritious meals to 2.35 million children every day. For this, I express my deep appreciation.

Unless our children and youth are well-nourished, India cannot fully realise its potential. Today, India's development is not confined to its geographical boundaries. India also carries a responsibility towards the Global South and the welfare of humanity. This is the essence of our belief in the ideal of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.

The AkshayaPatra Foundation has emerged as a key implementation partner of the PM POSHAN scheme. Through its commitment to quality, hygiene and innovation, it has further strengthened this mission. This partnership stands as a shining example of how government, society, and institutions can work together to address some of the nation's most complex challenges.

Nutritious food reaching every child in the country is not just a service but a resolution for the future. This is our responsibility towards the youth of the country. Viksit Bharat by 2047 will only be possible when every child in the country is well-fed and every child stays in school.

Let us all together ensure that our vision and resolve reach every child in the country and become the foundation and existence of a Developed India."

Shri Madhu Pandit Dasa said, "I express my heartfelt gratitude to the Hon'ble President for kindly gracing today's event. I also thank the Hon'ble Minister of Education and all other dignitaries for their presence. As we commemorate AkshayaPatra's 25 years of service to humanity and the milestone of serving 5 billion meals, we reiterate our commitment to work towards Srila Prabhupada's noble vision that no one should ever go hungry. This event has encouraged everyone at

Under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the flagship PM POSHAN initiative has made great progress in improving the nutritional status of children and encouraging them to attend school regularly. As India steadily advances toward the vision of Viksit Bharat, these milestones highlight our continued commitment strengthening school nutrition programmes and expanding our reach to support more children across the country.

The cherished ideal of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, or the idea that the whole world is one family, is the foundational principle of our nation-civilisation. Hence, we have also extended our feeding mission to geographies outside India. With the transformative power of collective compassion of human society, we will surely be able to contribute to building a happier and healthier future for our next generations."

Shri Chanchalpathi Dasa said, "It is a joyous occasion for AkshayaPatra as we have reached a significant milestone of serving 5 billion cumulative meals in our 25-year journey. We thank all our guests for taking time out of their schedules to participate in today's event.

We are deeply grateful to the Government of India and various State and Union Territories Governments for their constant support and encouragement in all our endeavours. We thank our donors, partners and well-wishers for joining us in our humble efforts to ensure child nutrition and education through freshly cooked, wholesome meals. On this occasion, we express our heartfelt appreciation to all the dedicated full-time missionaries and professionals of AkshayaPatra who have been working tirelessly everyday for the welfare of society.

We are confident that AkshayaPatra's successful public-private partnership will help more children gain easy access to nutrition and education, enabling them to contribute to a New and Developed India in the coming years."

Awareness Seminar on Mechanization in Sugarcane Cultivation – Field Visit to Coimbatore

“Arvapalli Nagesh Khammam District Nelakondapalli Mandal Staff Reporter March 17, (Indian Chronicle): “A field exposure visit was organized in Coimbatore to create awareness among sugarcane farmers about modern cultivation methods and mechanization. The program was conducted under the management of Mudrakhan Sugar and Power Industries, Rajeshwarapuram, in Nelakondapalli mandal of Khammam district. “As part of the visit, farmers attended a two-day training program at the Sugarcane Research and Development Centre in Coimbatore. They were educated on cultivation practices followed by farmers from different states across the country. Key topics covered included modern farming techniques, use of mechanization, reducing input costs, and achieving higher yields. Farmers were also trained on best practices and innovative methods to expand sugarcane cultivation. During the visit, Mudrakhan Factory DGM Apparao provided guidance on improving productivity and expanding cultivation area. Participants in the program included Cane Manager Venkateshwarlu, former Market Committee Chairman Surapaneni Ramakrishna, Rajeshwarapuram Sarpanch Danda Rangaiah, former MPTC Kattekola Sudhakar, former Society Chairman Chintanippu Saidulu, Jonagiri Kiran, Mankena Venkateswara Rao, Inturi Ashok, and others.



Give me a chance—just once—to serve as the President of the Bar Association

... I will do my utmost to resolve the issues faced by lawyers.”

— Former Municipal Chairman and Senior Advocate Kolupula Kamalakar

“(Mandava Srishailam | Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau | Indian Chronicle | March 17): Former Municipal Chairman and Senior Advocate Kolupula Kamalakar has appealed to his fellow lawyers to grant him the opportunity to serve as the President of the Bhuvanagiri Bar Association—if only for a single term. Speaking on the occasion, he pledged that if elected as the Bar Council representative, he would dedicate his best efforts to addressing the various challenges confronting the legal fraternity. Specifically, he committed to working towards securing housing plots for lawyers, strengthening the Lawyers' Welfare Fund, establishing new courts and a permanent library, ensuring the welfare of female lawyers, and fostering the overall development of the District Court. “I come before you as a close friend and a fellow lawyer,” stated Senior Advocate Kolupula Kamalakar, as he earnestly requested his friends and colleagues to elect him as the Bar Association President by casting their invaluable votes in his favor.



Narrow Escape as House Roof Collapses in Nelakondapalli



“Arvapalli Nagesh Khammam District Nelakondapalli Mandal Staff Reporter March 17, (Indian Chronicle): “A major accident was narrowly averted when the roof of a house suddenly collapsed just moments after a woman stepped outside. “According to the victims, the incident took place in Mangapuram Thanda of Nelakondapalli mandal in Khammam district. The house belongs



to Tejavath Koteswara Rao, whose roof was in a dilapidated condition. “On Tuesday morning, Koteswara Rao’s wife, Bujji, went inside the house to serve food to her husband. After serving the meal, she stepped outside, and within seconds, a loud noise was heard as large portions of the roof collapsed. Shocked by the sudden incident, she ran out in fear. Fortunately, she escaped unharmed by a narrow margin. However, household items inside the house were damaged due to the falling debris. “Koteswara Rao, who was recently injured in a road accident and is undergoing treatment, had stepped outside shortly before the incident. The accident occurred while his wife had gone in to bring food for him. “Locals say that if the couple had been inside at the time, the situation could have turned tragic.

Triveni Wins Overall Championship at Shotokan Karate Championship 2026

“Avnreddy Khammam Bureau March 17, (Indian Chronicle): “The Shotokan Karate Championship 2026 for the two Telugu states was at MB Gardens in Khammam by Vinod Karate Academy. “Students of Triveni School delivered an outstanding performance, winning prizes in multiple categories. The school also achieved the prestigious Overall Championship title. Triveni Karate Master Veeranna was honored with the Best Referee Award for his excellence. “Expressing over the achievement, School Director Gollapudi Veerendra Chowdary congratulated the students and encouraged them to aim for top performances



at the national level in the future. “Principal Rajendra Prasad also appreciated the students, stating that Triveni students are excelling not only in academics and sports but also in self-defense skills like karate. “Tournament Chief Organizer Vinod attended the event and presented prizes to the winners. Speaking on the occasion, he highlighted that karate is highly beneficial for self-defense as well as physical fitness. “Karate Master Veeranna and Vice Principal Mustafa were also present at the prize distribution ceremony and congratulated the winning students.”

Minister Tummala Orders Release of Water from Puligundala Project

“Arvapalli Nagesh Khammam Staff Reporter March 17, (Indian Chronicle): “Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao has directed officials to immediately release irrigation water from the Puligundala Project following distress calls from farmers about drying crops. “Farmers from Brahmakunta village and nearby areas in Penuballi mandal raised concerns that their crops were withering due to lack of water. Responding swiftly, the minister reviewed the situation and instructed authorities to remove all obstacles in water release and ensure irrigation to nearly 1,000 acres. During a comprehensive review, the minister identified technical and administrative issues delaying water release. He ordered that these problems be resolved urgently through coordination between the Revenue, Forest, and Irrigation departments. The minister also spoke directly over the phone with Sub-Collector Ajay Yadav and DFO Siddharth, instructing them to address any hurdles without delay. He emphasized that there should be no obstacles in releasing irrigation water and that farmers’ welfare must be the top priority. “Special instructions were issued to irrigation officials to act on a war footing and speed up the release process. Given the urgency of the situation, the minister stressed that there should be no delay at the field level. “Minister Tummala reiterated that protecting farmers’ crops from drying up is a key priority of the government. He assured that every farmer would receive irrigation support and stated that water release from the Puligundala Project would be a lifeline for thousands of acres under its command area. “Farmers have expressed hope that, following the minister’s orders, officials will act quickly and begin the water release process soon.

Road safety, anti-drug drive get push under 99-day plan in Karimnagar, Collector calls for coordinated action; 24 accident-prone spots identified, stricter vigil on narcotics.

Khaja Sikander Mohiuddin Staff Reporter, Indian Chronicle Karimnagar, March 17: District Collector Chitra Mishra on Tuesday stressed the need for coordinated efforts among departments to strengthen road safety measures and intensify the drive against narcotic substances as part of the State government's 99-day "Praja Palana" programme.

Chairing separate meetings of the District Road Safety Committee and the Narco Coordination Centre at the Collectorate, Ms. Mishra said prevention of road accidents and eradication of drug abuse required sustained, multi-departmental action. She directed officials to identify accident-prone locations and take remedial measures, including installation of warning signboards at road and drainage works. Noting that some repair works may continue for longer durations, she called for foolproof safety arrangements to prevent mishaps. Hospitals were also instructed to ensure immediate medical assistance to accident victims.

Emphasising the "Arrive Alive" initiative, the Collector asked officials to focus on dangerous curves, improve signalling systems, and organise awareness campaigns on road safety. Police Commissioner Gautham Alam said 24 accident-prone locations had been identified in the district. Measures such as installation of warning boards, trimming of roadside branches, and improving lighting and signalling at junctions were being taken up. Clearing of bushes along the Jagityal road would also help reduce accidents, he added.

In a separate review on drug control, Ms. Mishra said eradication of narcotics was a collective responsibility and called for efforts to make Karimnagar a drug-free district. She directed the police, excise, women development, and child welfare departments to work in coordination and strengthen awareness programmes, particularly among youth and students. She also emphasised the active role of Consciousness Clubs. Mr. Alam said anti-drug committees were functioning actively and awareness drives were being conducted in educational institutions. He added that intensified checks were being carried out in public transport areas. Warning of strict action against those involved in the use or supply of banned substances, he urged the public to share information with the police.

Officials said that in the past two months, three drug-related cases had been registered, six persons arrested, and 578 grams of ganja seized.

Municipal Commissioner Prapul Desai, RDO Maheshwar, RTA Committee member Padala Rahul, Roads and Buildings Department Executive Engineer Narasimhachari, District Agriculture Officer Bhagyalakshmi, District Welfare Officer Saraswati, District Medical Officer Venkataramana, Excise Superintendent Srinivas Rao, and others attended the meetings.

Ensure thorough preparedness for Census 2027, officials told, Collector stresses clarity on procedures, adherence to updated guidelines.

Khaja Sikander Mohiuddin Staff Reporter, Indian Chronicle Karimnagar, March 17: District Collector Chitra Mishra on Tuesday called upon officials to acquire a comprehensive understanding of all procedures related to Census 2027 and ensure meticulous execution of the exercise.

Addressing a training programme at the Marri Channa Reddy Human Resource Development Regional Training Centre in the Collectorate, she said that the sessions, being conducted from March 15, should be utilised effectively by Charge Officers, Additional Charge Officers and District Additional Census Officers to gain clarity on all operational aspects.

The Collector emphasised the need for a clear understanding of app-based registration, data collection processes and other technical components associated with the Census. Noting that field-level challenges were inevitable, she advised officials to seek guidance from higher authorities to resolve issues promptly and carry out the survey in a systematic manner.

She underscored the importance of adhering to updated guidelines and having a firm grasp of rules and regulations to ensure accuracy and uniformity in data collection. Trainers were instructed to address all queries raised by participants and provide detailed explanations on each aspect of the exercise.

As part of the training framework, Tahsildars are being designated as Mandal Charge Officers, Naib Tahsildars as Additional Charge Officers, Municipal Commissioners as Urban Charge Officers, and Town Planning officials as their counterparts. Several district-level officers are being trained as District Additional Census Officers.

Revenue Divisional Officer Maheshwar, Zilla Parishad Chief Executive Officer Srinivas, District Panchayat Officer Jagadeeshwar and Chief Planning Officer Ram Dattareddy, among others, were present.



WJI Felicitates Women Employees of Information Department in Khammam

“Avnreddy Khammam Bureau March 17, (Indian Chronicle): “As part of the International Women’s Day celebrations, women employees of the District Information and Public Relations Department were honored by the Working Journalists



of India (WJI). “The felicitation ceremony was held on Monday at the Integrated Collectorate. State Secretary of the union N. Subrahmanyeswara Rao (N.S. Rao), District Convener Gantela Anand, Co-convener Yennaboyina Srinivasa Rao and M.A. Ansar Pasha, Khammam Assembly Constituency Convener K. Kalyan Chakravarthy, along with others, participated in the event in the presence of DPRO Ghouse Pasha. “During the program, Typist Kommu Pravalika and Office Subordinate Sattenapalli Mangala were felicitated with shawls and presented with sarees and mementos in recognition of their services. “On this occasion, DPRO Ghouse Pasha appreciated the representatives of WJI for honoring the women employees of the Information Department.

SUDA Chairman greets newly elected Rajya Sabha member, Extends invitation for daughter’s wedding

Khaja Sikander Mohiuddin Staff Reporter, Indian Chronicle Karimnagar,



March 17: SUDA Chairman Komatireddy Narendra Reddy on Tuesday called on Vem Narendra Reddy, who was recently elected to the Rajya Sabha, at his residence in Hyderabad and conveyed his congratulations.

During the meeting, Mr. Komatireddy presented an invitation to Mr. Narendra Reddy, requesting him to attend his daughter’s wedding scheduled to be held in Karimnagar on April 2 and bless the newlyweds.

Mr. Komatireddy later said that the visit was a courtesy call to extend greetings and personally invite the Rajya Sabha member to the family function.

Thieves stole Rs. 8 lakh in broad daylight in Zaheerabad,

Sangareddy district. They followed a man who was coming to withdraw money from the bank for land registration and stole the cash kept in the trunk of a scooty. “Narasimha Reddy of Thumukunta village in Zaheerabad mandal was leaving after withdrawing Rs. 8 lakh at the SBI Highway branch in the town of Narasimha Reddy. The thieves, who noticed him stopping his bike in the premises of the local Tahsildar’s office for land registration, stole the cash in a matter of minutes. The CCTV cameras of the office recorded the footage of one of the thieves walking into the Tahsildar’s office while the other came on a bike and stole the money from the scooty. After receiving information about the incident, the police reached the Tahsildar’s office and inquired about the theft. The police team launched a search operation after monitoring the movements of the thieves.

Ragula Ganesh Mudiraj Elected as President of Mudiraj Association

“NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, March 17, (Indian chronicle): “Keesara: A new committee of the Mudiraj Association was elected in Vanneeguda village of Keesara mandal under the leadership



of the community members. It was stated that the association conducts elections for president and other key positions once every three years. The newly elected office bearers are as follows: President: Ragula Ganesh Mudiraj Vice Presidents: Ragula Balakrishna, Reddaboyina Madhukar Mudiraj, Desu Pawan Kumar Mudiraj General Secretary:

Reddaboyina Mahesh Mudiraj Treasurer: Erra Venkatesh Mudiraj Secretaries: Ragula Raj Kumar Mudiraj, Reddaboyina Bhukshapathi, Ragula Lakshminarayana Mudiraj Executive Members: Palapati Lakshmaiah Mudiraj, Abraboyina Venkatesh Mudiraj, Kukkadhuvvu Bhaskar Mudiraj Advisors: Andyala Balakrishna Mudiraj, Rayarapooram Ramesh Mudiraj All members were elected unanimously. Speaking on the occasion, newly elected President Ragula Ganesh Mudiraj thanked the association members for placing their trust in him. He said he would work towards the development of the Mudiraj Association and strive for the welfare of the community. He also expressed confidence that, with the support of association members and villagers, efforts would be made for the overall development of the village.

Government Whip and Alair MLA Beerla Ailaiah Participates in BAC Meeting Alongside Chief Minister and Ministers

“(Mandava Srisailam... Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... Indian Chronicle... March 17):- A Business Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting was held in the chamber of Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar at the Legislative Assembly in Hyderabad. Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu, Minister for Legislative Affairs Duddilla Sridhar Babu, and Telangana State Government Whip (Alair MLA) Beerla Ailaiah participated in this meeting.



Everyone Must Work Responsibly to Transform the District into a Drug-Free Zone: Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector Anurag Jayanthi

“(Mandava Srisailam... Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... Indian Chronicle... March 17): Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector Anurag Jayanthi has instructed officials that everyone must work responsibly to transform the district into a zone free of drugs and intoxicants. “On Tuesday, the District Collector held a review meeting regarding the eradication of drugs at the Mini Meeting Hall, joined by SP Akshansh Yadav, Additional SP Lakshminarayana, Choutuppal Revenue Divisional Officer Sekhar Reddy, and representatives from the Medical & Health Department, the District Education Department, and other relevant departments. Speaking on this occasion, the District Collector urged



everyone to responsibly fulfill their duty towards creating a drug-free society, emphasizing the need to conduct awareness sessions for the youth to prevent them from becoming addicted to intoxicants. He stated that anyone involved in the transportation or consumption of narcotics would be liable for punishment under the NDPS Act. Furthermore, he instructed officials to maintain special surveillance in colleges and factories and to monitor these

premises on a daily basis. He emphasized the need to raise awareness among college students that succumbing to drug addiction leads to the ruin of one's life. He directed that awareness sessions be organized within both municipal and Gram Panchayat limits. He further called for a district-wide public campaign highlighting the adverse consequences of using drugs and intoxicants. He also instructed that a close watch be kept on students who have dropped out of their studies midway. He stated that authorities had identified individuals involved in the transportation and supply of ganja (marijuana) within the district, resulting in the registration of a total of eight cases—seven by the Police Department and three by the Excise Department. He urged all departments to work in coordination to eradicate drugs, illicit liquor (Gudumba), and narcotics from the district. Speaking at the meeting, District Superintendent of Police (SP) Akshansh Yadav reiterated the importance of conducting awareness sessions regarding drugs in colleges, factories, and villages. He stressed the need to ensure that the youth do not fall prey to drug addiction. District Medical and Health Officer Manohar, District Education Officer Satyanarayana, and other concerned officials participated in this meeting.

Rotten Chicken Racket Busted... 610 Kg Spoiled Meat Seized, Chicken Centre Sealed in Musheerabad

“Indian Chronicle, Secunderabad, March 17: “In a shocking incident endangering public health, police arrested a man for selling rotten chicken and seized a huge quantity of spoiled meat. A surprise raid was conducted by Warasiguda police at a chicken centre in Bapuji Nagar, Musheerabad. “According to police, the owner of “A-1 Fresh Chicken Mart,” Shaik Shakeel (40), was selling frozen chicken stored in highly unhygienic conditions to local residents and small vendors. Acting on credible information, Warasiguda Sub-Inspector K. Ramachandra Reddy, along with his team, carried out a raid at around 1:00 PM on Tuesday. “During the inspection, officials found approximately 610 kilograms of chicken stored in extremely unhygienic conditions. The meat was completely rotten and emitting a foul smell. The presence of rats and cats in the area further contaminated the stock. “Police also revealed that the shop’s trading license had expired a year ago, yet the accused continued operations in violation of rules. He was knowingly selling unfit meat, posing a serious threat to public health. “Investigations further revealed that the spoiled chicken was being supplied in large quantities to hotels, functions, catering services, and fast-food centres across the city. “The accused, Shaik Shakeel, was arrested, and the rotten chicken was seized. The shop has been sealed. “The operation was carried out under the directions of Secunderabad Zone DCP K. Rakshita Krishnamurthy, IPS, under the supervision of Chilkaiguda ACP K. Shashank Reddy, with Warasiguda Inspector G. Rajender Goud, SI K. Ramachandra Reddy, and staff.



Don't interfere in Congress internal affairs, keep 10 MLAs away

MLA Sanjay is the culprit behind the thought of leaving the party

Feels bad to break 4 decades of association

“Former Minister Jeevan Reddy” Jagtial Correspondent, March 17 (Indian Chronicle): Former Minister and Congress leader Tatiparthi Jeevan Reddy suggested to the high command that Congress party will be strengthened only when the 10 MLAs who joined Congress from BRS are kept away from interfering in the party's internal affairs. Jeevan Reddy spoke to reporters at Indira Bhavan in Jagtial district headquarters on Tuesday. “Jeevan Reddy said it's ridiculous for Jagtial



MLA Sanjay Kumar to say that the Speaker has decided that he is a BRS party member and wants him to leave the party. He stated that no one wants to break a four-decade association and it's painful to do so. He questioned if MLA Sanjay is the reason behind the thought of leaving the party. “Jeevan Reddy said it's surprising that Sanjay is saying he will work with the Chief Minister, asking if working together means interfering in Congress party's internal affairs. He expressed anger that Sanjay is interfering in Congress party's nominated posts and the rights of party workers under the pretext of working together. “He said Sanjay is the main culprit behind the thought of leaving Congress and asked him to first figure out which party he belongs to. Jeevan Reddy stated that he has worked for the development of the region with the Chief Minister, but that doesn't mean interfering in party affairs. “He recalled that except for 2019, Congress has won all elections in Jagtial and said he's been involved in movements and programs for the party for four decades. He advised Sanjay to work according to the rules of the legislative assembly and said he's willing to work with dedication wherever he is. “Jeevan Reddy said he's currently in Congress and wants to stay, but Sanjay is the main reason behind the thought of leaving. He questioned if it's possible to suppress his self-respect and ambition in politics. “He expressed dissatisfaction with the delay in implementing some of the government's six guarantees, including the release of 500 cylinder money and farmer's support fund. He recalled that during YS Rajasekhara Reddy's rule, pensions were sanctioned immediately. “Jeevan Reddy suggested to the Congress high command to tell the 10 MLAs to work with the Chief Minister for development. Regarding the removal of Congress party flexes in front of his house, he said it was done to make way for new flexes on the occasion of Sri Ram Navami.

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Festivals Promote Unity... Celebrate Ramzan Peacefully: MLA Padma Rao Goud

Indian Chronicle, Secunderabad, March 17: “Festivals strengthen unity among people, said Secunderabad MLA and former Deputy Speaker T. Padma Rao Goud. He participated in an Iftar dinner organized at Kausar Mosque in Warasiguda on



Tuesday evening. “Speaking on the occasion, he said that the fasting observed during Roza reflects a rich cultural tradition, while Iftar gatherings symbolize communal harmony and mutual respect among different religions. He expressed hope that people celebrate the festival of Ramzan with happiness and prosperity. “BRS youth leader Rameshwar Goud, mosque committee members, and local minority leaders were also present at the event.

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Woman Posing as Doctor Drugs Patients, Robs Them; Arrested Along with Husband

“Indian Chronicle, Secunderabad, March 17:“A woman who posed as a doctor and targeted elderly patients in hospitals by administering sedatives and stealing their gold ornaments has been arrested along with her husband. The operation was jointly carried out by the Secunderabad Zone Task Force and Market Police. “According to police, the accused, Goundla Shirisha (25) and her husband Edulapalli Sai Kumar Goud (30), residents of Nawabpet in Vikarabad district, resorted to these crimes in pursuit of easy money. They specifically targeted elderly women patients, administered sedative injections, and stole their gold ornaments. “Shirisha is currently pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D). Due to financial difficulties, she misused her medical knowledge and, along with her husband, planned these thefts. Wearing a doctor’s apron, she would enter hospitals and administer a sedative injection— ‘Diazepam’—to the victims. After they lost consciousness, she would steal their valuables and flee. “Police revealed that similar thefts were committed on March 11 at Yashoda Hospital in Secunderabad and at Citizen Specialty Hospital in Chandanagar. The stolen money was reportedly spent on luxury expenses and shopping. “Police seized approximately 11 tolas of gold ornaments, a Maruti Suzuki Baleno car, and two mobile phones. “Cases have been registered at Chandanagar and Market Police Stations. The case was successfully cracked by the Secunderabad Zone Task Force team led by Inspector J. Rajashekar, Market PS SHO V. Ramachander, DI S.M. Basheer Ahmed, SI P. Gnanadeep, and staff.



Make special arrangements at Idigala mosques during Ramzan: 'MLA Chinta Prabhakar's letter to District Collector

“Sangareddy Indian Chronicle Correspondent (Sunil) March 17“Sangareddy MLA and BRS District President Chinta Prabhakar has written to Sangareddy District Collector Pravinya requesting that special arrangements be made at Idigala mosques in Sangareddy district during the Ramzan festival, including irrigation facilities, sanitation works, electricity and lights, in a letter to the District Collector Pravinya. MLA Chinta Prabhakar has requested that appropriate measures be taken to ensure that those who come to offer prayers at Idigala during the festival do not face any difficulties...



Woman Reported Missing in Kushaiguda Police Station Limits

“NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, March 17, (Indian chronicle):“Kushaiguda: A 35-year-old woman has been reported missing under the limits of Kushaiguda Police Station. According to police, the complainant, Shagari Ramesh, a resident of Arul Nagar, stated that his wife, Santoshi, left home on March 16, 2026, at around 1:00 PM following a minor domestic argument. She reportedly left without informing anyone about her whereabouts. Family members initially suspected that she might have gone to her maternal village, Aler. However, upon inquiry, it was confirmed that she did not reach there. Despite efforts by relatives, friends, and local residents to trace her in nearby areas, her whereabouts remain unknown. Based on the complaint filed by Ramesh, police have registered a case and initiated an investigation.



Youth Goes Missing After Family Dispute in Kushaiguda



“NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, March 17, (Indian chronicle):“Kushaiguda: A youth has been reported missing within the limits of Kushaiguda Police Station. According to the complaint filed by Dhanala Lakshmi, a resident of Plot No. 45/C, Vasavi Siva Nagar, her son Dhanala Srisailam (21) left home on March 14, 2026, at around 12:00 noon. As per the complaint, he had a minor argument with family members before leaving the house without informing anyone. Since then, his whereabouts are unknown. Police have registered a case based on the complaint and are investigating the matter.

Bike Theft Reported in Kushaiguda

“NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, March 17, (Indian chronicle):“A motorcycle theft was reported under the limits of Kushaiguda Police Station. According to the complainant, Yerpula Sailu, he works as a watchman at an under-construction building located at Plot No. 77 near Grameena Bank in Netaji Nagar, where he resides with his wife. He stated that on March 15, 2026, at around 10:30 PM, he parked his motorcycle (TS 17 G 6787) at the building premises and left for his native village. Upon returning on March 17, 2026, at around 4:00 PM, he found that the bike was missing. He searched the nearby areas but could not trace the vehicle. He suspects that unknown persons stole the motorcycle. Kushaiguda Police have registered a case and initiated an investigation.

Security Guards Attacked by Unknown Man Near NFC in ECIL

“NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, March 17, (Indian chronicle):“Kushaiguda: An incident of assault on security personnel was reported on Tuesday at the NFC Security Post located near Mother Dairy, close to NFC in the ECIL area. According to police, the incident occurred when private security guards, Gatraj and Manohar, who were on duty, noticed an unidentified man engaging in public urination near the security post. When they tried to stop him, the man became aggressive, verbally abused them, and physically attacked both guards. During the assault, Gatraj sustained a bite injury on his left hand. On receiving information, NFC departmental security guard Kamalayya rushed to the spot. The attacker also assaulted him by hitting his forehead with a mobile phone, causing injuries. The accused further scratched another guard, Natraj, attacked others present, damaged Manohar’s mobile phone, and broke his spectacles. Based on a complaint lodged by Kamalayya, a case has been registered at Kushaiguda Police Station. Police have launched efforts to identify and apprehend the accused.

HDFC ERGO General Insurance appoints Parthanil Ghosh as Managing Director and CEO

Hyderabad The Board of Directors of HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company today approved the elevation of Mr. Parthanil Ghosh as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Company. The appointment will be effective from April 16, 2026, and is subject to IRDAI and other necessary approvals. In this new role he will succeed Mr. Anuj Tyagi. "With over three decades of professional experience in Financial Services & Insurance, Mr. Ghosh brings deep understanding of the local market and more than 16 years of extensive and diverse experience in the General Insurance industry across the entire value chain. He joined the Company in 2016 following the merger with L&T General Insurance and has been serving as the Executive Director since May 1, 2025. "Mr. Ghosh has played a pivotal role in shaping the

Company's growth trajectory. Under his leadership, the Company strengthened its retail franchise, while building strong capabilities across commercial lines, crop insurance, underwriting, reinsurance strategy, claims management and Information Technology & Digital. "Mr. Ghosh also contributed significantly to major strategic integrations and consolidation initiatives, including the successful integration of acquired L&T General Insurance and Apollo Munich Health insurance, thereby creating a stronger, unified operating platform at HDFC ERGO. His experience in managing large-scale mergers, cultural integration and operational transformation has helped position HDFC ERGO as one of India's leading private sector general insurers. Over the years, he has been driving initiatives aimed at enhancing customer trust and transparency in in-

surance, with a strong focus on improving claims experience, simplifying insurance products and leveraging technology to deliver superior customer outcomes. His approach combines technical excellence, digital innovation and a customer-first philosophy to build a resilient and future-ready insurance institution. "Speaking about this announcement, Mr. Keki M Mistry, Chairman of the Board, HDFC ERGO General Insurance said, "Parthanil brings in extensive industry knowledge, deep operational insight and strong strategic leadership to the role. He has been a key contributor to the Company's progress and success in recent years, enabling HDFC ERGO to strengthen its market position and in building a culture focused on customer trust, technical excellence and sustainable growth. The Board is confident that he will build on



that success story and take the company to the next level. At the same time, we thank Anuj Tyagi for his outstanding work and wish him the best in his future entrepreneurial pursuits."

Canon India's 'EveryDay' Campaign Reminds Us: Inclusion Isn't for One Day, It's Lived Every Day

Hyderabad International Women's Day invites reflection on gender equality, but Canon India believes real progress is shaped by what happens every single day. "At Canon India, respect, opportunity, and growth are not defined by symbolic moments; they are embedded into the everyday rhythm of work and collaboration. From conversations where voices are heard without interruption to opportunities where ideas lead without bias, inclusion is not an aspiration, it is a lived reality. "It is within these everyday interactions that an empowering culture takes shape, where conversations are open, ideas have the freedom to lead, and individuals are encouraged to speak up, take ownership, and grow with confidence. "Reflecting this belief, Canon India has unveiled its latest campaign, 'EveryDay', which celebrates the small but powerful moments that define an inclusive workplace culture. The campaign brings to life moments that often go unnoticed, team discussions where everyone is heard, workplaces where careers grow alongside personal lives, and environments where talent is recognized purely on merit. Through these moments, 'EveryDay' reinforces that equality is not just spoken about, but practiced, consistently and consciously. "Commenting on the campaign, Mr. Toshiaki Nomura, President & CEO, Canon India, said, "At Canon, we believe inclusion is not defined by a single day or statement, it is built through everyday actions and behaviors. 'EveryDay' reflects our commitment to creating a workplace where people are respected, heard, and given equal opportunity to grow. When inclusion becomes a way of working every day, it drives stronger teams, better ideas, and meaningful progress for everyone. "At the heart of the campaign is a thoughtfully crafted brand film that captures authentic moments within Canon offices, showcasing everyday interactions where voices are not interrupted, ideas take centre stage, and teams grow stronger when everyone has the space to contribute. Canon India further reinforces its commitment to creating a workplace where women can confidently shape their careers, contribute meaningfully across roles, and thrive at every stage of their professional journeys.



R.C. Reddy IAS Study Circle Felicitates UPSC 2025 Rankers at Success Meet in Hyderabad



Hyderabad The event was attended by successful candidates S. Varshith Reddy (All India Rank 279) and Kummari Sravan Kumar (All India Rank 768), who interacted with aspirants and shared their preparation strategies and experiences. "The programme was conducted in the presence of Mr. R.C. Reddy, Founder and Director of R.C. Reddy IAS Study Circle, and B. Sangamitra, Assistant Director of the institute, along with faculty members, students and staff. "R.C. Reddy IAS Study Circle, one of the most reputed institutions for Civil Services preparation in the country, has once again achieved remarkable success in the UPSC Civil Services Examination 2025, producing one of the highest number of successful candidates from Hyderabad.

Flipkart Study Reveals 48% of Delivery Partners Across South India Willing to Switch to EVs

“Hyderabad” Flipkart, India’s homegrown e-commerce marketplace, today released “The Last-Mile Leap: Empowering Delivery Fleets to Accelerate India’s Electric Mobility Transition,” a white paper based on insights from a survey of more than 6,000 Wishmasters (delivery partners) across India. According to the study, delivery partners across South India are showing strong interest in transitioning to electric vehicles, with 48% of the surveyed cohort in the South expressing willingness to adopt EVs, according to insights from Flipkart’s research. The findings highlight growing momentum for electric mobility across the southern delivery ecosystem as riders increasingly recognise the economic and operational benefits of EV adoption. “Strong Interest in EV Adoption Among Delivery Partners” The study indicates significant interest in EV adoption among delivery partners. Approximately 46% of respondents across the country expressed willingness to transition to electric vehicles, signalling strong readiness within the workforce. However, adoption remains limited today, with 94.3% of delivery partners currently relying on petrol-powered two-wheelers. The findings suggest that the gap between intent and adoption is primarily driven by structural barriers rather than behavioural resistance. “Among the key challenges cited by delivery partners were: “High upfront vehicle costs (26.6%) “Limited EV availability in certain geographies (22.8%) “Concerns around range and performance (17.8%) “Charging access (14%) “Performance reliability (11.8%) “Servicing and lifecycle support (7%) “Operational Patterns Align with EV Capabilities” The research also highlights that delivery operations in India are well aligned with the capabilities of electric two-wheelers currently available in the market. “Nearly 29% of delivery partners reported travelling between 40–60 kilometres per day, while another 21.8% travel between 60–80 kilometres daily. These travel patterns fall within the operating range of most electric two-wheelers, even under stop-start urban delivery conditions. Fuel costs also represent a significant operational expense for riders, with nearly 90% of surveyed delivery partners spending between ₹2,000 and ₹5,000 per month on petrol.



Public Suffer, Illegal Domestic Gas Racket Thrives in Boduppall No cylinders for homes... but plenty for businesses? Subsidized LPG diverted openly; anger mounts against authorities



“NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, March 17, (Indian chronicle): “BODUPPAL: Residents are struggling to get domestic gas cylinders for household use, facing long delays even after booking. Many families are left waiting for days, highlighting a growing supply crisis at the consumer level. However, a shocking parallel reality is unfolding in the Boduppall Circle. Several commercial establishments—including curry points, bakeries, wine shops, and hotels—are allegedly using domestic LPG cylinders instead of commercial ones, in blatant violation of regulations. Subsidized cylinders meant exclusively for household use are being diverted and misused for business operations. This is not just illegal—it is a direct denial of essential resources to the public. What raises serious concern is that this illegal practice is happening openly, yet the concerned authorities appear to be turning a blind eye. Despite repeated complaints in the past, no strict action has been taken, allowing the racket to continue unchecked. Public frustration is now reaching a breaking point. “Why are we not getting cylinders for our homes, while businesses have easy access?” residents question. People are demanding immediate intervention from authorities and strict action against those involved in the illegal use of domestic gas cylinders. If the issue is not addressed promptly, residents warn of large-scale protests in the coming days. Neglect of public needs and silence over illegal activities—who benefits?”

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Godrej hosts GVCC Cricket Championship for AID community

Hyderabad: Locks and Architectural Solutions, a business unit of the Godrej Enterprises Group, successfully hosted the 3rd edition of the Godrej Value Co-Creators Club (GVCC) Cricket Championship 2026.

Designed as a platform to foster deeper relationships within the architects and interior designers (AID) community, the tournament once again brought together leading design firms from across the city for a spirited celebration of cricket, collaboration and camaraderie.

The championship saw enthusiastic participation from prominent architecture and design firms, who came together beyond the boardroom to engage through India’s most loved sport. Over the course of several closely contested matches, teams showcased exceptional sportsmanship and competitive spirit, reinforcing the sense of community within the AID ecosystem.

The tournament concluded with an exciting final that saw SPA11 (Shashi Prabhu and Associates) secure the GVCC Cricket Championship 2026 title after a closely fought match against SSA Strikers (Sandeep Shikre Architects).