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CHIEF Minister A Revanth Reddy on Sunday said that the government would accord top priority to farmers, women and youth this year and name 2024

'Rvthu-Mahila-Yuvatha Nama

Samvastaram'. Extending New Year greetings to the people of Telangana, Revanth Reddy said that the government would soon release a white paper on irrigation, including the details of alleged corruption that took place in the sector. Asserting that the education sector right from the primary to higher level would be revamped, the CM revealed that his government was planning to implement a guarantee for the welfare of the youth.

"A people's government has been established in the state and people are being involved in governance. The government has kept its promise of restoring democracy and up-



holding freedom of expression. We have already implemented two of the six guarantees and the remaining too would be fulfilled shortly," he said.

"The aim of the government is to ensure that all the eligible should get welfare schemes and Telangana should be in number one position in development," Revanth Reddy asserted and reiterated his government's commitment to implementing all the assurancGovt to release white paper on irrigation: CM Revanth Reddy said that the

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ise their dreams shortly, he said. He called upon the people not to believe the allegations levelled by those who lost power. "This is not the previous government. This is people's government (jana palana). The doors are open 24 hours for every citizen to reach the government," Revanth assured.

He said that the government was collecting the details of cases registered against Telangana martyrs and they would be lifted soon.

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@ Vijavawada

THE enhanced pension of ₹3,000 will be released for beneficiaries on Monday. In line with his poll promise, Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has hiked financial assistance under the YSR Pension Kanuka scheme from ₹2,250 in 2019 to ₹3,000 in 2024.

Andhra Pradesh is the only state in the country to provide a pension of ₹3,000 per month to around 66.34 lakh people.

While the distribution of the enhanced pension will begin on January 1, it will continue across the State for eight days. The Chief Minister will participate in the week-long celebrations at Rangaraya Medical College grounds in Kakinada on January 3. He will also distribute new pension cards to 1,17,161 eligible individuals.

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pension to AP beneficiaries

According to officials, each of the pensioners, including

the elderly, widows, weavers, toddy tappers, fishermen, traditional cobblers, and people living with HIV (PLHIV) among others, have received an average amount of ₹1,47,500 in the last 55 months.

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UNNIKRISHNAN S @ T'Puram

KERALA this year recorded 24% deficit rainfall, its worst since 2017. The state received 2,202 mm of rain in 2023 against the normal 2,890 mm.

The only silver lining was that the state, despite experiencing one of its driest periods, escaped from setting the record for the worst rainfall ever thanks to a surplus northeast monsoon. The monsoon, ending on December 31, contributed an additional 27% of rainfall, with the state receiving 624 mm of rain compared to the normal 492 mm since October

According to weather experts, a good mon-

soon at the end of the year helped the state from recording the worst rainfall deficit in history. "Kerala recorded

the worst rainfall deficit in 2016 (an El Nino year) marked by a poor northeast Though 2023 was also an El Nino year like 2016, the northeast monsoon this time tried to compensate for previous deficits," said Rajeevan Erikkulam, a meteorologist with

Meteorologist

ment Authority. Rainfall seasons are divided

Kerala State Disaster Manage-

into winter (January and February), pre-monsoon (March-May), southwest monsoon (June-September) and north-



east monsoon (October-December). The first and second seasons saw a deficit of over 20%. This year's southwest monsoon, which usually accounts for 70-80% of the state's total

> annual rainfall, turned out to be the worst in the past 50 years, with a deficit of 34%

Rajeevan said the deficit of nearly 50% in Wayanad is a cause for concern while southern districts like Idukki made up for the deficits with surplus rainfall monsoon. Only Wayanad and Kannur received less rainfall (-4% departure each) during the northeast season while Pathanamthitta, Thiruvananthapuram, Kottayam, Alappuzha

and Ernakulam received large excess or excess rainfall. El Niño, a climate pattern characterised by periodic warming of sea surface temperatures in the equatorial Pacific Ocean, posed a potential threat to the monsoon.

EXPRESS READ

Apart from revamping the

administration in order to pro-

vide 'Praja Palana', the govern-

ment is focusing on strength-

ening the State financial

situation, which was pushed

into crisis by the previous gov-

ernment, explained Revanth.

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cover people's money which

was looted during the previous

government. Those who waited

for pensions, ration cards and

houses for 10 years would real-

He revealed that the govern-

25 injured after bus skids in Tamil Nadu

TIRUPPUR: Over 25 people were injured after a mini bus heading towards Avinashi skidded and turned turtle in Uthukuli on Sunday. A group of residents was returning from Bhavani in Erode after a funeral. The vehicle skidded. All the persons injured were admitted to hospitals in Avinashi and Uthukuli.

Man hangs self after killing wife in Kochi

KOCHI: A 58-year-old man died by suicide after allegedly murdering his wife in Piravom near Kochi on Sunday. According to the police, the man -- identified as Baby, of Kakkadu -- also attacked his daughters. He hacked his wife Smitha, 47, to death before hanging himself inside their



FOR A CAUSE

Residents protest for closure of Coromandel international factory after the gas leak at Ennore in Chennai | P.RAVIKUMAR

In a first, TN fire official becomes IAS officer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennal

MARKING a first of its kind elevation, N Priya Ravichandran from the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Service (TNFRS) has been appointed as an IAS service of Tamil Nadu.

As per the gazette notification from the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances, and Pensions TNFRS (northern region) joint director N Priva Ravichandran has been officially designated as an IAS officer for 2022. Her journey in the service began in 2003 through Group-1 service recruitment. Priya becomes the first TNFRS officer to climb the ranks of an IAS officer.

She drew attention during a rescue operation at Kalas Ma-



hal, an age-old heritage structure, where she sustained severe burns from a fire outbreak

on January 15, 2012 while serving as the District Fire Officer (Chennai City Central). Recog-



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Tamil Nadu official

nising her bravery, the state government honoured her with the Anna Medal for Bravery and the President's Medal for Gallantry, in 2012.

Sources said that Priya led the team for the Republic Day for two consecutive years -2008 and 2009. Her efforts extended beyond operational duties, actively engaging in initiatives to promote fire safety, including creation of educational films about the fire department and awareness campaigns such as 'Safe Deepavali'. Additionally, Priya was the sole representative of the state, attending a training programme on 'Risk Management in Industries' organised by the Government of India in Germany.

2 SUSPECTS HELD Slain TN Dalit

youth's relatives block roads

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

A 25-year-old Dalit man, Muthu Perumal from Puliyankulam village, Thoothukudi, was hacked to death allegedly by three dominant caste individuals in Tirunelveli on Sunday morning. Two men have been detained

in connection to the murder while a third man is on the run. Perumal's relatives blocked the Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur road near Puliyankulam, condemning the murder and demanding severe action against the culprits.

Despite efforts of Thoothukudi police to pacify the family, the road block continued for most of Sunday. Hundreds of police personnel have been deployed in Puliyankulam and surrounding villages to prevent any further violence in the area.

"On Sunday morning, Perumal was on his way to Tirunelveli on his two-wheeler, when he was waylaid by a three-member gang on a bike near Reddi-The gang hacked Peru mal to death and fled the scene. Upon information, Perumalpuram police recovered Perumal's body and sent it for an autopsy," police sources said. A case was registered and an alert was put out. "Munneerpallam police subsequently secured two of the accused at a vehicle checkpoint, while the other managed to escape. Notably, the suspects hail from Therku Karaseri, a village near Puliyankulam," police added. Police were tightlipped about the possible motive behind.

On a project by student, cops install CCTV cameras to preserve stream

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madikeri

AN honest effort from an eighth grade girl of the government school at Kodagarahalli of Suntikoppa in Kodagu district has helped preserve a local stream. The work for her science project has now earned the respect of the district administration and district police, who have ordered that CCTV cameras be installed to prevent dumping of waste near the stream.

Shreesha AS, daughter of Suntikoppa residents Shiju and Sandhya, is a student of the

Kodagarahalli Suntikoppa Nadu Government High School. She was nominated to represent the school at the 31st National Children's Science Convention, where she won the Young Scientist' recognition for her presentation -- 'Pollution across river banks'.

While a majority of science projects are done using the internet, Shreesha went a step ahead, and did a real world



project. With the help from her father, she visited the stream near her locality to collect inputs for her project. She surveyed the Haraduru stream, collected details about its importance to the locality. She recorded sound bytes from local residents and learnt that the stream has been the lifeline of the locality for ages. The survey, however, also introduced her to the sad state of affairs of the stream where she found loads of plastic and other garFrom coffee pulping to plastic waste, the stream was being polluted by a few locals and tourists who visited the spot.

Shreesha compiled the story and submitted a report on the pitiable condition of the water body to the district administration, district police and the local panchayat. Her efforts persuaded SP K Ramarajan to deploy the staff near the stream to stop littering. Further, the administration has ordered the local body to install CCTVs to control garbage dumping at its banks.

Covid cases touch 1K in B'luru, over 900 in home isolation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE total Covid active cases in the state touched 1,000 on Sunday. Bengaluru Urban topped the list with 517 cases, followed by Mysuru 83 and Mandya 42. Of the total active cases, 943 are in home isolation.

The state also reported 229 new positive cases, but no deaths. The Health Department carried out 3,527 tests across the state of which 2,972 were RTPCR and 555 RAT. The positivity rate was 6.49 per cent. Since December 15, the state has sent 247 samples for Whole Genomic Sequencing (WSG) and the results of 60 have arrived till now. Of the 60 samples, 34 were identified with the new variant JN.1.

Also since December 15, the state witnessed 13 deaths of which three positive patients were infected with the new variant JN.1. The Health Department is awaiting the reports of the remaining samples.

Meanwhile, India has logged 841 new cases of COVID-19, the highest in 227 days, while the number of active cases of the infection was recorded at 4,309, the health ministry said on Sunday. Three new fatalities due to Covid have been reported in a span of 24 hours, according to the ministry's data updated at 8 am.

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Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financia Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest

(Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd., will be sold on "As is

where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Co Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Legal Heirs. Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any (C)	Amount Outstanding (D)	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit (E)	Date and Time of Property Inspection (F)	Date & Time of Auction
Rs. 1,99,010/-						
2.	(Borrower) Lalita Sharma (Co-Borrower) New No. 22 Loan Account No. Ghaziabado	Plot No. 6, Khasra No. 537/2, & 367 Nasirpur	Rs. 11,63,429/- December 15, 2023	Rs. 39,36,600/-		January 19, 2024 02:00 PM- 03:00 PM
		New No. 22-D, III-K GhaziabadGhaziabad Uttar Pradesh- 201001.		Rs. 3,93,660/-		

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- https://BestAuctionDeal.com) of our auction agency Globe Tech. The Mortgagors/ notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till January 18, 2024 before 05:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule

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