

అసాంఘిక కార్యక్రమాలకు సూర్యలంక కేరాఫ్ ??

అంతులేని భూకబ్జాలు.... అండగా నిలుస్తున్న నాయకులు? అధికారుల అసమర్థత? రెచ్చిపోతున్న రిసార్ట్స్ నిర్వాహకులు!!... ఆ ప్రాంతం లో నివసించేందుకే హడలి పోతున్న స్థానిక మహిళలు.... మందుబాబులు హల్లల్.... స్థానికుల గుండెల్లో జల్ జల్



రాయల్ జర్నలిజం(బాపట్ల) జనవరి 21: బాపట్ల సూర్యలంక తీర్పు పర్యటన కేంద్రంగా పేరు పొందింది. రాష్ట్ర నలుమూలల నుంచి కాకుండా పక్క రాష్ట్రాల నుంచి కూడా పర్యటకులు ఈ సూర్యలంకకు వస్తుంటారు. స్థానికంగా ఉన్న చేపలు పట్టేవారు మరియు పర్యటకుల సౌకర్యార్థం అక్కడ నివసించే జాలర్లకు ఆసరాగా ఉండేందుకు, స్థానిక పేదవారికి జీవనం కొరకు



పదార్థాలు, శీతల పానీయాలు, ఆహారకరమైన వస్తువులతో పాటు మధ్యం విక్రయాలతో పాటు వ్యభిచారం కూడా విచ్చలవిడిగా జరుగుతుండన్న వార్తలు లేకపోలేదు. మరి ఇంత జరుగుతున్న ఏ అధికారికి ఇవి కనిపించడం లేదు. ఏ



ఉండటంతో క్రమేపీ పర్యటకుల రద్దీ పెరిగిపోయి హరిత రిసార్ట్ లో రూములు కరువయ్యే పరిస్థితి నెలకొంది. అదిగమనించిన కొందరు బడా బాబులు నాయకుల అండదండలతో ప్రైవేట్ రిసార్ట్ ఏర్పాటుచేసి లక్షలు దోచుకుంటూ స్థానిక మహిళలను ఇబ్బందులకు గురిచేస్తు ఎవరికన్నా ఫిర్యాదు చేసినా తమపై తేసులు పెడతామని బెదిరింపులకు గురిచేస్తున్నారని వాపోయారు. ఎలానో తెగించి సందరు విషయం పై ఎన్నాళ్లగానో విసిగి వేసాలిన మహిళలు సోమవారం స్థానిక జిల్లా కలెక్టర్ నిర్వహించిన "ప్రజా సమస్యల పరిష్కార వేదిక" కార్యక్రమంలో జిల్లా కలెక్టర్ కు



నిజానికి ఆ ప్రాంతంలో పేదవారికి ఇచ్చిన స్థలములో పేదవాడు నివాసం ఏర్పాటు చేసుకుని జీవిస్తున్న వారు చాలా తక్కువ సంఖ్యలో ఉన్నారు, నామమాత్రపు డబ్బులు చెల్లించి వారి పట్టాలు తీసుకొని లక్షల రూపాయలతో చేపలు మార్చుకున్న వారు కొందరు, మరికొందరు తక్కువ ధరలకు వచ్చిన స్థలంలో శాశ్వత



నాయకుడు ఇవి పట్టించుకోరు, ఎందుకు అంటే నాయకులకు కావలసిన వారికి నాయకుల సిఫారసులు, కాసులకు కక్కుర్తి పడ్డ అధికారులు ధృతరాష్ట్రుల్లా వ్యవహరిస్తున్నారు. గతంలో పర్యటకులు ఉదయం వచ్చి సాయంత్రం వరకు తమ కుటుంబ సభ్యులు స్నేహితులతో సరదా గడిపి ఆ ప్రాంతం లో నివసించే అవకాశం లేక సాయంత్రంమయ్యానికి వారి స్వస్థానములకు తిరుగు మొఖం పట్టేవారు. అది గమనించిన ప్రభుత్వం పర్యటకుల అవసరార్థం పర్యటకులు వేచి ఉండుటకు



ఫిర్యాదు చేసినట్లు స్థానికులు వివరించారు. మరి స్టేషన్ లో ఈ వ్యవహారం పై అధికారులలో ఏవిధమైన స్టేషన్ కలుగుతుందో వేచి చూడాలి.

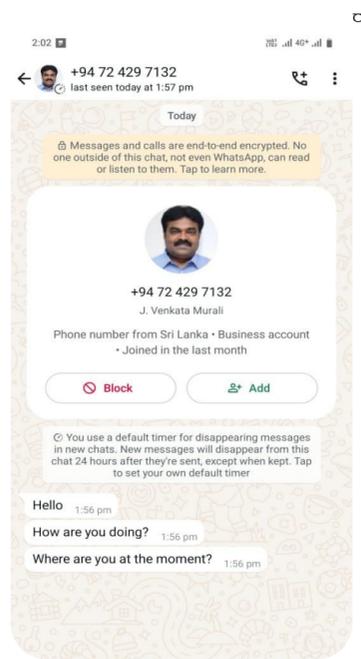


కట్టాడులు ఏర్పాటుచేసి అతిథి గృహములుగా మార్చి సాము చేసుకుంటున్న వారు మరికొందరు. మొత్తం మీద ఆ ప్రాంతంలో అనధికారకంగా పెద్ద రియల్ ఎస్టేట్ వ్యాపారం నడుస్తుండన్న నానాడి ఉంది. ఆ ప్రాంతంలో ఏర్పాటు చేసిన షాపులు మొదట్లో కేవలం 35 వేల రూపాయల వ్యయంతో నిర్మించుకున్న షాపులు నేడు రూ.7 లక్షల నుంచి రూ.10 లక్షల వరకు ధర పలుకుతుంది. ఆ తీర ప్రాంతంలో ఆహార

అనువుగా "హరిత రిసార్ట్" పేరుతో వసతి గృహాలను నిర్మించింది. అయితే క్రమేపీ అక్కడ నివసించే అవకాశం ఉండటంతో పర్యటకుల సంఖ్య విపరీతంగా పెరిగింది. వారంలో శని ఆదివారం లో పర్యటకులు అధిక సంఖ్యలోనూ సోమవారం నుండి శుక్రవారం వరకు పర్యటకులతో సాధారణ రద్దీ కనిపిస్తుంది. రాత్రి కూడా అక్కడ నివసించడానికి అనువుగా

సూర్యలంకలో జరిగితున్న అవినీతి పై వరుస కథనాలు మీ "రాయల్ జర్నలిజం" దినపత్రికలో

బాపట్ల జిల్లా కలెక్టర్ గుర్తింపును దుర్వినియోగ పరుస్తున్న హ్యాకర్



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కొందరికి మెసేజ్లు వెళ్లాయన్నారు. ఈ నేపథ్యంలో ప్రజలు మరియు అప్రమత్తంగా ఉండాలని సూచించారు. గుర్తు తెలియని వ్యక్తుల నెంబర్లతో ఎలాంటి సమాచారం వచ్చిన తక్షణమే పోలీసులకు ఫిర్యాదు చేయాలని ఆయన కోరారు.

రాబోవు రోజుల్లో జిల్లాలో యాక్సిడెంట్స్ సంఖ్యను జీరో కు తీసుకువచ్చేందుకు అందరు కృషి చెయ్యాలి: జాయింట్ కలెక్టర్ ప్రఖర్ జైన్

గుర్తించిన బ్లాక్ స్కూల్ లలో వెంటనే నివారణ చర్యలు తీసుకోవాలి
ప్రమాదాల సమయం లో క్షతగాత్రులకు సహాయపడే వారికి ఎటువంటి ఆబ్బందులు కలిగించ వద్దు.
ప్రమాదాలలో గాయపడిన క్షతగాత్రులకు సహాయపడే గుడ్ సమరితన్ లకు రూ. 5,000/- ఆర్థిక సహాయం

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మరియు పోలీస్ అధికారులను కోరారు. అలాగే ప్రమాదాలలో గాయపడిన క్షతగాత్రులకు సహాయపడే గుడ్ సమరితన్ లకు రూ. 5,000/- ఆర్థిక సహాయం

అందించ బడుతుందని, ఈ విషయం ప్రజలకు తెలియజేయాలని అధికారులను కోరారు. హిట్ అండ్ రన్ యాక్సిడెంట్లు బాలిన పడిన వారికి అందించే ఆర్థిక సహాయం వెంటనే వారికి అందేలా చూడాలని సంబంధిత అధికారులను ఆదేశించారు. రహదారి భద్రత లో భాగస్వాములు అయిన పోలీస్, రవాణా, మెడికల్ అండ్ హెల్త్ మరియు ఇంజనీరింగ్ డిపార్ట్మెంట్స్ కలిసి పనిచేయాలని కోరారు. ఈ సమావేశం లో అడిషనల్ ఎస్. పి. విఠల్ శర్మ, డిప్యూటీ ట్రాన్స్పోర్ట్ ఆఫీసర్ టి.కె.పరంధామ రెడ్డి, డి ఎం అండ్ ఎచ్ ఓ ఎస్. విజయమ్మ బాపట్ల, చీరాల, రేపల్లె డి.ఎస్.పి లు, బాపట్ల, చీరాల, అద్దకి మునిసిపల్ కమిషనర్స్ నేషనల్ హై వే అధికారులు, ఆర్ అండ్ బి అధికారులు, ఆర్.టి.సి డివో మేనేజర్, బాపట్ల మరియు రవాణా శాఖ సిబ్బంది పాల్గొన్నారు



A giant leap in space

ISRO'S space docking underscores the nation's technical prowess and sets the stage for future space explorations. India's space programme, spearheaded by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), has achieved yet another landmark with its first successful space docking experiment. This milestone represents a pivotal moment in the nation's space exploration journey, further cementing ISRO's reputation as a key player in global space technology. Space docking is the process of two spacecraft connecting in orbit, enabling the transfer of crew, equipment, or

fuel. It is a critical technology for advanced space missions, including the construction of space stations, in-orbit servicing and interplanetary travel. The ability to dock spacecraft is a benchmark for spacefaring nations, signifying their capability to perform complex operations in space. ISRO's docking experiment involved two small, indigenously developed spacecraft launched into orbit. The mission demonstrated autonomous manoeuvring, where the spacecraft approached each other, aligned precisely, and successfully docked while orbiting Earth at high speeds. The operation required intricate planning and the development of cutting-edge technologies such as precision navigation, control systems, and robotic mechanisms. This docking experiment lays the groundwork for India's ambition to develop its own modular space station,

a project slated for the next decade. Space docking technology is critical for future missions to the Moon and Mars. It facilitates the assembly of larger spacecraft in orbit and supports refueling and crew transfer, essential for long-duration missions. Mastery of docking technology positions India as a potential partner for international projects, such as the Lunar Gateway or other collaborative space station endeavours. The success underscores ISRO's ability to innovate and develop sophisticated technologies domestically, reducing reliance on external support. Executing a docking manoeuvre is no small feat. ISRO had to address multiple challenges, including developing highly accurate navigation and control systems capable of autonomous decision-making. Ensuring synchronisation of two spacecraft traveling at speeds exceeding 28,000 km/h. ISRO's suc-

cessful space docking marks a critical step forward in India's space aspirations. It aligns with the organisation's vision to expand its presence in low Earth orbit and beyond. The achievement also inspires confidence in India's space capabilities as the nation eyes ambitious goals such as the Gaganyaan human spaceflight mission, lunar exploration, and interplanetary ventures. The international space community has lauded ISRO's accomplishment, recognising it as a significant technical breakthrough. It reaffirms India's position as a rising space power, capable of undertaking challenging and high-stakes missions. As the nation continues to push the boundaries of what's possible, this milestone serves as a foundation for even greater achievements in the years to come. With every new stride, India moves closer to its dream of being a leader in the final frontier.

How skill-based degrees are redefining India's future

By aligning with industry needs and empowering individuals with practical expertise, the nation is paving the way for a more inclusive and dynamic workforce. India's education system is undergoing a quiet revolution. As the global job market evolves, the emphasis on traditional degrees gives way to skill-focused education tailored to the demands of a dynamic economy. A prime example is the introduction of degree courses in salons, spas, beauty parlours, and other vocational domains. These courses signify a paradigm shift in how we perceive education, employment, and entrepreneurship in 'Viksit Bharat.' This development addresses critical challenges. It aligns with the growing aspirations of India's youth, caters to burgeoning private sector industries, and equips individuals with skills for self-employment, entrepreneurship and opportunities abroad.

Growing Demand for Vocational Expertise

The global wellness industry, valued at over \$4 trillion, continues to expand, with India emerging as a key player. The beauty and wellness sector alone is projected to grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 18 per cent over the next five years. The personal grooming industry demands nearly 1.3 million professionals annually, significantly surpassing the 3-4 lakh jobs the software industry adds yearly. This boom has created immense demand for skilled professionals, from hairstylists and spa therapists to salon managers and beauty wellness consultants. Recognising this, regulatory bodies like the UGC and AICTE have integrated skills courses into the education system. Indian universities now collaborate with training institutes to offer structured programmes like the Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Beauty and Wellness. These programmes cover skincare, makeup artistry and salon management. Other universities offer diplomas and degree programmes in wellness and hospitality sectors, designed with industry leaders. Globally, institutions such as the London College of Beauty Therapy (UK) and the Australian Academy of Beauty Dermal and Laser offer world-class programmes. These



courses adhere to international standards, providing globally recognised certifications that enhance employability abroad.

Parity Between B Voc and BSc Degrees

An essential aspect of this transformation is recognising the equivalence of Bachelor of Vocation (B Voc) and Bachelor of Science (BSc) degrees. While BSc focuses on academic learning, B Voc emphasises hands-on, industry-relevant training. Recent policy reforms place these degrees on par, ensuring vocational education is no longer seen as secondary but as an equally credible academic pathway. This parity allows B Voc graduates to access the same opportunities as BSc graduates in employment, higher education, or competitive exams. It underscores the value of skills and practical expertise in driving economic growth. Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and National Credit Framework Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) further strengthens this integration. RPL allows individuals to earn formal recognition for previous informal training or work experiences.

When aligned with the National Credit Framework, credits earned in schools, vocational training institutions, or universities become seamlessly transferable across sectors. This fosters flexibility in education, empowering individuals to personalise their learning journeys and reduce redundancy. By integrating RPL with skill-based programmes, India's education system

becomes more inclusive and adaptable. Employment and Entrepreneurship Opportunities Skill-based degree programs unlock diverse career pathways:

1. Private Sector Jobs: Luxury wellness brands, fitness chains, and beauty franchises seek trained professionals. Graduates can

secure jobs in high-end spas, salons, and wellness centres with lucrative salaries and career growth.

2. Self-Employment and Freelancing: These courses empower entrepreneurial individuals to establish businesses. Graduates can run boutique salons or offer personalised wellness services, catering to niche markets.

3. Government Jobs: Recognising vocational degrees has expanded opportunities in government roles. Graduates are eligible for positions in wellness centres and initiatives under schemes like Skill India and PMKVY (Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana).

4. Global Opportunities: Programmes often include internationally recognised certifications, enhancing employability abroad. For instance, graduates from LCBT in the UK find opportunities in European markets, while Australian academy-trained professionals thrive in Asia-Pacific regions.

Breaking Stigmas Around Vocational Careers

Vocational careers have long been viewed as secondary options. Introducing structured degree programs challenges these stereotypes. Formal education in salons, spas, and beauty parlours combines technical skills, business acumen, and industry exposure, positioning these professions as aspirational.

This shift is especially empowering for women, who form a significant portion of the workforce in these fields and now gain access to recognised qualifications

that enhance professional credibility. Challenges in Implementation India's higher education system, often criticised for being theory-heavy, struggles to improve practical skill sets. Initiatives like the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and platforms like SWAYAM aim to modernise education, but challenges remain:

1. Quality Assurance: Maintaining high standards and industry relevance requires collaboration with established industry players.

2. Awareness: Many students and parents remain unaware of these opportunities, favouring traditional careers. Awareness campaigns are crucial.

3. Infrastructure and Faculty: Vocational education requires specialised infrastructure and trained faculty. Institutions must invest in state-of-the-art facilities and continuous professional development for educators.

4. Recognition and Accreditation: Further integration into academia and government recruitment processes will enhance vocational degrees' credibility.

Vision for the Future
Skill-based degree programmes signify societal reform, recognising youth aspirations and aligning education with market realities. By formalising careers through structured courses, India creates a skilled and confident workforce. These reforms reflect a commitment to inclusivity, providing pathways for diverse socio-economic backgrounds to pursue rewarding careers. India is on the brink of an educational revolution. Skill-based degrees in fields like salons, spas, and beauty parlours redefine education. These programmes bridge the gap between aspiration and opportunity, equipping students with skills to thrive globally. As these initiatives gain momentum, scaling them, ensuring quality, and destigmatising vocational careers are imperative. With parity between B Voc and BSc degrees and the integration of RPL into the National Credit Framework, India's education system is transforming into a flexible and robust framework. These changes will meet today's demands and shape a prosperous future for the nation.

Sparking smile: Lessons from a children's elocution competition

From innovative tech-based ideas to timeless acts of kindness, the young participants presented thoughtful solutions that left me inspired about what truly makes us happy. Last week, I had the privilege of being on the panel of judges for an elocution competition for students, with the topic 'The Perfect Solution to Make People Smile More.' It was an intriguing subject—one very close to my heart—because I am the kind of person who smiles a lot. A lot more than people sometimes care to respond to or reciprocate. On the street, in the metro, in the building gallery, during my walk—almost anyone I can get eye contact with, whether stranger or friend, gets a smile. It is the most inexpensive gift I can offer, regardless of whether it is valued or not. It's a heart-felt gesture that could be the very thing someone needs to make their day. The children who participated came up with some remarkable ideas—everything from making a smile a commodity that fetches monetary rewards or other tangible benefits to evoking emotional points that deeply resonated with the empathy in me. Given that the contest was called "Pitch Perfect," the students brought forth many innovative concepts to make people smile, many of which revolved

around technology. It was fascinating to imagine how new-age devices could inspire smiles, but I couldn't help wondering—do we really need tools and gadgets to smile? Can't we simply find natural reasons for it? Can't we create genuine moments that make people's eyes crinkle at the corners authentically? As I waited for those ideas to unfold, I felt a gentle discomfort with the implicit belief that nothing happens these days without gadgets. But then came a few gems that emphasised the importance of compassion, empathy, and kindness as part of our daily lives—powerful ingredients for sparking smiles. This is what I want the younger generation to embody—an attitude that encourages them to be better people each day, spreading smiles through simple acts of kindness, rather than relying solely on innovations. I was deeply moved by what some of the children shared. When I asked one young participant what act of kindness he had done that day to make someone smile or brighten their day, his answer was simple yet profound: "I told my mother how yummy the breakfast was, and it made her very happy." My takeaway from the experience was this: the new generation is competitive, full of energy



to beat the odds and rise to the top in life. But it is also brimming with humaneness and rationality, qualities nurtured by the guidance of teachers, parents, and mentors. As they navigate the pressures of becoming super achievers, they still understand that the roots of happiness and peace lie in kindness and compassion. As is my habit, I often ask my students if they enjoy going to school and, if so, why. The answer I invariably hear is they like school not because of what they learn in class, but because of their friends. This sometimes makes me question my belief that schools and universities should be tem-

ples of learning-platforms for young minds to ignite and soar. Their answer also makes me wonder if there's more to be desired in how we mould our students. Have we focused too much on academic excellence at the cost of soul-nurturing education? Perhaps we need to spend less time teaching children skills to thrive in a competitive world and more time preparing them to be compassionate, kind-hearted individuals who bring joy to those around them. This competition, with all its innovation and spirited energy, reminded me that the most profound solutions to making people smile often lie in the simplest of acts: a word of appreciation, a compliment, a smile shared. As we look toward a future increasingly driven by technology, let's not lose sight of what makes us truly human. It's the little things that have the power to make the world a little brighter.

Mahakumbh: Spiritual fervour meets economic revival

This edition of Mahakumbh is not only the world's largest religious congregation but also a showcase of Uttar Pradesh's evolving economic prowess and cultural magnificence. Over 3 crore devotees, both national and international, taking a holy dip on the debut day of Mahakumbh in Prayagraj, has just validated what we have been saying for the past several months. In terms of scale and grandeur, this edition of Mahakumbh would not only be the largest religious congregation on the planet. But it would also remain unmatched for a very long time. We estimate that it will eventually have around 400 million visitors (more than double the previous edition). But won't be surprised if the actual number exceeds our expectations, by a modest margin. Elaborate arrangements would be an understatement. A more apt term would be epic-scale preparations. Yes, this is what went into this grand event which we would like to be remembered forever. The UP government had sanctioned more than 540 projects to create world-class amenities at an estimated expenditure in the vicinity of Rs 7,000 crore. You go to the site and you will notice a sprawling new city (covering 4,000 hectares) has been set up which has over 1.5 lakh tents and all basic amenities including advanced medical centres and distinct pockets for businesses. There is hardly any name (big or small) in the consumer-facing business that you will find missing in action at the holy site serving the devotees with their offerings. On a cumulative basis,



we are expecting a generation of economic activities worth Rs 2 lakh crore or over \$24 billion which is simply staggering. The security architecture created for this mega event is powered by artificial intelligence (AI), which is an added feature. Our objective has been simple. We wanted to create a site that would be the best possible amalgamation of religious fervour of the highest order and modern amenities of the best class. And from the initial response of the visitors, we seem to have succeeded to a large extent. It would be no exaggeration to say that we have spared no effort in ensuring that this grand religious event assumes an unmatched character. This was our core focus right from day one of the planning stage as we knew that Mahakumbh this time would also be leaving a host of critical messages for the world. In symbolic terms, at a time when the geo-political turbulence is quite evident and religious intolerance is raising its head in many corners of the world, the Mahakumbh in Prayagraj is yet another occasion to prove the richness of our Sanatani her-

itage which is rooted in the philosophy of co-existence and welfare of the humanity. With thousands of foreign devotees (not only NRIs but devotees from other nationalities and religions too) expected to arrive at the holy site and experience the magnificence of Bharat's religious strength, the show has to also offer them a glimpse of the world's ancient society being in a serious resurgent mode. The event has to intrinsically validate our subtle claim of global leadership in several spheres. There is one more critical message that we wish to emanate from Mahakumbh this time. And that pertains to the growing economic prowess of Uttar Pradesh. From being in the disparaging 'Bimaru' state club till the recent decade, the turnaround in the state's economic fortune would be quite evident at the site for which we have left no stone unturned. That millions of visitors should carry the impression of a modern and thriving economy is indeed an objective. We have been working quite hard in reviving the state's economy since 2017 trying to put it in the leader's club (among states) in the country. There has been a slew of policy and regulatory interventions which have delivered positive results. We are the third largest economy (state-wise) which has an impressive share of over 8 per cent in the national GDP. The annual growth of the state's economy in the last seven-eight years has been to the tune of 11 per cent, among the highest

in the country. Despite being a landlocked state, we have a share of around 5 per cent in the national exports which has facilitated our defining Marketing Development Assistance scheme. This year, we will be announcing a new export policy that will take into consideration the new business opportunities (for the next five years) emerging from a far superior infrastructural base. We today have the largest rail network in the country, 38 per cent expressways' share of the national kitty, four international and nine domestic airports. Further, seven new airports are under construction including the world-class Jewar Airport which will be unveiled soon. To energise grassroots economies, one of our major initiatives has been: the one-district-one-product scheme. Launched in 2018, this scheme seeks to identify the specific USP product of 75 districts and help the local stakeholders take that business to the next level with all-round support (training to marketing) from government agencies. Since the inception of the scheme, we have supported over 1,33,472 artisans across the state. The efforts to give a decisive rejig to the state economy have considerably paid off, propelling us to commit to further pushing our growth momentum and becoming a \$1 trillion economy in the not-so-distant future. This is the core objective of our economic salvation route, which we have been pursuing for quite some time. And I am quite confident, that the visitors to Mahakumbh this time, will also have a sufficient glimpse of it.



