

Dr. Guggilla Divyamurthy Honored with “Bharat Ratna Award”



“Arvapalli Nagesh khammam bureau April 12 Indian Chronicle:”“Dr. Guggilla Divyamurthy, a prodigious talent hailing from Kotha Kothuru village in Nelakondapalli mandal of Khammam district, was honored with the “Bharat Ratna Award” on Sunday in Hyderabad. “The award was presented at the Tyagaraya Gana Sabha in Chikkadpally by the Art of Learning International organization, on the dais led by Kala Venkata Deekshitulu. The organization stated that the award was given in recognition of Dr. Divyamurthy’s exceptional talent and achievements. “Dr. Divyamurthy received the award from eminent personalities and was felicitated with a shawl in a grand manner by members of the organization and other dignitaries. “Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Divyamurthy expressed happiness over receiving the award and the honor bestowed upon him. He mentioned that he has received 74 awards so far and has been honored 136 times. “Several notable personalities attended the event, including film director Akula Ramesh Raja, Abhinandana, Telangana State Sakshyam Vice President D. Subhash Gupta, multi-talented artists Nadamunula Ramarao and Muralikrishna, playback singer Pranay Kumar, R. Sneha Reddy, Putta Deepika Ruma, Gopu Shobha, retired MEO Durgam Rajesham Goud, Durgabhavani, Kamaraju Ramarao, and others.

Dr. Ramesh Elected as President of Medical & Health Employees Forum



“ Indian Chronicle, Secunderabad, April 12:”“Dr. Pallati Ramesh, a physiotherapist at Gandhi Hospital, Secunderabad, has been unanimously elected as the President of the TNGO Medical and Health Employees Forum, Hyderabad District. “The elections for the new executive body were held on Sunday at the union office under the leadership of TNGO Hyderabad District President Vikram, Secretary Srinivas, and Treasurer Balaraju. The election process was supervised by Chief Election Officer K.R. Rajkumar and Assistant Election Officer Mukhed Qureshi. “The newly elected executive committee includes Dr. Ramesh as President, B.A. Abhinash as Secretary, Shivaprasad as Vice President, Kalpana as Joint Secretary, Abdul Aziz as Treasurer, Alberg Benny as Organizing Secretary, Akhilesh as Publicity Secretary, and Shyam Kumar and Ajay Kumar as Executive Committee members. “TNGO State President Kiran Reddy and State Secretary Satyanarayana Reddy congratulated the newly elected team. The event was attended by TNGO Hyderabad district representatives Naresh, Shankar, Vaidik Shastri, Sridhar, Waheed, along with Telangana Medical and Health Central Forum representatives Rajender, Narasimha Reddy, Shiva, Satyam Reddy, Venkatrami Reddy, Ramakrishna, Mahesh, and others.

Resonance Triumphs with State-Level Top Ranks Lekkala Rajireddy, Chairman, Resonance Educational Institutions

“Devulapally Srinivas, Warangal Bureau, April 12 (Indian Chronicle): Resonance Educational Institutions, located in Hanamkonda, have created a sensation in the Intermediate 1st and 2nd-year results recently released by the Board of Intermediate Education. In the Intermediate 1st-year MPC stream, students Ponnala Varun (2638101723), Kampelli Tanushree (2638105044), and Donikena Sahasra (2638102106) achieved scores of 468/470 each, securing the coveted State Second Rank. In the BiPC stream, Gummadavelli Mahathi (2638104271) scored 438/440, while Banka Vaishnavi (2638103992), Safiya Kousar (2638104782), and Dharavath Lakshmiprasanna (2638104358) each achieved a score of 437/440. In the second-year MPC stream, G. Saikerthana (2638204178) with 995 marks, Naroju Harshal (2638205366) with 994 marks, and Dande Varsha (2638202797) with 994 marks—and in the BiPC stream, Gandra Sreeja (2638201532) with 991 marks and Sufaya Tabassum (2638206467) with 989 marks—achieved resounding success, hoisting the banner of victory. Resonance Educational Institutions have proven their dominance not only in state-level Intermediate examination results but also in national-level competitive examinations such as JEE and NEET, securing prestigious ranks.”

“Sri Lekkala Rajireddy, Chairman of Resonance Educational Institutions, stated that in the first-year MPC stream, three students secured the State 2nd Rank (with 468/470 marks), while eleven students achieved the State 3rd Rank (with 467/470 marks). In addition to these top performers, 63 students passed with marks above 465, and 241 students passed with marks above 460. Furthermore, second-year MPC and BiPC students secured top state ranks—including scores of 991 and 990—with a total of 181 students achieving marks above 980, thereby standing tall on the path to success. Speaking at a felicitation ceremony organized on Sunday to mark this occasion, Resonance Educational Institutions Chairman Lekkala Rajireddy noted that, right from the very first year of the college's inception, every year they have consistently excelled in the highly challenging national-level JEE examinations... He expressed delight that Resonance students are achieving excellent ranks in competitive examinations such as NEET, thereby securing seats in IITs, NITs, and medical colleges. He expressed his hope that, with this same spirit, they would achieve highly coveted top ranks in upcoming national-level competitive examinations—including JEE Advanced, NEET, TSEAPCET, and others. Chairman Lekkala Rajireddy, Directors Lekkala Mahender Reddy and Madireddy Devender Reddy, CAO Lekkala Ramyarajireddy, Academic Dean B.S. Gopala Rao, principals from all branches, and hundreds of parents participated in this event, where they honored the students with shawls and extended their congratulations.



Robotic knee replacement facility launched at Karimnagar Renee hospital K. T. Rama Rao inaugurates advanced surgical system; 15 Patients selected for free knee replacement surgery..



Khaja Sikander Mohiuddin Staff Reporter, Indian Chronicle Karimnagar, April 12: Bringing advanced healthcare closer to tier-II cities, K. T. Rama Rao on Sunday inaugurated a state-of-the-art robotic knee replacement surgery system at Renee Hospital, marking the first such facility in north Telangana.

The advanced robotic surgical equipment, valued at ₹5 crore and supplied by Wallis Company, is expected to enhance precision in knee replacement procedures and improve patient recovery outcomes.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Rama Rao lauded the hospital management for establishing cutting-edge medical infrastructure in a district headquarters. He commended Chairman Prof. Dr. Bangari Swamy and Dr. Rajani Priyadarshini for their contribution to expanding access to specialised healthcare services beyond metropolitan areas.

Highlighting the hospital's philanthropic initiatives, Dr. Bangari Swamy said that he and his wife undertake free surgeries worth approximately ₹50 lakh every year in memory of his parents, the late Bangari Lakshmi and Maisaiah. He said the family remained committed to service in the medical field.

As part of the inaugural programme, the hospital conducted a transparent lucky draw, live-streamed on YouTube, to select beneficiaries for free surgeries. Of the nearly 180 registered applicants, 15 were chosen to undergo robotic knee replacement procedures free of cost within the next month. The remaining patients would be offered the procedure at a subsidised rate.

Karimnagar MLA Gangula Kamalakar, Mayor Kolagani Srinivas, Deputy Mayor Sunil Rao, SUDA Chairman Komatireddy Narendra Reddy, former Minister Koppula Eshwar, and other public representatives, along with hospital staff and patients, were present.

MLA Chinta Prabhakar participated in the Dattatreya Swamy statue installation mahotsavam

“Dattatreya Swami idol installation mahotsava was held in Sangameshwara Mandir in Sadashivapet town. Sangareddy MLA Chinta Prabhakar along with his family participated in this program.” “On this occasion, MLA performed special pooja in the temple and got the blessings of Dattatreya Swamy. Later, the priests of the temple honored and blessed the MLA.” “Local and devotees participated in this program.”



Couple Pilli Manga Nagaraju Present “Puste Mettelu” to Uppal Residents



“KISHORE VADDEPALLI , Uppal, April 12 (Indian Chronicle): “The couple, Pilli Manga Nagaraju, expressed their happiness in offering Puste Mettelu ahead of a wedding ceremony held in the Uppal area. As part of the traditional rituals, the bride and groom were adorned with Puste Mettelu in the presence of elders, who blessed the couple.” “This sacred custom is considered a symbolic beginning of married life, representing prosperity and togetherness. It is believed that performing this ritual brings joy, unity, and peace into the lives of the newlyweds. Family members and relatives extended their heartfelt wishes and blessings to the couple with great enthusiasm. The auspicious event was celebrated grandly, leaving behind cherished memories for everyone present.”

Three Accused Remanded for Robbery; Phone, Knife, and Bike Seized

“KISHORE VADDEPALLI , Uppal, April 12 (Indian Chronicle): “Unable to earn enough money through small jobs, a group of youths turned to street robbery,



believing it would bring them quick cash. However, after snatching a mobile phone, they were caught by the Uppal police.” “According to the police, Agha Ghazi Hussain, Mir Wasif Ali Rizvi, Mirza Askar, and Ali Khan, all childhood friends from Dabirpura in the Old City, planned to commit robberies. For this purpose, they stole a two-wheeler from the Miyapur area. Riding the same vehicle, they reached Uppal late Saturday night.” “At that time, Mandagani Sai Kiran, a private employee from Boduppal, had returned from duty and was resting in his car in Uppal. The accused threatened him with a knife, assaulted him, and snatched his mobile phone before fleeing the scene.” “On Sunday, the police arrested three of the accused and seized the stolen phone, a knife, and the two-wheeler. A case has been registered, and the accused have been remanded to judicial custody.”

BJP Leaders Attend Wedding Ceremony in Secunderabad

“ Indian Chronicle, “Secunderabad, April 12: “The wedding ceremony of B. Vikas, son of senior leader Vishwanath and a member of the BJP family, was held on Sunday afternoon at the GHMC Multipurpose Function Hall in Sitaphalmandi, Secunderabad. He tied the knot with Viharika (Spandana) in a grand celebration.” “Former Minister, former Vice Chairman of NDMA, and BJP National Council Member Marri Shashidhar Reddy attended the ceremony as the chief guest. BJP Malkajgiri–Secunderabad District President Gundragoni Bharat Goud, BJP State Youth Leader Marri Pururava Reddy, along with several other party leaders, were also present on the occasion.” “The leaders extended their heartfelt wishes and blessed the newlywed couple.”



BRS's Developmental Record Over Ten Years of Rule A Big Zero

MLA 'Nayini' Lays Foundation Stones for Development Works

“----Corruption, Irregularities, and Land Encroachments Will Not Be Tolerated” Devulapally Srinivas, Warangal Bureau (Hanamkonda), April 12 (Indian Chronicle) : Warangal West MLA Nayini Rajender Reddy categorically stated that the development achieved by the BRS during its ten-year tenure was nil, and warned that any



involvement in corruption, irregularities, or land encroachments would not be tolerated. He noted that, as part of the 'Praja Palana' (People's Administration) initiative, development works are proceeding at a rapid pace across the Warangal West constituency. On Sunday, accompanied by City Mayor Gundu Sudharani, he laid the foundation stones for the construction of side drains and internal roads in the Shayampet and Subhash Street areas, falling under the 31st Division. “Speaking on the occasion, MLA Nayini Rajender Reddy remarked that the government is paying special attention to the comprehensive development—across all sectors—of the Shayampet area, which has a rural background. He observed that the local residents, who had previously witnessed leaders who neglected their concerns over the past decade, are now witnessing development works firsthand. He further stated that over the last two years alone, he has toured this region nearly 50 times to understand the people's issues and has taken concrete measures to resolve them. He explained that substantial funds have been sanctioned for the construction of internal roads, side drainage systems, and community halls in every colony, as well as for the improvement of schools and the renovation of temples. He expressed optimism that the face of Warangal city is undergoing a transformation—particularly with the construction of new roads in SC colonies, which have now evolved into model colonies—and attributed this progress to the collective efforts resulting from the state government's special support and the unity of local leadership. He further expressed confidence that even greater development would be achieved in the days to come. “The MLA leveled severe criticism against the opposition parties regarding development works. He stated that it is inappropriate for certain opposition leaders to claim credit for these projects—portraying them as their own achievements—even though it is the government that has sanctioned the funds and is executing the works. He questioned why the BJP and BRS parties failed to secure funds during their respective tenures in power over the past decade. He demanded that they provide an explanation to the public as to why they failed to complete pending projects. He pointed out that previous governments had not sanctioned a single house in Warangal city, whereas the current government has sanctioned 3,500 houses for each constituency under the Indiramma Housing Scheme. Furthermore, he stated that strict measures have been implemented to completely curb the issue of land encroachment within the city. He issued a stern warning that strict action would be taken against anyone engaging in irregularities, regardless of whether they belong to his own party. He urged the public to bring details regarding such unscrupulous individuals directly to his attention. Local Corporator Mamindla Raju, leaders Sattu Ramesh, Venu, Raju, Ramesh Yadav, Suresh, and Krishna, along with engineering officials—including Executive Engineer (EE) Ravi Kumar and Deputy Engineers (DE) Srikanth and Raju Kumar—participated in this event.

Huge Response to Free Medical Camp

“Indian Chronicle / Secunderabad, April 12: “A free medical camp organized at the Double Bedroom Colony in Balajinagar witnessed a huge response, with around 150 people benefiting from the services. The camp was jointly conducted by Janahita Seva Trust, Lions Club of Hyderabad Banjara Pearls, and KIMS Foundation. “Specialist doctors from KIMS Hospital, including those from orthopedics, gynecology, pediatrics, and general medicine departments, provided medical consultations. Blood pressure and sugar tests were conducted for all attendees, and medicines were distributed free of cost. “Physiotherapist M. Srinivas demonstrated exercises to help relieve body pains. Meanwhile, Bharat Vikas Parishad carried out hemoglobin tests for women and provided iron and folic acid tablets to those suffering from anemia. “Janahita Seva Trust Managing Trustee S. Narasimh Murthy, Lions Club representatives Jaya Mohan, Sunita Reddy, and Shanta Kumari, along with local leaders Saleem, Swami, Gopal, Balaraju, Kumar, Khalil, and Vijay, attended the camp. Physiotherapist M. Srinivas, Medical Camp Coordinator B. Narsing Rao, and KIMS Foundation Coordinator Vikram were also present.



Doctors Visit Ailing Tammineni Veerabhadram“



“Arvapalli Nagesh khammam bureau April 12 indian Chronicle:““Doctors visited senior CPI(M) leader and Central Committee member Tammineni Veerabhadram, who has been unwell and is currently taking rest at Telldarupalli.“Hyderabad-based doctors Dr. Ginjupalli Uday and Dr. Srilakshmi met him on Sunday and enquired about his health condition. On this occasion,

they offered several medical suggestions and advised him to take proper care of his health, emphasizing that leaders who constantly fight for the welfare of the poor should also prioritize their well-being.“Senior CPI(M) leaders Dr. Battineni Venkateswara Rao, Ginjupalli Mallayya, Sukhamani, Dhatri, and others were present during the visit.



Swathi passed the intermediate exams in her first attempt after 24 years.

Her husband Ravikumar congratulated her.““Arvapalli Nagesh khammam, bureau April 12 indian chronicle :

““The recently released intermediate exam results show that Swathi passed after 24 years.“Speaking on the occasion, Swathi said, i belongs to Palvancha, I got married in 2002 when I was completing my second year of intermediate. After marriage, my husband was working in the police department and was transferred to various places. Due to this, my responsibilities increased and I continued to live my life in taking care of my children, taking care of their welfare and teaching them academics. My husband Thirumani Ravikumar is working as a Traffic SI in Khammam. With the encouragement they provided, I, who had dropped out of intermediate studies in 2002, was interested in studying, and they encouraged me to pay the intermediate examination fee in 2026 and prepare for the exams. In the results released today, I expressed my happiness that I had passed the intermediate examinations in my first attempt, which was a 24-year-old art. I hoped that this would be an inspiration to every woman who, like me, dropped out of education for various reasons.

Then we fought for Telangana, now we are fighting for the rights of the activists Telangana activists must be given proper respect and justice should be done to everyone



“Let us make the public meeting to be held in Hyderabad on the 18th of this month a grand success.” Arvapalli Nagesh khammam, bureau April 12 indian chronicle :“At a round table meeting organized by the Telangana Activists Forum, united Khammam district committee, held at Sridhar Hotel opposite the old bus stand in Khammam, the district convener Dr. Palakurthi Krishna and state vice-president Dr. Sreelam Papparao addressed the gathering. They appealed to all activists, irrespective of political parties or caste associations, to come together and make the Hyderabad meeting on the 18th a success for the protection of activists’ rights. “They expressed concern that activists who fought hard for the formation of Telangana have faced injustice, and those who participated in the Sakala Janula Samme (general strike) have not received any benefits so far. They urged all activists, regardless of party or organization affiliations, to unite and collectively fight for their rightful justice. “They stated that activists have been neglected step by step in both the previous and the current governments. They emphasized that it is not right to ignore those who played a key role in achieving Telangana statehood. They also suggested that, no matter how many organizations are formed, ensuring justice for activists should be the primary goal and guiding principle. “The meeting was attended by Telangana Activists Forum Khammam District Media Convener Manda Venkateswarlu, Telangana Lambada Rights Struggle Committee State President Kelothu Ravichandra Chauhan, Thotapalli Srinu, CPI Khammam District Executive Member Singhu Narsimha Rao, Yanala Sambasiva Reddy, Forum Paleru Convener Edugatla Chittimallu, Puttabathini Balaswamy, Telangana Movement Appreciation Awardee Telagamalla Govindu, Forum State General Secretary Pothuraju Ramadevi, District President G. Mariya Kumari, Khammam Town President Boddu Glory, and several others.



AFTER PEDDI, DIVYENNDU TO BE SEEN IN NETFLIX'S GLORY

“Hyderabad” Netflix is set to premiere *Glory* on May 1, a first-of-its-kind sports thriller that steps into the ring with a story fuelled by revenge, ambition, a murder mystery, and a dysfunctional family. Set against the gritty, high-stakes world of boxing, the series dives into the brutal ecosystem. “The story, set in the heartland of Haryana, begins with the mysterious death of Nihal Singh, India’s hope for an Olympic boxing medal. As ambition collides with rage and revenge takes over, *Glory* unravels a volatile web of relationships, power, and betrayal where the fight for glory is as personal as it is dangerous. “The power-packed cast features Divyenndu, Pulkit Samrat, Suvinder Vicky, Jannat Zubair, Ashutosh Rana, Sikandar Kher, Kunal Thakur, Sayani Gupta, Yashpal Sharma and Kashmira Pardeshi. “Opening up about the intensity of portraying Devinder Singh, Divyenndu shares, “With *Glory*, what drew me in was how raw this world is. Here, glory doesn’t come from pride; it comes from anger and something deeply personal. Dev isn’t in the ring, but everything around it shapes him. That’s what makes him so unpredictable. This has been one of my most nuanced characters. He is tough and impulsive, wears his heart on his sleeve, and loves and hates with the same intensity. There’s a lot of pain there, but also a kind of restraint... and somehow, he never loses his humour, which speaks to the character’s grounding in the region. Working with Karan Anshuman for the second time was special — he pushes you into uncomfortable spaces and never lets you take the easy route with a character.”

‘Not as critical as reported’: Dr Jalil Parkar clarifies Salim Khan’s status after neurological procedure

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Veteran screenwriter Salim Khan, 90, was admitted to Lilavati Hospital in Bandra on Tuesday morning after his health condition deteriorated. Hospital officials confirmed that Khan was brought in around 8.30 am by his family physician, Dr. Sandeep Chopra, following a haemorrhage. On Wednesday, Dr. Jalil Parkar, pulmonologist at Lilavati Hospital, in a press briefing said Khan was initially treated in the casualty ward before being shifted to the ICU. “After seeing him in the casualty and giving him some medications, we realised he needed ICU hospitalisation and we took him to ICU. He was having jerks and his blood pressure was high, for which we treated him. We had to put him on the ventilator as a safeguard while certain investigations were carried out. It was not that he was critical, as reported on various news channels,” Dr. Parkar clarified.

On Wednesday, Khan underwent a medical procedure performed by neurosurgeon Dr. Nitin Dange. “The procedure, called DSA, has been accomplished successfully. He is fine, stable, and being shifted back to the ICU. By tomorrow, if all goes well, and God wishes, he will be off the ventilator. All in all, he is doing quite well, age is a factor and we understand, that is why the process of recovery takes a little time,” Dr. Parkar said. Digital Subtraction Angiography (DSA) is a minimally invasive imaging technique used to visualize blood vessels in detail. It involves injecting a contrast dye into the bloodstream and using X-ray fluoroscopy to capture images. By digitally subtracting pre-contrast images from post-contrast ones, doctors can clearly see abnormalities such as blockages, aneurysms, or haemorrhages in the vascular system. DSA is often used in neurology and cardiology to diagnose and guide treatment for vascular conditions.

Family members, including actor Salman Khan, were seen at the hospital soon after news of his admission broke. Salman was spotted leaving the facility after visiting his father, while other relatives remained present. Salim Khan is widely regarded as one of the most influential screenwriters in Hindi cinema. As one half of the legendary Salim-Javed duo, he co-authored some of Bollywood’s most iconic films of the 1970s and 1980s, including *Sholay*, *Deewar*, *Zanjeer*, and *Trishul*. His work helped define mainstream



Anurag Kashyap had two heart attacks, went to rehab thrice after Netflix's 'miscarriage' of Maximum City: 'They were silent for 1.5 years'

Anurag Kashyap's next release, Kennedy, starring Rahul Roy and Sunny Leone, is finally coming out this Friday on ZEE5. The film has been doing the rounds for two years now, and was written by Kashyap overnight back in 2023. That happened after two to three years of personal and professional setbacks, starting with the shelving of his ambitious adaptation of Suketu Mehta's 2004 book Maximum City by Netflix India. "I was only grieving over Maximum City. I was frustrated over Maximum City because the investment in that was so much. Because I'd been attached with Maximum City since 2009, when Danny Boyle was producing it. Slumdog Millionaire writer was writing it, and he wanted me to direct it at that time," revealed Kashyap in a new interview.

After the global crossover success of the Oscar-winning 2009 British film Slumdog Millionaire set in India, director Danny Boyle decided to adapt another Indian book, Maximum City, with screenwriter Simon Beaufoy, but it didn't work out. Kashyap told The Hollywood Reporter India he even turned down Showtime's offer to adapt Vikram Chandra's 2006 novel Sacred Games into a show produced by legendary filmmaker Ridley Scott and Warner Bros' offer to adapt Gregory David Roberts' 2003 book Shantaram with Forrest Gump-fame Eric Roth attached as the screenwriter.

"It got India all wrong. Anything based in India, I won't do it in English. So, I've been walking the same path. When Suketu said do Maximum City in Hindi, I was very happy. It was greenlit by Netflix before I even wrote it. I asked them to read the book, but none of them did except one person. I said, 'Know what you're greenlighting,'" recalled Kashyap. By then, he'd already adapted Sacred Games for the platform, which turned out to be their maiden India Original, back in 2017. Kashyap then argued that since the problem was in the first 15 pages of his script, Netflix could've flagged it right there and then, but they didn't stop him from writing 900 pages. "Their silence for one-and-a-half years was even more triggering." Netflix India cancelled a number of shows and films, including Dibakar Banerjee's Tees, after 'policy changes' post the Tandav-Prime Video India controversy in 2021.

And then to compensate, they were sending me mediocre scripts. When I said it's mediocre and I need time, they said, 'No, but we have the actors' dates in four months.' I said no, I can't do it. If you want me to do it, I'll do it but I need time," said Kashyap. He revealed Netflix loved the pilot of a show he wrote, but wanted him to turn it into the Indian version of breakout Spanish thriller show Money Heist. Kashyap backed out, left Netflix India, and grieved for months. "It was like a miscarriage. Because of that grieving, I had heart attacks, was on blood thinners, and then the vaccine reacted. I got asthma, I was on steroids. With blood thinners and steroids, my mind was so abuzz as if it was on drugs," recalled the filmmaker. "I went into rehab three times, had a heart attack, my health went down, I didn't know how to deal with it. Then slowly, I crawled back. I'm myself now. But I still went on making films," Kashyap told SCREEN in 2022. "Unlike other people, I don't have the luxury to sit and wait. I don't do massive budget films which can sustain my people, my team," he added. Depression and asthma weren't the only health scares as Kashyap also began drinking a lot and ordering in a lot of unhealthy food, which led to him gaining 35 kg within just eight months. "My daughter was very worried. She sent me to rehab. I went to the rehab to fix myself, and I fixed myself. But I got a tear in my right leg in the rehab while playing cricket. And because of being on blood thinners, I couldn't go for surgery. I couldn't walk and was on a wheelchair. I was on bed rest for months," recalled Kashyap.



Mammootty on recent health scare that forced him to take break from acting: 'I couldn't smell or taste anything'

Early in 2025, a rumour started circulating on social media that sent chills down the spines of Malayalees worldwide. "Mammootty is unwell," people began saying, with some even claiming that he had been diagnosed with cancer and was stepping away from professional commitments for a while for treatment. Although his team quickly dismissed the rumours as fake, the following months saw Malayalees' fears come true as industry insiders indirectly confirmed that the megastar was dealing with a health scare. Mammootty's absence from the public eye further fueled the speculation, which reached a peak when fellow superstar Mohanlal performed a special offering for Mammootty at the Sabarimala temple in Pathanamthitta, Kerala.

Months later, in August, his co-stars and people close to him announced that he had recovered from the disease. While no one explicitly mentioned what health crisis he had been dealing with, they, including his long-time associate George and his brother Ebrahimkutty, confirmed that he had been declared free of it. Now, Mammootty has finally opened up about what he went through during this challenging period, revealing the physical impact it had on him.

Speaking at the 16th-anniversary celebrations of the Care & Share International Foundation, a non-profit charitable organisation he founded, the actor shared that both his olfactory and gustatory abilities were compromised during this time. "Eyesight and hearing are very important aspects of human life. Even while breathing, some people are unable to smell anything. I was unable to smell or taste anything for a long time. We only understand the value of such abilities when we lose them," he reportedly said. Although he has recovered from the health issue since then, his sense of smell and taste are only gradually returning to normal.

When a man 'threw away' hearing aid Mammootty gifted him

During his address, Mammootty also took a trip down memory lane and recalled a time when someone discarded the hearing aid he had gifted them. The megastar noted that having a functional auditory sense was new for the person, and he felt extremely overwhelmed upon experiencing it for the first time. "During a shoot, I bought a hearing aid for someone I knew. He wore it for a short while and then removed it and threw it away. Sound was something he had never experienced before. It overwhelmed him, almost frightened him, and he never used the device again. Even today, he does not use it." One of the most influential and successful actors in the history of Malayalam cinema, Mammootty has appeared in over 400 films in a career spanning five decades. He was most recently seen in director Jithin K Jose's Kalamkaval, where he played the antagonist, and Adhvaith Nayar's Chatha Pacha, where he made a cameo appearance. Mammootty will next be seen in Mahesh Narayanan's Patriot, marking his on-screen reunion with Mohanlal after 18 years.

