

## BJP Will Stand by Centering Contractors and Workers: Mekala Sarangapani

“Indian Chronicle, Secunderabad, May 13 :“BJP contested MLA and district BJP General Secretary Mekala Sarangapani stated that the problems faced by poor and middle-class small centering contractors and workers, who depend on the centering system for their livelihood, are worsening day by day. He expressed concern that the lives of these sections have become extremely difficult, describing their situation as being “caught between a rock and a hard place.”“Sarangapani assured that the Bharatiya Janata Party would extend full support for the legitimate demands and rights of centering contractors and workers. He said the BJP would completely support the protests and bandh pro-

grams undertaken by them. He also appealed to major builders and other related sectors to cooperate with their movement.“He stated that centering workers and contractors are currently facing severe hardships and noted that several workers have lost their lives in accidents. He added that these issues have been brought to the attention of Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy and State BJP President N. Ramchander Rao, assuring that the party would stand firmly with their struggle.“The program was attended by Centering Contractors and Workers Association Chairman A. Yadagiri, President Anjaiah, Ashok, M. Yadagiri, Narasimha, Ramu, Mallesh, and others.



## The idol installation ceremony of Lord Subrahmanyeswara Swamy along with Goddess Valli was conducted grandly by the pious couple Raparathi Narasimha Rao and Venkat Lakshmi.

“Khammam,Edulapuram, May 13(Indian Chronicle):“At the Sri Abhaya Anjaneya Swamy Temple located at Warangal Cross Road under the jurisdiction

of Khammam Rural Edulapuram Municipality, the idol installation ceremony of Sri Valli Sametha Subrahmanyeswara Swamy was held with great devotion.“On this occasion, the pious couple Raparathi Narasimha Rao and Venkat Lakshmi participated in the rituals. In the presence of Vedic scholars, they first performed Ganapathi Puja, Navagraha Puja, and Homa rituals for the deity. Later, sacred theertham and prasadam were distributed to a large number



of devotees who attended the event.“Among those who participated in the program were Raparathi Venkat Sai, Raparathi Janani, Kadiyala Nagulu, Kadiyala Bhoolakshmi, Vedic scholars Maramraju Phani Prasad and Maramraju Ramadevi, Lakshman, and many devotees.

## Tricycle Distributed to a Differently-Abled Woman Under Lions Club Initiative

“Khammam,Wyra,May 13 (Indian Chronicle):“As part of its social service activities in Wyra town, the Lions Club of Wyra, under the leadership of District Congress Committee Doctors Cell President Dr. Kapa Murali Krishna, donated a tricycle to a differently-abled woman from Narapanenipalli village.“Speaking on the occasion, the organizers said that such service activities play a vital role in boosting confidence and improving the lives of differently-abled individuals. They also urged everyone in society to come forward with a spirit of service and help those in need.“The beneficiary and her family members expressed their gratitude to the Lions Club members and Dr. Kapa Murali Krishna for their support.“Local public representatives and several dignitaries participated in the program, including District Marketing Coordinator Lagadapati Prabhakar Rao, 20th Ward Councilor Undru Varalakshmi, District Vision Coordinator Undru Shyam Babu, Sarpanches Association President Sheelam Chandrasekhar Reddy, Congress leaders, town Congress leader Veeramshetty Seetharamulu, Gopi, and villagers.



# Government School Results Flex Banners Set Up

“Khammam,Nelakondapalli,May 13 (Indian Chronicle):“Generally, private



school managements make extensive publicity about Class 10 exam results. In response, the Mandal Education Department has carried out equally extensive publicity. Across the mandal, flex banners were installed featuring photographs of students who scored above 500 marks in the Class 10 examinations. “Flex banners have been set up in every panchayat within the mandal, and widespread announcements are being made through microphones as well. The initiative of displaying photographs of government school students in a manner similar to private schools is greatly attracting and impressing parents and students. “It is noteworthy that all this publicity was carried out at the personal expense of the Mandal Educational Officer (MEO) B. Chalapathi Rao. Students, parents, officials, and public representatives in the mandal are appreciating and congratulating the MEO for this effort.



# Housewarming Ceremony of Indiramma Houses Held at Erragadda Tanda

“Khammam Kusumanchi May 13 (Indian Chronicle):“The housewarming

ceremony of an Indiramma house constructed by Panugothu Soundarya and Naresh in Erragadda Tanda village panchayat was held early this morning. “The program was attended by village sarpanch Jarpula Anasurya - Srinivas Naik, who participated in the event and presented new clothes to the beneficiaries. “Speaking on the occasion, the sarpanch stated that, with the support of Telangana Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, efforts will be made to ensure that more eligible beneficiaries receive housing benefits in the future.



# Mudhigonda Mandal Congress Party President Swearing-in Ceremony

“Khammam ,Mudhigonda May 13 (Indian Chronicle):“The swearing-in ceremony of newly appointed Mandal Congress Party President Gudipudi Buchiramayya was held at Venkatapuram village in Mudhigonda mandal. State Warehousing Corporation Chairman Rayala Nageswara Rao attended the event as the chief guest, along with DCC President Nuthi Satyanarayana Goud. “DCC President Nuthi Satyanarayana Goud administered the oath to the newly ap-



pointed mandal Congress president Buchiramayya. “Speaking on the occasion, State Warehousing Corporation Chairman Rayala Nageswara Rao said that the party will always recognize those who stand by it during both difficult and favorable times. He stated that there is no need for farmers to worry and assured that the government will purchase every grain produced. “He added that the government is committed to supporting farmers and that public representatives should create awareness among farmers regarding paddy procurement. He also urged them to counter opposition allegations. “He further said that the government is working with a focus on development and welfare, and that every party worker should actively work for the party and take government schemes to the people. “The leaders also stated that opposition parties are spreading misinformation and instigating farmers to protest. They reiterated that the government is standing firmly with farmers. “The event was attended by Women’s Congress President Dobbala Soujanya, Youth Congress President Vejendla Sai, Bullett Babu, Sarpanch Kandula Balachander, Pasupuleti Devender, Pallipati Krishna, Samineni Venkateswara Rao, Mallela Ajay, Mudumunthala Gangaraju, Aijgar, Ainla Narasimha Rao, Raghava, Dharma Nayak, Gudu Saheb, Vatikuti Upender, Donthagani Nagaraju, Usikala Ramesh, Cherukupalli Rambabu, Ganta Krishna and others.

# Sarpanches’ role is key in strengthening government schools

“Khammam Nelakondapally May 13 (Indian Chronicle):“The Mandal Parishad Development Officer (MPDO), M. Yarraiah, stated that the role of sarpanches is crucial in strengthening government schools. An awareness program for sarpanches was conducted on Wednesday at the mandal headquarters as part of the Education Week celebrations. “Speaking on the occasion, he said efforts should be made to increase student enrolment in government schools. He suggested that field-level monitoring of the new education policy should be carried out. He also advised that sarpanches should have meals with students during mid-day meals to assess their quality. “He emphasized that strengthening government schools on par with private institutions is everyone’s responsibility. He urged local leaders to explain the welfare schemes provided by the government to students within their villages. “He also suggested conducting counselling sessions for parents to encourage them to prefer government schools. He called for extensive awareness campaigns in villages before the start of the academic year. He added that the education department in the district should become a model for others. “The program was attended by the Mandal Educational Officer (MEO) B. Chalapathi Rao, Complex Headmaster Gopagani Ramesh, and sarpanches from various panchayats, among others.



# Divine grandeur: Idol consecration ceremony held with great splendour

“Khammam May 13 (Indian Chronicle):“Telangana Revenue, Housing, and Information Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy stated that mental peace can be achieved through the path of devotion and that religious activities contribute to universal welfare. He attended as the chief guest at the grand idol consecration ceremony of Sri Peddamma Thalli, Poturaju, Simha Vahana, and Dhvajasthambham held on Wednesday at Ramannapet, Division 60 of Khammam Corporation. “As a gesture of support, the minister donated ₹50,000 for the development of the temple and expressed his generosity. “Warm welcome to the Minister” Upon reaching the temple premises, Minister Ponguleti was warmly received by priests and members of the temple committee. He later offered special prayers to the deity. Speaking on the occasion, he said such spiritual events strengthen unity in society and wished for peace and prosperity in villages. “Rituals performed as per tradition” The three-day festivities concluded with the main ritual on Wednesday. At an auspicious time of 9:24 AM, the rituals of Yantra Sthapana and Bimba Sthapana were performed amidst Vedic chants. The priestly team conducted ceremonies such as Panchamukha Nagendra idol installation, twin serpent consecration, Netronmeelanam (ritual opening of eyes), and Prana Pratishtha strictly as per scriptures. “Festivities conclude with grand Annadanam” With the minister’s visit, a spiritual atmosphere prevailed in Ramannapet. The ceremonies concluded with Purnahuti, followed by distribution of sacred prasadam to devotees. A massive Annadanam (community feast) was also organized, where thousands of devotees participated. Local public representatives, dignitaries, temple committee members, and devotees from surrounding areas attended in large numbers.



## District Collector Diwakar TS stresses immediate procurement of quality paddy



“Khammam / Paleru, May 13 (Indian Chronicle):“District Collector Diwakar TS stated that quality paddy arriving at procurement centres should be purchased immediately at the Minimum Support Price (MSP) without delay. “He made a surprise inspection of the paddy procurement centre set up by IKP (Indira Kranthi Patham) in Paleru village on Wednesday. Accompanied by Police Commissioner Sunil Dutt and Additional Collector P. Srinivasa Reddy, the Collector reviewed the procurement process and the basic facilities being provided to farmers at the centre. “During the inspection, he checked whether the token system was being properly implemented, interacted with farmers, and enquired about the availability of gunny bags. He instructed officials to strictly follow rules and regulations. “Strict monitoring of procurement process” The Collector said that the procurement of paddy in the district must be carried out in a well-organized manner. He directed officials to maintain proper registers with daily records of farmers visiting procurement centres and the quantity of paddy brought by them. He also instructed that moisture levels must be recorded regularly before purchase. “He emphasized that quality paddy purchased at MSP should be transported to rice mills immediately

without any delay. “Facilities and farmer support” He directed officials to keep tarpaulin covers ready to protect paddy stocks from unexpected rains. He also asked them to ensure timely weighing and transportation of paddy to mills. Considering the high summer temperatures, he advised farmers to take necessary precautions and instructed that they should not be made to wait for long hours. “He further directed that payment details be immediately updated in the OPMS system so that farmers receive payments without delay. “The Collector stressed that procurement centres must be equipped with adequate infrastructure such as weighing machines, moisture meters, paddy cleaners, tarpaulins, and gunny bags based on expected arrivals. He also instructed officials to ensure drinking water and ORS packets are provided due to the summer season. “Efficient transport system” He ordered officials to establish a strong transportation system so that procured paddy is quickly moved to rice mills. “The inspection was attended by District Civil Supplies In-charge Manager Sunil Reddy, DRDO Sriram, District Civil Supplies Officer Chandan Kumar, Kousumanchi Tahsildar Saidulu, and other officials.



## District Collector and Police Commissioner visit paddy procurement centre

“Khammam Kusumanchi May 13 (Indian Chronicle):” District Collector



Diwakar TS, along with Police Commissioner Sunil Dutt, visited the paddy procurement centre at Paleru in Kusumanchi mandal. “They inspected the arrangements made at the procurement centre and reviewed the facilities on site. The officials interacted with farmers and enquired about the difficulties and issues being faced during the paddy procurement process. “They instructed the concerned authorities to speed up the procurement of paddy and ensure that farmers do not face any inconvenience during the process.” [8:23 PM, 5/13/2026] +91 96187 88997: End

## Minister Srinivasa Reddy participates in Indiramma housewarming ceremony



“Khammam Nelakondapally May 13 (Indian Chronicle):” State Revenue, Housing and Information Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy participated in the Indiramma housewarming ceremony held at SCBC Colony in the mandal headquarters. “A beneficiary from the colony, Andimalla Nagarani, was invited to the housewarming ceremony on Wednesday. The minister formally inaugurated the entry into the new house. On the occasion, he also distributed new clothes to the beneficiaries. “Expressing happiness, the beneficiary said that her long-cherished dream of owning a house had finally come true and thanked the minister, saying she would remain indebted for life. “The minister later offered special prayers at a newly constructed temple in Acharlagudem village and launched an annadanam (community meal) programme. He also visited several families and blessed newly married couples. “The event was attended by Mandal President Kodali Govindarao, Acharlagudem Sarpanch Kolikipongu Uppalamma, Bachalakuri Nagaraju, Pusupulati Sriletha,

Mamidi Venkanna, Matta Durgareddy, Jerripothula Satyanarayana, Reguri Hanumantha Rao, Vangaveeti Pawan, Kodirekka Vinod, Rayapudi Rohith, Kadiyala Naresh, and others.

## All applications received in Praja Darbar will be resolved quickly: Khammam RDO Srinivas

“Khammam Nelakondapally May 13 (Indian Chronicle):” Khammam Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) N. Srinivas stated that all applications received in the Praja Darbar will be resolved and necessary instructions have been issued to complete the process at a fast pace. “He held a special meeting with village administration officers at the local Tahsildar office on Wednesday. During the meet-



ing, he reviewed the applications received in the Praja Darbar and discussed their current status and progress. “Speaking on the occasion, he said that the applications submitted by farmers in the Praja Darbar of Paleru constituency are being thoroughly examined. He added that based on the nature of each issue, steps are being taken to resolve them within a week, a month, or a maximum of three months. “He instructed officials to ensure that applications are resolved with complete and accurate details and that proper systems are put in place for effective disposal. “Issues raised by representatives “District Congress spokesperson Bachalakuri Nagaraju requested the RDO to ensure that the paddy stocks weighed at a maize procurement centre in the mandal are shifted to the godowns of the Nelakondapally Agricultural Market Yard, stating that farmers are facing difficulties and immediate permission for transport should be given. “Kattukacharam Sarpanch Dhanavath Saidulu submitted a representation stating that incorrect survey numbers are causing him difficulties and urged the RDO to resolve the issue. “The meeting was attended by Deputy Tahsildar Kanakam Narasimha Rao, Mandal Revenue Inspectors Alasya Madhusudhan Rao and Allam Ravi Kumar, along with GPOs and other officials.

## Kapu Organizations Condemn Alleged Political Conspiracy Against Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar

“Medchal-Malkajgiri, kishore May 13 (Indian Chronicle):” Leaders of the Kapu Kulala Ikya Vedika and Telangana Munnuru Kapu Sangham strongly condemned what they described as a political conspiracy against Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar. “Speaking at a press meet held at Kapu Bhavan in Kamalanagar on Wednesday, the leaders alleged that both ruling and opposition parties were attempting to tarnish the image of Bandi Sanjay due to his growing popularity among backward and weaker sections of society. “They stated that Bandi Sanjay himself had clearly said that strict legal action should be taken against anyone found guilty, and accused political opponents of trying to malign his reputation through baseless allegations. “The representatives also expressed complete solidarity with the Union Minister on behalf of Kapu and Munnuru Kapu associations from both Telugu states. “Among those who participated in the press meet were Kapu Kulala Ikya Vedika president GVN Rao, Telangana Munnuru Kapu Sangham Uppal constituency president Tippiri Rajababu, advisors Dr. Line Reddy Srinivas Rao and Devarakonda Srinivas Rao, along with Prasad, Nanaji, Nagu, Puli Satyanarayana, KU Sridhar, CH Somesh Naidu and others.

# Vehicle checks at border check post: Bonakal SI

“Khammam, Bonakal May 13 (Indian Chronicle):“Bonakal SI Venkanna said that vehicle inspections are being conducted at the Paladugu Cross Road check post on the border areas to ensure law and order, as per the instructions of Police



Commissioner Sunil Dutt, in view of the upcoming Bakrid festival. “He stated that the checks are being carried out to prevent any untoward incidents and maintain peace and security. “The SI specifically mentioned that any information related to illegal cattle transportation should be immediately reported to the police. He clearly warned that under no circumstances should anyone take the law into their own hands or resort to direct attacks on suspects.

# Citywide Centering Works Strike from May 16

“ Indian chronicle, Secunderabad, May 13 :“Demanding the resolution of issues faced by centering contractors and workers, the Sitaphalmandi Zone Centering Contractors Association announced that centering works across the city will be suspended from May 16. The announcement was made by Association President Ambala Rajeshwara Rao and General Secretary Ravi Kumar. “On Wednesday, the association



leaders released posters regarding the bandh. They also submitted a memorandum urging local MLA Padma Rao Goud, BJP contested MLA Mekala Sarangapani, former corporator Kandi Narayana, and the Chilakalaguda CI to take initiative in resolving the long-pending issues faced by centering contractors and workers. “Speaking on the occasion, the leaders demanded that the accident insurance coverage for centering workers be increased from ?10 lakh to ?20 lakh. They also urged the government to allot double-bedroom houses to workers and increase centering work rates in view of rising prices and inflation. “Further, they requested the establishment of a special welfare fund for centering workers and the construction of a dedicated building for centering workers in the city. They also demanded that cases be registered not only against those involved in stealing centering materials but also against those purchasing stolen materials. “In addition to accident insurance, the association appealed to the government to extend health insurance benefits to workers. Association Treasurer Narsinga Rao and others participated in the program.

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# Robust plan in place to ensure peaceful celebration of Bakrid as a symbol of communal harmony

“Khammam, May 13 (Indian Chronicle):“Director General of Police (DGP) C.V. Anand has instructed officials to ensure that the Bakrid festival is conducted in a peaceful atmosphere through inter-departmental coordination, strong advance planning, and field-level monitoring. “In a video conference held with senior officials from the Police, Animal Husbandry, Revenue, and Municipal departments regarding Bakrid arrangements, the DGP issued several directions to ensure smooth and peaceful celebrations. “Preventing illegal cattle transport and maintaining law and order” Explaining the arrangements in the Khammam Police Commissionerate, Police Commissioner Sunil Dutt said that seven check posts have been set up



across the district to prevent illegal cattle transport and ensure compliance with regulations. Joint teams comprising police and animal husbandry officials are conducting 24/7 inspections. “He said that vehicles transporting animals without veterinary certificates are being seized, while those complying with all rules are being allowed without obstruction. “He also appealed to the public to report any suspicious activity or illegal animal transport by calling the Police Command Control Room number 8712659111. “Awareness and coordination with stakeholders” “The Commissioner said that meetings have already been held separately with cow protection committees, Muslim religious leaders, and Qureshi committee members to create awareness that no one should take the law into their own hands or disturb peace and order. “He added that, learning from past experiences, a strong plan has been prepared to ensure Bakrid is celebrated as a symbol of communal harmony without any untoward incidents. “Support systems and municipal coordination” He further stated that when vehicles are seized and cattle are moved to shelters, arrangements are being made by the municipal department to provide fodder. Steps are also being taken to ensure animal waste is not dumped in open places, with municipal officials assisting in its proper disposal. “Additional DCP (Admin) Ramanujam, ACPs Ramanamurthy, Sarangapani, and Sambharaju participated in the video conference

# Stop railway officials’ intimidation of farmers: CPM and Farmers’ Union demand

“Khammam Madhira May 13 (Indian Chronicle):“Farmers from Dendukuru revenue area in Madhira mandal have alleged that railway officials are entering agricultural lands beyond the existing boundaries. “They claimed that, under the name of constructing a wall along the railway line, officials are attempting to alter field boundaries. Farmers further alleged that those who opposed entry into their lands were threatened with arrest using central forces and warned that they would be sent to jail. “Farmers also stated that officials are claiming the land allocation has already been completed and that revenue department permissions are in place. “When the local Tahsildar was contacted for clarification, it was reportedly stated that no new boundary allocations have been made for railway works and that farmers need not worry.

“CPM Madhira mandal secretary Manda Saidulu and Farmers’ Union mandal secretary Mandapapu Upendra Rao demanded that railway works should begin only after full compensation is paid to affected farmers. They also announced complete support for the farmers’ struggle. “Several leaders and farmers, including Chava Venkateswara Rao, Gurram Venkata Rao, Otlu Shankara Rao, Addanki Bhaskara Rao, Yedlapalli Venkateswara Rao, Yedlapalli Narasimha Rao, Yedlapalli Srinivasa Rao, Cherukuri Chandra Rao, Aitam Krishnarao, Aitam Venkateswara Rao, Otlu Raghubabu, Madala Sharath, and Chunchu Vijay, participated in the programme.

# DGP reviews Bakrid security preparedness across Telangana Police asked to intensify surveillance, traffic regulation and cyber monitoring ahead of festival.

KARIMNAGAR May 13 (Correspondent): Director General of Police C.V. Anand on Wednesday held a video conference with district-level police officials to review security and law and order arrangements in view of the upcoming Bakrid festival.

Senior police officials, including Superintendents of Police, Police Commissioners, Additional DCPs, ACPs and DSPs from across the State, participated in the meeting. Karimnagar Police Commissioner Gaush Alam attended the conference along with senior officers from the commissionerate.

The Director General instructed officials to ensure peaceful celebrations by maintaining close coordination among departments and by taking preventive measures to avoid any untoward incidents. He directed the police to make elaborate security arrangements at Eidgahs, mosques, market areas, major roads and other crowded locations.

Mr. Anand stressed the need for advance traffic planning to prevent congestion during the festival. He advised

officials to make adequate parking arrangements near prayer venues, implement traffic diversions wherever necessary and provide dedicated routes for emergency services.

The DGP also called for strengthened cyber monitoring to prevent the spread of rumours, provocative content and misinformation on social media platforms. He asked officials to create public awareness and encourage citizens to report suspicious information to the police without delay.

Emphasising communal harmony, Mr. Anand directed officials to conduct meetings with religious leaders, public representatives and peace committee members ahead of the festival. He also instructed the police to intensify surveillance in sensitive areas and enhance security through continuous CCTV monitoring.

He said personnel should be deployed round-the-clock at existing checkpoints and directed police officials to work in coordination with municipal and revenue authorities during the festi-



val period.

The DGP asked police personnel engaged in festival duties to remain vigilant, respond swiftly to any incident and maintain courteous behaviour with the public. He stated that the police depart-

ment was fully prepared to ensure peaceful Bakrid celebrations across the State.

Additional DCP Venkataramana, ACPs Srinivas, Vijay Kumar and Venkataswamy, along with officials from various departments, also participated in the video conference.

# Food Safety Department cracks down on violations at bus stand eateries Rotten eggs and expired food items seized; fast food outlet shut down during special drive.



KARIMNAGAR May 13 (Correspondent): The Food Safety Department conducted a special enforcement drive at fast food centres and bakeries located in the bus stand complex on Wednesday, uncovering multiple violations related to food quality and hygiene standards.

The inspections were carried out with the assistance of the "Food Safety on Wheels" mobile laboratory, which tested the quality of food products being used at various establishments. Food safety officials also conducted an awareness programme for staff members of fast food centres on hygiene practices and compliance with food safety norms.

During the inspections, officials found that some establishments were operating without valid food licences, following which notices were issued to the managements concerned.

Samples of tea powder and cooking oil being used at several outlets were tested on the spot. Officials also detected the use of food colours in the preparation of items such as Manchuria at certain fast food centres. The food colours were seized and the prepared food items discarded.

At SFS Bakery, expired biscuit packets worth around ₹1,000 were seized and destroyed. Damaged grapes reportedly being used for juice preparation were also discarded.

In a serious violation, rotten and damaged eggs were allegedly found being used in the preparation of egg fried rice at Kings Fast Food Centre. Officials said worms were detected in some of the eggs during the inspection. The spoiled eggs were discarded and action was initiated against the outlet under relevant food safety regulations. The establishment was subsequently closed.

The department instructed all fast food centres and bakeries not to use artificial food colours or spoiled ingredients in food preparation and warned of stringent action against violators.

# Make World Telugu Literary Conference a Grand Success Garimella Rajendra Prasad, National Youth Wing President, Sri Sri Kala Vedika



“Nacharam, Indian Chronicle, May 13:”“With the noble aim of promoting Telugu language, Telugu literature, Telugu culture, and Telugu traditions across the world, the 7th World Telugu Literary Conference will be held grandly on June 6 and 7 this year at Godavari Global University campus, Rajamahendravaram, stated Garimella Rajendra Prasad, National Youth Wing President of Sri Sri Kala Vedika.”He said that the conference is being organized under the auspices of Sri Sri Kala Vedika, an international literary, cultural, and social organization, with the support of Chaitanya Saraswata Parishad. The main highlight of this conference is bringing together Telugu scholars, poets, writers, artists, and language enthusiasts from across the world on a single platform to showcase the glory of Telugu literature.”He explained that the literary segment will include World Poetry Festival, literary seminars, paper presentations, book releases, poetry gatherings, children’s poetry sessions, and Ashtavadhanam performances.”Similarly, the cultural segment will feature Kuchipudi dance performances, folk dances, tribal dances, kolattam, traditional dances, track singing, mimicry, and magic shows to entertain the audience. The conference will be a unique blend of literature, culture, and art.”Special importance will be given to young poets and young artists in this event. He called upon literature lovers, poets, writers, and artists from across India and abroad to participate in large numbers and make the event a grand success.”The conference is being organized under the guidance of Chaitanya Saraswata Parishad Chairman and Godavari Global University Chancellor K. V. Satyanarayana Raju (Chaitanya Raju), and under the leadership of Sri Sri Kala Vedika International Chairman Kala Ratna Dr. Kattimanda Pratap.”The Convener of the conference is Sri Sri Kala Vedika National Planning Officer Dr. T. Parthasaradhi, and the Coordinator is National President G. Eeswari Bhushanam.”He recalled that earlier World Telugu Literary Conferences were successfully conducted in Antarvedi, Tadepalligudem, Tirupati, Eluru, and Mancherla.”Around 5,000 participants are expected to attend this grand event. Therefore, elaborate arrangements are being made for registration, refreshments, and accommodation to ensure no inconvenience to participants. Special committees have been formed, and coordinators from each district and state have been appointed. Dedicated teams are working continuously for the arrangements, guidance, and hospitality of poets, artists, and guests.”He stated that those who wish to participate as poets, artists, or coordinators may contact him or the organizing committee members directly to register their names. Special invitation letters are being issued to every registered participant, which he said is a unique feature of Sri Sri Kala Vedika.”He also expressed special thanks to Sri Sri Kala Vedika International Chairman Kala Ratna Dr. Kattimanda Pratap for giving him the opportunity and continuous encouragement in organizing this prestigious event

## Sarpanch role is key in village development: MPDO P. Bhagya Sri

“Khammam Enkur May 13 (Indian Chronicle)”“An awareness seminar for sarpanches was held on Wednesday at the Zilla Parishad High School in the mandal headquarters of Enkur.”MPDO P. Bhagya Sri attended the programme as the chief guest and addressed the gathering. She said that teachers in government schools are providing quality education to students and stressed that sarpanches should also support efforts to increase enrollment in government schools. She urged village leaders to build public trust in government schools so that more students choose them instead of private institutions.”MEO Nagireddy stated that students studying in government schools are receiving better education and appealed to parents to enroll their children in government schools. He also suggested that teachers work at the village level to create awareness and increase student admissions.”AMC Chairman Lachiram Naik, Headmaster Vasavi Devi, MEO Nagireddy, and others participated in the programme.



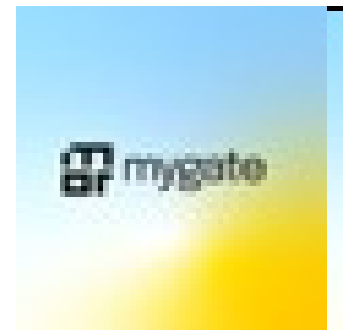
## Unknown person dies after falling from train near Bonakal–Motamarri section

“Khammam Bonakal May 13 (Indian Chronicle)”“An unidentified man, approximately 30 years of age, died after reportedly falling from a moving train between Bonakal and Motamarri railway stations under the Khammam Government Railway Police (GRP) jurisdiction last night.”Police said the deceased had no identification documents on him. A few clothes were found in a bag, and some Hindi writing was noted on it. The man is estimated to be around 5 feet 4 inches tall and has a dark complexion.”Khammam GRP and Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel reached the spot and conducted an inspection. Following this, the body was shifted to Khammam Government Hospital for postmortem.”On receiving information, the Annam Foundation from Khammam responded immediately. An ambulance from the foundation reached the accident site between Bonakal and Motamarri stations. In the presence of police, volunteers examined the body, then carried it on foot for about two kilometers to the roadside and later transported it by ambulance to Khammam Government Hospital for preservation.”Railway police personnel and members of the Annam Foundation, including chairman Annam Srinivasa Rao and staff, participated in the operation.



# No More Sharing Flat Numbers: Mygate Launches 'Safe Pickup Mode'

Hyderabad Mygate, India's largest gated community technology company, has announced the launch of Safe Pickup Mode, a new feature designed to enhance resident privacy and security during cab pickups at gated societies. "The feature has been introduced in response to consistent feedback from residents, particularly women, who expressed discomfort in sharing their flat numbers with cab drivers waiting at society gates for entry approvals. Under the existing process, drivers are required to relay the resident's flat number to security personnel to initiate a Mygate approval, often leading to unintended sharing of personal information. "With Safe Pickup Mode, this step is eliminated. Residents can enable the feature while creating a cab pre-approval, allowing verification to be completed solely through the vehicle number. Drivers are now informed of the tower alone, and this ensures that flat numbers remain private and are not disclosed to guards or drivers, while maintaining a seamless and secure entry process at the gate. "Safety isn't just about access control, it's also about protecting personal information in everyday interactions. With Mygate introducing Safe Pickup Mode, we've removed a small but important friction point by ensuring residents don't have to share sensitive details like flat numbers with unknown drivers. This is a simple, intuitive feature built directly from community feedback, and reflects our continued focus on making gated living more secure, private, and user-friendly," said Abhishek Kumar, Co-founder & CEO, Mygate. "While the feature was driven by feedback from women residents, it has been designed to benefit all users, reinforcing Mygate's commitment to building inclusive and privacy-first solutions for modern gated communities. "Mygate is encouraging residents to try the feature and share their feedback as the platform continues to refine and enhance user experience.



# Bangladesh unbans E-Cigarettes & Heated Tobacco Products-6.2 Million smokers could benefit

Hyderabad A landmark legislative decision signals the end of prohibition-era nicotine policy in South Asia. On April 11, 2026, the Bangladesh Parliament passed an amended Tobacco Control Act formally withdrawing the ban on next-generation nicotine products- heated tobacco products (HTPs) and e-cigarettes among them. It was not a quiet administrative tweak. It was a policy reversal of real consequence, one that places Bangladesh ahead of far wealthier, supposedly more sophisticated nations still clinging to blanket prohibitions that have demonstrably failed. "The numbers behind this decision are not abstract. According to research by the U.S.-based Consumer Choice Center, more than 6.2 million smokers in Bangladesh could potentially quit smoking if smokeless products were responsibly regulated and promoted as cessation tools. "For context, that is a population larger than New Zealand's, individuals currently denied access to demonstrably lower-risk alternatives, not because those alternatives don't work, but because policymakers elsewhere chose ideology over evidence. "Bangladesh has now chosen differently. Its amended legislation establishes a government-

controlled regulatory framework with explicit protections: safeguarding adult smokers seeking alternatives, protecting public health, and preventing youth access to nicotine products. This is not deregulation. It is smart regulation, the kind the WHO and its affiliated organisations have been slow to endorse, much to the detriment of public health globally. "The case for regulated smokeless alternatives has been building for years. Heated tobacco products eliminate combustion, the primary source of the toxic chemicals in cigarette smoke. E-cigarettes contain no tobacco leaf whatsoever, operating instead on nicotine solutions that generate aerosol rather than smoke. "These are not cigarettes rebranded. They are categorically different products, and the regulatory frameworks governing them should reflect that difference. "The United States finally arrived at this understanding, and the results are measurable. According to the 2025 National Youth Tobacco Survey, youth tobacco use in the U.S. fell to 7.5 percent, the lowest recorded since 2011, down from a peak of 23.3 percent in 2019. E-cigarette use among youth fell from 5.9 percent to 5.2 percent in a single year. Combustible cigarette use hit an all-time low.

# Amazon Expands Health Coverage for 90,000 Delivery Associates across India

Hyderabad Amazon India today announced an expansion of health and insurance benefits for nearly 90,000 delivery associates across its operations network in India. The benefits provide Outpatient Department (OPD) coverage for routine medical expenses, hospitalization support for inpatient care, and compensation for temporary or permanent disabilities ensuring both immediate medical needs and income loss due to injury are covered. These benefits will be rolled out to associates across all last-mile programs. Mediclaim coverage will be increased up to ₹1.5 lakh, OPD expenses of up to ₹10,000 are now covered, and Group Personal Accident coverage has been expanded up to ₹10 lakh. "The wellness benefits cover associates and up to three family members annually, includes unlimited multilingual virtual doctor consultations and two free in-person OPD visits per family each year. Additional support includes discounts on diagnostics, pharmacy, dental and eye care, along with tools that encourage preventive health and fitness. "Amazon has also organised nationwide health camps, in collaboration with a third-party insurer, to provide free health check-ups to tens of thousands of delivery associates. The medical camps provide essential health services including eye examinations, dental check-ups, BMI assessments, and general physician consultations. Delivery associates can access these services by presenting a government-issued identity proof at any of the camps set up at Amazon's last-mile delivery stations across India. "All of these initiatives are part of Amazon's recently announced investment of over INR 2,800 crore (~USD 300 million) to further strengthen associate safety, health, and financial well-being, while continuing to scale one of the country's safest, fastest, and most reliable logistics networks.

