



AWS to Invest USD 7 Billion to Expand Data Centre Expansion in TG



Hyderabad: The Telangana government and Amazon Web Services (AWS) have signed an agreement under which the latter will invest USD 7 billion for a massive expansion of cloud data center infrastructure over the next 14 years. As part of the agreement signed during the Telangana Rising Global Summit held on December 8 and 9, the state government will extend a comprehensive set of facilitation measures, infrastructure support, and ease-of-doing-business interventions to enable AWS to rapidly scale its data center footprint here, an official release said on Thursday. With the newly announced USD 7 Billion expansion over the next 14 years, the Hyderabad AWS Region will play a central role in powering cloud services, AI, startups, enterprises, and government platforms across India," it said.



CM meets Congress high command in Delhi

Hyderabad: AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge and Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi on Thursday congratulated Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on the unveiling of the Telangana Rising 2047 Vision Document. The two AICC leaders praised the Chief Minister for drawing a roadmap for the development of the youngest state of Telangana in the vision document. The Chief Minister, who is on a visit to the national capital, had separate meetings with Kharge and Priyanka Gandhi at their residences. CM Revanth Reddy briefed them about the successful conduct of the two-day Telangana Rising Global Summit and the release of the vision document in the presence of business honchos and global investors, according to a statement from the Chief Minister's Office. The two AICC leaders also expressed profound delight over attracting huge investments from local and international companies and entering agreements during the two-day global summit. Minister Vivek Venkataswamy, MPs Suresh Shetkar, M Anil Kumar, P Balaram Naik, Dr Mallu Ravi, K Raghuveer Reddy, and Gaddam Vamshi Krishna were also present.



Nampally Court Issues Non-Bailable Warrant Against Surekha

Hyderabad: A magistrate court at Nampally on Thursday issued a non-bailable warrant against environment minister Konda Surekha for violation of court orders in the criminal defamation case filed by BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao, which stemmed from her remarks on the divorce of actor Naga Chaitanya and actress Samantha. The court had earlier ordered Surekha to be present when the trial commenced on Thursday. Surekha neither appeared before the court nor filed an exemption application for non-appearance. Siddarth Pogula, counsel for Rama Rao, informed the court that this was not the first time and that Surekha had repeatedly remained absent without any justification. Taking serious note of her continued non-appearance and non-cooperation with the proceedings.

Rangareddy district wealthiest in India by per capita GDP

Residents of Rangareddy district have every reason to celebrate. Among more than 800 districts spread across 28 states and 8 Union Territories in India, Rangareddy has claimed an exceptional honour. It is now the wealthiest district in India by per capita GDP, according to the central government's Economic Survey of 2024-25. The study reports that the average per capita GDP in Rangareddy district stands at an impressive Rs 11.46 lakh per year. Gurgaon ranks second, followed by Bengaluru



Urban, Gautam Buddha Nagar (Noida), and Solan in Himachal Pradesh. Surprisingly, the business powerhouses like Mumbai and Ahmedabad are ranked much lower down the list.

PM rebukes Telangana BJP MPs for lack of initiative, urges stronger opposition role



HYDERABAD: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is believed to have voiced his displeasure over Telangana BJP MPs "falling short of expectations", neither asserting themselves as an effective opposition in the state nor staying active on social media. According to party sources, Modi conveyed these concerns during a breakfast interaction with the state MPs in Delhi on Thursday, pointing out that leaders like AIMIM chief and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi remain active on social media, and stressing the need for BJP leaders in Telangana to strengthen their presence and strategy ahead of the next elections. The prime minister's remarks, according to sources, have once again exposed the internal divisions within the state unit. Group politics, which has long troubled the party, is being cited as a key reason for its inability to function as a robust opposition. Senior leaders said that the high command is closely observing the conduct and performance of all MLAs, MLCs and MPs in the state.



56 Yr Revanth Reddy Kills It On Football Field

At the age of 56, most people can barely walk straight and this is an accepted fact for the larger section of the common public. But in the case of Telangana chief minister Revanth Reddy, the situation is complete opposite. At the age of 56, Revanth Reddy is actively practising football on regular basis ahead of the upcoming exhibition game against Lionel Messi, who is arriving in Hyderabad for his GO AT tour. Revanth is using this location to recognise his football skills as he is frequently hitting the football ground in the famous Arsenal jersey.

Youth Turnout High at Telangana Rising Global Summit



Hyderabad: The Telangana Rising Global Summit saw a major youth involvement on Thursday as hundreds of college students visited the venue at Bharat Future City to see the exhibits prepared for the event and listen to speakers. "Youth must update their skills in line with changing times and move ahead with determination to reach their goals," Divya Devarajan chief executive officer of SERP (Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty) told students. The summit which opened to students and the public from December 10 to 13 saw large groups from several colleges. Three hundred students from Indira Priyadarshini Women's Degree College, 250 from MAM Model Junior College and 250 from Mahubia Women's Junior College attended under government guidelines. They were accompanied by a nodal officer following directions from the district collector. Their visit covered every section of the Summit, which presented a wide range of themes through stalls set up with new technology.

Cong-supported candidates win in majority panchayats

Hyderabad: The first phase of the Gram Panchayat elections ended peacefully with voters in the villages turning out in large numbers to exercise their franchise on Thursday. By evening, most of the results were out and according to reports, candidates supported by the ruling Congress won a majority of the Sarpanch posts. Congress-supported candidates bagged more than 2,000 Sarpanch posts followed by BRS-supported candidates with nearly 1,000 and BJP-backed candidates over 200 seats. According to the State Election Commission (SEC), as many as 45,15,141 have utilised their franchise, accounting for 84.28 per cent of the total voters. The voting, which started at 7 am, picked up pace only after 10 am. The polling percentage during the first two hours till 9 am in the villages was just 19.38 per cent. However, the polling percentage picked up at 10 am and at 11 am, more than half of the voters exercised their franchise. The polling percentage at 11 am was 52 per cent. The polling which ended at 1 pm registered 84.28 per cent. The polling was held for 4,236 Sarpanch posts in the first phase of the Gram Panchayat elections. The total voters in this first phase were over 56.19 lakh and as per the SEC, 45,15,141 voters have utilised their voting right.



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Food Insecurity and Malnutrition Issues are still Hunting the Mankind

(On the occasion of “World Universal Health Coverage Day” on 12 December)

The UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) recently published a report entitled “State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2024 (SOFI 2024)” revealed a critical analysis of global food security and nutrition trends. This report emphasises the urgent need for increased financing to end hunger, food insecurity, and malnutrition in all its forms. Between 731 and 757 million people faced hunger in 2023, with one out of eleven people in the world and one out of every five in Africa facing hunger. Asia harbours the largest number of undernourished people. The availability of nutritious food is directly linked to health. Hence to bring awareness on importance of health and safety “World Universal Health Coverage Day” annually on 12 December globally. The theme of 2025 World Universal Health Coverage Day is “Unaffordable Health Costs? We are Sick of It”, emphasising the importance of health for over all wellbeing of society. “ “Stunting and Wasting in Children:” Approximately 2.33 billion people experienced moderate to severe food insecurity in 2023. Severe food insecurity affected more than 864 million globally. The global average cost of a healthy diet rose to USD 3.96 in purchasing power parity terms per person per day in 2022. The cost of healthy diet is highest in Latin America and lowest in Oceania. “Around 55.6% Indians cannot afford a healthy diet, improved by about 3% points compared to 2022. “There has been improvements in reducing the prevalence of stunting and wasting among children under five. Obesity rates are rising globally, and anaemia in women aged 15 - 40 years is increasing, signalling serious public health challenges. Indian public spending on food security and nutrition has seen some increase, but much progress is needed and expected.” “Food Insecurity and Malnutrition Issues in India:” India is home to 194.6 million undernourished individuals, the highest in the world. However, this number decreased from 240 million in the 2004-06 period to the current figures. Due to prolonged food insecurity issues in India, 13% suffered from chronic undernourishment. It is noteworthy that India ranked 111th in the “Global Hunger Index - 2023”. India has highest prevalence of wasting (18.7%) in South Asia and a high prevalence of stunting (31.7%) in Children under five. Due to maternal malnutrition, 27.4% of babies born have low birth weight, the highest in the world. Around 53% of Indian women are anaemic, 2.8% of children under five are obese, and in adults it is 7.3% due to physically inactive. During COVID-19 pandemic the food security and malnutrition issues exacerbated in India due to economic downfall, loss of livelihood, and disruption in food supply chain. “ “ SOFI 2024 theme in “Financing to End Hunger, Food Insecurity and Malnutrition in All its Forms” underscores that to ensure affordable and accessible healthy diets for all requires a holistic approach, including transforming and strengthening agrifood systems, addressing inequalities, and streamlining food security and nutrition objectives into broader financing flows.

Dr Burra Madhusudhan Reddy

Quarrel over caste leaves youth dead in Telangana's Sangareddy

SANGAREDDY: A B.Tech student from Andhra Pradesh died in Beeramguda after being hit with a cricket bat on his head and kidneys by the mother of the girl he was in a relationship with. Kakani Jyothi Sravan, 19, an OC student from Penuganchiprolu village in Krishna district, had been living in a hostel while pursuing his second year at Saint Peters Engineering College. He had lost both his parents at a young age and was brought up by his paternal uncle K Venkateshwara Rao. Sravan had been in a relationship since Class X with Tarupally Teja, who belongs to a BC community. Families on both sides had objected, warning them to end the relationship. However, they continued to remain in touch. On Tuesday, Teja reportedly called Sravan to her house in Lakshminagar, saying that her parents wanted to speak to him. According to police, her mother's attempts to get the youngsters to stop seeing each other led to a heated argument. A quarrel between Teja and her mother Srija followed. During the exchange, Srija allegedly attacked her daughter with a bat. Sravan tried to stop the assault, but instead suffered blows to his head and kidneys. Teja was also injured. Later that afternoon, Teja was taken to a private hospital by her mother and brother Ram.



Sravan, however, was left at the house through the night, unattended. It was only when his condition deteriorated in the early hours of Wednesday that he was taken to a separate private hospital. He died at 6:30 am.

BRS Ex-MP Vinod Kumar Picks Holes In Vision 2047 Policy, Backs Global Summit



WARANGAL: Former MP of the BRS Boinapally Vinod Kumar has welcomed the A. Revanth Reddy-led Congress government's plan to hold the Telangana Rising Global Summit, but criticised its Vision 2047

policy. In a statement on Wednesday, Vinod Kumar supported the state government's efforts to attract investments for economic development. He however expressed doubts about the successful implementation of such promised deals, saying the government has "no clear plan for grounding these projects." Vinod Kumar questioned the government's approach to development, particularly the Vision 2047 plan, which he alleged was unscientific. "It wrongly considers entire regions like Warangal, Karimnagar, Khammam and Nizamabad as rural areas." Telangana, he said, already possessed many industries and factories. The government must focus on "comprehensive, balanced development, including the growth of the agriculture sector." Vinod Kumar criticised the chief minister, saying he continued to make negative statements about the state's financial condition. "Revant Reddy

previously alleged that Telangana went bankrupt (Deevala teesindi) under the BRS rule. If the CM is genuinely planning major global summits, he should stop making comments that portray the state as being in deep debt." The former parliamentarian stressed that while it was the duty of the ruling party to attract investments for the state's progress, the government must not mislead the public by building excessive faith in investment summits without clear plans for grounding such projects. Vinod Kumar also advised the CM to avoid making "inappropriate personal comments" about political opponents. Instead, he must focus on the long-term development of the people. Referring to the Future City planned by the Congress government, Vinod Kumar said expanding cities like Hyderabad required long-term planning. As the adage goes, Rome was not built in a day, he added.

Congress, BRS workers clash in Nalgonda

Hyderabad: Tension prevailed in Telangana's Nalgonda district after activists from the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) and Congress allegedly clashed on Wednesday, December 10. The incident occurred in Korlapahad village of Kethapalli mandal. According to reports, the clashes were linked to the Telangana local body elections, and the Congress activists attacked the BRS workers with knives and stones. Tension prevailed in Telangana's Nalgonda district after activists from the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) and Congress allegedly clashed on Wednesday, December 10.

At least four people were injured in the clashes; locals shifted the injured to the Nakirekal hospital for treatment. Some BRS leaders accused the police of inaction despite the attack on their cadre. Videos showed, workers from both parties confronting each other. In a separate incident, a BRS worker died following a clash between Congress and opposition party cadres in Suryapet district, the police said on Wednesday. Reacting to the incident, BRS Working President K T Rama Rao alleged that the Congress was engaging in "politics of murder." "It shows the bankruptcy of the ruling party that it is resorting to physical attacks as it is unable to face the elections democratically," he said. The incident occurred in Lingampalli village on Tuesday after the election campaign concluded. An altercation took place between two groups, which escalated into a physical attack involving sticks and stones. The 57-year-old suffered a head injury, they said.



Two Women Maoists Surrender in Mulugu

WARANGAL: Two women members of the banned CPI (Maoist) surrendered before Mulugu superintendent of police Sudheer Ramnath Kekan on Wednesday. The surrendered cadres were identified as Madakam Malli (20) of Sukma district, Chhattisgarh, who worked under the Telangana State Committee and Oyam Rame (21) of Bijapur district, Chhattisgarh, part of the Akash Divisional Committee Members

(DVCN) team. Ramnath Kekan said Mulugu district has so far recorded 87 Maoists surrendering voluntarily since January 2025, including three DVCN, 12 ACMs and 30 party members, reflecting the weakening of the organisation and unrest among lower-rung cadres. He said Telangana's rehabilitation policy is among the best in the country, offering financial incentives, medical support and social reintegra-

tion assistance. The SP appealed to remaining Maoists to reach out to their families and come forward to join the mainstream, assuring complete support under the surrender policy. The two women cited the police awareness campaign 'Poru Kanna Ooru Minna' and attractive rehabilitation schemes as reasons for leaving Maoism and choosing a peaceful life. They were given Rs 25,000 each as immediate assistance.

Congress regime has punctured lives of auto drivers: BRS KTR

RAJANNA-SIRCILLA: BRS working president KT Rama Rao attended the Aatmiyya Bharosa programme for auto drivers at the party's district office in Sircilla on Wednesday, where he distributed accident insurance bonds. He criticised the Congress-led state government for "deceiving workers" and for not clearing Rs 1,560 crore in pending dues. He demanded immediate payment and said the BRS would stage a protest in Hyderabad



if an auto drivers' welfare board is not constituted. Rama Rao recalled the support extended by auto drivers during the Telangana movement, noting their rallies and role during K Chandrasekhara Rao's fast. He said KCR, after becoming chief minister, introduced a Rs 5 lakh accident insurance scheme for auto and transport work-

ers, despite it not being listed in the party manifesto. He alleged that the Congress came to power promising "change" but had failed farmers, youth and women with what he called "420 unfulfilled assurances". Citing the example of driver Masrat Ali, he said many were struggling, and claimed the withdrawal of insurance cover had earlier led to 162 suicides. Rama Rao pledged support for drivers' rights and said insurance cover for all vehicle operators in Rajanna-Sircilla would be ensured before Sankranti. He sought Rs 10 lakh ex gratia for families of drivers who died by suicide.

Telangana Gets its First 'Gen Z' Post Office at NIT-Warangal

WARANGAL: Telangana's first 'Gen Z'-themed post office was inaugurated at the NIT Warangal campus in Hanamkonda on Wednesday. The facility was jointly opened by NIT-W director Prof. Bidyadhar Subudhi and Hyderabad Region Postmaster General Sumitha Ayodhya. Sumitha said the new post office features vibrant interiors and a Wi-Fi-enabled interactive space, offering a wide range of modern, integrated services for students and campus staff, including parcel booking, banking, insurance, Aadhaar services, QR-based payments and Speed Post with special student discounts. She said the initiative aims to make postal services more accessible and appealing



to younger users, particularly the campus community. As part of the inauguration, outreach and awareness programmes were held, during which many students and staff availed banking, insurance and Speed Post services.



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GHMC Announces Deadlines for Trade Licence Renewal

Hyderabad: The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has urged all trade establishments across the city to renew their trade licences for the year 2026 on or before December 20 to avoid penalties. Due to the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) being in force till November 16 due to Jubilee Hills byelection, the last date of submission for new trade licence and renewal of existing trade licence applications is deferred by 20 days. The deferred last date of application is December 20.

'Will make world class': Telangana CM announces Rs 1,000 crore for Osmania University



Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, on Wednesday, vowed to transform Osmania University (OU) into a world-class university as he announced a development plan of Rs 1,000 crore for it. At a meeting held at the historic Arts College building on the campus, Revanth Reddy said he came to the university with the determination to make it an international university. Hours before the Chief Minister's visit, the government issued an order according administrative sanction of Rs 1,000 crore for infrastructure development in the Osmania University campus. A draft master plan for the development of the

university was also released. The Chief Minister unveiled a special QR code inviting students to share their feedback and suggestions on the proposed master plan and designs. The authorities have planned new roads, cycling tracks, a sports complex, a library, a gym, entry gates, Osmania Plaza, a memorial, a convention centre, an amphitheatre, an academic research centre, student commons & learning greens, a hostel zone, a multipurpose hall, a dining centre, a health centre and other facilities on the sprawling campus. The University announced that the final Master Plan and designs will be finalised based on the opinions and suggestions received

from the students. The Chief Minister, in his speech, referred to the long and rich history of Telangana and noted that it was the institution that strongly voiced the aspiration for a separate state of Telangana. He pointed out that Osmania University produced great personalities like P.V. Narasimha Rao, Jaipal Reddy, George Reddy, and Gaddar. Recalling that Osmania University was at the forefront of the Telangana movement in the second phase, he alleged that the previous government of the BRS weakened it for 10 years. Stating that people in Telangana aspired for freedom, social justice, and equal opportunities, he claimed that people got all these after Congress came to power two years ago. Revanth Reddy said he came to the campus to see if the people's aspirations have been fulfilled or not. "Some people asked me how I am so courageous to visit Osmania University. What is needed to come here is not courage but admiration. I have come here with a heart full of admiration and to pave the way for the development of the university," he said.



Ponnabandhu Prabhakar Flags Off 67 Electric Buses

Hyderabad: As a part of its vision to make bus transport emission-free within the Outer Ring Road, transport minister Ponnabandhu Prabhakar flagged off 67 new electric buses. The corporation will add 175 more electric buses in January. After the introduction of new buses on Wednesday, the size of TGSRTC's electric bus fleet increased to 810. Of this, 540 EV buses operate in Hyderabad. The RTC has started bus services for 373 new colonies in the city, benefiting about 7,61,200 citizens. Out of 373 colonies, 243 colonies are from Hyderabad region and 130 colonies from Secunderabad region. Addressing the gathering at the Rani Gunj bus depot, the transport minister said, "The main objective of TGSRTC is to meet the transport needs of the people in line with the expansion of the city... We selected 373 colonies after conducting extensive field surveys and in accordance with the requests and needs of the people." He said the increased connectivity from these colonies to job centres like IT corridor and financial district will save travel time and cost for employees. People should not rely on their own vehicles and use safe RTC services. In Hyderabad region (depot wise): Dilsukhnagar: 55 colonies (highest) Rajendranagar: 51 colonies. Midhani: 42 colonies. Bandlaguda: 34 colonies. Mehdiapatnam: 17 colonies. Ibrahimpatnam: 14 colonies. Hayatnagar-1: 12 colonies. Hayatnagar-2: 10 colonies. Falaknuma: 7 colonies. Maheshwaram: 1 colony. Secunderabad Region (Depot wise): Jeedimetla: 36 colonies. Chengicherla: 25 colonies. Kukatapally: 21 colonies. Medchal: 10 colonies. Uppal: 10 colonies. HCU: 8 colonies. Miyapur-2: 7 colonies. Cantonment: 6 colonies. Raniganj: 4 colonies. Kushaiguda: 3 colonies.

Do Not Overcrowd For Messi Match: Sudheer Babu



Hyderabad: Ahead of the Lionel Messi-GOAT foot ball match scheduled to be held at Uppal Stadium on December 13, Rachakonda police commissioner G. Sudheer Babu appealed to fans to strictly follow entry regulations to prevent overcrowding. The commissioner clarified that only spectators with valid tickets or official passes would

be permitted inside the stadium premises. Those arriving without passes will not be allowed entry under any circumstances. The advisory was issued in view of the large turnout expected for the high-profile match involving international football icon Lionel Messi and the Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. According to the officials, elaborate and tight security arrangements

have been made for the event, with heavy deployment of personnel around the stadium and surrounding areas. Traffic and crowd management measures will also be enforced to ensure smooth conduct of the match. Fans are urged to cooperate with police and adhere to all instructions issued in the interest of public safety and order.



Contempt Notices to IAS Officers Karnan, Ilambarithi

Hyderabad: The Telangana High Court on Wednesday issued contempt notices to GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan as also to his predecessor K. Ilambarithi, presently serving as Commissioner of transport department, for not complying with the court orders in disposing of the First Appeal filed under the Right to Information Act. Justice Nagesh Bheemappa directed authorities to file counters in the contempt case by January 9, 2026 and also cautioned if they do not comply, they have to appear before the court the same day and their counter affidavit would not be accepted unless they pay costs of Rs 10,000 to the High Court registrar (judicial). The judge was dealing with a contempt case filed by Vaddam Shyam of Ramgopalpet of Secunderabad for not disposing of the First Appeal filed under the RTI Act. Mahesh Mamindla, the counsel for the petitioner submitted to the court that the authorities had not facilitated the petitioner to go through the records of occupancy certificates issued by the Serilingampally Zone of the GHMC.

BJP Sees Red on New GHMC Ward Plans, Says It's 'Quid Pro Quo' Between Cong. and MIM



Hyderabad: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Wednesday slammed the Congress government for unilaterally deciding on expanding the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) by merging various municipalities and other local

bodies, with the BJP state president N. Ramchander Rao questioning the decision taken without any form of public input. He also alleged that the entire plan appears to be one designed to hand over the reins of the city to All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) through backdoor methods by creating 300 divisions, again for which the government has not provided any rationale. Speaking with reporters after meeting with party corporators in the GHMC Council, Ramchander Rao said by announcing 300 wards, the government took the voting population from 69 lakh in the earlier GHMC area to 1.69 lakh crore. "What is the basis for the 300 wards? There is already a talk that at the expanded GHMC will be divided into three units and our belief is that this was done to hand one

of them over to the AIMIM. This is a quid pro quo arrangement between the Congress and the AIMIM," he said. This is not about making it a Hindu-Muslim issue. This is about development and non-development," he said. Ramchander Rao also questioned why the government did not hold any all-party meeting, did not gather public opinion, or hold any public hearings on the GHMC merger plan. "The BJP earlier opposed this plan and we continue to oppose it. Many of the new areas added to the GHMC do not have street lighting; have sewerage problems and many other issues. We call on all the people in the new areas to file their objections as sought in the Gazette notification yesterday on the merger plan. The government move will impact the brand image of Hyderabad," he said.

Vision 2047 – Rare, a Plan To Pull Up Rural



Hyderabad: Unseasonal and sudden strong downpours that Telangana had been witnessing may just be one symptom of sudden unexpected changes in weather

patterns and with climate change now a reality, and the agriculture sector in the state, which provides livelihood to nearly 55 per cent of rural population, is expected to get the much-needed support to adapt to the coming changes by way of the state preparing itself to become a leader in climate-smart agriculture. As part of its Rural Agri Region Economy (RARE) strategy, the Telangana government has said that as part of the CURE-PURE-RARE spatial development model, the thrust on transforming rural agriculture and allied sectors-based economies will strengthen the ecosystem within which farmers produce, process, and market their outputs. This strategy, under RARE, will see rural regions turn into hubs for climate-smart agriculture, livestock production, and forest-based livelihoods, coupled with adoption of latest agricultural technologies. According to the Telangana Rising 2047 vision document, agriculture and its allied sectors sustain the majority of rural livelihoods with nearly 55 per cent of rural population dependent on these sectors. Noting that Telangana sets aside around 20 per cent of its public expenditure on agriculture, which is above the national average, the document states that the agricultural economy is anchored by crops, followed by the livestock sector, with aquaculture and forestry following them in terms of rural population engagement.

Telangana launches Google for startups Hub at T-Hub



Hyderabad: The Telangana government and Google on Wednesday launched the Google for Startups Hub at the T-Hub startup incubator here. The hub, inaugurated by Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Minister for IT and Industries D Sridhar Babu, is a dedicated Google-branded space aimed at supporting the state's growing startup ecosystem and helping it scale to de-

liver world-class innovations. According to a release, this is the first such Google for Startups Hub to be launched as part of Telangana's broader incubation and innovation ecosystem. Google plans to engage regional startups through the hub, offering free, year-long dedicated coworking seats for selected AI-first startups and access to a curated network of venture investors, the release said. The Telangana government and Google will jointly support AI-first startups, nurture talent, and build direct links to international markets, it added. As part of the global Google for Startups network, the hub will support founders throughout their journey—from incubation to innovation—by providing physical infrastructure, hands-on mentoring, AI expertise, and global visibility. Startups will receive support from early product ideation to scaling AI-first businesses responsibly across India and global markets. Founders will also gain access to Google experts in AI/ML, product, UX, and go-to-market strategies, along with programmes for women

entrepreneurs, tier-2 innovators and university talent. The hub will feature dedicated infrastructure and technology resources for startups jointly selected by Google and the Telangana government. It will also include networking zones and event spaces for workshops, market-access programmes, founder-focus sessions and community events. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy said, "By welcoming Google for Startups into Telangana's innovation and startup ecosystem, and allocating a sprawling campus to the hub, we are laying the foundation for a globally competitive innovation ecosystem right here in Telangana." Google India Country Manager Preeti Lobana said the hub in Hyderabad will nurture talent and serve as an "innovation flywheel" for startups, helping the next generation of founders use AI to solve real-world challenges, build deep-tech solutions and innovate responsibly for India and the world.



HC seeks explanation on mayor lands

HYDERABAD: The Telangana High Court on Wednesday criticised the state government for allegedly extending preferential treatment in the regularisation of encroached government land in favour of Hyderabad Mayor Gadwal Vijayalaxmi and her brother K Venkateshwar Rao, both children of Government Adviser (Public Affairs) and former MP K Kesava Rao. A bench comprising Chief Justice Apareesh Kumar Singh and Justice GM Mohiuddin questioned why the state had deviated from the prescribed norms while processing the applications of the former MP's children. The court noted discrepancies in both the procedure followed and the regularisation fee fixed for the two beneficiaries, and sought an explanation for the "special exceptions" granted to them. The bench was hearing a PIL filed by Gadeela Raghuvver Reddy challenging GO 56 (Revenue Land Administration), dated May 23, 2023, which regularised 1,161 sq yd of government land at NBT Nagar, Road No. 12, Banjara Hills, in favour of K Venkateshwar Rao at a basic value of ₹2,500 per sq yd (as on July 6, 1998), and 425 sq yd in favour of Vijayalaxmi, as GPA holder of Kavitha Rao, at a basic value of ₹350 per sq yd (as on February 3, 1993). The petitioner argued that the orders violated Article 14 of the Constitution, ran contrary to the state's Land Regularisation Policy under GO 59 (December 30, 2014) read with the GO dated March 1, 2023, and breached the doctrine of public trust. Expressing serious concern, the bench observed irregularities in the entire exercise and directed the government to "rectify the regularisation orders, if necessary, otherwise this court will come down heavily." Appearing for the state, Additional Advocate General Md Imran Khan sought time to consult the department concerned and consider corrective measures. The court accepted the request and adjourned the matter to January 7, 2026.

Global Summit A Failure, A PR Stunt: Harish

HYDERABAD: Senior BRS leader and former minister T. Harish Rao on Wednesday said the two-day Telangana Rising Global Summit organised by the Congress government, was a "complete failure" and called it a "public relations stunt by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to divert attention from two years of failed governance." In a statement, Harish Rao questioned what he called the "summit's extravagance" and the "enormous public expenditure with no tangible return in the form of investments or employment." Revanth Reddy, he said, "is claiming to build a fourth city with lakhs of crores of Rupees, but does not even have Rs 1,000 a month to offer poor



autorickshaw workers. This is the height of hypocrisy," he said. Harish Rao also slammed the 2047 Vision document released at the summit declaring that lacked both vision and mission. "It's not a vision document, it's a 'visionless' bundle of meaningless numbers, flashy pages, and empty promises.

Telangana vigilance secretary cautions public against digital arrest



Hyderabad: Telangana vigilance department secretary Shikha Goel on Thursday, December 11 cautioned the public against digital arrest. In a post on X, Goel said, "Don't fall for fear trap; Scammers use fear tactics to pressure and manipulate you into paying fake penalties. Stay calm, stay informed, and verify before you act." Addressing the public via a video message the Indian Police Service officer said, "A large number of citizens fall prey to digital arrest very day." Scammers use fear tactics to pressure and manipulate you into paying fake penalties. Stay calm, stay informed, and verify before you act. Explaining the digital arrest, Goel said it is when a fraudster calls you claiming that he is a police officer and says that the victim is involved in some illegal activity and scare the victim asking for account details for investigation. The scammers project themselves as genuine police officers and put the victim under digital arrest. They ask the victim to isolate themselves and not to inform anyone. "They ask the victims to transfer money to mule accounts to investigate whether the money is genuine and promise to return the money after verification," the secretary added. Once the money is transferred to the cyber fraudsters, they disappear. "There is nothing like digital arrest. under no law, police or any other law enforcement agency can do any investigation online or ask for transfer of money," she added.

Girl killed over rejected proposal; accused arrested

Hyderabad: The city police arrested a 24-year-old man for the brutal murder of a 17-year-old girl following the argument on Monday at Bapuji Nagar, Musheerabad. Warasiguda police arrested Dukka Uma Shanker, a native of Srikulam, Andhra Pradesh, and was produced before the Magistrate for judicial custody. According to police, Warasiguda police received a complaint from Jadaga Laxmi on December 8. The complainant reported that a year ago Uma Shanker, who is their distant relative, came to their house, proposing to marry her daughter Pavitra. Accordingly, they accepted to perform marriage on suitable dates after discussing with the elders.

BRS member performs death ritual on Mokila cycling track



Hyderabad: A video allegedly showing a family performing death rituals on the ORR cycling track invited criticism online and led to a police case against a former sarpanch and his family. The video, posted by Hyderabad's Bicycle Mayor on platform X, showed a group conducting the tenth-day rituals on the cycling track near Mokila on Wednesday. In his post, he alleged that when questioned, one of the men claimed he was "close to the Chief Minister" and a "local sarpanch," and threatened those who objected. The video also showed a vehicle number plate, which he said was shared for identification. Mokila inspector C. Veera Babu told Deccan Chronicle that the incident took place between 11 am and 2 pm, and that a case has been registered based on a complaint filed by the police patrolling staff.

The FIR names Ravinder Goud, his family members, and others present at the spot. Ravinder Goud is a former sarpanch of Mirjaguda village, and associated with the BRS. Police have booked the accused under Sections 126(1) (prohibition of wrongful obstruction or nuisance in public ways), 324 (causing danger, obstruction or injury in public way), and 351 (criminal intimidation) of the BNS. Notices would be served to the accused on Thursday. Attack by Congress Supporters

Explaining the reason behind performing rituals on the cycling track, a Mokila police official said, "The offenders told us that before the cycling track was established, there used to be a burial ground just a few metres away and all the rituals were performed over there. Ever since the cycling track was formed, this was the first time they did a funeral ritual here." The cycling track, described by the Bicycle Mayor as a "Hyderabad infrastructure gem," has seen repeated complaints of encroachment, misuse, and unauthorised access since its launch. Sections of the track were in the past encroached for the storage of construction materials for nearby buildings, specifically in areas designated as future recreational or resting zones. Cycling advocates in the past have flagged the insufficient buffer zone between the cycle track and the main service road, leading to vehicles spilling over onto the track, creating safety hazards for cyclists.

Six Delivery Boys Arrested for Door-to-Door Ganja Supply in Hyderabad and Secunderabad

Hyderabad: Excise cops on Wednesday booked a gang of 10 interstate NDPS drug suppliers, who were doing door-to-door delivery of ganja to customers alongside other items in posh twin city localities. The delivery executives belonged to a popular grocery aggregator. Six of them have been arrested while four are absconding. "The accused came to the city from Odisha, Khammam and Biha. They stayed in service apartments in Banjara Hills and worked as delivery boys selling ganja," officials said. According to SP of STF, Anji Reddy, the interstate gang worked as delivery boys, but along with essential items, they were also peddling the contraband by door delivery to their customers. He said, "These youths have confessed they are drug addicts, came to the city for employment and stayed together in hotels and service apartments. The peddlers procured ganja from Bidar and Odisha, consumed it and sold the contraband to customers in posh localities. The youths were caught by the Excise STP's A team while they were working in hotels and selling ganja through the back door. Excise cops seized 3.3kg of ganja along with six cell phones and two two-wheelers from their possession.



Telangana sparks startup dreams with university hubs

Minister for IT and Industries Duddilla Sridhar Babu announced on Wednesday that the state government will establish Incubation Centres in all government universities. The move is designed to promote innovation, foster research-led entrepreneurship, and strengthen the startup ecosystem across Telangana. The Minister made the announcement following the inauguration of the 'Google for Startups Hub' at T-Hub, an event attended by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy. Speaking at the function, Sridhar Babu confirmed the proposed Incubation Centres would be developed to standards comparable with the Telangana AI Innovation Hub and the Life Sciences ONE Hub, aligning with the Government's vision to position Telangana as a Global Innovation Hub. We do not view startups merely as small enterprises. We see them as economic engines capable of solving societal challenges and generating new employment opportunities," the Minister stated. Sridhar Babu noted the substantial growth in the sector, highlighting that Telangana startups raised USD 571 million in 2024, representing a 160 per cent increase over the previous year. He specifically pointed out that the HealthTech sector alone witnessed a remarkable 2,139 per cent rise during the same period. He added that Hyderabad now ranks sixth in India for women-led startups, with 531 women-led enterprises raising USD 417 million. "These are not just statistics; they demonstrate the impact of the government's progressive policies and sustained support for innovation," Sridhar Babu asserted.

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Lok Sabha extends tenure of committee examining 'one nation, one election' bills

NEW DELHI: The Lok Sabha on Thursday extended the tenure of the parliamentary committee examining bills that seek to introduce simultaneous polls to the Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies. Committee Chairman P P Chaudhary moved the motion seeking extension of the tenure of the Joint Committee on the Constitution (129th Amendment) Bill, 2024, and the Union Territories Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024, up to the first day of the last week of the 2026 Budget session. The Lok Sabha adopted the motion by a voice vote. The committee has met constitutional experts, economists, Law Commission Chairman Dinesh Maheshwari, among others, since it was constituted last December.

YCP Disowns, But Borugadda Says Jagan Behind Him



When YSR Congress party was in power, notorious rowdy-sheeter Borugadda Anil Kumar used to repeatedly abuse TDP leaders including Chandrababu Naidu and even threatened to eliminate those who oppose YS Jagan Mohan Reddy. He claimed to be staunch loyalist of YSRCP and also publicly regarded Jagan as his big brother. After NDA came to power, the foul-mouthed criminal was finally arrested for all his misdeeds and put behind the bars for several months. The High Court rejected his bail petition many times and finally granted him some respite in June this year. It is an open secret that the YSR Congress party shielded him during its regime despite numerous criminal cases pending on this infamous leader. Even during police interrogation, Borugadda himself admitted that he used inflammatory language against Chandrababu

Naidu and family only at the behest of YSRCP's leaders. As Borugadda Anil's verbal diarrhea received huge backlash from all quarters, YSR Congress party decided to disown him and officially stated that he has connection with the party. They now released this statement because Borugadda Anil still continues to be a sympathizer of Jagan Mohan Reddy and his party. In order to avoid criticism from general public, YSRCP finally severed ties with him. But, shockingly Borugadda Anil in a recent media interview revealed that it was Jagan Mohan Reddy who helped him get bail from his case when the anchor asked if Jagan Mohan Reddy still supports him. Borugadda made the revelation after he came out on bail and this video is now currently going viral all over after YSRCP tried to distance itself from the serial abuser.

Maharashtra nears Maoist elimination as 11 top cadres surrender in Gadchiroli

MUMBAI: Maharashtra moves closer to eliminating the Maoist threat by March 2026 as 11 senior Maoist cadres, including four commanders with a combined bounty of Rs 82 lakh, surrendered before state police chief Rashmi Shukla in Gadchiroli. Among the surrendered leaders were divisional committee members Ramesh alias Bajju Lekami and Bhima alias Kiran Hidma Kowasi. Lekami, associated with the movement since 2004, served as president of the Edasgondi Gaon Panchayat Janatana Sarkar before becoming a divisional committee member in Bhamragad. Kowasi joined the Maoist ranks in 1998 and became a divisional committee member in 2019. Gadchiroli police said the surrenders deliver a major blow to Maoists in the Dandakaranya region, spanning Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, and Telangana, marking one of the biggest successes since the surrender of Maoist Politburo member Bhupathi alias Mallojula Venugopal Rao in October, along with 60 others. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis had handed over a copy of the



Indian Constitution instead of weapons during that program. Police Chief Shukla described the fresh surrender as "the beginning of the end of Maoism in Gadchiroli" and reaffirmed the commitment to the Union government's March 31, 2026, deadline to eliminate the Left-wing insurgency.



YS Sunitha Wins: Deep investigation Ordered On Viveka Murder

YS Sunitha is finding herself in a very peculiar position. Despite coming from a politically influential family and her cousin brother Jagan being the former CM, Sunitha is now in a position where she is having to fight a court case for justice to be served in her father Vivekananda Reddy's murder case. Sunitha had been fighting at the CBI court for a deeper and detailed investigation in her father Viveka's murder case for the last few years. And finally, her long legal battle has succeeded as the CBI court has ordered the investigating authority to carry out a detailed investigation in this regard. Last night, the CBI court ordered the CBI investigative wing to dig deep in this case and asked to utilise the file phone call records to facilitate the same. The CBI will now be investigating this case at a deeper level and is likely to establish more facts. Factually speaking, the CBI had already dug deep in this case and came close to arresting Avinash Reddy once while Jagan was CM. But this case lost momentum eventually, and the investigation also lost the steam. When everyone thought this case would be a gone ball, Sunitha did not lose her hope and her patience has paid off now. Now that this CBI court has ordered the investigated authority to carry out a detail investigation, it has to be seen what kind of revelation would be made this time around.

Vamsi, Kodali Returning Slowly, But...



There was once a time when Kodali Nani and Vallabhaneni Vamsi, where invincible leaders in their respective constituencies of Gudivada and Gannavaram. But that is not even remotely the case now, as they appear to have lost this political charm. Incidentally Vamsi gathered at Jagan's visit to Vijayawada today but the impetus was missing, which is a worrisome factor for the YCP leadership. On a related note, Nani said he is recover-

ing from his bypass surgery and would be returning to active politics in the next six months. Vamsi had earlier arrived at the Gannavaram airport to welcome Jagan which happens to be one of his rare public visits these days. It wasn't long before both Nani and Vamsi were absolutely invincible in their respective constituencies and had a lot of public accumulation alongside them. But neither of them possessed this political charm or public show of power today.

It was more of a formality event. Even Jagan appeared to be conversing with Vamsi, just for a brief moment before getting in his car. Notably Vamsi, who usually has this slim and trim look with dyed hair was seen in a full-grey look. The political insignificance of YSR Congress has clearly rubbed into the local following of both Nani and Vamsi, which is becoming increasingly evident with every passing day, remarked a neutral observer.

Pawan Asks If Jagan Would React The Same Way For Other Religions


AP Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan gave a strong counter to Y S Jagan Reddy over his recent sarcastic remarks on the Tirumala parakamani theft case. Speaking to the media, Pawan said that treating a temple theft like a small matter shows complete irresponsibility. Pawan questioned whether Jagan would have responded in the same light tone if a similar incident took place at a mosque or a church. He reminded that the Constitution gives equal respect to every religion and no faith should be treated with separate rules. He also said that during the previous government many irregularities were reported in Tirumala. Pawan mentioned cases such as the use of adulterated ghee and the supply of low quality clothes instead of traditional offerings. He added that several such issues surfaced over time. He confirmed that the NDA government has already ordered a full investigation into anything that may have disturbed the sacred atmosphere of Tirumala. Pawan further stated that the idea that Hindus are a majority is only a belief and not a real advantage. He said that when Hindus remain divided by caste language region and beliefs they lose unity and continue to face injustice. Pawan said that protecting Sanatana Dharma



is the responsibility of every Hindu and society must move together to ensure equal respect for all religions.


RBI Issues Public Notice To Claim Deposits From Inactive Accounts

HYDERABAD: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued a public communication through messages regarding the process for tracing and claiming unclaimed deposits lying in bank accounts that have been inactive for over 10 years. Eligible customers may still claim these funds through the prescribed process standing in their name or in the name of their family members only through the official RBI website: <https://udgam.rbi.org.in> "Cybercriminals are circulating similar messages pretending to be from the RBI or other banks," DCP Cyber Crimes V. Arvind Babu, stated in a press release on Wednesday.



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IIITH Researchers Use Math To Explain Hidden Patterns In Living Systems

HYDERABAD: Scientists use mathematical models to explain why mosquito populations surge after rain, how species disappear without warning or why ecosystems recover when a missing element is restored. At IIITH, researchers are using reaction networks and dynamical systems to study these hidden patterns in living systems. Prof. Abhishek Deshpande from the Center for Computational Natural Sciences and Bioinformatics said the reaction networks helped scientists understand chains of cause and effect. He pointed to the Yellowstone example in the United States, where wolves were reintroduced about 30 years ago after their numbers had collapsed. Elk populations had risen sharply in their absence, damaging young trees and riverbanks. Prof. Deshpande explained, "When wolves returned, the balance shifted again. It showed how one species can influence everything around it. Reaction networks help us explain why such changes unfold the way they do." One stream of his recent work focuses on dynamical systems. A study coauthored with researchers Samay Kothari and Jiaxin Jin and published in the 'SIAM Journal on Applied Dynamical Systems' demonstrated how the behaviour of one family of reaction networks can be embedded within another. The work drew from biochemical interactions such as the oxidation of uric acid in the presence of uricase. Another study with Kothari, published in the 'Journal of Mathematical Chemistry', examined endotactic networks and their ability to hold infinitely many steady states. IIITH researchers are also exploring how chemical interactions can behave like computing systems. Prof. Deshpande said this approach allows scientists to test new ways of implementing algorithms. Using chemistry to perform computation is an active direction. Reaction networks can reproduce the behaviour of Support Vector Machines and encourage us to rethink how computation itself can be represented." This work was coauthored with MS by Research student Amey Choudhary and Jiaxin Jin. Choudhary's extended study of the idea earned him the IndiaAI fellowship, which supports students working on projects with both theoretical and practical relevance. Another research thread looks at origin of life models through autocatalytic interactions. Findings published in 'Mathematical Biosciences' analysed how self-reinforcing molecular networks might persist over time. The group has also examined homeostasis, the ability of organisms to maintain stable internal conditions. Their work in the 'Journal of Mathematical Biology' explains how the structure of a network can determine whether homeostasis is possible. Prof. Deshpande said mathematical biology helps scientists uncover the rules that guide living systems. He said, "These tools let us ask why life behaves the way it does and how we can apply that understanding to medicine, conservation and technology."

High Enrolment and Low Public Spending in Telangana's Colleges

Hyderabad: A state-wide review shows Telangana with a 40 per cent Gross Enrolment Ratio in higher education and near-universal school attendance of 99 per cent in the 6-14 age group is lagging behind in many respects. More than two-thirds of its colleges operate with fewer than 500 students, while the state continues to trail in adult literacy. A report released here by the Centre for Economic and Social Studies on Wednesday pieces together district-level data, national surveys, and budget records to show the mismatch between strong enrolment growth and uneven access -- with low public spending and stark regional and social gaps. The study notes that Telangana's 15-17 age cohort has a 95 per cent attendance rate and almost half of all 18-23-year-olds are currently studying. This surge is rooted in a generational shift: the 1980s' birth cohort marked a turning point in education attainment after the earlier decades were marked by low enrolment, high dropout and widespread child labour. "But, the expansion has



created a fragmented landscape with over 2,000 colleges, around 500 standalone institutions and more than 1,000 professional and technical colleges, many of which remain small, single-disciplinary, and qualitatively uneven." At the launch of the report, Sukhadeo Thorat said higher education must impart scientific and quality knowledge. "Inequality and limited access to quality teaching continue to restrict that mission." He drew special attention to large numbers of faculty vacancies across state universities and the pressure this places on learning outcomes and student mobility. Chairing the session, Jandhyala B G Tilak said the growth in institutional numbers was undeniable, with the number of Telangana's universities increasing from fewer than seven in the 1990s to more than 40 today. But the heavy tilt towards private colleges and the state's low literacy rate compared with many others showed that

"quantitative expansion cannot hide growing inequalities," especially between wealthier households and those pushed into high private costs. Former NCPCR chair Shanta Sinha described the demand for higher education as "explosive", noting how many students now juggle part-time work and studies. She said privatisation has created an undemocratic and exclusionary environment that "leaves out those without financial support." Presenting the findings, CESS director Revathi said, "Telangana's advances since the 1980s are substantial but quality and affordability are the barriers the state must now confront." The report shows gaps across districts. Most institutions are concentrated around Hyderabad, Warangal, Hanmakonda and Khammam, leaving several regions underserved. While gender parity has been achieved and Scheduled Caste enrolment matches the state average, Scheduled Tribe enrolment remains

slightly lower. The study also raises structural issues of the dominance of small colleges, limited multidisciplinary options, governance burdens on a handful of affiliating universities and weak NAAC and NIRF performance across state institutions. Public spending: Public spending was another concern. The study found Telangana spends around 2 per cent of its GSDP on education, compared with an average of 3 per cent by many states. Education spend forms less than 15 per cent of the state budget despite Telangana having one of the highest per capita incomes in India. This gap, the report says, shifts costs onto families and increases private expenditure, even as scholarships and fee reimbursements fall short of student needs. The document also examines whether Telangana can reach the National Education Policy goal of a 50 per cent Gross Enrolment Ratio by 2035. "Progress will depend on tackling longstanding financial constraints, strengthening public institutions, addressing faculty vacancies, and ensuring equitable access across districts."

Kaloji Opens Web Options For Phase-1 Of PG Med Admissions



Hyderabad: The Kaloji Narayana Rao University of Health Sciences (KNRUHS) has announced the commencement of web options for the first phase of counselling for admissions into postgraduate medical degree and diploma courses under the Competent Authority Quota (CAQ) for the academic year 2025-26. Eligible non-service and service candidates whose certificates were verified and whose names appear in the final merit list can exercise web options from 5.30 pm on December 10 to 6 am on December 13. The counselling covers seats in government, private non-minority, minority medical col-

leges and Nims, Hyderabad. The university fee for allotted candidates is Rs 29,600, to be paid online before downloading the allotment letter. Tuition fees must be paid at the respective colleges as per government norms. Kaloji clarified that candidates who fail to exercise web options in the first phase will not be eligible in subsequent rounds. Similarly, students who receive an allotment but do not join will be barred from future phases to prevent seat blocking. Seat allotments will follow existing government orders and directions of the Supreme Court and the High Court.

Govt. Sanctions Rs.1000 Cr to Osmania University for Infra Development

Hyderabad: The State government has accorded administrative sanction for an amount of Rs.1000 crore to Osmania University for infrastructure development in Osmania University campus in Hyderabad. An order to this effect was issued by Principal Secretary to Government, N Sridhar. He said the university registrar shall take necessary action accordingly. The Osmania University, established in 1917, is the seventh oldest in India, the third oldest in south India and the first to be established in the erstwhile princely State of Hyderabad. Throughout its existence of over ten decades, it has shown remarkable progress and sustained an integrated development of all faculties. It has significantly contributed to the academic and economic development of not only the region but also of the country. Its alumni have distinguished themselves nationally and internationally in various spheres of life and are spread far and wide around the world, according to OU website. It further stated that the Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has initiated a major transformation of Osmania University with a historic investment of over Rs.1,000 crore from the Telangana government.

Study Medicine in Malaysia: Complete Guide to MBBS Programmes, Fees, and Requirements



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streaming subscriptions Technology news feed Real estate services How to Study Medicine in Malaysia: A Complete Guide for Aspiring Doctors Malaysia offers a range of MBBS programmes for aspiring doctors, but understanding the requirements, tuition fees, study duration, and university options can be overwhelming without clear guidance. Many stu-

dents have questions even before they begin their research, making it essential to have a roadmap to study medicine in Malaysia. Medical education in Malaysia follows a structured path that combines rigorous academic training with practical clinical experience. By familiarising themselves with the requirements and process, students can plan effectively and set realistic expectations for their journey to becoming fully registered doctors. Understanding Entry Requirements for Medical Studies The first step to study medicine in Malaysia is meeting the academic qualifications. Most universities require strong results in science subjects such as Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. Students from A-Levels, STPM, Foundation in Science, or other pre-university programmes are eligible to apply. Even though SPM is not used directly for MBBS admission, it serves as the foundation for entering pre-university courses that lead to medical school. Achieving strong results in SPM or equivalent qualifications is essential for students who aim to study medicine in Malaysia and succeed in a competitive environment. Choosing the Right Medical University Selecting the right medical school is crucial for anyone who wants to study medicine in Malaysia. Factors to consider include university accreditation, clinical training facilities, curriculum structure, faculty experience, and recognition by the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC). Rather than searching for the "best" university, students should focus on institutions that match their learning style, career

goals, and financial capacity. Top universities offer a combination of classroom instruction, laboratory work, and hospital rotations, all of which are essential for future medical professionals. Duration and Structure of a Medical Degree Medical programmes in Malaysia typically take five years to complete. The first two years focus on pre-clinical studies, including anatomy, physiology, and biochemistry, while the final three years involve clinical rotations in hospitals. After graduation, students must complete a two-year housemanship before being fully registered to practice medicine. Anyone planning to study medicine in Malaysia should be aware that the complete path from pre-university to full registration can take around seven years, including clinical training. Understanding the Cost of Studying Medicine Tuition fees are a major consideration for students who want to study medicine in Malaysia. Private medical schools usually charge between RM300,000 and RM600,000 for the full programme, while public universities are more affordable but have limited seats due to high competition. Additional expenses such as textbooks, lab materials, uniforms, and exam fees should also be considered. Proper financial planning or exploring scholarships can help manage these costs. Preparing for the Journey Ahead Medical school demands dedication, discipline, and a passion for helping others.



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Belgium Supreme Court clears Mehul Choksi's extradition to India in Rs 13,850-crore PNB scam

The Belgium Supreme Court has dismissed Indian fugitive diamond trader Mehul Choksi's plea challenging his extradition to India in a Rs 13,850-crore scam, CBI officials said on Tuesday. Choksi had approached Belgium's top court on October 30, challenging the October 17 order of the Antwerp Court of Appeals, which had termed India's extradition request "enforceable." The spokesperson for the Court of Cassation, Advocaat-general Henri Vand erlinden, said, "The Court of Cassation rejected the appeal. So, the decision of the Court of Appeal stands." The Antwerp court had earlier ruled that Choksi, the main accused in the Rs 13,850-crore Punjab National Bank (PNB) scam, faced "no risk" of being denied a fair trial or subjected to ill-treatment if sent back to India. On October 17, a four-member indictment chamber of the Antwerp Court of Appeals upheld an earlier order issued by the pre-trial chamber of the district court on November 29, 2024. It found no irregularity in the arrest warrants issued by a Mumbai special court in May 2018 and June 2021, ruling them "enforceable" and clearing the way for Choksi's extradition. Dismissing Choksi's appeal, the Court of Appeals held that the busi-



nessman failed to provide "concretely plausible" evidence of a "genuine risk" of torture or denial of justice. It found that the documents he submitted did not substantiate his claims of being subjected to a political trial. Choksi had claimed that the Indian system did not conform to international law. In response, Indian agencies submitted photographs of Mumbai's Arthur Road Jail, specifically Barrack No. 12—where Choksi will be held once extradited—to counter his claims that Indian prisons are overcrowded and unsafe. The 46-square-metre barrack has two cells with private toilets and basic facilities. The images were shared to refute his assertions of poor prison conditions. The agencies — the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Enforcement Directorate (ED) and Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) — had been tracking the fugitive since he fled India on January 2, 2018. The court's order noted that Choksi is not a Belgian citizen but a foreign national. He was arrested in Antwerp on April 11, 2025, at the request of Indian agencies. "The offences cited by India — including fraud, forgery, document falsification, and corruption — are also considered crimes under Belgian law. The cases registered in India fall under IPC sections 120B, 201, 409, 420, 477A and sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act, all carrying imprisonment of more

than one year," the order stated. The Belgian court also recognised equivalent offences under Articles 66, 196, 197, 213, 240, 241, 245, 246, 247 SSSS2-4, 324a-b, and 496 of the Belgian Criminal Code, covering criminal organisation, swindle, embezzlement, and forgery. Rejecting Choksi's claims of political persecution, the Court of Appeal said the offences "cannot be considered political, military or non-extraditable tax offences," adding there were "no grounds to believe that the request was made to prosecute or punish him for his race, religion, nationality or political affiliation." Choksi had also alleged he was kidnapped from Antigua by Indian agencies. The court, however, said "it cannot be inferred from the documents supplied... that he was kidnapped in Antigua on the instructions of Indian authorities." It also dismissed his claims that the Indian judiciary lacks independence and that media coverage would prevent a fair trial, calling such fears unfounded. In November 2022, Interpol had dropped the Red Corner Notice against Choksi after he claimed an attempted abduction by Indian agents in Antigua. Even without the notice, the ED — with R&AW's help — sent a request to Belgian authorities to arrest him.

Democrat wins Miami mayor's race for the first time in nearly 30 years



MIAMI: Democrat Eileen Higgins won the Miami mayor's race on Tuesday, defeating a Republican endorsed by President Donald Trump to end her party's nearly three-decade losing streak and give Democrats a boost in one of the last electoral battles ahead of the 2026 midterms. Higgins, 61, will be the first woman to lead the city of Miami. She spoke frequently in the Hispanic-majority city about Trump's immigration crackdown, saying she has heard of many people in Miami who were worried about family members being detained. She campaigned as a proud Democrat despite the race being officially nonpartisan and beat Trump-backed candidate Emilio Gonzalez, a former city manager, who said he called Higgins to congratulate her. "We are facing rhetoric from elected officials that is so dehumanizing and cruel, especially against immigrant populations," Higgins told The Associated Press after her victory

speech. "The residents of Miami were ready to be done with that." With nearly all votes counted Tuesday, Higgins led the Republican by about 19 percentage points. The local race is not predictive of what may happen at the polls next year. But it drew attention from the two major national political parties and their leaders. The victory provides Democrats with some momentum heading into a high-stakes midterm election when the GOP is looking to keep its grip in Florida, including in a Hispanic-majority district in Miami-Dade County. The area has shifted increasingly rightward politically in recent years, and the city may become the home of Trump's presidential library. "Tonight's result is yet another warning sign to Republicans that voters are fed up with their out-of-touch agenda that is raising costs," said Ken Martin, the chair of the Democratic National Committee, in a statement. Some nationally recognized Democrats

New York Mayor-Elect Zohran Mamdani To Move In \$100 Million Gracie Mansion 'For Family's Safety'

New York: New York mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani has announced that he and his wife are ready to move to the mayor's residence in Manhattan after he assumes office in January. Mamdani said the decision was made considering the family's safety and in order to fully focus on the "affordability agenda" for New Yorkers. Taking to Instagram, Mamdani wrote, "Went to the NY Botanical Garden's train show last week, and saw our new home! My wife Rama and I have made the decision to move into Gracie Mansion in January," the post read. "We will miss much about our home in Astoria. Cooking dinner side by side in our kitchen, sharing a sleepy elevator ride with our neighbours in the evening, hearing music and laughter vibrate through the walls of the apartment," Mamdani added. He further said, "This decision came down to our family's safety and the importance of dedicating all of my focus on enacting the affordability agenda New Yorkers voted for. My priority, always, is serving the people who call this city home. I will be a mayor for the line cooks on Steinway, for the children swinging at Dutch Kills Playground, for the bus riders waiting for the Q101. While I may no longer live in Astoria, Astoria will always live inside me and the work I do," he said, concluding the post. Mamdani's campaign was about affordability and housing stability. He won the mayoral election last month by a wide margin and will be the youngest New York mayor in over 100 years. Gracie Mansion boasts views of the East River from its veranda. The residence features an entertaining room with a grand fireplace, as well as a sitting and dining room adorned with wallpaper depicting Parisian gardens, where mayors can enjoy meals prepared by a full-time Gracie chef.



Two buildings Collapse Killing 19 People And Injuring 16 Others

Rabat: At least 19 people have been killed and 16 injured after two buildings collapsed in Morocco's historic Fes city, according to the state news agency, as reported by Al Jazeera. Local reports said children were also among the victims. The two four-storey buildings were located in the Al-Mustaqbal neighbourhood. As per Al Jazeera, a total of eight families were living in the buildings at the time of the collapse. Police and civil protection teams rushed to the scene, and videos on social media showed

rescue workers searching through the rubble. The injured were taken to the University Hospital Centre in Fes, the state agency said. The incident has renewed concerns over unsafe and ageing structures in Moroccan cities. In September, protests broke out over poor living conditions, poverty and lack of public services. Fes has reported similar accidents before. In February last year, five people died when a house collapsed in the city's old quarter. Across the country, building collapses have been a recurring issue. In 2016, two deadly col-

lapses within a week killed several people in Marrakesh and injured more than 20 others. A government assessment in 2023 identified over 12,000 buildings in Marrakesh and nearby regions as vulnerable, according to local media reports cited by Al Jazeera. Some officials have said many structures may have weakened further after the massive earthquakes that struck Morocco in the same year, Al Jazeera reported. Authorities are continuing rescue work and have begun investigating the cause of Wednesday's collapse.

Human Rights Day 2025: Date, Theme, Significance And All You Need To Know



Human Rights Day, observed annually on December 10th, highlights global advancements in human rights and raises awareness about various issues. As we celebrate its 76th anniversary it's significant we emphasise individual rights regardless of background and advocates for equality, dignity, and non-discrimination for all. This day celebrates progress in human rights, raises awareness of ongoing issues, and emphasises the global community's responsibility to uphold the Declaration's principles for everyone's protection and realization of rights. Human rights empower individuals and communities to envision a better future, fostering peace, equality, and sustainability. This Human Rights Day, through the cam-

paign Our Rights, Our Future, Right Now, we will showcase the practical impacts of human rights on global issues, promoting awareness, challenging misconceptions, and inspiring a revitalized global human rights movement. Human Rights Day is observed annually on December 10 to commemorate the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) on December 10, 1948.

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North Korea's ruling elite prepares for once-in-five-years party meeting

SEOUL: North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and other top officials have gathered to discuss preparations for the ruling party's first full congress in five years, state media reported Wednesday. The top-level meeting will set new priorities as the US and South Korea seek a resumption of talks with North Korea. The Korean Central News Agency reported that Kim presided over a plenary meeting of the Workers' Party's Central Committee on Tuesday. It said participants began discussing unspecified key issues related to the party congress and reviewing this year's state policies. KCNA gave no further details, but observers say the plenary meeting will likely last a few days and set an official agenda for the party congress, which is expected to be held in January or February. The congress, the



top decision-making organ of the Workers' Party, was revived by Kim in 2016 after a 36-year hiatus. Experts say Kim aimed to increase the party's authority as part of efforts to solidify his grip on power. The focus of outside attention on the congress is whether Kim will respond to US and

South Korean efforts to improve ties North Korea has steadfastly rebuffed the US and South Korea's calls to resume talks since Kim's high-stakes nuclear diplomacy with President Donald Trump collapsed in 2019, but some experts say Kim could return to talk with the US next year. In an apparent response to Trump's repeated outreach, Kim suggested in September that he could return to talks if the US drops "its delusional obsession with denuclearization" of North Korea. Meanwhile, South Korea's military said North Korea fired several artillery rounds off the North's west coast on Tuesday. Observers say the artillery launches were likely part of the North Korean military's wintertime training. Last year, Kim declared that his country was abandoning its long-standing goal of peaceful unification with South Korea.

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Microsoft unveils \$17.5 billion India plan, its biggest Asian investment yet

CHENNAI: Microsoft announced on Tuesday that it will invest US\$17.5 billion in India, the company's largest commitment in Asia to date. CEO Satya Nadella said the outlay will focus on expanding infrastructure, deepening talent development, and building "sovereign capabilities" to support what he described as India's "AI-first future." The scale of the investment signals Microsoft's confidence in India's position as one of the world's most dynamic digital markets. In an X post on Tuesday Nadella said, "Thank you, PM Narendra Modi, for an inspiring conversation on India's AI opportunity. To support the country's ambitions, Microsoft is committing \$17.5 billion—our largest investment ever in Asia—to help build the infrastructure, skills, and sovereign capabilities needed for India's AI first future." According to technology industry experts, the plan marks a decisive shift in Microsoft's India strategy. After committing \$3 billion earlier this year toward data-centre expansion, cloud capacity and skilling programmes, the new infusion represents a move from incremental growth to a long-horizon bet on India's technology ecosystem. The company is expected to channel funds into cloud and AI infrastructure, advanced data-centre builds, workforce upskilling, and potentially next-generation computing platforms. For India, the announcement arrives at a pivotal moment. With a growing tech-savvy population, accelerating digital adoption, and a nationwide drive to build AI capabilities, a capital and knowledge push from



a global major could speed up the creation of critical digital infrastructure and broaden access to high-value jobs. The investment also has the potential to cement India's emerging status as a global hub for AI, cloud services, enterprise technology and software innovation. But the scale of the commitment brings its own set of expectations. Microsoft will be under pressure to translate the investment into high-quality infrastructure and meaningful value for enterprises, startups, government platforms and millions of users. For policymakers, it raises issues of data sovereignty, regulatory clarity and whether the gains will be distributed across the wider economy rather than concentrated in major cities or a narrow corporate segment. The investment is also likely to sharpen competition in India's technology landscape. Other global players may

respond with their own expansion plans, triggering a race in data-centre construction, AI infrastructure and engineering talent. While such momentum could accelerate innovation, it may also pose challenges related to regulation, talent availability, sustainability and equitable access, say industry analysts quoted in reports. Seen broadly, Microsoft's \$17.5 billion bet positions India at the centre of the global realignment around AI and cloud technology. If the plan is backed by steady execution in infrastructure, skilling and partnership-building, it could significantly advance India's digital transformation. But the long-term impact will depend on how effectively both Microsoft and India navigate the structural and social complexities that accompany such rapid technological shifts, the analysts added.



'Two Lakh Entities Recognised As Startups By The Government': Commerce Ministry

New Delhi: Over two lakh entities have been recognised as startups by the government so far, the commerce and industry ministry said on Wednesday. Under the startup India initiative, the recognised units are eligible to avail incentives such as income tax. "As on date, a total of 2,01,335 startups has been recognised by DPIIT (department for promotion of industry and internal trade), and these start-ups have created 21 lakh plus jobs across the country," it said. It also said that actual investment of over Rs 1.88 lakh crore have been realised till June 2025 across 14 sectors under the production linked incentive scheme. It has resulted in incremental production/sales of over Rs 17 lakh crore and employment generation of over 12.3 lakh (direct and indirect), the ministry said. PLI Schemes have also witnessed exports exceeding Rs 7.5 lakh crore with significant contributions from sectors such as electronics, pharmaceuticals, telecom and networking products and food processing. On the progress of Open Network for Digital Commerce, it said ONDC has processed over 326 million orders as of October 2025. Further, in October, 18.2 million orders were processed and average daily transactions has reached about 5,90,000. On ease of doing business, the ministry said more than 47,000 compliances have been reduced as of (till November 2025). "Of these, 16,108 compliances have been simplified, 22,287 have been digitized, 4,458 have been decriminalised, and 4,270 redundant compliances have been removed," it added. Furthering these efforts, it said, the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2025, comprising 355 provisions, of which 288 are proposed for decriminalisation and 67 for amendment to enhance Ease of Living, was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 18 August 2025. It also said that over the last 11 financial years (2014-25), India attracted USD 748.38 billion in FDI, an increase of 143 per cent compared to the USD 308.38 billion received in the previous 11 years (2003-14).



Asian Development Bank Marks India's Growth Forecast For FY26 To 7.2% From 6.5% Buoyed By Recent Tax Cuts

New Delhi: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) on Wednesday upped India's growth forecast for FY26 to 7.2 per cent from 6.5 per cent driven primarily by robust domestic consumption supported by recent tax cuts. The sharp upgrade of 0.7 percentage points of the Indian economy will help Asia to grow at a faster pace of 5.1 per cent as compared to earlier projection of 4.8 per cent for 2025. India's 2025 growth projection is raised to 7.2 per cent, reflecting stronger second-quarter expansion as tax cuts supported consumption, ADB's Asian Development Outlook, December 2025 said. During the second quarter ended September, India logged a six-quarter high GDP growth of 8.2 per cent as compared to 7.8 per cent recorded in the first quarter. As a result, India has achieved 8 per cent growth rate in the first half of the current financial year. The strong growth is attributable to robust expansion of the manufacturing and services sectors on the supply side and consumption and investment on the demand side, it said. The report from Manila-based multilateral development bank, however, retained FY27 forecast at 6.5 per cent. "Following stronger-than-anticipated growth in Q3, India's 2025 growth projection is upgraded by 0.7 percentage points to 7.2 per cent, driven primarily by robust domestic consumption supported by recent tax cuts," it said.

Home Loan Balance Transfer: Smart Way To Reduce EMIs & Save More



Managing a long-term housing loan requires periodic evaluation, particularly when interest rates shift or your financial needs evolve. One option that can support long-term repayment efficiency is the home loan balance transfer—a facility that allows you to move an existing loan to another lender offering more favourable terms. If opted at the right time, a home loan balance transfer can reduce interest outflow, ease monthly instalments, and provide access to additional funds. A home loan balance transfer,

also known as home loan refinancing, enables borrowers to transfer their outstanding housing loan balance from the current lender to another lender offering improved terms. The primary reason to switch is to secure a reduced housing loan interest rate, which can lower the total interest payable. In many cases, borrowers also seek repayment flexibility or the option of a top-up loan for home renovation or similar needs. When Is a Balance Transfer Most Beneficial? Timing plays an important role in determining the overall benefit of a balance transfer. You can explore the option under the following circumstances: Reduction in Interest Rates: When prevailing lending rates are lower than those applicable when you availed of a home loan, switching lenders can help you maximise savings. Early Loan Stage: In the initial few years of repayment, the interest portion of the EMI is higher. Transferring the loan during this period can help you save more. Improved Credit Profile: If your credit score and overall financial position.

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Kirana stores' association demands govt-backed quick commerce platform

NEW DELHI: India's kirana economy — long considered the backbone of neighbourhood retail — is showing signs of deep distress as the rapid growth of e-commerce and quick-commerce platforms accelerates the closure of small grocery stores across the country. At least two lakh kirana stores shut down last year as consumers increasingly shifted to 10-30 minute delivery apps such as Blinkit, Zepto, Swiggy Instamart and e-commerce marketplaces, according to an estimate by the Federation of Retailer Associations of India (FRAI). The retailers' association held a press briefing on the 9th National Retailers Day event on Wednesday, highlighting the plight of the kirana stores. It quoted a December 2024 JP Morgan study on Mumbai's offline grocery ecosystem, which found that 60% of kirana stores reported a decline in sales volume,

attributing it directly to the mushrooming of quick-commerce dark stores and heavy discounting by online retail platforms. These figures formed the core of an urgent appeal made by the FRAI to the government, warning that the closures represent the early stages of a "systemic collapse" of India's small retail economy. FRAI, which represents over 80 lakh MSME retailers through 42 associations, said that kirana stores are facing an existential crisis as consumer behaviour shifts rapidly towards digital platforms offering steep discounts, wide assortments, and near-instant delivery — benefits that small shops cannot match. Footfall at local grocery stores has fallen sharply, with many shop owners reporting drastic drops in daily revenue. FRAI noted that deep-pocketed digital platforms have reshaped consumer expectations, leaving kiranas struggling on an "uneven playing field".

India's Total Exports Of Goods & Services Surge To A Record High Of \$418.91 Billion, Registering 5.86% Annual Hike



New Delhi: India's total exports of goods and services surged to a record high of \$418.91 billion during April–

September 2025 of the current financial year to register a 5.86 per cent annual increase as the strong momen-

tum of the previous financial year, that ended on March 31, continued into the new fiscal year, according to a year-end review released by the Commerce Ministry on Wednesday. "Remarkably, India's trade performance in the first half (H1) of FY 2025-26 is the highest ever export achievement in spite of persisting global uncertainties," the review states. The robust performance follows the country's landmark achievement of total exports of merchandise and services

scaling an all-time high of \$825.25 billion in 2024–25, reflecting a robust 6.05 per cent growth over the previous financial year. In India's services sector continued to drive India's over all export momentum, achieving a record \$387.54 billion in 2024–25, a strong 13.63 per cent growth. This upward trajectory remained firmly intact in the current fiscal year, with services exports rising to \$199.03 billion during April–September 2025, registering a 9.34 per cent increase over the

same period last year. India's merchandise exports remained steady in 2024–25 at \$437.70 billion, while non-petroleum exports surged to a historic \$374.32 billion, recording a 6.07 per cent growth. The positive trend continued in the current fiscal year, with merchandise exports rising to \$219.88 billion during April–September 2025, an increase of 2.90 per cent over the same period last year, the review further states. Key export drivers during April–September 2025 in-

clude Electronic Goods (41.94 per cent), Engineering Goods (5.35 per cent), Drugs and Pharmaceuticals (6.46 per cent), Marine products (17.4 per cent) and Rice (10.02 per cent), which collectively propelled India's strong export momentum. India's top export destinations include the US (13.34 per cent), United Arab Emirates (9.34 per cent), China (21.85 per cent), Spain (40.30 per cent), and Hong Kong (23.53 per cent), each registering robust growth during April–

September 2025 as compared to same period last year. The year marked the launch of the Government's landmark Export Promotion Mission (EPM) with a total outlay of Rs 25,060 crore for FY 2025–26 to FY 2030–31. The mission is anchored in a collaborative framework involving the Department of Commerce, Ministry of MSME, Ministry of Finance, and other key stakeholders including Financial Institutions, Export Promotion Councils, Commodity Boards.

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HEALTH

banana recipes that are light on the tummy but will energize you



Bananas are packed with healthy nutrients and the fruit can be eaten in raw form too. They will offer you a tonne of energy, improve your health, and help you train harder. Bananas are packed with vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants and taste amazing too. Here are 3 delicious ways to make the most of this yellow delight.

Kele ka Korma Recipe

Ingredients : 2 tbsp Desi ghee1 tbsp Ginger paste 50 gram Spinach1 tbsp Garlic paste1 Green apple4-6 Green chillies1/2 tbsp Coriander seeds1 tsp Cumin seeds (jeera)Fried onions 500 gram 1/2 tsp Turmeric powderSalt1 tsp White pepper powder1 tsp Red chilli powder1/2 tsp Mustard seeds250 gram Yogurt 1 cup 4 large TomatoesPotatoes (diced), medium8 Semi-raw bananas (thick slices)100 gram Corn oil (or regular cooking oil)300 gram Fresh cream

For garnish:100 gram Fresh coriander

1. Heat ghee while sautéing ginger and garlic paste.
2. Add spinach and sliced apples. Cook thoroughly after adding each spice, excluding cumin seeds, yoghurt, and browned onions.
3. In corn oil, deep fry banana slices and potato cubes.
4. After a short while, add the fried bananas to the apples and spinach along with the fried potato cubes.
5. At this point, add the tomatoes and simmer for about 15 minutes.
6. Add cream and stir in cumin before serving.
7. Add fresh coriander as a garnish.[READMORE](#)

Banana Oat bread Recipe

Ingredients : 3 Ripe bananas1 1/2 Cup Whole wheat flour1/2 cup Oatmeal flour1/3 cup Extra light virgin olive oil3/4 cup Dark brown sugar1 Egg1 tsp Vanilla essence1/4 tsp Baking soda1/2 tsp Baking powderA pinch of SaltTo garnish chopped Walnuts

1. Set the oven to 180 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. In a bowl, combine all the dry ingredients (wheat flour, oatmeal, baking powder, baking soda, salt, sugar).
3. In a bowl, combine all of the wet ingredients (Mashed ripe bananas, Egg, vanilla essence, olive oil).
4. Combine the dry ingredients with the wet ones.
5. Gently brush some olive oil on a baking pan.
6. Fill the baking pan with the batter for the banana bread. any desired nuts on top. You can use walnuts that are roughly chopped.
7. Place the baking pan in the oven and bake for 50 to 55 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center of the cake comes out clean.
8. Enjoy hot or cold.

Raw Banana Samosa Recipe : Ingredients100 gms onion,finely chopped5 gms ginger, chopped200 gms raw banana paste5 gms curry powder5 gms mustard seeds5 gms green chilli10 gms fresh coriander, chopped1 tbsp refined oil4 Phyllo sheetsSalt to taste

1. Crackle the mustard seeds in hot oil. 2. Add the onion, ginger, and garlic and cook until the onion is golden brown. 3. Combine raw banana paste, curry powder, and fresh coriander that has been chopped. Put seasoning in. 4. Cut a piece of phyllo pastry into three strips. 5. Place two tablespoons of the mixture on a strip and fold it into a triangle shape.

6 benefits of drinking 2 glasses of warm water with lemon and turmeric every morning



What does warm water with lemon juice and turmeric powder do to our body?

Imagine starting the day with a cup of golden drink that refreshes, energises, and nourishes our body from within! Drinking two glasses of warm water with lemon and turmeric every morning might just be the health boost we all need. This simple drink combines the goodness of lemon's vitamin C, turmeric's curcumin, and the hydrating effects of warm water. Here are some of the amazing benefits of this magical morning drink!

Better absorption of turmeric's powder

Turmeric contains curcumin, a compound known for its incredible anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties. However, our body doesn't absorb curcumin well on its own. Warm water helps dissolve curcumin for better absorption. For an extra boost, you can add a tiny pinch of black pepper—it enhances curcumin absorption by up to 2000%!

A stronger immune system

Lemon is packed with vitamin C, which helps strengthen your immune system. Turmeric, on the other hand, has antibacterial and antiviral properties. When combined, they create a powerful immune-boosting drink, perfect for keeping colds and flu at bay—especially during seasonal changes!

Happy and healthy digestion

If one often feels bloated or struggles with digestion, this drink could be your new best friend. Lemon stimulates digestive enzymes, while turmeric soothes the digestive

tract, reducing bloating, gas, and indigestion. Plus, warm water itself gently wakes up your digestive system, helping it function smoothly throughout the day.

Natural detoxification for a healthier you

Your liver is the body's detox superhero, and this drink gives it the support it needs. Lemon aids liver function by stimulating bile production, while turmeric enhances detox pathways.

The warm water helps flush out toxins, leaving you feeling refreshed and rejuvenated every morning.

Natural mood booster

Turmeric's curcumin has been linked to mood-enhancing properties, and the fresh aroma of lemon can be uplifting. Starting your morning with this warm, golden drink might just set a positive tone for the rest of your day!

Glowing skin from within

Want a natural glow? The antioxidants in turmeric and lemon fight free radicals, which contribute to premature aging and skin damage. Drinking this golden elixir daily may help clear your skin, reduce acne, and give you that healthy, radiant glow!

Important Things to Keep in Mind

While this drink has many benefits, results may vary for each person. If you have underlying health conditions or take medications, consult a doctor before making it a daily habit. Too much turmeric can sometimes cause digestive discomfort, so start with a small amount and see how your body reacts



Diabetes is a key risk factor for stroke

"Epidemiologic studies have shown that diabetes is a well-established risk factor for stroke," says a recent review study published in Journal of Stroke. "There are several pathophysiological mechanisms wherein diabetes leads to ischemic stroke, including large artery atherosclerosis, cerebral SVD, and cardiac embolism. Not only is the presence of diabetes associated with an increased risk of stroke, but also post-stroke outcomes are generally worse in people with diabetes than in those without diabetes," the review study adds. The study has been done by researchers from the Department of Endocrinology and Metabolism, Hadassah Medical Center, Jerusalem, Israel; Hebrew University of Jerusalem; University of Toronto; Mayo Clinic and University of L'Aquila.

How does diabetes lead to stroke?

High blood sugar stiffens the blood vessels which over time leads to fatty deposits or clots in the blood vessels. The clots narrow down the blood vessels and cut off blood supply to main organs like the brain and hence cause stroke.

In people with diabetes the risk of stroke is two times more than others

Diabetes is a highly prevalent disease and is often associated with cardiometabolic risk factors which increases the risk of stroke. Also in case of those with diabetes the post-stroke condition worsens and there is a greater risk for recurrence of stroke, studies have found.

Number of people with diabetes is increasing

As per the estimates of the International Diabetes Federation, currently 537 million adults are living with diabetes; this figure, which is already in an alarming state, is expected to grow to 643 million by 2030 and 783 million by 2045. Diabetes is associated with a high-

er risk of hemorrhagic stroke and ischemic stroke. As per studies the risk of ischemic stroke increases by 3% each year and triples in those who have had diabetes for ≥10 years, compared with those without diabetes. Hyperglycemia or the condition where blood glucose level >6.0 mmol/L (108 mg/dL) was reported in up to two-thirds of all ischemic stroke subtypes upon hospital admission, the review study found.

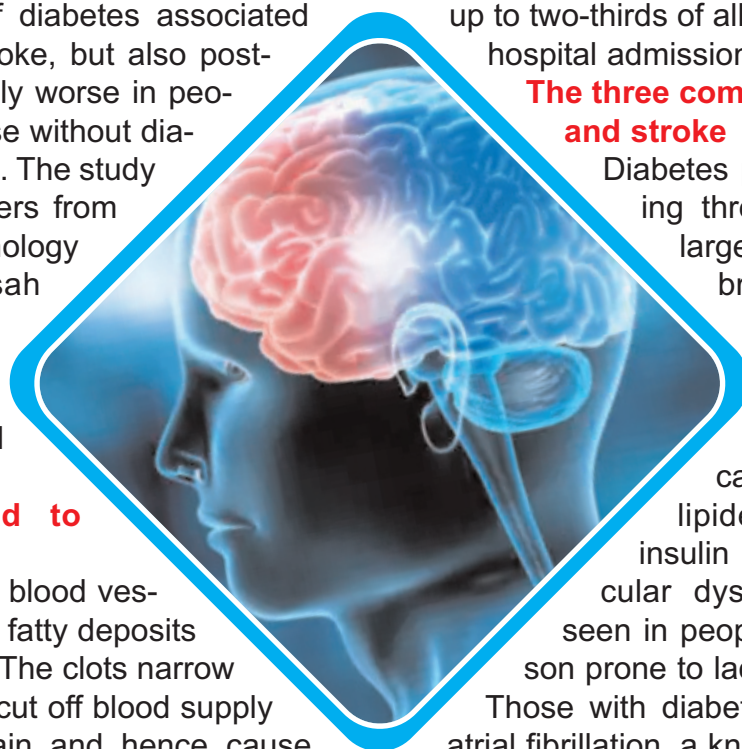
The three common issues that link diabetes and stroke

Diabetes plays an active role in influencing three common causes of stroke: large artery atherosclerosis, cerebral small vessel disease (SVD), and cardiac embolism. Large artery atherosclerosis, a leading cause of stroke, is accelerated by the physiological changes caused due to dyslipidemia, hyperglycemia, and insulin resistance. Cerebral microvascular dysfunction, which is commonly seen in people with diabetes, makes a person prone to lacunar and hemorrhagic strokes. Those with diabetes have a 35% higher risk of atrial fibrillation, a known and potential cause of cardiometabolic stroke.

Other risk factors for stroke

Apart from diabetes, the other risk factors for stroke are excessive belly fat which means when the waist size is more than 35 inches in women and 40 inches in men, high blood pressure, pre-diabetes condition, high cholesterol and tobacco consumption.

If you have diabetes then it is ideal to adopt a healthy lifestyle so that you can prevent the risk of stroke. "Lower your risk by keeping your blood glucose, blood pressure, and cholesterol on target with healthy eating, physical activity, and, if needed, medicine. And if you smoke, quit. Every step you take will help.



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WOMEN

5 surprising benefits of pumpkin seeds for hair growth you must know



BENEFITS

- It Improves prostate functions
- Useful for blood sugar control
- Natural source of Antioxidants
- Full with Zinc
- Rich source of fiber

Are you looking for a natural way to promote healthy hair growth? If so, you should consider incorporating pumpkin seeds into your diet. Pumpkin seeds are packed with essential minerals and vitamins, including zinc and biotin, which have been shown to have beneficial effects on hair growth. Here are five surprising benefits of pumpkin seeds for hair growth that you must know.

Source of Essential Vitamins and Minerals: Pumpkin seeds are a rich source of vital vitamins and minerals, including zinc, iron, magnesium, phosphorus, and biotin, which are essential for healthy hair growth. Zinc is known to help promote the production of sebum and oil in the scalp, which helps keep the hair healthy and strong. Iron helps to deliver oxygen to the scalp and hair follicles, while magnesium helps to keep the hair follicles strong and healthy. Biotin is also found in pumpkin seeds and is known to help prevent breakage and split ends.

Aids Hair Growth: Pumpkin seeds are a great source of protein, which is essential for the growth of new hair. Protein helps to rebuild damaged hair and stimulate new growth. In addition, pumpkin seeds contain healthy fatty acids such as omega-3s, which can help nourish the scalp and promote healthy hair growth.

Reduces Dandruff: Dandruff can be caused by a variety of factors, but it is often due to a lack of essential nutrients in the diet. Luckily, pumpkin seeds can help. Thanks to their high levels of zinc, pumpkin seeds can help to reduce dandruff and other scalp issues that can cause flaking and itching.

Strengthens Hair & Prevents Breakage: The high levels of zinc and biotin found in pumpkin seeds can help strengthen each individual strand by preventing breakage. The fatty acids found in pumpkin seeds can also help nourish the scalp and promote healthy hair growth.

Stimulates Hair Growth: Regularly eating pumpkin seeds may help stimulate new hair growth thanks to their high levels of zinc and magnesium. These two minerals are known to reduce inflammation in the scalp, which can improve blood circulation which is essential for healthy hair growth. Adding a handful of pumpkin seeds into your diet each day can provide you with a variety of health benefits for your hair. Not only do they provide essential vitamins and minerals, but they also have anti-inflammatory properties that can help reduce dandruff and improve circulation in the scalp for healthier-looking locks.

Can oil treat dandruff during winter? Pros and cons inside

As the temperatures drop and the air becomes drier, many people experience an increase in dandruff, making winter a particularly challenging time for hair care. Dandruff is caused by an overgrowth of yeast on the scalp, which can be exacerbated by cold, dry air and frequent changes in temperature from going indoors to outdoors. To combat dandruff during the winter months, it is crucial to maintain a regular hair-washing routine with a gentle, anti-dandruff shampoo. Additionally, incorporating a moisturizing conditioner and/or hair mask can help combat dryness and soothe the scalp. It is also important to avoid using too much heat when styling hair, as this can further dry out the scalp. Instead, opt for air-drying or using a low heat setting on hair tools. Finally, incorporating foods rich in vitamins and minerals, such as omega-3 fatty acids and zinc, into your diet can also help reduce dandruff and promote overall scalp health during the winter season. However, when it comes to applying oil to your hair during winter, it may have its pros and cons in the fight against Dandruff.

In addition, you may benefit from oiling your scalp and hair. It's helping to moisturise the scalp, which can sometimes contribute to dandruff. In addition, the application of



oil may help to loosen the flakes, making it easier to remove them while shampooing. There are some oils, like coconut oil, which also can kill yeasts that cause dandruff.

Dr Stuti Khare Shukla, M.D. Dermatologist, Founder of Elements of Aesthetics, Hair Growth Queen of India, Founder of FDA-Approved Hair Growth Booster, has told us that applying oil could make your dandruff or other skin diseases, such as dermatitis, worse. An environment with too much oil can encourage yeast growth and make dandruff worse. It's important to pick the right oil and use it sparingly, concentrating mostly on the scalp rather than soaking the hair strands. After leaving the oil on for 30 to 1 hour, use a medicated anti-dandruff shampoo

to remove it. Always consult with a doctor if you have serious dandruff problems. (It's essential to use moderate amounts of oil on your scalp. An extremely oily scalp and excessively greasy hair can draw in more dust and exacerbate dandruff. As a result, it is advised to use oils sparingly and to wash your hair thoroughly after using them to treat dandruff. The oil should not be left on the scalp for an excessive amount of time. While it's important to let the oil reach the scalp and moisturize it, leaving it on for a long time might trap dirt, bacteria, and other pollutants that may exacerbate dandruff. In conclusion, when it comes to managing dandruff, it's critical to prioritize cleanliness and seek advice from a healthcare professional.

What is beauty sleep? Know how lack of sleep can affect your appearance



Amidst our hectic everyday lives, many of us might overlook the most important aspect of our lives: Sleep. However, if we consider the repercussions of not getting enough sleep, we may discover that it can have a significant impact on our entire well-being. Did you know that persistent lack of sleep not only affects our physical health but may also have an impact on our appearance? You may have heard of 'beauty sleep', but have you ever wondered what is behind this common phrase? In this article, we will help you discover the fascinating connection between sleep and our physical appearance.

The Science of 'Beauty Sleep': According to Dr YongChiat Wong, Group Scientist, Medical & Technical Affairs, P&G Health Asia Pacific, India, Middle East, and Africa, during sleep, our body undergoes multiple essential functions such as cell tissue renewal and release of important hormones. If you are not getting quality rest,

here's how your appearance may be affected:

Impact on skin condition: A study conducted with Korean women in their 40s found that skin hydration was gradually decreased with sleep deprivation and resulted in negative changes in wrinkles and skin elasticity.

Dull and lifeless-looking skin : Have you ever noticed that after a few restless nights, your skin appears lifeless and lacks a healthy glow? A sallow or dull skin appearance is attributable to the yellow components of skin tone, which increases with sleep deprivation.

Puffy eyes and dark circles : Many of us wake up with puffy eyes or dark circles after a sleepless night. Sleep deprivation can cause blood vessels under the eyes to dilate, resulting in a bluish tinge, and fluid to build, resulting in puffiness. Unwanted under-eye bags can make you look weary, older, and less vibrant.

Stay away from blue light emit-

ting devices :

Steer clear of screens before bedtime, as the blue light they emit can diminish natural Melatonin levels responsible for sleep regulation. Instead, opt for activities like reading or listening to soothing music to unwind and prepare for sleep.

Try melatonin sleep aids: Melatonin sleep aids have gained support in India and worldwide. Incorporating melatonin supplements into one's routine helps support your nightly rest, which in turn contributes to your overall health. Melatonin, a naturally occurring body substance, plays a crucial role in regulating sleep-wake cycles. By providing a gentle nudge to this internal clock, melatonin-based supplements assist in falling asleep fast. Taking melatonin is a non-addictive nature, making melatonin a preferred choice for those seeking support for their sleep support without dependency or adverse side effects.

Observe when and what you eat: Some foods may keep you up at night. One such meal that can disrupt your sleep cycle is caffeine. Additionally, you may want to steer clear of alcoholic beverages, fatty foods, and spicy meals. It is best to eat in balance because overeating or undereating can keep you up at night. So, be mindful of when and what you eat.

Treat yourself to a relaxing bath: After comfortably warming up your body in the water, transitioning to a cooler bedroom will naturally encourage your body to fall asleep while maintaining a state of complete relaxation.

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Squash World Cup: Hosts India make perfect start

CHENNAI: Hosts India cruised past minnows Switzerland in a 4-0 drubbing in a Poll B fixture of the Squash World Cup at the Express Avenue Mall on Tuesday. Debutants Velevan Senthilkumar and Anahat Singh got off to a flier and helped set the tone for their senior colleagues Abhay Singh and Joshna Chinappa. India, bronze medallists in 2023, have assembled a well-balanced squad combining youth and experience, with Chennai locals Joshna, 39, Abhay Singh, 27, Senthilkumar, 27, joined by Delhi's teen star Anahat, 17. Up first for India on the day was Indian national champion Senthilkumar, who faced Robin Gadola. Senthilkumar had to dig deep to gain momentum and eventually win the tie. "It's a new court, of course it takes time to get used to it, but I played in this court a few weeks ago(in Indore)It was a bit familiar, but of course the weather conditions are different here (than in Indore) - it's a little warmer, so the ball was still very bouncy throughout the match." India national coach Harinder Pal Sandhu also echoed similar concerns: "The bounce is different in the first game, then from second and third game, the ball slows down a little bit. Then the front court opens up a lot. And even when you use the height, you know, ball, it's not easy to spot the ball because of light," he explained. Anahat doubled India's lead with a comprehensive 13-minute win over Celine Walser. Abhay, part of the India team that won team gold at the last Asian Games, then put the result beyond all doubt with a straight games win over Louai Hafez. In the last match of the tie, Chinappa — who won gold at the 2014 Commonwealth Games — took on 21-year-old Stella Kaufmann. India's next match is against Brazil on Thursday December 11. Results: Results: Pool A: Hong Kong, China 4-0 South Korea; Pool B: India 4-0 Switzerland; Pool D: Japan 4-0 IR Iran. Wednesday's fixtures: Australia vs Poland (10.30 am), Egypt vs Iran (1.00 pm), Brazil vs Switzerland (3.30 pm), South Africa vs Korea (6.00 pm), Malaysia vs Poland (8.30 pm).

FIBA, NBA target 2027 launch for new European club basketball league



Geneva: International basketball association (FIBA) secretary general Andreas Zagklis has said that the world basketball governing body is working with the National Basketball Association (NBA) on plans to launch a new European club competition in 2027. "I believe it will happen, but we need approvals by the respective boards of the NBA and the FIBA Central Board," Zagklis said at FIBA's annual media video conference. October 2027 is a realistic target. It is an ideal way of closing the curtain on the FIBA Basketball World Cup in Doha and moving into a new project that shapes the European club basketball landscape in a positive way," Zagklis said on Tuesday. In March, FIBA Europe and the NBA announced plans to launch a new professional men's league in Europe featuring 16 teams. NBA Europe

and Middle East managing director George Aivazoglou previously identified cities including London, Paris, Rome, Berlin, and Barcelona as potential hosts, though neither the official name nor launch date has been finalised, reports Xinhua. Zagklis stressed the competition would be a joint venture rather than a purely NBA product. "I would not call this an NBA competition because FIBA will be part of this," he said. "If you want to call it an NBA-FIBA competition, I could agree. The NBA is part of the venture." European club basketball is currently led by two top-tier competitions, the EuroLeague and the EuroCup, both operated by EuroLeague Basketball. Zagklis said he wanted to bring Europe's club competitions under a single framework. "I am not happy with the current structure, which is fragmented," he said. "My

India Ramps Up Pickleball Push As The Sport Edges Closer To Olympic Inclusion

As pickleball continues its meteoric rise globally, the possibility of seeing it one day become an Olympic sport feels increasingly realistic. The sport's rapid expansion, its universal appeal, and its rising competitive standards have positioned it as a contender for future Olympic inclusion. India, in particular, has become one of the nations leading this charge, both in terms of participation and player development. Over the last few years, the number of skilled Indian players has grown sharply, and equally notable is the improvement in their quality and competitive temperament. India's ambition is to establish itself as a global hub for pickleball talent, training and professional leagues, and this aspiration aligns with the sport's long-term Olympic vision. The push toward Olympic recognition is strengthened by platforms that raise the overall standard of competition. Initiatives like the Global Sports Pro & Challenger



League, from December 16-23 at Andheri Sports Complex, have created world-class environments where top Indian players regularly compete alongside international stars. Such exposure accelerates skill development, sharpens mental resilience, and elevates the overall level of the sport in the country. Young Indian players today find themselves learning not only from homegrown champions but also from seasoned international athletes, widening their perspective and broadening their tactical knowledge. The dream of Olympic participation becomes more tangible when backed by a solid ecosystem. This

includes committed team owners, experienced administrators, and a passionate community that sees the sport's potential. As professional opportunities expand, the talent pool deepens, and India positions itself as a nation capable of producing future medal contenders. If pickleball earns Olympic status, India's readiness, with its infrastructure, leagues, and emerging stars, will give it a strong competitive edge. With continued investment, structured training, and international exposure, India is building a foundation that could one day place its athletes on the Olympic podium.

Vishwa Samudra Open 2025: Thangaraja moves to the top with day's best 66



New Delhi: Sri Lankan N. Thangaraja moved to the top of the leaderboard after firing the second day's best score of six-under 66 at the Vishwa Samudra Open 2025 presented by Kapil Dev, an INR 2 crore event organised by the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI),

being played at the Delhi Golf Club (DGC) in New Delhi on Wednesday. Thangaraja (73-66), a three-time winner this year and currently placed fourth in the PGTI Ranking, took his 36-hole tally to five-under 139 for a two-stroke advantage over the rest of the field. Thanga thus jumped 17 spots from his overnight tied 18th. Jairaj Singh Sandhu (68-73), the first-round leader, shot a 73 in round two to drop one place to second position at three-under 141. Dhruv Sheoran (68), PGTI Order of Merit leader Yuvraj Sandhu (69), Viraj Madappa (69), and Rashid Khan (70) were all tied third at two-under 142. Five players out of a total of 125 could not complete their second round on Wednesday when play was suspended at 5:30 pm local time due to fading light. These five players are scheduled to resume their second round from 7:30 am onwards on Thursday. Round three will not commence before 8:15 am. The cut is likely to fall at eight-over 152. On another high-scoring day, forty-four-year-old N Thangaraja, who missed last week's PGTI event in Jaipur due to the floods in his native country, Sri Lanka, outshone the rest of the field with his solid tee shots, approaches, and chipping.



'It's Just Not Fair...': Tennis Star Aryna Sabalenka Makes Huge Statement On Trans Athletes Competing In Women's Sports

World No. 1 women's singles tennis player Aryna Sabalenka has weighed in on the ongoing global debate surrounding the participation of transgender athletes in women's sports. Speaking during an interview with British journalist Piers Morgan, Sabalenka addressed the complexity and sensitivity of the issue while expressing her personal perspective as an elite athlete. Sabalenka acknowledged the difficulty of the topic, calling it "a tricky question," and clarified that she holds no ill will toward transgender individuals. However, she voiced concerns about what she believes could be an inherent competitive imbalance when biologically male athletes compete in women's categories. According to her, such differences may impact fairness for women who have spent their entire careers training within the physical limits of female sport. "I have nothing to do against them," Sabalenka said during the interview. "But I feel like they still got huge advantage over the woman and I think it's just not fair to a woman to basically face like the biological man." She added that women work their whole lives to reach their peak, and having to compete against athletes she views as "biologically much stronger" creates an uneven playing field. "So for me, I don't agree with this kind of stuff in sports," she said. Sabalenka's remarks contribute to a broader international discussion that has involved athletes, governing bodies, scientists, and advocacy groups on all sides of the debate. While her comments reflect one viewpoint within the sporting community, the issue remains complex and continues to evolve as federations around the world review and refine policies aimed at balancing fairness, inclusion, and competitive integrity. As one of the most influential voices in women's tennis today, Sabalenka's stance is likely to spark fresh conversation within the sport.



Dekh Lenge Promo: Pawan's Biggest Dance Buster



Power Star Pawan Kalyan's highly anticipated mass-action entertainer, Ustaad Bhagat Singh, has already sparked curiosity with its high-octane promos. Freshly, the makers unveiled the promo for the first song, Dekh Lenge, teasing fans ahead of the full song release on the 13th of this month. Composed by rockstar Devi Sri Prasad, who is renowned for scoring chartbuster mass numbers, Dekh Lenge promises to be another energetic dance anthem. Even the promo itself is instantly addictive, with the repeated hook Ram Pam Pam adding a playful, unforgettable touch. Its unique beats and lively arrangement create a fresh, exhilarating vibe from the very first listen. The lyrics by Bhaskarabhatla are peppered with dynamic Telugu lines like Step Este, Bhookampam, hinting at a foot-tapping dance sequence that's bound to electrify the screen. Harish Shankar presents Pawan Kalyan in his most stylish avatar yet, making him appear younger and full of energy. The song has been described as Pawan Kalyan's biggest dance buster, and his performance- complete with signature hat moves- is a visual treat. Produced under the Mythri Movie Makers banner, Ustaad Bhagat Singh stars Sreeleela as the female lead, with Raashi Khanna in a pivotal role.

NTR Nephew's Comeback With Champion

Swapna Cinemas, known for its unwavering pursuit of fresh storytelling, is coming up with period sports drama, Champion, being made in collaboration with Anandi Art Creations and Concept Films. Presented by Zee Studios, directed by National Award-winning filmmaker Pradeep Advaitam, with Roshan playing the lead, the movie marks the comeback of veteran actor Kalyan Chakravarthy, son of NTR's brother N Trivikrama Rao. The actor who stepped away from the spotlight following his special appearance in Chiranjeevi's Lankeswarudu, is returning to the silver screen after an extraordinary 35-year hiatus. Swapna Cinemas had reportedly hoped to cast him as early as Yevade Subrahmanyam, but it was the emotional depth of the character in Champion that finally convinced the actor to say yes. Kalyan Chakravarthy's role as Raji Reddy adds significant weight to a film that is already generating strong buzz.



Sallagundaale From Champion: Challagaa, Haayigaa

Roshan and Ananswaraja Rajan starrer much-awaited flick Champion co-starring Nandamuri Kalyan Chakravarthy is set for release on the 25th of this month for Christmas. The team is leaving no stone unturned, with regard to promotions. Today, they came up with the second song- Sallagundaale. Mickey J Meyer once again casts his melodic spell with Sallagundaale. It's a poignant tune that gracefully blends sentiment and festivity. The song rightly shows the pain of the bride and family, ahead of the movie. While the villagers join in to make the occasion remarkable. Chandrabose's lyrics capture the beauty and bustle of a typical middle-class wedding, while Ritesh G Rao and Manisha Eerabathini's vocals fill it with warmth. Brunda Gopal Master's choreography matches the song's feeling and flow to perfection. Roshan and Ananswara Rajan adds vigour to the song with their energetic moves, while the presence of Kalyan Chakravarthy and Archana brings emotion. Sallagundaale truly lives up to its title- cool and enjoyable (Challagaa... Haayigaa), with a pleasant vibe in both the track and the visuals.



Raja Saab Sets Hype High For Uber-Cool Fresh Upcoming Track

Superstar Prabhas already dropped the first single Rebel Saab from The Raja Saab, and the thing shot past 21 million views before anyone even caught their breath. Now the team is lining up the second track, and Thaman couldn't resist teasing it. He tossed out a hint, and that alone got fans acting like the song might drop any second. On X, Thaman shared this tiny little video, barely a few seconds, almost like he recorded it in between two meetings. But it did the trick. He said Sahana Sahana will be an "uber cool melody," with Prabhas singing it to Nidhi Agerwal in the film. Soft, romantic, and a bit dreamy, tucked into a horror-action setup.

His caption had that slightly chaotic Thaman flavour, saying the song will make your "drive and hard drive tripping." Hard to tell if he meant it literally or just felt like typing it. The trailer dropped earlier and honestly, it's a rollercoaster. One moment Prabhas is being hypnotised, next moment some weird creature pops in like it forgot to knock. Then suddenly he's chatting with a spirit and treating it like family while VTV Ganesh stands there wondering what on earth is happening. And right when you think the trailer has peaked, Sanjay Dutt storms in as an exorcist-hypnotist-psychiatrist mix. It's a buffet at this point.

Neeraja Kona's Love Story With Nithiin – Radical or Regular?

Female filmmaker Neeraja Kona made her directorial debut with Telusu Kada, starring Siddhu Jonnalagadda. Billed as a radical love story, the film did not work big time and opened to criticism of her work. However, the director is taking all the criticism and prepping for her next film. During the Gulte directors' roundtable, Neeraja Kona opened up that her next film is with Nithiin. In fact, it is Nithiin who suggested Telusu Kada to Siddhu Jonnalagadda. Neeraja was always planning to do a film with Nithiin and her second film is coming alive in the combination. Nithiin is known for scoring hits with soft and relatable love stories. Films like Ishq and Gunde Jaari Gallanthainde revived his career. Later, he went on to do other love stories, which became hits. However, the films that he worked on in recent times did not bring him great results. It is time for him to up the game. If Neeraja comes up with another radical story, it may be new for Nithiin but could cause backlash. It is safe to do a regular love story



and aim to make a comeback to success. Especially after Thammudu misfired, Nithiin needs to be careful with what he is choosing and he also walked out of Yellamma. An official announcement on Nithiin-Neeraja film is expected to be out soon.

Bhagyashri Borse dazzles in dreamy lehenga

Bhagyashri Borse casts a spell of pure delight in this dreamy studio portrait, perfectly capturing the essence of "Ishq.. my fav kind of magic." Against a vibrant lilac backdrop, she glows in a breathtaking pastel lehenga set in soft sea-green and lavender hues, adorned with delicate floral embroidery, shimmering sequins, and intricate threadwork. Her long, wavy hair cascades effortlessly over one shoulder, framing a radiant smile that lights up the frame. The sheer dupatta draped gracefully around her arms adds an ethereal touch, making her look like a modern-day princess lost in the sweetest kind of love. Energetic Star Ram Pothineni starrer Andhra King Taluka is building huge momentum with the promotional campaign. The teaser, trailer and songs have built huge anticipation for the film. Popular actress Bhagyashri Borse is playing leading lady role as Mahalakshmi in the movie. The actress shared her excitement about the film in a recent press interaction. She said, "The love story in this film is very beautiful, and the emotion will connect with everyone." She plays a college-going girl, who falls in love with Sagar, played by Ram Pothineni. She emphasized that her character is crucial to the narrative. Bhagyashri talking about Ram said, "Working with Ram Pothineni was an amazing experience. He is a very energetic performer, and I believe I matched his energy. The love story and dialogues are beautiful." She further stated that the movie talks about purest form of fan emotion and praised script by director Mahesh Babu P. She further said that producers Mythri Movie Makers are highly passionate and their commitment to delivering high quality cinematic experience to audiences. Kannada Superstar Upendra is played a prominent role in the film. Andhra King Taluka hit the theatres on November 27th, on a grand scale.

