

Congress fought Delhi elections as BJP's 'B' team : Mayawati

● BSP president hits back at Rahul Gandhi for questioning her party's approach

Lucknow, Feb 21 (GNS) Hitting back at Rahul Gandhi for questioning her party's present political approach, BSP president Mayawati on Friday accused the Congress of fighting the Delhi Assembly polls as BJP's 'B' team.

Her remarks came a day after the former Congress president said he was disappointed that the Mayawati-led Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) did not join the opposition Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) in the Lok Sabha elections.

In a post on X, Mayawati said, "It is a common discussion that Congress fought the Delhi Assembly General Elections as BJP's B team this time, due to which BJP came to

power there". "Otherwise the Congress would not have been in such a bad condition in this election that this party could not even save the deposit of most of its candidates," the former Chief Minister added. She advised the Congress leader that before pointing fingers at others, he should definitely look into his own affairs.

Mayawati also noted that the new BJP government in Delhi had the challenge of fulfilling all its poll promises. The two leaders were involved in a war of words on Thursday as well after Gandhi's utterances against Mayawati during his visit to Raebareli Lok Sabha constituency. "I wanted Behenji to fight alongside us against the BJP,



but for some reason, she did not. That was deeply disappointing. If all three parties had united, the BJP would never have won," Gandhi had said, while interacting with Dalit students in Raebareli.

Sonia Gandhi discharged from hospital



New Delhi, Feb 21 (GNS) Congress leader Sonia Gandhi was discharged from Sir Ganga Ram Hospital here on Friday morning, sources said. The Congress leader was admitted to the hospital for a regular check up on Thursday morning. She was under observation of a team of doctors, the source said.

Eknath Shinde's 'don't take me lightly, I've toppled a govt' warning in Maharashtra

● Shinde was talking to reporters days after Y-level security was withdrawn from 20 Sena MLAs



New Delhi, Feb 21 (GNS) Further signs of friction appeared in the ruling BJP-led Mahayuti Government in Maharashtra with Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Friday saying no one should take him lightly.

Shiv Sena chief, who has been smarting from the denial of Chief Minister-ship in Maharashtra after the alliance won big, today said he had toppled a government in the state in 2022.

"In 2022, I had toppled the cart of those who took me lightly and I had installed a new government which has since conquered the hearts of people...The double engine government at the time ran at full speed. Devendra Fadnavis declared that we will win over 200 seats. We won 232 (in 2024 Assembly poll)...Do not take me lightly. The hint is enough for

those who understand it. I will continue to do my work," cautioned Shinde. In 2022 Shinde was appointed Chief Minister after he split the Shiv Sena whose chief Uddhav Thackeray was leading the Maha Vikas Aghadi government.

Shinde was talking to reporters days after Y-level security was withdrawn from 20 Sena MLAs, who had been granted police protection in 2022.

Shinde was earlier upset over being excluded from the Disaster Management Authority where rules were later amended to include him.

Prior to that, Shinde had wanted Sena leaders to become Nasik and Raigad guardian ministers—posts which Fadnavis proposed for NCP's Aditi Tatkar (MP Sunil Tatkar's daughter) and BJP leader Girish Mahajan.

G20's ability to harmonise viewpoints key to advancing global agenda: Jaishankar

Johannesburg, Feb 21 (GNS) Highlighting the complexities of the current geopolitical landscape, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said the G20's ability to harmonise viewpoints is key to advancing the global agenda. Jaishankar is in Johannesburg on a two-day visit to South Africa to participate in the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

Addressing the G20 session titled 'Discussion on the Global Geopolitical Situation', Jaishankar said the G20 is an important expression of the world's growing multi-polarity.

"The global geopolitical situation remains difficult by any definition. Some of it is the accumulated challenges of the Covid pandemic, conflict situations, financial pressures, food security and climate concerns," he said on Thursday. But

there are also the current anxieties about concentrated supply chains, weaponisation of trade and finance, and transparency of data flows, Jaishankar said.

"Looking ahead, differential progress on Artificial intelligence and electric vehicles, space, drones or green hydrogen have clear geopolitical implications," he said. G20 captures the "diversity of our interests, cultures and outlook," he said.

"For this very reason, its ability to harmonise viewpoints is key to advancing the global agenda," the minister said. He said the "polarisation" of recent years has created visible stress and distorted priorities. "What we could do was, to somehow, find enough common ground to safeguard this institution. Today, the imperative is to go beyond that,"



Jaishankar said. He also presented India's position on West Asia, maritime security, Ukraine conflict, Indo-Pacific and UN reforms.

BJP slams Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister Shivakumar over 'Bengaluru traffic' remarks, asks him to step down

Bengaluru, Feb 21 (GNS) Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar's statement that even God can't fix Bengaluru's traffic in the next two or three years, has come under severe criticism from the BJP, with leader of opposition R Ashoka on Friday demanding that the former step down and make way for someone more capable if he is unable to take responsibility and address the city's traffic issues. Shivakumar is also Minister in-charge of Bengaluru Development.

Speaking at an event on Thursday Shivakumar said, "I want to tell the media friends and others, even if God himself comes down from above, he cannot do anything (to fix) Bengaluru within the next one year, two years, or three years.

Such is the difficulty. We have to plan properly, implement the projects, and we are making efforts to give a proper outline for the days ahead." Reacting to this, Ashoka on Friday said 'Brand Bengaluru' turns out to be another "bland statement" of Congress government in the state.

"Leaders in public life must demonstrate a sense of responsibility unlike the Deputy CM Shivakumar, who only treats Bengaluru as a cash cow to fund his personal ambitions. If DCM DK Shivakumar can't take the responsibility of fixing Bengaluru's civic issues, he must step down and make way for someone capable," the BJP leader said in a post on X.

After admitting that there was no money for development work under the Congress government, Shivakumar has now claimed that even if God came down Bengaluru could not be transformed in the next 2-3 years, Ashoka said and called the former a "part-time Bengaluru Development

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Minister." "Neither do people have any expectations from you nor your government, Shivakumar. Congress government is a curse to Karnataka and Bengaluru and people are eagerly waiting to throw away this hopeless Congress government," he added.

BJP state chief B Y Vijayendra said, Shivakumar and the Congress which came to power promising to make Bengaluru like Singapore and to develop the state, are now making such statements. Alleging that the Congress government is incapable of filling potholes in Bengaluru, he said they are now talking about tunnel roads. "No development work is happening in Bengaluru, legislators

are not getting funds for development works, but they (Congress government) talk about development. This is a tragedy for Bengaluru, which is a city recognised world over," he added. Seeking to defend Shivakumar, state Home Minister G Parameshwara said the Deputy CM was trying to suggest that there cannot be a short term measure to fix Bengaluru's issues, and it will take a little longer time with alternatives being planned and implemented. "Everybody knows that Bengaluru lacks infrastructure. Bengaluru was not built for this kind of population and this kind of vehicles. The population is approximate-

ly 1.4 crore and there are almost an equal number of vehicles running on the streets, but we don't have the infrastructure for that," Parameshwara, who had earlier served as the Minister in-charge for Bengaluru's development said.

Speaking to reporters here, he said, "unless we build new infrastructure, spread out Bengaluru, traffic is going to be the biggest challenge for us. It has always been." Noting that the government is planning and the Minister in-charge Shivakumar is also looking at many alternatives, Parameshwara said, "One of the alternatives is going underground, in fact we have already stated that.

6 Rajasthan Congress MLAs, including Dotasra, suspended from Assembly's Budget Session

New Delhi, Feb 21 (GNS) Six Congress MLAs, including PCC chief Govind Singh Dotasra, were suspended from the remainder of the Budget Session of the Rajasthan Assembly on Friday for "indecent behaviour" in the House. The action was taken over unruly behaviour by the opposition members following remarks by Minister Avinash Gehlot about former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi during Question Hour. The uproar led to three adjournments. When the House reassembled at 4 pm after three adjournments, Government Chief Whip Jogeshwar Garg moved a proposal to suspend Congress MLAs



Govind Singh Dotasra, Ramkesh Meena, Amin Kagzi, Jakir Husain, Hakam Ali, and Sanjay Kumar for the remainder of the current Assembly session. He said that they "crossed all limits" and their conduct was "inappropriate" toward the Speaker, which could not be forgiven.

Poor dietary habits, increased stress linked with acne

Poor dietary habits, increased stress and harsh skincare routines were among the most significant factors associated with acne, according to a study. The research presented at the 28th European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology Congress in Madrid evaluated the exposure to different worsening factors on acne on more than 6,700 participants across six countries.

"For the first time, this study allows us to identify the most important exposome factors relating to acne from patient questioning prior to any treatment prescription," said the study's lead researcher Brigitte Dreno from the University Hospital of Nantes in France. The results showed that significantly more individuals with acne (48.2 per cent) consumed dairy products daily compared to individuals who did not (38.8 per cent).

The difference was also statistically significant for soda juices or syrups (35.6 per cent vs 31 per cent), pastries and chocolate (37 per cent vs 27.8 per cent) and sweets (29.7 per cent vs 19.1 per cent). Surprisingly



11 per cent of acne sufferers consume whey proteins versus 7 per cent without acne and 11.9 per cent of acne sufferers consume anabolic steroids versus 3.2 per cent without acne. Exposure to pollution or stress was also more frequently observed in participants with acne compared to control participants. The research also found that harsh skincare practices were more common in acne sufferers. Tobacco, which has previously been shown as a potential acne trigger, was not shown to have an influence, the study said.

Moon dust could give astronauts permanent DNA damage, study finds

In space, they say, no one can hear you sneeze. But Apollo 17 astronaut Harrison Schmitt was doing a lot of that inside the Challenger command module when he visited the moon in 1972. One day, after a lunar walk, Schmitt accidentally breathed in some of the abundant moon dust that he and his commander had tracked back in to the Challenger living quarters. For a full day, Schmitt suffered from what he described as "lunar hay fever." His eyes watered, his throat throbbed, and he broke into a sneezing fit. No, Schmitt wasn't allergic to the moon. NASA scientists now understand that pieces of moon dust — especially the smallest, sharpest particles — pose clear health risks to astronauts. A recent study published in the April issue of the journal *GeoHealth* examined exactly how dangerous that dust can be on a cellular level — and the results are as ominous as the dark side of the moon. In several lab tests, a single scoop of replica moon dust proved toxic enough to kill up to 90 percent of the lung and brain cells exposed to it. [5 Mad Myths About the Moon]

A dusty dilemma

Dust on the moon behaves a little differently than dust on Earth. For starters, it's sharp. Because there's no wind on the moon, the dust never erodes. Instead, grains of moon dust — which are largely the products of micrometeorite impacts — remain sharp and abrasive and can easily slice into an astronaut's lung cells if breathed in too deeply. On top of this, moon dust can float. With no atmosphere to protect the moon from constant bombardment by solar winds and the charged particles they carry, lunar soil can become electrostatically charged like clothing with static cling. "This charge can be so strong that the soil particles ac-

tually levitate above the lunar surface," the authors wrote in the new study. From there, it's easy enough for dust to cling in the nooks and crannies of an astronaut's spacesuit and follow him or her back inside living quarters. These loose particles can clog sensitive equipment, jam zippers, ruin clothing and — as Schmitt discovered — wreak havoc on the human body if accidentally ingested by astronauts.

Making moon dust

In their new study, a team of researchers from Stony Brook University in New York wanted to find out just how dangerous a lungful of moon dust could really be. Because actual lunar soil is hard to come by on Earth, the team used five Earth-sourced simulants to represent the dust found on various parts of the moon's terrain. The simulants included volcanic ash from Arizona, dust skimmed from a Colorado lava flow and a glassy, lab-made powder designed by the U.S. Geological Survey for use in lunar soil studies like these. The team gauged the effects of moon dust on human organs by mixing their soil samples directly with human lung cells and mouse brain cells grown in their lab. The scientists ground each soil sample to three different degrees of graininess, the finest of which was just a few micrometers wide (smaller than the width of a human hair) and easily capable of being sucked up into human lungs. When the team took stock of their cells 24 hours later, they found that every soil type had caused some degree of brain and lung cell death. The finest-grain samples proved most lethal, killing up to 90 percent of the cells that had been exposed to them. Cells that weren't decimated outright showed signs of DNA damage that could lead to cancer or neurodegenerative diseases if not repaired, the researchers wrote.

Remains of Greco-Roman town unearthed in Egypt's Alexandria



An Egyptian archaeological mission has unearthed remains of a residential and commercial town dating back to the Greco-Roman era in the coastal city of Alexandria. During the excavation work in the al-Shatby neighbourhood, "the mission has found a large network of tunnel tanks painted in pink for storing rain, flood and groundwater to be used during the draught time", Xinhua news agency quoted Mostafa Waziri, Secretary-General of the Supreme Council of Antiquities of Egypt, as saying on Friday. He added that studies show that the settlement was



used from the 2nd century B.C. to the 4th century A.D. Waziri said pottery pots and some statues have been found in more than 40 wells and tanks, which indicated a large population in that area near Alexandria, which was the capital of Egypt in the Greco-Roman era. He said the mission also found rest houses for travellers and visitors where they waited for getting licenses to enter the town as well as houses used as centres for collecting taxes. He noted that the preliminary studies on the discovered district revealed that "it was composed of main street and several branch roads that are all connected with sanitation net-

work". Meanwhile, Khaled Abu Hamad Director-General of Alexandria Antiquities Authority said the town had a big market, shops for selling pots, and workshops for making statues. He added that nearly 700 coins and plates in different shapes and a large number of fishing tools have been found in the discovered town. "Excavation work on the old town took nine months," said Abu Hamad, stressing the importance of the district in connecting the trade movement between the east and the west. Alexandria, the third-largest city in Egypt after Cairo and Giza, was founded in 331 B.C. by Alexander the Great.

Taj Mahal under full moon to attract many more visitors

Come the next full moon in October, many more Taj Mahal lovers will be able to view the iconic 17th century monument to eternal love from a spot across the Yamuna river that has been newly developed by the authorities.

The new spot in the city's Mehtab Bagh for viewing the Taj after sunset was formally inaugurated by the Agra Additional Director General (ADG) Ajay Anand on Wednesday evening.

The Agra Development Authority (ADA), in cooperation with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), has developed a couple of vantage points across the river at the rear of the Taj Mahal from where tourists can witness the beauty of the majestic monument under moonlight.

The movement of the visitors will be without hassles as these spots are beyond the restricted 500-metre security perimeter around the Taj Mahal. Infrastructure facilities are being developed under the Pro-Poor Tourism Policy in the area that includes six villages, Humayun's mosque and the Gyarah Seedhi monuments. A new bridge built over Yamuna - Ambedkar Setu - has made



transport easy and convenient. ADA Vice Chairperson Shubhra Saxena said:

"A special bench, replica of Diwana Bench in the Taj Mahal, has been specially provided for people to take photographs." A committee will soon take a decision on the ticket rates to be charged from visitors. The tourism industry hopes the facility would be opened before the World Tourism Day

on September 27, when a fresh tourist season begins in Agra. Divisional Commissioner Anil Kumar has said more such vantage points would be developed along the river to attract tourists. However, River Connect Campaign member Devashish Bhattacharya said: "Before tourists are attracted to these new spots, it would be necessary to clean up the Yamuna and fill it with water."

'Access For All' gives call for all-inclusive arts festival

'Access For All' has given an open call for 'Manifesto for Accessible Art Festival' (MAAF), where accessibility is at the apex of planning an all-inclusive arts festival celebrating artists and audiences with disabilities. The project in India is a first of its kind between 'Access For All' and performer and creative consultant, Jonny Cotsen, to develop MAAF. The aim of this project (Virtual Artist Residency) is to design a Manifesto for an all-inclusive festival co-hosted between Wales and India. MAAF will be a structured toolkit that focuses on providing a global platform for artists with disabilities and will cater to the needs of audiences with disabilities and provide a universally designed space, without adopting an 'able-ist' approach. MAAF is one of the British Council's 'Connections Through Culture' grants,



supported by the Wales Arts International/Arts Council of Wales to develop co-created projects between artists, arts organisations, and festivals in both India and Wales. Commenting on the project, Siddhant Shah, Founder and Access Consultant, 'Access For All', said, "The entire process of MAAF will be documented and we aim to use it as a resource toolkit to aid and assist art festivals, organisations and others to incorporate an accessible approach from conception."

Off the cuff: How easy is the fall from grace

The early bird, they say, gets the worm. Or, put another way, the early worm meets the bird. There's no escape for the poor, industrious, soil-turning earthworm once it is spotted from the treetop by a sharp-sighted bird. Gone, in one fell swoop! It is also, I believe, the one and only time that a worm will — however briefly — experience the headiness of being airborne before everything comes to an end. But here's an account — a true account — of a sand tray, crawling with worms ... and every one of them ends up lucky. Lucky, despite being in the direct line of sight of not one but a whole flock of birds: parakeets. Rainbow-coloured and raucous. It is the dead of winter but that, apparently, is when the eucalyptus trees here decide to bloom. Pink blossoms stand out against the pale green leafage, waving in the gentle breeze. The air outside may be icy; cold enough, one would think, to suggest migration to any sane bird. But the parakeet apparently entertains no such notion. If it's going anywhere, it is from its nest straight to the nearest eucalyptus tree. The flock just off my balcony are daily visitors. Their appetite is insatiable. They

will sip nectar from the eucalyptus blossoms from the crack of dawn until it's time to go home. That is the extent of their industry. The nectar, I'm convinced, is so addictive that the birds cannot abandon their drinking habits. They will drink, fly away briefly on a cloud of euphoria and return before 20 seconds have elapsed. Then they will engage in another round. And another. By mid-afternoon, the drinking starts taking its toll. The copious amount of nectar consumed begins to go to the head. Anyone observing these amusing antics would assume that now's the time to call a halt to this hyper-liquefying and try, instead, to find something solid to consume: like a few worms. In fact, there's a tray full of them on the balcony, in plain sight. But either the parakeets have no appetite for worms after a belly full of nectar, or they simply cannot see the worms any longer — their noted sharp sight has been dulled, or even distorted. With the nectar making their heads swing it's anybody's guess what the worms look like to a parakeet in this state. What's clear is that the birds are not in the least interested in the worms. And the worms, if they only knew it, would



be astounded at their luck. Only they haven't a clue. And the parakeets, some of them totally inebriated by now, also haven't a clue as to how things might pan out for them after this session of wild partying on the eucalyptus tree. In the past, I have watched a few of them consume so much that they've lost control of their faculties entirely. I've observed them clutching desperately to a branch while their little feathered rainbow-hued bodies battle the loss of stability and equilibrium. On a few occasions, a timely (or inopportune) gust of wind has caused what little gripping-facility remained in the

claws to come undone, causing the bird to slip off the branch and fall, without even trying to flap and fly, to the ground. My apartment is situated on the third floor, but if I leaned over the balcony and looked down I would see — not a fallen bird — but the parakeet's living nightmare, seated under the tree, waiting, playing out this game of patience: a grey-and-ginger cat, of course. I have spotted it once, slinking away from public view, mouth full of rainbow feathers. And I'm reminded, there's a lesson to be learned about the dangers of excess: how easy it is to fall from grace.

SRU is a platform that makes the young idea in Warangal

Warangal, 21 February : The 2nd Edition of Sru Idea Conclave 2025 is in full swing at Sr University, Warangal, Bringing Together Students, Reservures, and Industry Leaders to Explore Innovative Solutions to Contemporary Challenges.

The event was inaugurated on February 20, 2025, with Dr. Shruti Bhargav, CEO of Srinidhi Ascend, Gracing the Occation as the Chief Guest Deepak Garg, the guest of Honor.Also Present Were Prof. Shivani Goel, Dean (Mentoring), Prof. Indrajit Gupta, Dean (School of Computer Science & AI), and Prof. M. Sheshikala, Head (Department of CS & AI), who shared insights on the importance of innovation, technology, and entrepreneurship in today's

world.Exceptional Response & Competitive Spirit The first day saw 43 TeamS Presenting Their Innovative Ideas, Covering Fields Such AI, Sustainability, HealthCare, and Smart Technology Solutions.

These ideas were evaluated by an esteemed jury panel, including Dr. Vishwanath Bijalwan and Dr. Shridhar Chintala, who provided valuable feedback and guidance.The event is being meticulously coordinated by Dr. Durgesh Nandan, Associate Professor at Sru, Warangal.

As the Competition Progresses, More TeamS Will Continue to Showcase Their Creativity and Technical Expertise Over The Next Sessions. A Platform for Future Innovators The Sru Idea Conclave



2025 Serves as a Launchpad for Young Innovators, Fostering a Culture of Problem-Solving and Entrepreneurship. The Participants' Enthusiasm and Ground-breaking Ideas Reflect Sr University's Commitment To Nurturing Talent.

Should take action against human rights false institutions

Warangal, 21 February :The National Human Rights Council and the Human Rights Commission National Chairman Dr. Sampath Kumar said. Speaking at a press conference held at the Warangal Press Club on Friday, Telangana State President of Telangana State Telangana State President Burra Ramesh and various leaders of the state of India, who have been in the Constitution of India to inform the people about the basic rights of the Indian Constitution and provide them with the protection, support and cooperation of the victims against the Violence-Corruption. He said that the National Human Rights of the State Human Rights Contributed to the Administration Office Office. Appointments for eligible persons in the state office across the state.

● National Human Rights Council and National Chairman of the Human Rights Commission Sampath Kumar



D. The cards were handed over. We have informed that the office will be available to the victims of danger and that there will be their fight against false institutions that are in the name of human rights in the country and the state. Recently, the state's Director General of Police

(DGP) has complained to the SP, which has an address of the company, which has recently been used by our company in Telangana state. "We will soon report to the state government," he said. The event was attended by state women's wing president Guguloth Kamala-

bai, female leader, Chief Secretary of State Balakrishna Goud, State Cultural Programming Convener and South India Active Chairman. Subbarao, Nalgonda Division General Secretary CH. Venkateshwar and Hanmakonda district presidents M.A. Asif participated.



Telangana Pradesh Congress sevadal President Middela Jithender's Birthday was grandly celebrated in his office located at karmanghat.In presence of Goshamahal constituency Congress Sevadal Manoj singh, Ashraf Ali, Farzana, Durga prasad, Ashwin Kumar Choudhary, Mohammed masood, Aniketh, Shiva and Rajnikanth.

27 is a holiday for govt employees who have the right to vote in MLC elections

Sangareddy District ; February 21 : In view of the Karimnagar Adilabad Nizamabad Medak Graduates and Teachers MLC Elections to be held on 27th of this month, the government employees who have the right to vote in the MLC elections.District Election Officer Collector Kranti Vallur said in a statement that the state government has declared a special holiday on the 27th of this month as per the orders of the state election officer. He said that the state government has announced a special holiday for the government employees who voted in the MLC elections. Therefore, the employees should



exercise their right to vote in the MLC elections to be held on 27th, Collector Kranti Vallur said.

Grand Launch of 'Asia Jewels Show 2025'

- The Most Glamorous & The Most Awaited Jewellery Exhibition Brand An Exhibition of Enchanting Jewellery featuring Top Jewellers of the Nation.
- Happening on 21st, 22nd, 23rd February, 2025 at Hotel Taj Krishna Banjara Hills, Hyderabad.
- Actress Tejaswi Madivada, Actress Kamakshi Bhaskarla, Top Models, Jewellery enthusiast showcases exquisite Wedding & Bridal Jewellery at the Grand Launch of Asia Jewels Show 2025.

Asia Jewels Show 2025, one of South India's most Glamorous & Niche Jewellery Exhibition is presenting its 56th Edition in Hyderabad at Hotel Taj Krishna, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad on 21st, 22nd, 23rd February 2025 from 10.30AM to 8 pm.

The Grand Jewellery Exhibition is being held at Hotel Taj Krishna situated at Banjara Hills one of the most luxurious 5-star hotel in Hyderabad. This show is a very exclusive one as, Asia Jewels Show is featuring its 7th Edition in Hyderabad, the expo will showcase never seen before creative & Master piece jewelry designs from top jewelers from across India, all under one roof

Asia Jewels Show is a niche event exhibiting exclusive and high-end Fine branded gold, diamond, polki, fusion, traditional, victorian Jewellery among others. The event showcases some of the latest collections from, Gold Jewellery, Diamond Jewellery, Plati-



num Jewellery, Traditional Jewellery, Wedding Jewellery, Precious stone Jewellery, Kundan, Jadau & Polki Jewellery to name a few. Speaking on the Occasion of Date Announcement Event Mr. Harish

Sachdev - Chief Organizer "Asia Jewels Show" said "Asia Jewels Show" is one of the finest jewelry exhibitions showcasing Top Jewellery Brands of the nation in the city of Hyderabad. Shop or Book

your Exclusive jewellery for the up-coming Wedding Season & for all the prospective grooms and brides, a fair like this is a one stop-shop that brings some of the best jewelry.

'Congress, BJP, Chandrababu and Revanth Reddy betrayed Telangana'

Hyderabad, Feb.21 (NSS): Former Minister Jagadish Reddy has alleged that the Congress party, BJP, AP CM Chandrababu Naidu and his disciple Revanth Reddy were responsible for the betrayal of Telangana state. He claimed that the BRS party protected the interests of the state in its rule.

"BRS is a party that was born for Telangana. We are the party that led the movement by creating fire in the water. KCR is a leader who has researched all the issues on Telangana," he said. He criticised the Congress government for not having the minimum knowledge in the matter of water shares.He was speaking to

the media along with former MLAs Gadari Kishore Kumar and Bolla Mallaiah Yadav at Telangana Bhavan in the city . He said that former minister Harish Rao suggested that the exploitation of Krishna river water was going on and demanded that it should be stopped. He said that AP was carrying more water than its share in Srisailem project and Nagarjuna Sagar projects.

He said there was a situation where there was a problem of irrigation and drinking water under the left canal of the Nagarjuna Sagar."We should talk about 123 TMC which is our right. The state ministers are trying to escape on

the issue of water," he said . He suggested that the government should stop talking about the BRS leaders and question the Centre and Chandrababu.

"The state government is looking at the moon even though AP was taking away the Krishna water that Telangana has stored . Harish Rao said that due to the exploitation of water by AP, there is a situation in telangana where irrigation and drinking water will be affected. State Minister Uttam Kumar spoke rubbish without answering his questions. The Congress leaders are talking about politics when we talk about the threat posed to the state.

It was the Congress and the BJP that did injustice to Telangana in the united State. Chandrababu, Revanth Reddy, Congress and BJP are responsible for not getting proper share of the water for Telangana. Uttam Kumar read what someone had written. Revanth Reddy became the CM with scoldings.

Uttam thinks that if he speaks the same language, he will become the chief minister," Reddy mocked. He claimed that During the 10 years of KCR's rule, there was no difficulty in drinking water and added that minister Uttam was speaking against KCR the same rubbish that Revanth Reddy spoke about.

Vidyapeeth's efforts are commendable: Former Minister Jana Reddy



Sangareddy District. February 21 : Former Home Minister of Andhra Pradesh Janareddy said that the efforts of Sri Jyotirvastu Vidyapeeth in spiritual and charitable service programs are commendable.

On Friday, he visited the Shivalinga with 1.08 crore Rudrakshas being constructed on the occasion of Mahashivratri at Sri Jyotirvastu Vidyapeeth in Fasalwadi, Sangareddy mandal.

Brahmashri Dr. Maheshwara Sharma, the founder of the Vidyapeeth, explained to Siddhanthi Janareddy that for the first time in the world Shivalinga is being made with Rudrakshas here.Siddhanthi explained that Bhasma Lingam and Patra Lingam were

also made for Mahashivratri in the past. Janareddy was told that the construction of Kailasa Prastara Mahamaku Pan-chamukha Umamaheswara Swamy temple will also be done in the ashram.

He said that only natural materials are used in the temple. Janareddy said that organizing such programs at a young age is commendable. TGIC Chairman. Nirmala Jayaprakash Reddy's former chairman Topaji Anantha Kishan, Vidya Peetha members Prashant Kumar, Daram Sanjay, Vittal Das, Rajendra Mahender and Bhairava Prasad participated in the Nirmala Jayaprakash Reddy program.

Shami's love affair with ICC events: 'It's all about loyalty, attention to detail'

► Grabbed a brilliant five-wicket haul in India's Champions Trophy opener against Bangladesh

Dubai, Feb 21 (GNS) A difficult and painful injury layoff firmly behind him, seasoned India pacer Mohammed Shami says attention to detail and loyalty to his craft make him lethal in ICC events where he only cares about breakthroughs and not his economy rate.

Shami grabbed a brilliant five-wicket haul in India's Champions Trophy opener against Bangladesh to play a pivotal role in the team's six-wicket triumph. In the process, he also became the fastest Indian and the second quickest overall to reach 200 ODI wickets here on Thursday night.

"In ICC events, if my ball gets hit a little, that's okay, but I should get a wicket, then that will be better for my team. I always think about this," Shami said at the post-match press conference. The 34-year-

old quick battled a career-threatening 14-month layoff due to an ankle injury during the 2023 ODI World Cup. He returned to international action last month in the limited-overs series against England and is now leading India's attack here in the absence of an injured Jasprit Bumrah.

"I just try to complete my skill with utmost loyalty. Like I have completed my 14 months - How loyal are you to that skill? How hungry are you to achieve your goal... How you will get that rhythm again? You should be hungry," Shami said when asked about his love affair with ICC events.

While wrecking Bangladesh here, Shami became India's leading wicket-taker in 50-over ICC events. His tally now stands at 60, overtaking former India pace spearhead Zaheer Khan. The retired left-arm seamer

had taken 59 wickets in 32 innings while Shami crossed the mark in just his 19th innings. He has 55 wickets in ODI World Cups across three editions, with 24 coming in the 2023 tournament hosted at home.

Shami said he has always focused on minor details like rhythm, and level of discomfort while bowling to understand where he stood in terms of his form. "Is your rhythm good? Do you have any discomfort? I pay attention to those things. I don't pay attention to the result. I pay attention to the present.

And I always try to meet the situation that is in demand. Am I good at that or not?" he said giving a peek into his mind. Shami, who claimed his sixth ODI fiver here, also has the most five-wicket hauls for India in the format. He recalled the

frustration he felt while watching India's woes in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy last month when Bumrah shouldered the enormous burden of leading the attack without him at the other end.

"It was very difficult...when you see that your team is very close to the edge, or it's a very close match, at that time you miss your bowlers who you used to bowl along with, or your unit. I wish I were there," he said. "I could have contributed something, could have helped," he added.

"I got to play domestic matches to gain confidence and to see my rhythm. To see what changes have come in the last 14 months or after the surgery...I got four international matches to play and I played around 10 domestic matches. That gave me a lot of confidence," he said.



SA thrash Afghanistan by 107 runs to begin CT campaign on rousing note

Karachi, Feb 21 (GNS) Opening batter Ryan Rickelton struck a flawless maiden century before a clinical display by the bowlers as South Africa began their Champions Trophy campaign with a comprehensive 107-run win over Afghanistan here on Friday.

Rickelton smashed 103 off 106 balls with the help of seven fours and one six while captain Temba Bavuma (58 off 76 balls), Rassie van der Dussen (52 off 46 balls) and Aiden Markram (52 not out off 36 balls) scored half centuries as South Africa posted 315 for 6 after opting to bat.

Rickelton's ton was the tournament's fifth in three day's time and the third at the National Stadium here. Chasing a big target of 316, Afghanistan couldn't repeat their series-winning performance of late last year against South Africa when they won the series 2-1 in Sharjah.

They were bowled out for 208 in 43.3 overs with South Africa pacers Kagiso Rabada (3/36), Lungi Ngidi (2/56), Wiaan Mulder (2/36) and Marco Jansen (1/32) sharing eight wickets among them as they never allowed Afghanistan to get going in the first 15 overs. The Afghans slipped to 50 for 4 and then to 89 for 5 in the 23rd over. They never recovered from there. Rahmat Shah played a lone hand with a 92-ball 90 while Rashid Khan (18) and Azmatullah Omarzai



(18) were the second highest scorers for Afghanistan who were never in the game after conceding a big total. Ngidi set the pace when he got rid of danger man Rehmanullah Gurbaz in the fourth over for 10 when the batsman couldn't play down a short ball which got big on him and Maharaj took a fine catch at short leg. After five overs, Rabada, bowling with fire on a batting track, clean-bowled Ibrahim

Zadran with a beauty. To make matters worse, Afghanistan lost Sediqullah Atal (16) to a run out in the 14th over while trying a suicidal single and the next over, captain Hashmatullah Shahidi (0) pulled Mulder straight to his opposite number Bavuma at wide mid-on to derail the innings. Rabada and Jansen went through Azmatullah Omarzai (18) and Muhammad Nabi (8) to make it 120 for 6 and more or

less settle the matter even though Rehmat Shah stood out with his fighting 90 from 92 balls before he was the last man out, edging Rabada to the keeper. Even though Tristan Stubbs was dropped and Heinrich Klassen was ruled out with an elbow tissue injury, South Africa had enough firepower to subdue the Afghans whose deadly three pronged spin attack was nullified on a flat pitch.

Swiatek stunned by Andreeva

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Andreeva won 6-3 6-3 to become the youngest semifinalist in Dubai's 24-year history. "I was nervous before the match," 14th-ranked Andreeva said. It's her fifth win over a top-10 player and second over a No. 2.

Bayern Munich beat Leipzig 5-1 to end year on top of table

► Bayern Munich crushed Leipzig 5-1 and they broke a long-standing Bundesliga record for quickfire goals. Two teams had never scored in the opening two minutes of a Bundesliga match until Jamal Musiala gave Bayern the lead after 28 seconds

Munich, Feb 21 (GNS) Two teams had never scored in the opening two minutes of a Bundesliga match until Jamal Musiala gave Bayern the lead after 28 seconds and Benjamin Šeško equalised barely 60 seconds later on Friday. The pace slowed after that frenetic start but not for long. Konrad Laimer put Bayern ahead against his old club in the 25th. Michael Olise found space on the right side and Laimer gave Péter Gulácsi no chance with a crisp volley. Nine minutes later, Joshua Kimmich lashed home from almost 30 meters to make it 3-1. Leroy Sané added the fourth with 15 minutes remaining and Alphonso Davies got his first league goal of the season to complete the rout three minutes later. Harry Kane returned and



looked rusty after missing two games with a hamstring injury but played 87 minutes of a match that helped Bayern get back on track

after a rocky run. After winning eight games in a row from late October to late November, the Bavarian giant lost two and drew one of

A year of turbulence: Mirabai & Indian weightlifting's unfulfilled dreams

► Despite a remarkable return, Chanu was unable to capture a medal at Paris. Will she bounce back or is it time to set sights on a new contender?

Vadodara, Feb 21 (GNS) Not many sports are inseparably linked with an individual, but Mirabai Chanu has been that name in Indian weightlifting for several years now. 2024, was no different as she carried the weight of the nation's aspirations for Olympic glory once again.

However, this time those dreams ended in heartbreak for her and the sport that has struggled to find a worthy successor to her. Chanu, who etched her name in history by ending India's 21-year Olympic medal drought in the sport with a silver at the Tokyo Games, embarked on a quest this year to achieve an extraordinary feat—a second consecutive Olympic medal in weightlifting.

While no other Indian lifter came close to qualifying for the Paris Games, Chanu secured her spot with an underwhelming 184kg (81kg + 103kg) at the Phuket World Cup, while making a remarkable return from a six-month injury layoff. Her journey to Paris was fraught with challenges.

At 29, Chanu faced an uphill battle against an injury-ravaged body, sub-optimal preparation, and an intensely competitive field. Despite these odds, her indomitable spirit and resilience elevated expectations. The year began on a difficult note, with Chanu



still recovering from the debilitating hip injury sustained during the Asian Games. She was locked in a race against time to regain her peak fitness ahead of the Paris Games. Even as she stepped onto the stage in Paris, whispers persisted on whether she was fully fit to be in the medal hunt.

Though she was briefly in contention during her event, her performance ultimately fell short. This left her with a fourth-place finish—a bitter pill for a nation that had pinned its hopes on her.

Post-Olympics, Chanu continues her rehabilitation, opting out of the year-end World Championships to focus on recovery. While

Chanu has repeatedly declared that her journey is far from over, with an elusive Asian Games medal next on her bucket list, questions linger about how much her injury-plagued body can endure. By the time the 2026 Asian Games in Japan arrive, she will be 32 -- a daunting prospect for any athlete in a physically demanding sport like weightlifting. Beyond Chanu, the future of Indian weightlifting appears uncertain. The numbers in the national camp often swell only ahead of Commonwealth events, where India traditionally excels, but those who shone at the 2022 Commonwealth Games have since faded into obscurity. A case in point is Jeremy Lalrinnunga, who rose to prominence with solid per-