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## Revanth unveils Praja Palana agenda

**Says people without ration card can also apply for 6 guarantees**

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Stating that his government was committed to implementing the six guarantees promised by his party during the polls in letter and spirit, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy assured that all the eligible persons would be provided benefits of the schemes being implemented by his government. "There should not be any confusion in the minds of the people. Every eligible person will get the benefits of the six guarantees. There is no need to panic. People without ration card too can apply. Those who failed to submit applications during the Praja Palana programme will be provided an opportunity to do so later," he assured.

The programme will be held from December 28 to January 6 in all villages and wards across the State to receive grievances and applications from the people.

The Chief Minister, who along with Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Roads and Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, Forest Minister Konda Sureka, Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageshwar Rao, Revenue



Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy launching the Praja Palana poster at the Secretariat in Hyderabad on Wednesday. — Photo: Anand Dharamana

Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and Chief Secretary Santhi Kumari, launched the Praja Palana Applications, Logo and other materials at Secretariat on Wednesday, said the entire exercise of the Praja Palana was to take the government to the doorsteps of the people. "Instead of people going to the government, the government was going to the people to find out their needs and resolve their issues," he said.

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### '2 L jobs will be filled by Dec 9'

**HYDERABAD:** Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy said recruitment by the TSPSC will be completed within one year, i.e. by December 9, 2024, as per the job calendar declared by the State government. He also assured to fill two lakh jobs by next December. He said Rythu Bharosa proposed to replace Rythu Bandhu by the previous BRS government, will be implemented after discussing the issue in the Assembly. Speaking to mediapersons at the Secretariat here on Wednesday, he attributed the delay in announcing the job calendar to the pending approval of resignations of the existing TSPSC board members.

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## Army must avoid making mistakes, says Rajnath

**Remarks come after death of 3 civilians in J&K**

RAJOURI/JAMMU

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday said he had full faith in the Indian Army that it will wipe out terrorism from Jammu and Kashmir, even as he urged the troops to not make any such "mistakes" that may hurt the citizens of the country.

It is the responsibility of the troops to win the hearts of the people while performing their duty towards the security of the nation, said Singh, who arrived in Jammu and Kashmir earlier in the day to review the security situation.

Singh was on a day-long visit to Rajouri and Jammu following a terrorist ambush in Poonch. The Minister's statement comes amid the outrage that sparked in the wake of three civilians being found dead in the Poonch district on December 22 allegedly after they were picked up by the security forces for questioning in connection with an ambush on two army vehicles that had left four soldiers dead a day earlier.

The Defence Minister, accompanied by Army chief General Manoj Pande and Lt Governor Manoj Sinha, flew to Rajouri district soon after his arrival in Jammu to review the security situation, especially in the twin border districts of Rajouri and



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and J&K Lt Governor Manoj Sinha with families of civilians who were found dead. — Photo: ANI

### Civilian deaths: Defence Minister assures justice to families

**RAJOURI/JAMMU:** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday assured justice to the families of three civilians who were found dead last week after being allegedly picked up by the Army following an ambush on two of Army vehicles in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district. Singh, accompanied by Army chief General Manoj Pande and Lt Governor Manoj Sinha, reached Rajouri district on Wednesday afternoon, where he met the families of the deceased and also visited the Government Medical College (GMC) to enquire about the health of four other "torture" victims.

Poonch where terror attacks and infiltration attempts from across the Line of Control (LoC) have witnessed a spike this year.

Addressing the troops at a military garrison in Rajouri, he lauded the troops for their bravery. "I believe in your bravery and steadfastness... Terrorism should be finished from Jammu and

Kashmir and you need to move forward with this commitment. I have full faith that you will achieve victory," Singh, flanked by General Pande and the Lt Governor, said. Four soldiers died and three others were injured when their vehicles were ambushed by terrorists in Poonch on December 21.

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## Six relatives of AP MLA die in US crash

AMALAPURAM

Six people from Amalapuram town in Andhra Pradesh's Konaseema district, who are relatives of Mummidiavaram MLA P Venkata Satish Kumar, died in a car accident on Tuesday evening in Texas, USA.

The victims were identified as P Nageshwar Rao, Seetha Mahalakshmi, Naveena, Kruthik, Nishitha and another person, who is also a relative of the family. Seven people were travelling in the car when it collided with a truck having two occupants on Highway 67, the farm-to-market road in Cleburne City of Texas.

The sole survivor in the car, Lokesh, has been airlifted to a hospital where he is undergoing treatment, but is said to be critical, the MLA said. US media re-

ports, without revealing the names of those involved in the accident, said two occupants in the truck are also injured and have been hospitalised.

The reports also quoted local police authorities as saying that the truck was at fault. "My uncle, aunt, their daughter, two grandchildren and another relative died in the accident when a 17-year-old American boy came in a truck and hit their car," Kumar said.

The accident occurred at 4 pm on Tuesday and six relatives died on the spot, he added. The group had gone to their relative Vishal's house in Texas for Christmas holidays, travelling from Atlanta in Georgia State. They visited a zoo park and were returning when the tragedy struck, Kumar said.

## TS Eamcet likely in May

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The Telangana State Engineering, Agriculture and Medical Common Entrance Test (TS EAMCET) 2024 is expected to be conducted in the second week of May. An announcement to this effect will be made shortly by the Telangana State Council of Higher Education (TSCHE).

Initially, the Common Entrance Tests dates will be announced followed by the issuance of the TS EAMCET notification in February. Conveners for various entrance tests, including EAMCET, ICET, PGECET, EdCET and LAW CET, will be appointed by the Council. A review meeting was held by Education Department Principal Secretary Burra Venkatesham.

## Brace for dense foggy morning today

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Hyderabad

The India Meteorological Department-Hyderabad (IMD-H) has issued a yellow alert for the city as dense fog and mist are anticipated to envelop the region on Thursday morning. The forecast predicts fog or mist in the early hours, followed by a later transition to partly cloudy skies.

The IMD-H anticipates a minimum temperature of around 16 degrees C and a maximum of 30 degrees C for Thursday. Wednesday also witnessed foggy conditions in Hyderabad and its outskirts, with the minimum



Thick fog engulfed Medak and lowered visibility on roads.

temperature recorded at 17.5 degrees C. Moula Ali experienced the lowest temperature at 13.8 degrees C. Although most areas registered minimum temperatures above 15 degrees C, the prevailing foggy conditions per-

sisted. Meanwhile, yellow alerts have also been extended to districts including Adilabad, Kumram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Nirmal, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Khammam, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Yadadri Bhon-

gir, Rangareddy, Medchal-Malkajgiri and Medak.

Meanwhile, the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) faced challenges as fog enveloped the vicinity on Wednesday. Consequently, flight operations were disrupted due to adverse weather conditions.

Vistara Flight UK873, which was en route from Mumbai to Hyderabad, was diverted to Bengaluru. Similarly, flight 6E 495 originating from Chennai was redirected to Goa instead of its scheduled arrival at Hyderabad. IndiGo flight 6E 5012, departing from Mumbai, also faced a diversion to Goa due to the prevailing weather conditions at RGIA.

## Sailing season begins



**RARING TO GO:** Participants at the 7th Telangana State Regatta Sailing Championships at Hussain Sagar in Hyderabad on Wednesday. — Photo: PTI

## Group-II exam postponed

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

The Telangana State Public Service Commission (TSPSC) on Wednesday postponed the Group-II recruitment examination scheduled for January 6-7.

The revised dates of examination will be announced in due course, the TSPSC said in a press release. This is the third time that the Group-II recruitment exam has been postponed by the Commission.

The examination, which was first scheduled for August 29-30, was moved to November 2-3 following requests from candidates. But it was again rescheduled to January 6-7 next year due to the Assembly elections.

## IPS officer grilled in cheating case

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

The Hyderabad Detective Department police on Wednesday questioned IPS officer Naveen Kumar, who is the Joint Director at the Dr RBVRR Telangana State Police Academy, with regard to a criminal case.

A team of policemen from the Hyderabad Central Crime Station took the officer to the Detective Department where a case was registered against him for allegedly trying to grab property belonging to a former IAS officer.

Two other alleged suspects in the case — Ch Sambasiva Rao, a businessman;

and his wife Roopa Dimple, an advocate — were arrested and remanded two days ago. Naveen Kumar was declared absconding in the remand report.

The Hyderabad CCS had registered a case under various Sections of the IPC against Sambasiva Rao, Roopa and Naveen Kumar following a complaint by Mani Lal, wife of former IAS officer Bhanwar Lal, for alleged forgery and cheating in a bid to grab her property located at Jubilee Hills.

In a statement, the Hyderabad police said a case was registered following a complaint from Mani Lal, and the IPS officer was questioned.

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