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\$5 trillion economy much before 2028, says Puri **page 8**

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## Poverty rate drops in State

Down from 13.18% in 2015-16 to 3.76% in 22-23

PS DILEEP  
HYDERABAD

Telangana has emerged as a frontrunner in the multidimensional poverty index (MPI), witnessing a steep decline from 13.18 per cent in 2015-16 to 3.76 per cent in 2022-23. In Telangana, over 17.67 lakh of the nearly 4.7 crore population are estimated to be multidimensionally poor.

During the corresponding period, India recorded an estimated absolute change in the headcount ratio of 17.89 percentage points, which is equivalent to approximately 24.82 crore individuals escaping multidimensional poverty. The country's MPI ratio declined from 24.85 per cent in 2015-16 to 11.28 per cent in 2022-23. As per the trend, India is much ahead of the target of reducing poverty in all its dimensions by half, by the year 2030.

According to a discussion paper 'Multidimensional Poverty in India since 2005-06' published by NITI

### Surging Ahead

- TS up from eighth to seventh in MPI rank among all States
- Ranks fourth among major States, and third among Southern States
- Outsmarts Andhra Pradesh which has 4.19% poor
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### TS top in startup ecosystem

HYDERABAD: Telangana has retained its top performer status at the States' Startup Rankings for the year 2022. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade under Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry appreciated the State for developing a strong startup ecosystem. The States' Startup Ranking for 2022 was released by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal here on Tuesday. (REPORT PAGE 4)

Aayog, Telangana had 13.18 per cent acutely poor people, in 2015-16 immediately after Andhra Pradesh was divided. The residual State of Andhra Pradesh had 11.77 per cent of poor people in

2015-16. The projected data shows a role reversal with Telangana expected to have only 3.76 per cent poor, while the neighbouring Andhra Pradesh will have 4.19 per cent poor. (SEE PAGE 2)

### Pannun issues death threat to Mann

CHANDIGARH

Khalistani terrorist Gurbatwant Singh Pannun on Tuesday issued a threat to assassinate Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and DGP Gaurav Yadav on Republic Day, asking gangsters to unite for an attack.

This is the latest threat the Sikhs For Justice (SFJ) founder Pannun has issued against Indian authorities. Responding to the threat, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann said that he doesn't take threats seriously. "We are moving among the public and will continue to do so," he added. (SEE PAGE 2)

### Golden Glow



DECKED UP: The Golden Temple illuminated on the eve of the birth anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh, in Amritsar on Tuesday. — Photo: IANS

### Rituals begin at Ayodhya

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### Trump wins Iowa caucuses

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### India eye clean sweep

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#### CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

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|--------------------------|---------|
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## KTR urges govt to help textile industry

STATE BUREAU  
Hyderabad

Amid a growing crisis in the textile industry in Telangana, BRS working president KT Rama Rao urged the Congress-led government in the State to take immediate action to prevent a serious downturn.

He emphasised the need for the new government to not only continue the programmes initiated by the previous BRS government but also to implement additional measures to support the struggling sector.

In a statement, Rama Rao said that over the past decade, Siricilla's textile industry experienced significant growth, courtesy the collaborative efforts and support provided by the previous BRS government. Highly skilled weavers in the powerloom sector had expanded their operations, making the region a formidable player in the textile landscape.

"My request to the Congress government is to continue and strengthen the sector more as it has the po-

**“Congress govt should strengthen the sector more as it has the potential to compete with Tirupur cluster in Tamil Nadu”**

— KT RAMA RAO, BRS working president



tential to grow and compete with Tirupur cluster in Tamil Nadu," he said. Expressing concern over the disturbing developments in the textile sector within the last 15 days, he cautioned that without immediate government intervention, the textile industry in Siricilla could face a severe crisis. (SEE PAGE 2)

## Gyanvapi: Nod for cleaning of water tank

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday allowed a plea moved by Hindu women plaintiffs for cleaning the water tank in the Gyanvapi mosque in Varanasi which is located in an area that has been sealed. The Bench ordered the cleaning of the water tank under the supervision of the Varanasi district magistrate. (REPORT PAGE 7)

## SC gives split verdict on Naidu's plea

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court delivered a split verdict on TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu's plea challenging the High Court order refusing to quash the FIR against him in the Skill Development scam case. The Bench differed on the interpretation and applicability of section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act in the case. (SEE PAGE 2)

## Hyd firm plans flying taxis in India

YUVRAJ AKULA  
Hyderabad

Come 2025, beat the unruly traffic congestion in cities by taking off in an air taxi.

Hyderabad-based Marut Drones and Japanese company SkyDrive have forged a partnership to transform urban transport with the launch of flying taxis, a first-of-its-kind in the country.

The flying taxis will be operated using electric Vertical Take-off and Landing (eVTOL) aircraft, commonly referred to as air taxis or flying taxis. These battery-pow-



Marut Drones and Japanese company SkyDrive looking to launch air taxis in India by 2025.

ered vehicles combine the hovering capabilities of a helicopter with the efficiency of fixed-wing aircraft. Marut Drones and SkyDrive signed an agreement to explore avenues for business development and exploration of opportunities in the emerging

field of eVTOL aircraft. The SkyDrive has already succeeded in the first crewed eVTOL flight test in Japan in 2019 and its eVTOL 'SkyDrive' is in the process of acquiring its Japan Civil Aviation Bureau certification. (SEE PAGE 2)

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## Sharmila is AP Congress chief

NEW DELHI

The Congress appointed YS Sharmila, the daughter of former Chief Minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy, as the new president of the Andhra Pradesh State unit. "Congress president has appointed YS Sharmila Reddy as the president of the AP Congress Committee with immediate effect," an official announcement by the party said. "Congress president has also appointed Shri Gidugu Rudra Raju, the outgoing PCC president as special invitee to the CWC. The party appreciates the contributions of Gidugu Rudra Raju, in his role as PCC president," it said. PTI