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## Voting for Lok Sabha election 2024 to be held from April 19 in 7 phases

*The results will be announced on June 4*

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On March 16, the Election Commission released the Lok Sabha poll schedule.

Voting will take place over the course of seven phases, starting on April 19 and ending on June 1. The poll panel declared that the votes would be counted on June 4.

The Election Commission stated that as soon as the schedule was announced, the Model Code of Conduct went into force. According to the CEC, there will be elections in 102



*Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar addressing the media*

constituencies in the first phase, 89 in the second, 94 in the third, 96 in the fourth, 49 in the fifth, 57 in the sixth, and 57 in the seventh.

Elections to the Arunachal Pradesh Assembly will take place on April 19, while

the elections to the Odisha Assembly will take place in four stages on May 13, May 20, May 25, and June 1.

Additionally, simultaneous by-elections for 26 Assembly constituencies will take place.

India's election will be the biggest in the world, with over 968 million people eligible to participate.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of Narendra Modi and its allies, who are aiming for a record-breaking third term in

power, are predicted to win by opinion polls.

The Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance, or INDIA, is a coalition alliance made up of more than two dozen opposition parties, including the Congress, that will challenge the BJP in this election. There are 543 elected seats in India's lower house, and any party or alliance must have at least 272 MPs in order to form a government.

In the 2019 election, the BJP, under the leadership of Mr. Modi, secured an astounding 303 out of 543 seats.

## India summons US envoy over remarks on AAP Chief

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India "strongly" reacted on March 27 to the US State Department's comments over Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's arrest, stating that states are supposed to respect other people's sovereignty and internal issues in diplomacy.

The government called for a senior US diplomat to be summoned and stated that it was unjustified to disparage the Indian court and that respecting the sovereignty of other



*Delhi Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal*

democracies was more important.

"We take strong objection to the remarks of the Spokesperson of the U.S. State Department about certain legal proceedings in India. In diplomacy, states are

expected to be respectful of the sovereignty and internal affairs of others.

This responsibility is even more so in case of fellow democracies. It could otherwise end up setting unhealthy precedents," said the Ministry of External

Affairs (MEA) in a response.

A US State Department official reaffirmed late on March 27 night that the US expects a fair, transparent, and expeditious legal procedure in Kejriwal's case—even in light of

India's objection.

When asked about the freezing of Congress's bank accounts, the spokeswoman stated that the US supports an equally just, open, and prompt legal process in that situation as well.

"We are aware of the Congress's allegations that their bank accounts have been frozen in a manner that will make it challenging to effectively campaign in the elections and we encourage fair, transparent and timely legal processes in each of these cases," said the spokesperson.

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# Biryani: an epitome of culinary elegance

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Biryani, the epitome of culinary elegance, tantalizes taste buds with its symphony of flavors and intoxicating aroma.

Mughal Empire, spanning from the 15th to the 19th century, that biryani truly came into its own, evolving within the hallowed confines of Mughlai cuisine.

Under the refined patronage

historian, documented early renditions of rice dishes predating the Mughal

The enduring influence of Mughal culinary traditions ensured the preservation of



Biryani

Originating from the vibrant tapestry of the Indian subcontinent, this regal dish weaves together fragrant basmati rice, succulent meats, and a melange of exotic spices.

Here's an enticing glimpse into the storied history of biryani, a tantalizing tale that spans centuries and continents.

Biryani, hailed as India's culinary crown jewel, boasts a rich and diverse lineage, shaped by the



Food during Mughal Empire

interplay of myriad cultures across centuries.

The saga of its origin unfolds against the backdrop of successive waves of Muslim invaders—Turks, Arabs, Persians, and Afghans—who left an indelible mark on the culinary landscape of the Indian subcontinent.

It was during the illustrious reign of the

of the Mughal emperors, cooking transcended mere sustenance to become a veritable art form, birthing legendary dishes like biryani.

While the Mughals are credited with elevating biryani to its iconic status, echoes of similar rice-based concoctions reverberate through the annals of history.

Centuries before the Mughal era, a Tamil dish known as "Oon Soru,"

This hearty fare, comprising rice, ghee, meat, and an array of spices including turmeric, coriander, pepper, and bay leaf, was crafted to fortify warriors for battle.

Even as Al-Biruni, the intrepid traveler and

is mentioned in the 2AD as a fragrant dish called Oon Soru in Tamil literature



Tamil dish - Oon Soru

epoch, it was the Islamic Persians who played a pivotal role in popularizing biryani across the Indian subcontinent.

The very name "biryani" finds its etymological roots in the Persian term

Mughal biryani recipes in regions touched by their empire.

Gradually transitioning from a regal indulgence to a ubiquitous culinary delight, the evolution of biryani in India mirrored



Nawab Wajid Ali Shah

"birian," meaning "fried before cooking," a nod to the meticulous preparation that distinguishes this culinary masterpiece.

Thus, through the confluence of cultures and centuries-old culinary traditions, biryani emerges as a testament to the enduring legacy of food fusion and innovation.

The relocation of Nawab Wajid Ali Shah by the British to Kolkata marked the genesis of Calcutta biryani.

Concurrently, the Nizams of Northern India contributed their distinct flair with Hyderabadi biryani, while the Arcot Nawabs lent their expertise to craft Arcot Nawab biryani.

the diverse palette of local tastes, reflecting a rich tapestry of regional flavors and culinary innovations.

*-by N. Deepthi, Lecturer in Journalism, Dept of Social Sciences*

## Utility Numbers

Police	100	Reservation Enquiry	1345
Fire	101	Disha	112
Ambulance	108		
Rail General Enquiry	131		

*"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."*  
— Oscar Wilde

## Financially stable candidates launch election campaign in the city

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Election fever appears to have grabbed the Port City, as some financially secure politicians who are confident in their ticket have begun campaigning with prior clearance from enforcement agencies under the model code of conduct for the 2024 general election. All 175 Assembly and 25 Lok Sabha constituencies in Andhra Pradesh will vote on May 13 as part of phase IV.



Some candidates for the Visakhapatnam parliamentary constituency, such as Botcha Jhansi Lakshmi (YSRCP) and M. Sribharat

(TDP), have already opened offices and begun touring their respective segments. According to political insiders, most candidates

have not begun their campaigns with expenses in mind, as they must cover at least 45 days (March 27 to May 10).

According to sources, several candidates, including YSRCP candidate Vasupalli Ganesh Kumar from the Visakhapatnam South segment and M.V.V. Sattyanarayana (YSRCP) from the Visakhapatnam East Assembly sector, as well as Ms. Jhansi Lakshmi and Mr. Sribharat, are able to cover the expenses.

## Collector requests coordinated actions to eradicate TB

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Tuberculosis (TB) is a condition that can be healed by taking the entire course of medication, in addition to a healthy diet and regular exercise, according to District Collector A. Mallikarjuna.

To end tuberculosis, he demanded coordinated efforts.

The District Medical and Health Department and the TB Control Society organized a joint awareness rally on March 24 (Sunday) in Visakhapatnam, which took place from the Collectorate to the Zilla



Parishad.

The Collector initiated the demonstration and took part in it. Subsequently, Dr. Mallikarjuna informed the Zilla Parishad assembly that the Visakhapatnam district had 1,200 tuberculosis patients. Periodically, the required medications were being given to them. Additionally, they were

receiving free, wholesome meals thanks to financial support from industries as part of their CSR initiatives.

Nutrition packages were being purchased at about ₹5 lakh a month. He declared that, with the backing of all relevant parties, every effort was being made to completely eradicate tuberculosis.

## Indian Navy's Vizag runway resurfacing project wrapped up ahead of schedule

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INS Dega, a cornerstone in Vizag's aviation landscape since 1999, has achieved another milestone with the early completion of its main runway resurfacing project.

The project, launched in response to the city's increased demand for aviation services, intends to improve the airfield's efficiency and safety while accommodating both domestic and international aircraft.

The runway, which extends 10,000 feet to accommodate wide-bodied aircraft, was first opened on June 15, 2007.

After being in service for over 15 years and seeing a large increase in traffic to around 75-80 movements per day, the modification became necessary.



## GVMC launches manual beach cleanup initiative for olive ridley turtles

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On Monday, March 25, GVMC Commissioner Saikant Varma said that the city's beach locations will see the implementation of conservation measures aimed at preserving the critically endangered olive ridley turtles.

The sites where turtles come ashore to breed are among those that need to be cleaned up and protected.

The beaches of the city are routinely cleaned by machines as part of the "Eco Vizag" initiative.



However, in order to assist the turtles, they chose to clean manually rather than with machinery, according to Mr. Varma.

Every year, olive ridley turtles move to coastal regions to lay their eggs, and in May, the hatchlings depart for the sea. Mr.

Varma stated, "So, we will start the manual cleaning till the end of May."

"We appeal to visitors to use the dust bins nearby, not litter the beaches, and not disturb the turtle breeding," said Mr. Varma.

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## BJP announces candidates for Andhra Pradesh

### Assembly elections

*TDP, Janasena, and BJP, the saffron party will contest six Lok Sabha and ten Assembly seats*

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Former Minister of State (MoS) Y S Sujana Chowdary and former state Health Minister K Srinivas Rao are among the 10 BJP candidates running in the 2019 Andhra Pradesh Assembly elections.

On March 27, the BJP revealed the names of its ten assembly candidates.

Sujana Chowdary, the former Minister of Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, will run for the Vijayawada West



constituency. Srinivas Rao, the former health minister in the TDP government, will run as an NDA candidate from the Kaikaluru constituency. N Eswara Rao of Etcherla will run

against P Vishnu Kumar Raju of Visakhapatnam North, P Rajarao of Araku Valley, ST, and B Roshanna of Badvel, SC. Raju is the BJP's state vice president and a former legislator.

Other candidates include C Adinarayana Reddy of Jammalamadugu, P V Parthasarathi of Adoni, and Y Satya Kumar of Dharmavaram. Kumar serves as the BJP's national secretary. As part of a seat-sharing agreement with NDA partners TDP, Janasena, and BJP, the saffron party will contest six Lok Sabha and ten Assembly seats in the southern state.

The TDP will compete for 144 Assembly and 17 Lok Sabha seats, while Janasena will run for two Lok Sabha and 21 Assembly seats.

## State records reduction in groundwater levels

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Groundwater levels in the state have declined by 2.27 metres below ground level (MBGL) this year compared to the previous year. Aside from the lack of rainfall, researchers have blamed over-exploitation of groundwater as the cause of the issue.

According to the Andhra Pradesh Water Resources Information and Management System (APWRIMS), the state reported 9.56 MBGL in February, up from 7.28 MBGL the previous year.



This year, both Rayalaseema and Coastal Andhra Pradesh districts experienced greater groundwater depletion.

The groundwater table in coastal Andhra Pradesh was 8.92 MBGL last February and 12.66 MBGL this February, with a 3.74

MBGL difference. YV Malla Reddy, an expert in groundwater studies who works for the Rural Development Trust (RDT), described the situation as worrying, saying, "In my 50 years of career, I have not witnessed such a severe hydrological drought."

## Over 5,000 sarees with Jagan Reddy's Party Label seized in Andhra

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According to a police official, the Election Commission seized 5,472 sarees in Palnadu district on March 21 that bore the ruling YSRCP label.

A flying team of the Election Commission, backed up by local police, raided a warehouse in the industrial sector here at 5:30 p.m. and busted it open to collect the sarees, according to a police official.

"Based on a tip, an Election Commission flying squad stormed the godown (warehouse) with police in



the industrial area. "They found 5,472 sarees with YSRCP label worth ₹ 33.6 lakh," the police source told PTI.

Up to 114 cartons holding 48 sarees each were confiscated. According to the official, each individual saree box carried a photograph of YSRCP chief and Andhra

Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on top. Since January 1, the Election Commission has confiscated ₹176 crore in cash, precious metals, narcotics, and other items in Andhra Pradesh ahead of the Legislative Assembly and Lok Sabha elections, excluding today's confiscation.

## Starting June 2, AP must pay rent to stay in Telangana buildings

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Andhra Pradesh will have to pay rent to Telangana to continue occupying some of the buildings and the Lake View guest house in Hyderabad, which will cease to be the common capital of both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh on June 2, 2024.

Hyderabad will not be the common capital starting June 2 — just two days before the Lok Sabha election results are announced on June 4.

According to the AP Reorganisation Act of 2014, ten years after the breakup of unified AP, the residual state of AP must vacate the buildings under its jurisdiction, as well as the Lake View guesthouse in Hyderabad, and hand them over to the Telangana government. According to official sources, the AP government formally asked a one-year delay to leave the premises, but the Telangana government reportedly turned it down.



# G O L D E N J U B I L E E

## GOLDEN JUBILEE

Golden Jubilee Morning events kickstarted at 9am with the alumni visiting the premises to register and participate in various activities made available in the main ground. The first batch of students assembled near the first block and proceeded to classroom for a mock lecture session. Subsequently the portrait of Mr. K. Phani Bhushan Rao, Founder Principal was unveiled in the presence of first batch of teachers, students and dignitaries. The Cultural programs in the main ground were started with lighting of ceremonial lamp.



*Unveiling of First Principal's portrait*



*First batch assembled at Block-1*



*First batch interacting with Founder Teachers*



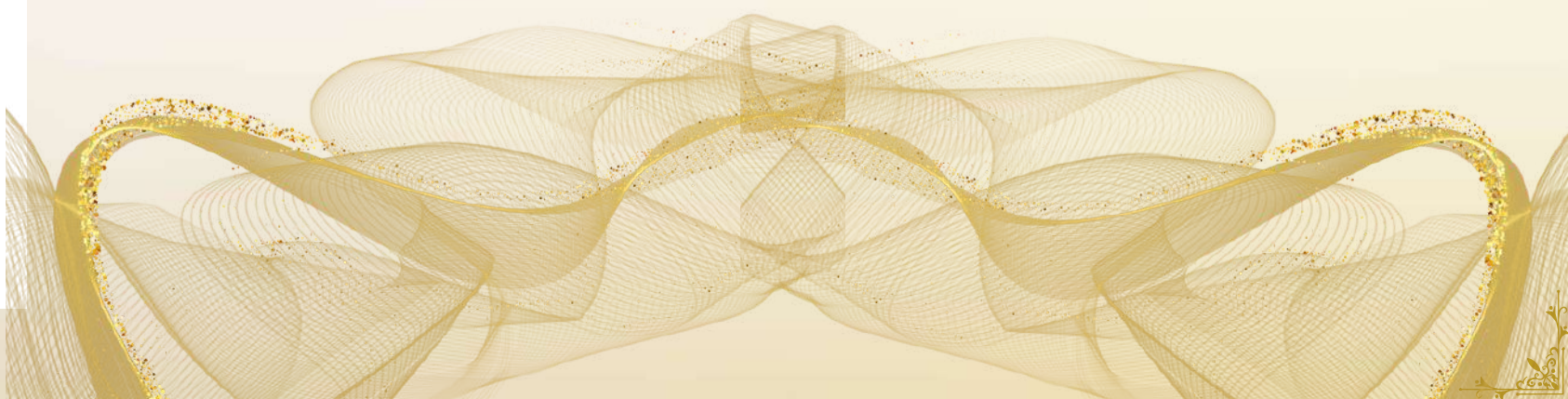
*Inauguration of cultural events*



*Help Desk & Registration*



*Stalls put up by students*



# GOLDEN JUBILEE

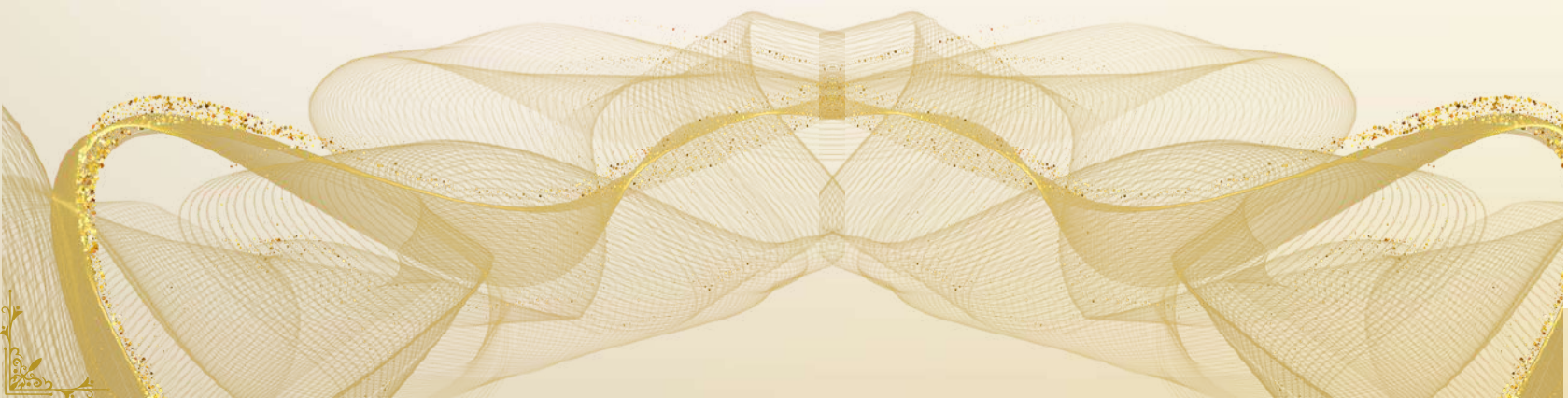
## Cultural Events

During the morning session of Golden Jubilee Celebrations the arrangements made at the main ground created a festive atmosphere and succeeded in capturing the mood and the magic of the moment. It has provided the right platform for the visiting alumni to unwind, socialize, share, communicate and rejoice, while reliving their time spent at the college with their friends of yester years.

The entire atmosphere was filled with a sense of compassion, joy, exuberance, effervescent enthusiasm and pride which was visible and infectious among the alumni who considered it as a proud moment that provided them the perfect platform for celebrating such a significant moment of their former student days.



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## GOLDEN JUBILEE

The evening session of Golden Jubilee event commenced at 4pm with inauguration of Golden Jubilee Seminar Hall, Unveiling of portraits of key founders and second batch of managing committee followed by unveiling of foundation stone to mark the Golden Jubilee Celebrations.



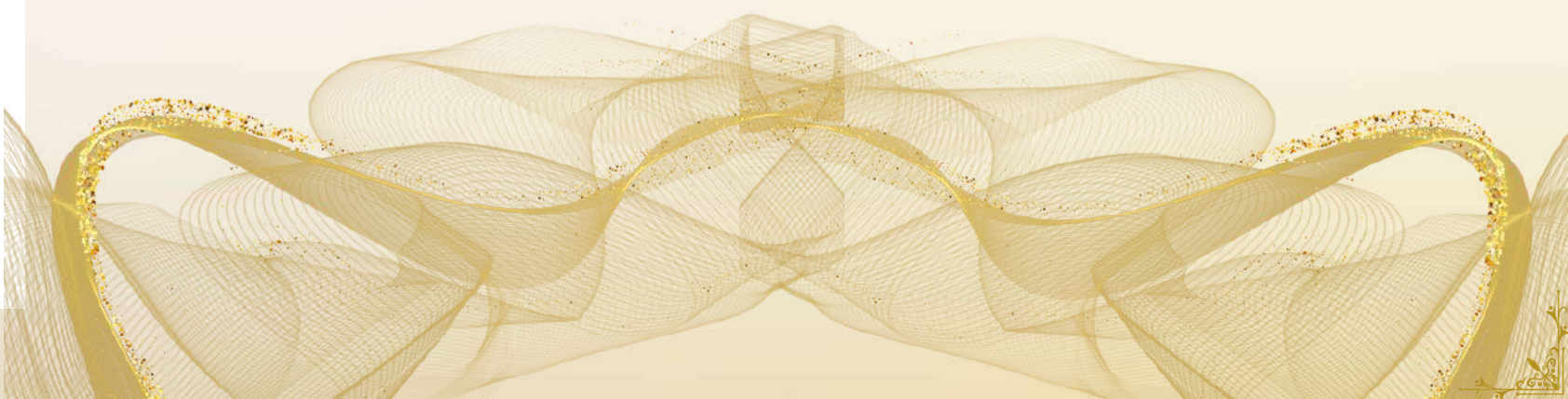
*Inauguration of Golden Jubilee Seminar Hall*



*Unveiling of Founders portraits*



*Unveiling of plaque*



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The well decked and spruced up main stage, aptly named after the first president of the college has provided the perfect setting for celebrating an occasion of such magnitude and importance. The imposing stage with backdrops acknowledging the contributions of the key founders and first teachers has clearly emphasized the commitment and conviction of the college towards acknowledging their efforts which has resulted in this momentous occasion being celebrated. The dignitaries proceeded to the stage and the event commenced with, lighting of ceremonial lamp, prayer. The celebrations on stage commenced with the felicitations of the founder teachers which was the most poignant moment of the evening



*Main Stage*



*Arrival of Founder President*



*Lighting of lamp*



*Prayer*



*Dignitaries on the dias*



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*Dr. K. Satyanarayana*



*Dr. M. Subba Rao*



*Dr. S. Indira*



*Dr. V. Krishna Kumar*



*Sri K. Purushottam*



*Sri V. Kalyana Rama Rao*



*Sri Riaz Mohammed*



*Founder Teachers with Guest of Honour*

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## GOLDEN JUBILEE

The felicitations continued with honoring the first batch of alumni (1973-76), prominent alumni who excelled in their careers and alumni who excelled in sports were felicitated. Each and every alumni who was present on the occasion was invited near the stage, their achievements were read out and were felicitated and honored by the current batch of students who offered their respects to their super seniors.



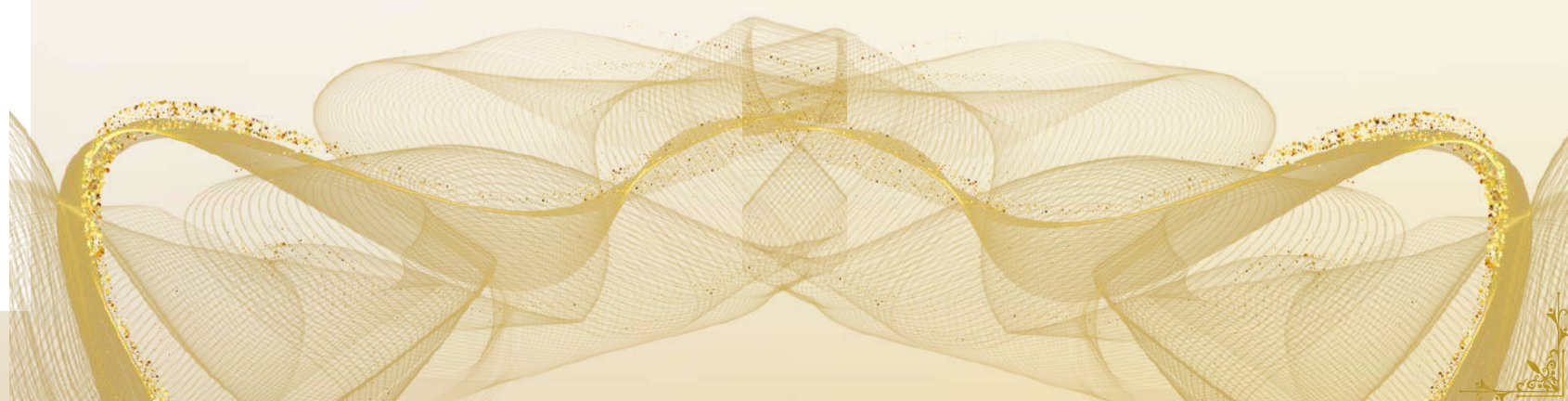
*First Batch of students felicitated*



*Prominent Alumni felicitated*



*Sports Alumni felicitated*



## GOLDEN JUBILEE

The event progressed with thanks giving speech by Dr. K. Satyanarayana representing First Batch of Teachers, this was followed by a Welcome address by Dr. G. Madhu Kumar, Secretary & Correspondent, Prof. K.C. Reddy President of the College gave his special address, subsequently Sri K. Jaya Bharath Reddy, Founder President delivered his address, Dr. B.V.R. Mohan Reddy, Chief Guest shared his thoughts on the education pattern and the changes that need to be incorporated, Justice D.V.S.S. Somayajulu and Mr. Ajay Kalam, Former CS Govt. of A.P. addressed the gathering.

### *Dignitaries addressing the crowd*



*Dr. K. Satyanarayana*



*Dr. G. Madhu Kumar*



*Prof. K.C. Reddy*



*Sri K. Jaya Bharath Reddy*



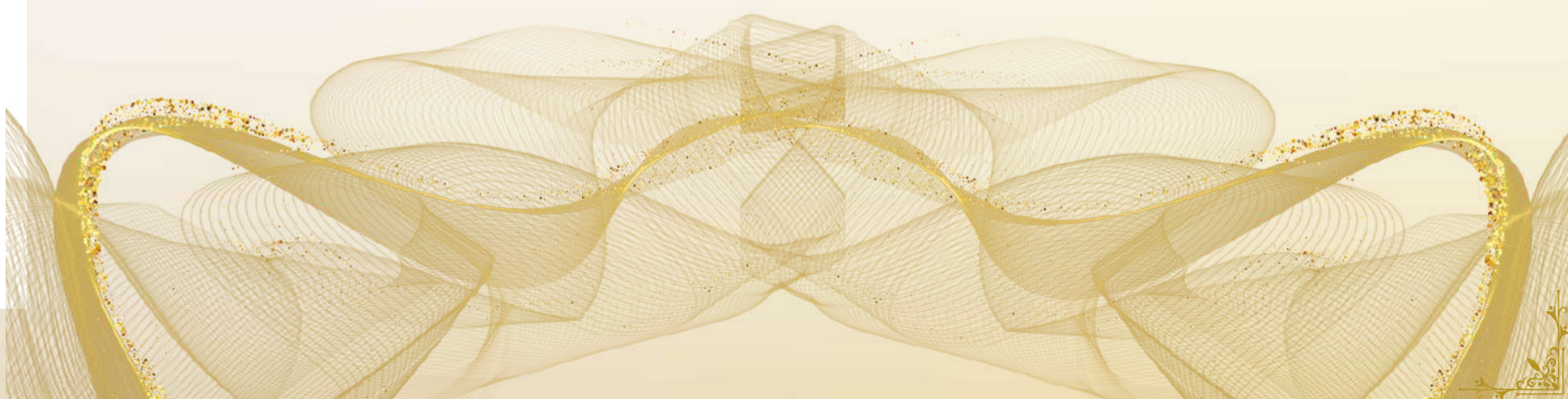
*Dr. B.V. R. Mohan Reddy*



*Justice D.V.S.S. Somayajulu*



*Sri Ajay Kalam*



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## GOLDEN JUBILEE

Felicitations for the dignitaries on the stage commenced with Sri K. Jaya Bharath Reddy, Dr. B.V.R. Mohan Reddy, Mr. Ajay Kalam, Justice DVSS Somayajulu, Mr. Dharmana Krishna Prasad.



*Felicitation of Founder President*



*Felicitation of Dr. B.V. R. Mohan Reddy*



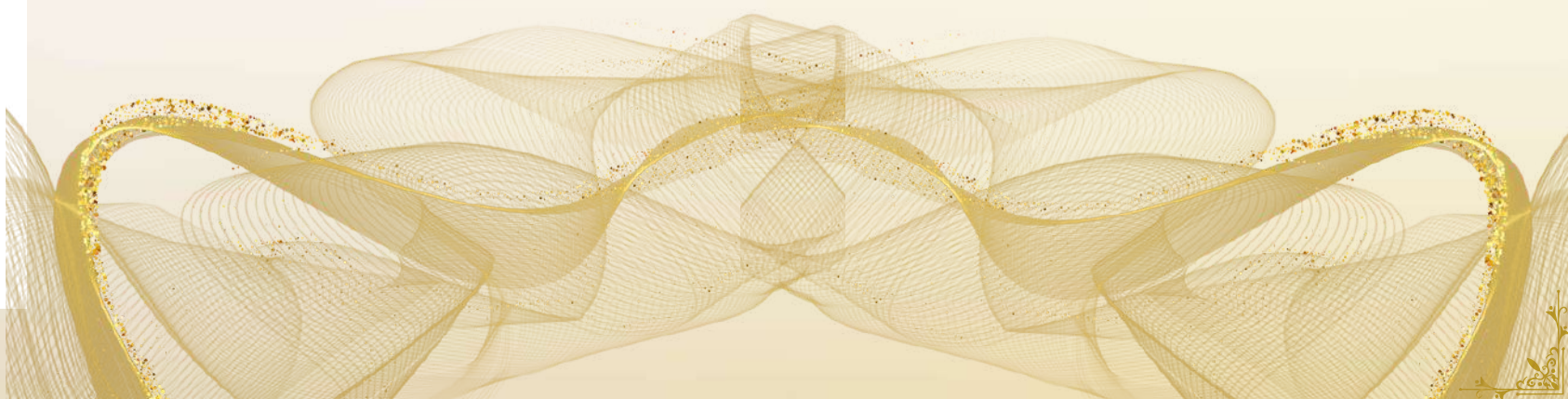
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*Felicitation of Justice D.V.S.S. Somayajulu*



*Felicitation of Dharmana Krishna Das*



## GOLDEN JUBILEE



*Vote of Thanks*



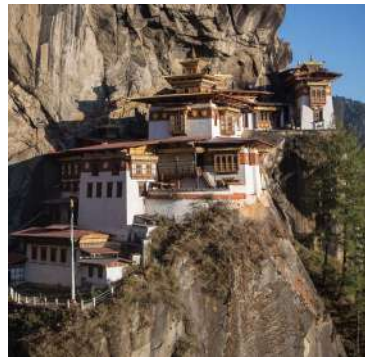
*National Anthem*

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# Bhutan's Historical Significance

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**Bhutan**, officially known as the **Kingdom of Bhutan**, is a landlocked country located in the Eastern Himalayas in South Asia. It is bordered by China to the north and India to the south, east, and west. Thimphu is its capital and largest city.



Bhutan is renowned for its stunning landscapes, including towering mountains, lush forests, and deep valleys. The country is famous for its commitment to environmental conservation and cultural preservation, which are reflected in its policy of Gross National Happiness (GNH), a development philosophy focused on the well-being and happiness of its citizens rather than solely on economic indicators.

Bhutanese culture is deeply influenced by Buddhism, and the majority of the population practices Vajrayana Buddhism.

The country is dotted with numerous monasteries, dzongs (fortress monasteries), and stupas, which are integral to Bhutanese identity and daily life.

Tourism in Bhutan is regulated through a "high-value, low-impact" policy, which aims to minimize the negative effects of tourism on the country's environment and culture while maximizing its economic benefits.

Visitors to Bhutan are required to pay a daily fee, which covers accommodation, meals, transportation, and a sustainable tourism royalty.

**Lets delve into the history of this splendid nation**

**Ancient History:** Bhutan's

ancient history is reflected in its archaeological sites, which indicate human habitation dating back over 4,000 years. These early



inhabitants were likely hunter-gatherers and later engaged in agriculture. The region's early history is also intertwined with the spread of Buddhism from neighboring Tibet and India. Guru Padmasambhava, a revered figure in Tibetan Buddhism, is credited with introducing Buddhism to Bhutan in the 8th century. Bhutan's landscape is dotted with numerous sacred sites, monasteries, and stupas, showcasing the deep spiritual and cultural significance of Buddhism in the region.

**Establishment of Monarchy:** The consolidation of power under Ngawang Namgyal, known as the Shabdrung, marked a crucial period in Bhutanese history. He unified warring factions and established a centralized government, laying the foundation for the Bhutanese state.



Ngawang Namgyal's influence extended beyond political leadership; he played a key role in shaping Bhutan's cultural and religious identity, promoting the Drukpa Kagyu school of Buddhism as the state religion. The institution of monarchy under the Shabdrungs provided stability and continuity to Bhutanese society, blending spiritual and temporal authority under a single leadership.

**Bhutan under the Shabdrungs:** The era of Shabdrung rule witnessed the construction of

numerous dzongs (fortresses), monasteries, and religious institutions that remain integral to Bhutanese identity and architecture. The Shabdrungs implemented a unique system of governance known as "dual administration," which involved the coexistence of secular and monastic authorities. This system contributed to the preservation of Bhutan's cultural



heritage and spiritual traditions. Bhutan's isolation from external influences during this period fostered the development of a distinct national identity and cultural ethos rooted in Buddhism and traditional values.

**British Influence and Treaty of Sinchula (1865):** British influence in Bhutan increased during the 19th century as a result of



British expansionism in South Asia and the Great Game rivalry with Russia. The Treaty of Sinchula delineated the southern border between British India and Bhutan, leading to the cession of territories in the Duars region to the British. This marked the beginning of Bhutan's engagement with the British colonial administration. While the treaty brought an end to hostilities between Bhutan and British India, it also exposed Bhutan to external pressures and influenced its subsequent interactions with colonial powers.

**Anglo-Bhutanese War (1864-1865):** The Anglo-Bhutanese War was a brief conflict fought between British forces and Bhutanese troops over territorial disputes and Bhutan's refusal to accept the Treaty of Sinchula. The war

resulted in Bhutan's defeat and forced the Bhutanese to sign the Treaty of Sinchula, which had significant implications for



Bhutan's territorial integrity and sovereignty. The aftermath of the war marked a period of British influence in Bhutanese affairs, as the British Resident in Bhutan exerted considerable influence over the country's internal and external policies.

**Bhutanese Reforms and Modernization (20th Century):** The early 20th century witnessed efforts by Bhutanese monarchs to modernize the country



while preserving its cultural heritage and traditional values. King Ugyen Wangchuck, the first hereditary monarch of Bhutan from the Wangchuck dynasty, initiated reforms aimed at centralizing administration, improving infrastructure, and promoting education and healthcare. These reforms laid the groundwork for Bhutan's gradual transition from a feudal society to a modern nation-state, fostering socio-economic development and improving the quality of life for its citizens.

Overall, Bhutan's history is a testament to its resilience, cultural vibrancy, and commitment to balancing tradition with progress in a rapidly changing world.

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## Cargo ship collides with bridge in Baltimore, all 22 Indian crew members unharmed

*A large portion of the 1.5 mile (2.4 km) bridge collapsed immediately*

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On March 26th, early morning, Baltimore's Francis Scott Key Bridge was struck by a cargo ship that had lost power, resulting in a terrible disaster that has left six people missing.

A cargo ship dubbed the Dali collided with Baltimore's Francis Scott Key Bridge, causing a substantial piece of it to collapse into the river.



The incident occurred around 1:30 a.m. ET while the ship was traversing the Patapsco River.

The Synergy Marine Group reports that all 22 crew members, including the two

pilots, are Indians. A large portion of the 1.5 mile (2.4 km) bridge collapsed immediately, throwing eight construction workers into the lake below.

Two people were rescued

that day, and the bodies of two more were discovered on Wednesday. The search for the remaining four people, who are all considered dead, is ongoing.

The event closed a key US port, raising concerns about the impact on global supply lines.

Investigators are looking into the cause of the crash.

The recovery of the data recorder will provide more information about how the spacecraft malfunctioned.

## China's Xi meets with US business executives in Beijing

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On March 27, Chinese President Xi Jinping met with more than a dozen US CEOs and academics as Beijing stepped up attempts to entice international investors and repair strained relations with the US.

Foreign direct investment in China has fallen in recent months as a combination of weaker growth, regulatory crackdowns, onerous national security regulations, and concerns about the country's long-term prospects have eroded trust in the world's second largest economy.



The CEOs were Cristiano Amon of Qualcomm (QCOM), Raj Subramaniam of FedEx (FDX), and Stephen Schwarzman of the Blackstone Group (BX).

According to a readout of the meeting issued by the foreign ministry, Xi encouraged US corporations to "continue to invest in China" and promised

additional measures to open the country's markets to international firms.

"China's growth prospects are bright, and we have confidence," he added, adding that the country's economy has not reached its top. Xi stated that bilateral relations had already improved since his meeting with US President Joe Biden in San Francisco in November.

**India and China hold another round of diplomatic discussions over the border dispute**

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India and China undertook yet another round of diplomatic discussions to achieve disengagement in the Ladakh sector of the Line of Actual Control (LAC), but there was no sign of a breakthrough in resolving the deadlock that began nearly four years earlier.

The 15th meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination (WMCC) on India-China Border Affairs since the impasse began in May 2020 took place in Beijing on March 27, according to a statement released by the external affairs ministry on March 28.

The statement made no mention of forward movement in resolving tensions at Demchok and Depsang, where both sides' troops are stationed near the LAC.

## Unemployment rate in India doubles among educated youth says Former CEA Kaushik Basu

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*Visakhapatnam*

Economist Kaushik Basu has commented on India's huge unemployment over the last few decades.

The former Chief Economic Advisor (CEA)'s remarks to the Government of India are concerning the India Employment Report 2024, which was issued by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Institute of Human Development (IHD).

Basu described it as a "new worry for educated youth



in India" on X (previously Twitter), stating that the proportion of unemployed youth with secondary or higher education has increased from 35.2% (2000) to 65.7% (2022). This demonstrates what cronyism and the erosion of confidence are doing." He added, "I'm optimistic ordinary people can see this

& change is coming."

According to the analysis, the proportion of unemployed young adults with at least a secondary education has nearly doubled, rising from 35.2% in 2000 to 65.7% by 2022. In addition, young people account for 83% of the total unemployed in India.



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## SRH wins by 31 runs against Mumbai Indians

*Sunrisers Hyderabad scored the highest runs in IPL history on March 27*

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Sunrisers Hyderabad scored the highest runs in IPL history on March 27 during a game against the Mumbai Indians, breaking many T20 records.

Sunrisers Hyderabad went on a rampage, scoring the highest IPL total ever with 277/3 against Mumbai Indians.

Travis Head, SRH's open-



ing batter, set the tone for their innings by scoring 62 runs off just 24 deliveries.

His blistering performance was complemented by a remarkable display by number three hitter

Abhishek Sharma, who smashed 63 runs off only 23 balls, quickly overtaking Head to earn the franchise record for the fastest fifty.

Heinrich Klaasen continued to impress, scoring 80

runs off 34 balls to remain unblemished.

What appeared to be a one-sided affair at the innings break quickly turned into a competitive match; Ishan Kishan (34 off 13 balls), Rohit Sharma (26 off 12 balls), and Naman Dhir (30 off 14 balls) all had blistering starts, while Tilak Varma also delivered a brilliant performance with a 34-ball 64.

## India loses 2026 World Cup qualification return match against Afghanistan in Guwahati

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India's hopes of qualifying for the third round of the 2026 World Cup qualifiers were dashed on March 26 when visiting Afghanistan defeated them 2-1 in a second-round Group A match at the Indira Gandhi Stadium here.

Sunil Chheri's 94th international goal, a 36th-minute penalty in his 150th appearance for the country, gave India the advantage in the first session.

However, this advantage was erased in the second half, when the Afghans rallied impressively to score



two goals and turn the tables on India.

The loss in this home game left India with only four points from four matches in the four-team Round 2 group.

While Qatar leads the group with nine points from three matches,

Afghanistan has four points from as many games but behind India due to a worse goal difference.

India still has two games to play. While overcoming Asian champions Qatar away would be challenging, it may ultimately come down to India's home game against Kuwait on June 6.

## Bopanna-Ebden reach the Miami Open semifinals

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Rohan Bopanna, an Indian tennis legend, and his Australian partner Matthew Ebden advanced to their third men's doubles semi-final this year, defeating Dutchman Sem Verbeek and Australian John-Patrick Smith at the Miami Open.

The duo, who won the Australian Open earlier this year, came back from multiple unforced errors in the opening set to win the grueling quarterfinal 3-6 7-6 (4) 10-7.

Their road to the semi-finals was marked by a hard-fought victory over the Dutch team of Sem Verbeek and Australian John-Patrick Smith.

Despite enduring struggles in the first set, Bopanna and Ebden won with a score of 3-6, 7-6(4), 10-7.

This victory is noteworthy for Bopanna, 44, who is now ranked second in the world in doubles.



## Ukraine, Georgia, and Poland qualify for Euro 2024 following late drama in qualifying playoffs

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The 24-nation Euro 2024 field was cemented in a blaze of excitement on March 26, when Ukraine, Georgia, and Poland secured their spots with thrilling playoff victories.

These victories not only confirmed their participation in the famous tournament, but also added a stronger eastern European presence to the event, which begins on June 14 in Germany.

In a moving moment for Ukraine, Mykhailo Mudryk's late goal in the



84th minute drove his team to a 2-1 victory over Iceland.

Due to security concerns about the ongoing conflict with Russia, the match was played in neutral Poland, where Mudryk's sweeping low shot sealed Ukraine's second consecutive playoff comeback triumph.

Meanwhile, Georgia made

European football history when star attacker Khvicha Kvaratskhelia led his team to their first major tournament appearance at Euro 2024.

Poland completed the triumphant trio by defeating Wales 5-4 in a penalty shootout.