

Union Home Minister Amit Shah should be sacked and his membership of Parliament revoked

► Amit Shah should immediately apologize to all the people of the country

Sangareddy District December 19 : Union Home Minister Amit Shah condemned the inappropriate comments made by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on Ambedkar in the Rajya Sabha in Sangareddy District Center under the auspices of Social Public Associations. A protest rally was held from IB to New Bus Stand, holding Ambedkar's photos and carrying placards, from IB to New Bus Stand, demanding that the Government of India remove him from office and cancel the membership of the Parliament. Amit Shah, who is serving as the Home Minister after taking oath on the Constitution of India, said that

the entire Rajya Sabha condemns the inappropriate comments made by the Mahaneyu on the Constitution maker Dr. BR Ambedkar. Ambedkar has dedicated his life for the downtrodden and it is not right to speak inappropriately against such a great person, while the BJP has been paying tributes to Ambedkar from the beginning. He said that they are trying to destroy the Constitution of India and they are trying to replace the Constitution with Manuwad. Dr. BR Ambedkar demanded that Amit Shah apologize to all the people of the country for insulting him and immediately remove Amit Shah from

the post of Home Minister. BC Association National General Secretary Biraya Yadav Ashok Eminent Advocate Rama Rao SC ST Monitoring Committee Members Immayya Chandrasekhar Advocate Lakshmi spoke. In this program leaders of Dalit Social Public Associations All India Ambedkar Youth Association District Honorary President B Ashok Senior Leaders Anantiah, Ramulu Lakshmaiah Jaipal Naik Rajender Naik Former Sarpanch Sagar Nagaraj Prabhudas Praveen Pawan Baswaraj Nagesh Dasu Krishna Balraj Dattu Uday Yadagiri Sagar Suresh Suresh Naik Akhil and others participated.



TNGOS district president Md.Javid Ali paid tribute to Ambedkar

Sangareddy District. December 19 : Dr. BR Ambedkar, the founder of Constitution of India, was commemorated by garlanding the statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in Sangareddy District Center under the leadership of TNGVOS District President M.D. Javid Ali. M.D. Javid Ali spoke on this occasion, Ambedkar said that India has made great progress in all fields in the last 75 years due to the constitution written by Ambedkar and has given equal rights to all the people of the country. He praised the Indian Constitution as the reason why everyone is united regardless of caste and religion. He said that all the people of India believed in Babasaheb's doctrine and will always remember Ambedkar. In this program, district associate presidents Kasini Srikanth, P. Venkata Reddy,



treasurer G. Srinivas, Nirmala Rajakumari, MD. Gous Hashmi, Shakeel, Badri Prasad, Shankaraiah, Mujahid and others participated.

Road safety awareness for poor drivers and vehicle owners

Pragati Express/Shankar Palli : In view of the recent incidents, Shankarpally Police and RTO officials have come together to create awareness among the drivers and owners of private buses in Shankarpally at Shankarpally Police Station. Especially when private vehicles and taxi plate vehicles belonging to other states come into Telangana state, the drivers here take the law into their own hands and stop the vehicles from neighboring states causing trouble to the passengers. Kondapur MVIK said that it is a crime under the law and if any



such incidents come to their notice they should inform the concerned RTO officials who will catch them at the RTO checkpoints near the interstate borders and fine them as per law. Sunita informed. Shankar Pally Police Station CI K Srinivas Goud has informed that those who stop the buses and cause trouble to the passengers will be registered and investigated and strict action will be taken against them.

Amit Shah should be sacked

► BC Welfare Association National General Secretary Biraya Yadav

Sangareddy District December 19 : Sangareddy- National General Secretary of BC Welfare Association Biraya Yadav has demanded that Union Home Minister Amit Shah should apologize to the country for insulting Constitution maker Dr. Ambedkar in Parliament. On this occasion, a rally was organized with the Dalit Bahujan Sanghas in District Center Sangareddy and Rastaroku was held at the new bus stand. On this occasion, Birayya Yadav said that how much interest does the BJP have in the RSS, and demanded that Amit Shah, who insulted the constitution in the full house, should resign as he is unfit to continue in the post. Dalit community



leaders Bindla Ashok, Rama Rao, Anantiah, Lakshya, Jaipal Naik, Rajender Naik, Anwar, Pawan, Srikanth, Akhil Dalit Bahujan leaders participated in this program.

PICTALK

The Publication Department of APJ Abdul Kalam Welfare Society, Hyderabad, informs that a three-day exhibition of international currency notes, coins, and rare items, stamps, paintings will be held in the historic city of Hyderabad Deccan on 23, 24, 25 December 2024 from 9 am to 7 pm. The venue will be opposite Urdu House, Asri Hospital, Mughalpur, Hyderabad, in which the exhibition of rare items from international currency notes of previous periods to national ones has been organized by Dr. APG Abdul Kalam Welfare Society. The spokesperson of the society, Mr. Syed Khwaja Qadirullah Qadri, has requested all the gentlemen to participate in this occasion. Admission will be free.



For more information and details, you can contact the Secretary of the Society, Mr. Abdul Hai, Chief Engineer, on the phone number 850021230. The exhibition will be inaugurated on 23 December, in which the special guest will be a notable guest. Mir Zulfikar Ali, Member of Assembly, Char Minar constituency, Ms. Nasreen Sultana,

Corporator, Mughalpur, Mr. Kazim Hussain Khan, President, Primary Majlis Ittehadul Muslimeen, and others will also participate. Today, Kazim Hussain Khan was laid to rest by the society at the hands of Mr. Dr. Samad Usmani. On this occasion, Qari Sultan Mirza, Secretary, Congress Party, and others were also present.



TNGS Central Union, President Maram Jagadeeswar and General Secretary Dr. S. M. Hussain (Mujeeb) on the orders of Hyderabad District President Mr. S. Telangana Gazetted Officers Association President Sri. Eluru Srinivasa Rao, General Secretary A. Satyanarayana, Central Association President Maram Jagadeshwar, General Secretary Dr. Mujib started. Hyderabad District President of Gazetted Officers Association Mr. M.B. Krishna Yadav, Kendra Sangha Associate President Kas-

turi Venkat, Leaders Muhammad Nazir, Boligidda Shankar, Rangareddy President Sri. Laxman, City Unit Secretary Harikrishna, Former Secretary G. Prabhakar, Former Member Smt. Janaki, special guests Smt. Seema Mujeeb participated. Among the women's sports competitions held today were caroms, chess and shuttle. As part of the Swaminathan Cricket Memorial Tournament, on the third day, CRO team over the dental team, DEO team over the irrigation team, Hyderabad Youth

Force team over the stamps registration, CTO over the IG team. Team, Agriculture University team won against Excise team, Central Central Library team won against Gandhi Hospital team. Hyderabad district members KR Raj Kumar, Kurradi Srinivas, Khalid Ahmed, Vaidik Shastra, Mukeem Qureshi, Sridhar Naidu, Geeta Singh, Sujata and Mohammad Waheed participated in the programme. Meal facilities were provided to all the employees who attended the sports competition program.

PICTALK

Sangareddy District. December 19: V. Srinivas Reddy nominated for the 6th time from NNR Group on behalf of Workers Union Register No. 1 in VST Parishram at the Labor Office at the Collectorate... On this occasion, VSR said that they have won the last 5 times in the VST industry and have nominated for the 6th time. We have been winning in the VST industry for the past 5 years, he said. He said that all the workers should vote for the lion symbol and win their union which works for the welfare of the workers by solving



the problems of the workers. General Secretary Prabhakar Vice President Sylvester Babi, Deputy General Secretary Ravi Yadav and members

Madhusudan. Krishna Srinivas Harthik Madhu Ravinder Reddy Shankar Madhusudan and others participated in the nomination program...

Inspections on RMP First Aid Centers in Nawabuppet Mandal

► Two first aid centers are under siege income strata.
► Warning for two more clinics
► Nawabuppet Mandal Medical Officer Dr. Rohit

Pragati Express Vikarabad : Nawabuppet Mandal Medical Officer Dr. Rohit conducted surprise inspections on first aid centers in Nawabuppet mandal center as per the orders of District Medical Officer (DMHO). On this occasion, Dr. Rohit, Medical Officer of Nawabuppet Primary Health Center said... According to the orders of DMHO, the hospitals in the mandal center and within the limits were inspected on Thursday. He said that after checking the three hospitals in

Nawabuppet mandal centre, one of them, Rukmini, was identified as a first aid centre. He said that Rukmini First Aid Center was seized by treating an MBBS doctor instead of the treatment that should be done in the first aid center. He said that it is not okay to give glucose to patients without any permission and to give treatment to small children in the first aid center without permission. It is not correct to add glucose as per will. He said that the absence of a pharma-

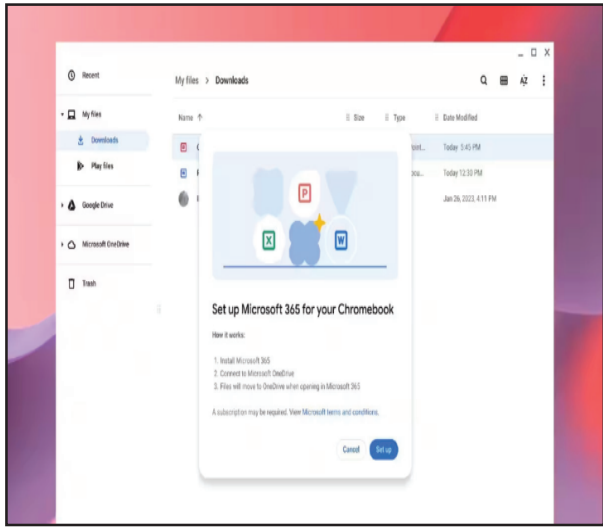
cist even to give tablets to the patients during the inspection was done by the RMP. Also, a person named Kumar, who has been providing first aid in a setter for the last five years in Phul Mamidi village under the mandal, said that while he was doing medical treatment in the name of medicine, he was identified as Pake RMP and seized. When a person named Kumar was asked to show the medical certificate, he said that he did not have any certificate, and as a fake RMP was found, he said that the center had seized the medicine required for his treatment without his permission. He said that two more hospitals in Nawabuppet mandal center have been alerted. He said that if the certificate is in one's name, it is not right to



provide medical treatment to another. He said that if the certificate required for medical treatment is in their name, they should do it. He warned that if a person without

any certificate practices medicine, legal action will be taken. Community Health Officer Rafiq and others participated in this surprise inspection.

Google's ChromeOS to get Microsoft 365 support later this year



Google today announced that it is planning to add support for Microsoft 365 to ChromeOS later this year. The move will make it easier for users to download and install Microsoft 365's suite of apps, which includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Teams and Outlook among others, and open files easily. The company also said that it will be bringing support for Microsoft OneDrive to ChromeOS later this year. Also Read - How to erase and reset your

iPhone in simple steps As of now Chromebook users can access Microsoft 365's suite of apps and Microsoft OneDrive as Progressive Web Apps. But obviously, they lack the integration and support that is offered by the native apps. But this is about to change soon as Google is working on functionality that will enable Chromebook users to download native Microsoft 365 apps and Microsoft OneDrive on their ChromeOS-powered laptops. Also Read - Electric

vehicles may get cheaper as centre announces custom duty exemption on batteries "Today, users of Microsoft 365 and OneDrive software can use the Progressive Web App (Installable here) for their Microsoft Word, PowerPoint or Excel needs. To further help these users, we will have a new integration later this year on ChromeOS, making it easier to install the app and open files," Google wrote on its support page. Also Read - Made in India TVs to get cheaper as govt cuts custom duty on key parts by 2.5 percent In the support page, the company also wrote that in addition to enabling users download Microsoft 365 apps and Microsoft OneDrive app, it will also users a guided setup experience that takes them through the process of installing the Microsoft 365 web app and "connecting Microsoft OneDrive to their Chromebook Files

app." This will enable users to move their files to Microsoft OneDrive when opening them in the Microsoft 365 app. "Users will be offered a guided setup experience that takes them through the process of installing the Microsoft 365 web app and connecting Microsoft OneDrive to their Chromebook Files app," the company added. Furthermore, the company said that users in its Dev and Beta channels will be able to test the implementation even earlier, before the full launch. Today announcement marks a rare step wherein Google has collaborated with Microsoft outside of its Chromium engine that powers Microsoft's Edge web browser. The company is not only allowing users to install Microsoft's apps on ChromeOS but it is also enabling them to switch from its own cloud storage to Microsoft's cloud storage.

OpenAI Makes ChatGPT Available for Companies to Integrate in Apps



OpenAI is making its ChatGPT tool available to companies to incorporate into their own apps as it seeks commercial uses for the wildly popular chatbot. The company, which introduced ChatGPT to the public in November, is now offering paid access for businesses and developers who want to use the software's ability to answer questions and generate text in their own applications and products. Customers will be able to hook their apps into ChatGPT's application programming interface, giving them the same version of the GPT 3.5 model that OpenAI itself uses at a cost 10 times lower than OpenAI's existing models. Instacart, Shopify and Snap are among companies already using the ChatGPT API in their products, San Francisco-based OpenAI said in a blog post on Wednesday. While OpenAI has g-

nerated huge public interest in the best-known artificial intelligence systems of the past year — ChatGPT, which creates text, and image generator DALL-E — the company also needs to figure out how to accelerate revenue growth and pay for the huge cloud-computing bills these massive AI models rack up. In January, OpenAI negotiated an expansion of Microsoft Corp.'s investment in the company, adding a reported \$10 billion (nearly Rs. 82,400 crore). Last month, OpenAI started a waitlist for companies and developers who want to use ChatGPT in their own apps and is selling a premium version to individuals. The AI research company acknowledged that ChatGPT has gone down too often recently and said it will prioritize companies and users running public applications on platform. "For the past two months our uptime has not met

our own expectations nor that of our users," OpenAI wrote. "Our engineering team's top priority is now stability of production use-cases." Instacart, the US's largest online grocery-delivery company, will add ChatGPT to its shopping app, blending it with Instacart's own AI and catalog of available products. Customers will be able to ask the app to do things like suggest healthy options for kids and give instructions for how to make great fish tacos, the company said. Shopify will also use the chatbot for its consumer app — when shoppers search for

a product, ChatGPT will offer recommendations. Quizlet, an electronic learning tools company, is building an AI tutoring experience where ChatGPT's question and answer style is used to replicate the Socratic method, said Chief Executive Officer Lex Bayer. For foreign language learning, ChatGPT can also make up a story in the language being studied and test reading comprehension, or take a vocabulary list and turn it into a paragraph. It's a use for the chatbot that might be more welcome to teachers, who have mostly been focused on concerns stu-

Apple HomePod (2nd Gen) Review: More Capable Than It Looks

The Apple HomePod range of smart speakers may not be the obvious choice in the category for many buyers, because of its very obvious ecosystem-based optimizations. However, those who are suitably invested in Apple's hardware will see some benefit to this, particularly the ease with which the smart speaker is able to link and work with other Apple devices. The original HomePod was launched globally in 2018, and five years later it finally sees a successor which promises better features and performance. Priced at Rs. 32,900, the Apple HomePod (2nd Gen) is said to be smarter, better equipped to work with IoT devices, and can also tell you the room



temperature and humidity. It's also considerably larger and more capable than the HomePod mini (Review), the other Apple smart speaker that you can buy right now. Should you buy the Apple HomePod (2nd Gen)? Find out in this review. apple homepod 2nd gen review main2 Apple The Apple HomePod (2nd Gen) is a bit smaller and lighter than its predecessor PauseUnmute Fullscreen Apple Home-

Pod (2nd Gen) design and features After the original HomePod was officially discontinued in 2021, the only smart speaker from Apple has been the HomePod mini — until now. The Apple HomePod (2nd Gen) is bigger and much more capable than the HomePod mini, although there are some reductions in specifications and potential capabilities when compared to the original HomePod. Apple

HomePod mini Review Visually though, the new smart speaker is nearly identical to its predecessor, save for small differences in the dimensions and weight. The Apple HomePod (2nd Gen) is available in two colours, black and white, with a fabric-wrapped exterior and light-up touch-sensitive panel at the top. Personally, I'd recommend the black colour option, based on my experience with the white HomePod mini in India, and how quickly it caught grime and started to look a bit dirty. Another big change in the design is the cable on the Apple HomePod (2nd Gen). Unlike its predecessor, the power cable is detachable on the new smart speaker, although it retains its dis-

cret design that covers the socket entirely and gives it the appearance of being fixed in place. In addition to the cable and the speaker itself, the sales package only has the documentation for the speaker. As before, there are no physical buttons on the HomePod, with the touch-sensitive top panel providing some physical controls for volume, playback, and invoking Siri. It also provides light-based cues for when the smart speaker is in operation, listening for commands after the 'Hey Siri' wake phrase, or processing a voice command to act on it. Sonos One (Gen 2) Smart Wi-Fi Speaker Review Of course, the only way to switch the speaker off is by unplugging it entire-

OnePlus 11 launched with LTPO 3.0 display, Hasselblad cameras



OnePlus on Wednesday launched the OnePlus 11 in China. The device comes with a new design on the back having a circular camera island. It has a new chip, the Snapdragon 8 Gen 2, and it features 100W fast charging. Also Read - OnePlus Buds Pro 2 with 39 hours of battery life launched: Price, specifications The OnePlus 11 comes in the premium segment roughly priced under Rs 60,000. Also Read - OnePlus 10 series, OnePlus 8 and more are compatible

for 5G network in India OnePlus 11 price, colors, availability The OnePlus 11 is priced at CNY 3,999 (Rs 48,100) for the 12GB + 256GB variant. It costs CNY 4,399 (Rs 52,900) for the 16GB + 256GB variant and CNY 4899 (Rs 58,900) for the 16GB + 512GB variant. Also Read - OnePlus 11 to launch today: How to watch the live stream, what to expect Now that the China launch is done, OnePlus will focus on the global markets including India. The India launch is

scheduled for February 7 at 7:30 PM. OnePlus 11 specifications The OnePlus 11 comes with a 6.7-inch punch-hole display with a Quad-HD+ resolution of 3216 x 1440 pixels. It is a Samsung E4 AMOLED panel with LTPO 3.0 support. It has up to 120Hz refresh rate, 10-bit color depth, and Dolby Vision certification. It has Corning Gorilla Glass protection, 1300 nits of peak brightness, and 525 PPI pixel density. The device has an in-display fingerprint scanner offering added security. As for the cameras, the device has a triple rear camera system branded by Hasselblad. This time around, OnePlus has gone with a circular camera island as opposed to the squarish camera island of the One-

MWC 2023: Qualcomm to ship Apple-chip competitor in 2024



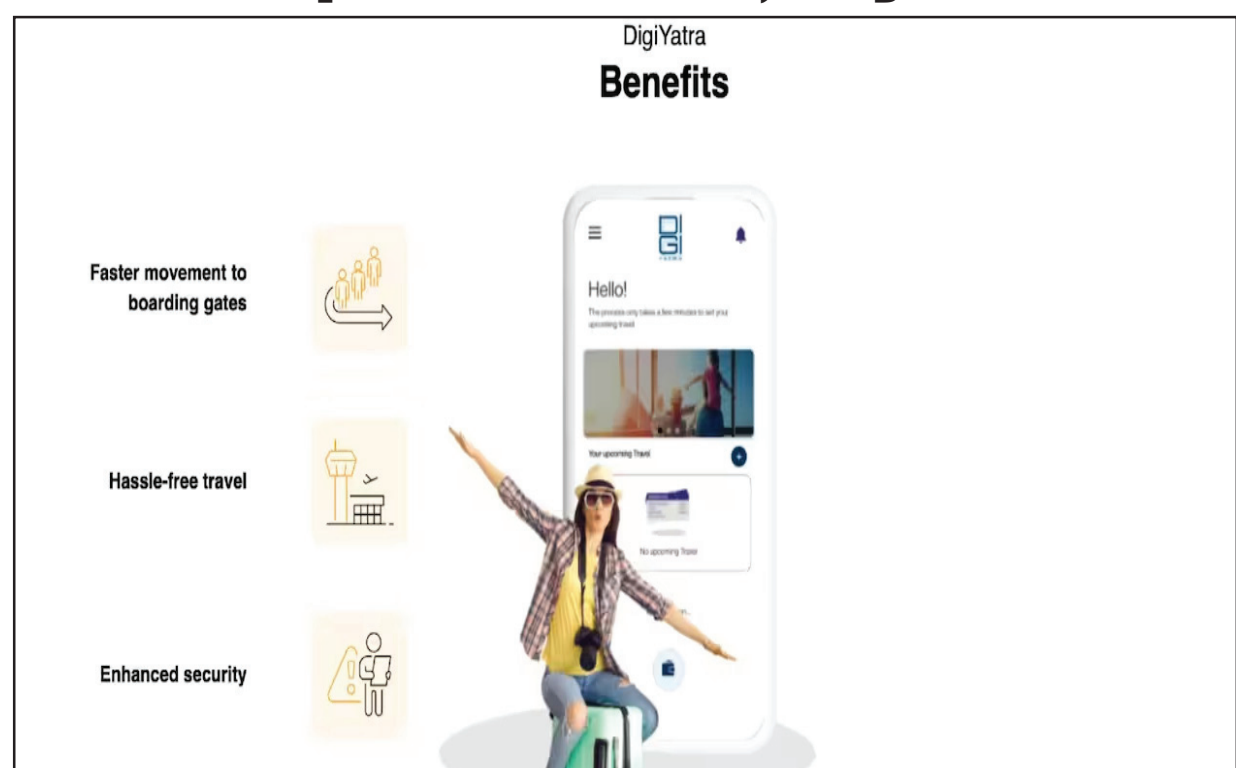
Chip-maker Qualcomm will ship its Apple Silicon-competing chip next year. At Mobile World Congress (MWC) 2023, Qualcomm CEO and President Cristiano Amon revealed that Apple will produce its own 5G modems in the iPhone 16, reports AppleInsider, citing sources. Also Read - Apple sup-

plier Foxlink halts production at Indian facility in Andhra Pradesh after massive fire Qualcomm announces to launch Apple-chip competitor soon "Our SoC and custom CPUs, you should think of it as an Apple compete for the Microsoft ecosystem," Amon said. Also Read - Qualcomm Snapdragon satellite tech

announced to release for most smartphones When asked when the new chip was coming, Amon said: "We probably will see some devices that may get announced in 2023." Also Read - Apple MR headset reportedly delayed due to software bugs "Most likely you're going to see a number of announcements at CES in 2024," he added. In November 2021, the chip-maker had talked about making a competitor to then Apple's M1 series of processors. However, the iPhone maker has since released the M2 range, and according to multiple rumours it will have an M3 in a Mac by the end of this year, the report said. Last month, it was reported that Qualcomm was developing a new chipset that will compete against Apple's M-series processors.

DigiYatra Facility to Be Available for All Passengers at IGI Airport Terminal 2, 3 by March End

Delhi airport operator DIAL on Wednesday said facial recognition technology-based DigiYatra facility will be available for passengers at all entry and boarding gates of Terminal 2 and 3 by the end of March. The DigiYatra facility at entry gates of Terminal 1 of the airport is likely to be operational from April. The Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) in the national capital, operated by the Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL), is the country's largest airport and has three terminals. In the first phase, the DigiYatra facility was introduced at three airports — Delhi, Bengaluru and Varanasi — on December 1, 2022. "At present, around 2,500 passengers are using DigiYatra at Delhi Airport's Terminal 3 every day. "After the instal-



lation of all the DigiYatra infrastructure at Terminal 3 and Terminal 2, around 40 percent of the daily domestic travellers will be able to get seamless entry into the terminal, security check area, and boarding gates," DIAL

said in a release. With the use of DigiYatra, DIAL said passengers will be able to save around 15-25 minutes of their time in the process from entry checks to security checks during peak hours as they will have to spend a few

seconds at every touch point. According to the release, DigiYatra-enabled entry gates are being set up at Terminal 1, and are likely to become operational from April 2023. DigiYatra is a biometric boarding system

using facial recognition technology to provide a seamless and hassle-free experience for passengers at airports.

Big projects meant for Maharashtra are being shifted to Gujarat : Rahul Gandhi

► Accuses Narendra Modi-led government in Delhi of pulling strings

New Delhi, Dec 19 Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday said big projects that were supposed to be set up in Maharashtra were being shifted to Gujarat with the Narendra Modi-led government in Delhi pulling the strings. Stating that the TATA-Airbus plant set up in Surat was one such project, Gandhi, who was addressing a press conference in Mumbai, said there were mul-

iple such projects that were to be set up in Maharashtra and were getting shifted to Gujarat at the instance of the Modi-led government. Youths of Maharashtra have lost six lakhs jobs in the process, Congress MP and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha said. Polling for the Assembly elections in Maharashtra is slated to take place on Wednesday. The last date for campaigning in the state is

Monday. Ridiculing the prime minister's slogan "ek hei to safe hei" (you are safe when you are united), Gandhi said only industrialist Gautam Adani was safe under the BJP regime and by 'unity', Modi meant the unity between him and Adani. Gandhi said Modi was hell-bent on handing over the Dharavi Project to Adani from which the latter was expected to generate a profit of Rs 1 lakh crore.

He added none of the clauses of the tender meant for the protection of the residents of Dharavi would be adhered to once the contract was awarded to the Adani Group. On whether opposition to the Adani Group was a common threat binding the Congress to its MVA ally Shiv Sena (UBT), Rahul said both Shiv Sena (UBT) and Congress were keen to protect the interest of the people of Maharashtra and would foil designs hatched to deprive them of what was their due.



How PCOS and Hypertension Cause Infertility

Dr. Lipsa Mishra Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) and hypertension are two prevalent health conditions that can significantly impact a woman's fertility. Both conditions interfere with the body's reproductive processes, making conception more challenging and sometimes leading to long-term complications. "Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) and hypertension are two common health conditions that can significantly impact fertility. PCOS, characterized by

hormonal imbalances, irregular menstrual cycles, and ovarian cysts, can prevent ovulation, making conception more difficult. Similarly, hypertension can disrupt blood flow to the reproductive organs, affecting egg quality and implantation," says Dr. Lipsa Mishra, IVF Specialist at Birla Fertility and IVF, Bhubaneswar. PCOS is one of the leading causes of female infertility. It affects up to 10% of women of reproductive age, causing hormonal imbalances that result in irregular or absent ovulation. Without

ovulation, it is difficult for the sperm to fertilize an egg. The condition may also lead to insulin resistance, a risk factor for obesity, which can further disrupt hormonal balance and reduce fertility. Dr. Lipsa mentions "Both conditions can also lead to complications such as insulin resistance or obesity, further reducing fertility. Managing these conditions through proper medical care and lifestyle changes can improve fertility outcomes, increasing the chances of successful conception for those affected."

Fracas on Parliament premises, 2 BJP MPs injured; NDA, Congress file police complaints

► The BJP charges the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha with pushing an MP leading to injuries to two of its lawmakers.

New Delhi, Dec 19 The acrimonious face-off between the opposition and ruling NDA over alleged insult to B R Ambedkar took an unprecedented ugly turn on Parliament premises on Thursday with claims of pushing and shoving involving MPs, leaving two BJP members hospitalised and a woman BJP MP accusing Rahul Gandhi of "misbehaving" with her.

The BJP charged the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha with pushing an MP leading to injuries to two of its lawmakers, but Gandhi denied it and said it was he who was pushed by a ruling party member while Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge also accused protesting BJP members of shoving him and injuring his knees.

Both sides lodged complaints at Parliament Street police station, blaming each other for what must be a sordid incident without parallel involving MPs within the premises of Parliament. They also complained to the respective Chair in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha against each other.

BJP MPs Mukesh Rajput and Pratap Chandra Sarangi sustained injuries and were admitted to the RML hospital, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaking to them over phone to enquire about their health. The hospital's Medical Superintendent Dr Ajay Shukla said they had sustained head injuries.

"We have filed a complaint against Rahul Gandhi for physical assault and incitement," BJP MP Anurag Thakur told mediapersons outside the police station. A number of MPs of the ruling BJP-led National Democratic Alliance were protesting at the steps of Parliament's 'Makar Dwar', an entrance and exit reserved for lawmakers, against the Congress's alleged insult of Ambedkar, while MPs from the Congress and its allies were demonstrating over Union Home Minister Amit Shah's remarks on Ambedkar and accused the BJP of slighting the architect of the Constitution.

BJP MPs claimed that Gandhi tried to push his way inside Parliament through the middle of the stairs where they were standing, ignoring a side passage, and caused injuries in the ensuing jost-



ling. However, some opposition MPs claimed that the BJP members refused to give way to Gandhi who was heading to the Lok Sabha to attend the House proceedings.

Rejecting the BJP members' charge, Gandhi told reporters, "I was trying to enter Parliament and the BJP MPs were stopping me, pushing me and threatening me." The incident happened minutes before both Houses were to convene at 11 am. The 69-year-old Sarangi, a BJP member from Balasore in Odisha and a former minister, suffered injuries on the left temple. BJP member Nishikant Dubey accused Gandhi of pushing the senior leader.

"Are you not ashamed, Rahul, you are resorting to rowdy behaviour ('gundagardi'). You pushed an old man," a furious Dubey told Gandhi. "He pushed me," Gandhi countered Dubey, walking off after having a cursory look at Sarangi, who was being attended to by fellow BJP members. Sarangi was later wheeled off to an ambulance. "Rahul Gandhi pushed an MP, who fell on me and I got injured," he told reporters as BJP members squatted at the Ma-

kar Dwar raising slogans against the Congress. Hitting out at Gandhi, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said appropriate action would be taken in the matter. "Parliament is not a place to show physical strength. It is not a wrestling ring," he said.

Dubey told reporters, "I am a four-time MP. I have seen something like this for the first time. I have never seen Congress leaders barging into the BJP's protest or BJP members doing the same when Congress protests. Why did the Congress disrupt the BJP's protest today? This shows that their only aim is hooliganism."

A number of ruling alliance MPs, including Union ministers, met their injured colleagues in the hospital as the incident blew up into a major row. Both Houses witnessed massive uproar amid 'Jai Bhim' chants from both sides and were adjourned without witnessing any transaction. Congress MPs met Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and submitted a complaint against the alleged unruly conduct by BJP MPs against Rahul Gandhi and attempts to stop him from entering Parliament House.

Amit Shah would have been 'scrap dealer' if there wasn't Ambedkar's Constitution: Siddaramaiah

► Says if Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar was really functioning under the Constitution, he should have immediately suspended Shah from the House



New Delhi, Dec 19 Stepping up the attack against Union Home Minister Amit Shah for his comments on BR Ambedkar in Parliament, senior Congress leader and Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday claimed that Shah would have been a "gujari" (scrap dealer) if there wasn't Ambedkar's Constitution. The chief minister further said that if Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar was really functioning under the Constitution, he should have immediately suspended Shah from the House. Reading out a detailed statement in the assembly amid din by both the BJP and Congress MLAs over the issue, Siddaramaiah said the entire country has heard the "derogatory" words spoken by the Home Minister about Babasaheb Ambedkar. Stating that there is nothing surprising

in the words spoken by Shah, Siddaramaiah said what was in the minds of the BJP and Sangh Parivar leaders has come out in the open. "First of all, I congratulate you (Amit Shah) for openly and courageously revealing the innermost opinion of the Bharatiya Janata Party about Babasaheb Ambedkar before the country and for finally telling the truth in your lifetime," he said. He said that if there were no Constitution, Shah would have been a "scrap dealer" in his village and not the Home Minister of the country. Shah on Wednesday accused the Congress of twisting facts and distorting his comments on B R Ambedkar in the Rajya Sabha, asserting that its malicious campaign after the discussion on Constitution "established" the opposition party as being "anti-Ambedkar and anti-reservation".

TTD BOARD RESOLUTIONS

Hyderabad, Dec.19 The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) board in its maiden meeting under the Chairmanship of B R Naidu has taken some important decisions on Monday. After the completion of the board meeting at Annamaiah Bhavan in Tirumala, the TTD board Chief along with the EO J Syamala Rao briefed the decisions to the media. Some excerpts. Reducing the darshan time of Sri Venkateswara Swamy from 20-30 hours to 2-3 hrs using Artificial Intelligence and advanced technology by taking the Experts' advice. Merging of SRIVANI Trust into TTD Account and verifying the possibilities to change its name while continuing the Scheme. The board has given a nod to dispend with the Tourism Corporations

Darshan quota of various states after a thorough examination of the complaints regarding irregularities in the issue of SED tickets under this category. The piled up debris in the Dumping Yard at Tirumala to be cleared within 3-4 months. Srinivasa Setu Fly Over to be renamed as Garuda Varadhi. Board to request the State Government to hand over the 20 acre land given to Tourism at Alipiri to TTD near Devlok Project. Writing a letter to the State Government for taking an appropriate decision about the non-Hindus working in Tirumala. Providing Darshan to Tirupati locals on the first Tuesday of every month. No political statements in Tirumala and action will be taken legally if needed against such persons as well on those who

propagate them. Keeping in view the safety of TTD deposits, a decision will be taken in the next board meeting to deposit them in the Nationalized banks by withdrawing the already deposited ones from Private banks. Using the enhanced quality of ghee in the preparation of Srivari Laddu. Introducing one more tasty recipe in the every day menu at Annaprasadam Complex in Tirumala for the devotees. As the Visakha Sarada Peetham has violated the rules of TTD, following the Experts Committees' report the lease of the Mutt will be cancelled. The repairs of leakages in the age old Potu-temple kitchen in the Srivari temple along with the modernization of Vengamamba Annaprasadam Complex will be taken up by the TVS company.

New Delhi, Dec 19 Former Aam Aadmi Party leader and Delhi transport minister Kailash Gahlot on Monday joined the BJP in the presence of top saffron brass led by union minister Manohar Lal Khattar. While inducting Gahlot into the BJP, Khattar said "this is the turning point in Delhi politics". Khattar said Gahlot had joined the BJP after comparing internal systems and policies of the two parties, and seeing the spirit of service of the BJP and PM Narendra Modi to the nation.

Khattar said that Gahlot being Najafgarh MLA for two terms is closely linked to Haryana as Najafgarh may geographically be in Delhi but for all other purposes it is part of Haryana. Gahlot, meanwhile, rubbished the AAP allegations that he had joined the BJP under duress and said he had never acted in his entire life under force. "I have willingly joined the BJP looking at PM Modi's policies and

Day after quitting AAP, Kailash Gahlot joins BJP



after getting disillusioned by AAP the people of Delhi but completely which came into existence to serve compromised on its values.

'No regrets' about retiring, says Ashwin on return to Chennai

Chennai, Dec 19 R Ashwin has "zero regrets" about his sudden decision to retire from international cricket at the end of the Gabba Test, stating his desire to play for Chennai Super Kings for "as long as I can" because "I don't think Ashwin the cricketer is done".

After announcing his retirement in Brisbane on Wednesday afternoon, Ashwin was back in Chennai by Thursday morning and was received at home by his family and friends amid much fanfare, which included flower garlands, autograph hunters and a band.

"I never thought so many people will come here. I just wanted a quiet entry, and was looking forward to relax at home. But you have made my day," Ashwin told the crowd gathered near his residence. "I have played Test cricket for so many years, but the last time (I saw something) like this was after the 2011 World Cup. It's emotional for a lot of people, and may be it will sink in (in some time) but for me, personally, it is



a great sense of relief and satisfaction," Ashwin said of his decision to retire. "It was very instinctive and it has been running in my head for a while. I just felt (it) on day four and I just called it a day. "To be honest, we all go through a lot in our career, not only for cricketers but in general. Generally, when I go to sleep I re-

member a lot of things like taking wickets, making runs, but those memories are not there in the last two years. So, that was a clear indication that we need to take a different route now. I have not set any new goals, as I just want to relax now. Actually, it's difficult for me to stay inactive, but I want to try that now."

CT deadlock ends; India to play its matches at neutral venue



Dubai, Dec 19 The deadlock over the hosting of Champions Trophy finally ended on Thursday when the ICC announced that India will play their matches of the 50-over event at a neutral venue instead of in the host country Pakistan, which will have a similar arrangement for tournaments to be held in India till 2027. "The ICC Board has approved that



all matches between India and Pakistan played at ICC events during the current rights cycle from 2024 to 2027 (which are to be hosted in India or Pakistan) will be played at a neutral venue proposed by the tournament host," said the ICC in a statement. The arrangement will apply to the Champions Trophy 2025 (Pakistan), next year's women's Cricket World

Cup in India and the T20 World Cup in 2026 in India and Sri Lanka. India had refused to travel to Pakistan for the event scheduled in February-March due to security concerns. India have not played in Pakistan since the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks. "The schedule for the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 is set to be confirmed soon," the ICC stated.

India hope misfiring top order will come good after Gabba jailbreak

► India snatched a draw in the rain-blighted third Test in Brisbane despite yet another top-order debacle that left them reeling at 74-5 in reply to Australia's 445

New Delhi, Dec 19 A jailbreak at the Gabba has brought a palpable sense of relief in the India camp, while giving rise to hope their misfiring top order will finally come good in more batting-friendly conditions in the final two tests against Australia.

India snatched a draw in the rain-blighted third Test in Brisbane despite yet another top-order debacle that left them reeling at 74-5 in reply to Australia's 445. Number seven batter Ravindra Jadeja inspired a spirited rearguard action and India's final pair of Akash Deep and Jasprit Bumrah combined in a 47-run partnership to stave off follow-on.

While India managed to keep the five-test series level at 1-1 heading into the Boxing day test in Melbourne, the fragility of their top order remains a major concern for the tourists. In five completed innings so far in the series, only once have India managed an opening stand of more than 12 runs.

The lone exception came in the second innings of the series opener in Perth where Yashasvi Jaiswal and KL Rahul forged a 201-run partnership to set up their comprehensive victory. The poor starts meant on three out of those five occasions, India posted sub-200 scores, including twice in the day-night second Test in Adelaide, which Australia won by 10 wickets.

There is a growing feeling in the camp, though, that the worst is behind them and that batting will be easier in the last two Tests in Melbourne and Sydney. "Whatever happened today, it gave us confidence ahead of Melbourne,"



India captain Rohit Sharma told reporters on Wednesday. "We're aware we have to start from scratch, conditions are different there and the ball may not move around so much there like it did here." Rohit's own struggle with form is symptomatic of the greater malaise afflicting the Indian top order. The 37-year-old, who missed the opening test to be with his newborn son in Mumbai, has just one fifty in his last 13 test innings. The opener has moved down to the middle order in his bid to regain form but managed a highest score of 10 in

three innings. "I have not batted well, there is no harm in accepting that," Rohit said, denying he was feeling under pressure. "As long as my mind, my body and my feet are moving well, I'm pretty happy with how things are panning out for me." India need to win both matches to make the World Test Championship (WTC) final for the third time in a row without having to rely on other results. Champions Australia need two wins and a draw in their next four Tests, which include two in Sri Lanka, to be sure of qualification.

Jadhav beats Olympians to win 50m 3P gold



New Delhi, Dec 19 In one of the biggest upsets of the ongoing National Shooting Championships, Navy's Kiran Jadhav saw off two of the biggest Indian stars in the 50m 3 positions final in Bhopal. Though a shock result for everyone, it was normal business for Jadhav, who had already won the national prize in 2021 with both reigning world champion Swapnil Kusale and two-time Olympian Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar in that final field.

On Wednesday, Jadhav went under the radar during the first two disciplines of kneeling and prone and stayed in touch with early pace setters, including Kusale. He then hit his strides in the standing position to win the big prize.

He shot 465.8, finishing 2.7 points ahead of second placed Tomar. Kusale, who led the final till the 40th shot, finished third with a total of 451.8 points. "I am not as strong in kneeling and prone positions so my focus was to be steady to stay in the running. When the standing rounds came I could rise

in the rankings as it is my strongest discipline," Jadhav told.

This is not his first dig as the 29-year-old chief petty officer of the Navy has won the World Championships team gold alongside Arjun Babuta and Rudranksh Patil. Shooting came to him after he shifted to Mumbai from Bhatamwadi village in Satara. Once he joined the Pillai College he got drawn to the sport as the Lakshya Shooting Club has a tie-up with the institution. Former shooter and acclaimed coach Suma Shirur saw potential and all his needs were taken care of.

"He came from a humble family in Satara. We saw a lot of potential in him and he was fully sponsored by our club," Shirur said. "He joined the Navy as he had to have a job but even now he comes and trains when he can," she added. Jadhav has no qualms in accepting the big role played by Shirur in his career. "I come from a village that has a population of 1,500. My father is a farmer. We do not have the money for this sport. It is very expensive," Jadhav said.

Real Madrid beats Pachuca in Intercontinental Cup final

Lusail (Qatar), Dec 19 Real Madrid defeated Mexican team Pachuca 3-0 in the Intercontinental Cup final on Wednesday, making Carlo Ancelotti the most decorated coach in the club's history. This victory marked Ancelotti's 15th title with the Spanish powerhouse, surpassing the 14 trophies won by both him and Miguel Muñoz, who coached the team in the 1960s and 70s. "Very happy, it's a triumph," said the 65-year-old Ancelotti, who was named men's coach of the year at FIFA's The Best awards just the day before. "We didn't get off to a good start but finished well, showing great attitude."

Madrid claims fourth Intercontinental Cup

Kylian Mbappé, Rodrygo and Vinicius Júnior each scored a goal as Madrid clinched their fourth Intercontinental Cup title. They previously won the prestigious competition in 1960, 1998 and



2002. Pachuca, which has never won the tournament, was defeated by the European champions in the final. The competition, which brings together the champions of all six soccer confederations, is being played in a new format after FIFA expanded the Club World Cup to 32 teams for 2025.

Mbappé, Rodrygo,

Vinicius seal win

Mbappé, who started after recovering from a left-thigh injury, opened the scoring in the 37th minute with an assist from Vinicius. Rodrygo added a second goal in the 53rd minute, shooting into the corner and Vinicius, named the FIFA men's player of the year on Tuesday.

Bonmati goal helps Barcelona qualify as group winner in Women's Champions League

Barcelona, Dec 19 Fresh off winning another global award, Spain playmaker Aitana Bonmati scored a crucial goal to help defending champions Barcelona secure a 3-0 victory over Manchester City in their Group D encounter on Wednesday. The win ensured Barcelona finished top of the group, advancing to the quarterfinal.

Bonmati's goal came in the 57th minute when she raced through and slotted the ball between the goalkeeper's legs, doubling Barcelona's lead. The victory saw both teams finish group play tied on 15 points; however, Barcelona progressed as group winners due to a superior goal difference.

Bonmati, who won the last two Ballon d'Or awards in women's soccer, was also named the women's player of the year at FIFA's The Best awards on Tuesday — marking the second consecutive year she received the prestigious



honor. Arsenal secured their place as the fourth group winner and the second from England after defeating Bayern

Munich 3-2, with Spain striker Mariona Caldentey scoring a match-clinching penalty in the 86th minute.