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**Planning to organise** 

TS protagonists' meet

BJP leaders who participat-

ed in the Telangana move-

ment have decided to organ-

ment have decided to organ-ise a meeting on June 2 at the Nagole Jai Convention Hall on Telangana Formation Day. The BJP leaders, Swamy Goud, Kapilavai Dilip Kumar and Jitta Balakrishna Reddy, said on Sunday that they will bring Telangana protago-

bring Telangana protago-nists on a single-stage against Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao.

Giving a call to Telangana

protagonists to get ready

for another movement, the

BJP leaders said that many of

them had committed suicide

due to KCR's policies.

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#### POPE NAMES 21 NEW CARDINALS, FROM INDIA, MONGOLIA, ELSEWHERE

Pope Francis said Sunday he will elevate 21 churchmen to the rank of cardinal in a ceremony at the Vatican this summer. Among the churchmen tapped by the pontiff to receive the prestigious red hat will be two prelates from India and one each from Mongolia, Ghana, Nigeria, Singapore, East Timor, Paraguay, and Brazil, in keeping with Francis' determination to have church leaders reflect the global face of the Catholic church. Francis read out his choices at the end of his traditional Sunday greetings to the public in St. Peter's Square.

#### FOR 1ST TIME, INDIA POST DELIVERS MAIL **USING DRONE UNDER PILOT PROJECT**

he Department of Posts has for the first time delivered mail using a drone as part of a pilot project in Gujarat's Kutch district, covering a distance of 46 km in 25 minutes, officials said on Sunday. The mail was sent by the drone from Habay village in Bhuj taluka to Ner village in Bhachau taluka of Kutch district by the postal department under the guidance of the Union Ministry of Communications, a release issued by the Press Information Bureau (PIB) in Ahmedabad said. "With the success of this pilot project, it will now be possible to make postal deliveries by drone in future," it said

#### AFTER TEXAS SHOOTING, SCHOOLS AROUND US BOOST SECURITY

n the aftermath of the elementary school massacre in Uvalde, Texas, schools around the US have brought in additional security staff and restricted visitors as they deal with a new rash of copycat threats. For some families and educators it all has added to uneasiness in the wake of the deadliest school shooting since the 2012 attack at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Jake Green, 34, of Los Alamos, New Mexico, was jolted when he saw a plainclothes police officer for the first time while walking his seven-year-old daughter into school Friday mornina.

#### **PUNJAB SINGER SHOT DEAD A DAY** AFTER WITHDRAWAL OF SECURITY

amous Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala was seriously amous Punjabi singer stand Mocosonade fire at him in Punjab's Mansa district on Sunday, a day after the state government withdrew his security cover. Deputy Superintendent of Police (Mansa) Gobinder Singh told PTI that several bullets hit Moosewala, 27, who was in his jeep at village Jawahar Ke when he was attacked.He had fought on the Congress ticket from Mansa assembly seat in the recent assembly election and was defeated by AAP's Dr Vijay Singla

## Kishan rules out Bayyaram plant BJP to focus on Telangana

## Lanka-like situation likely in TS, AP due to CMs

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Union Tourism Minister G. Kishan Reddy has ruled out the possibility of the Centre setting up a steel plant at Byyaram, saying it would not be beneficial and only losses would occur if a steel factory was set up there.

Kishan Reddy, while talking to media persons at the BJP office here on Sunday, said that the iron ore available in Bayyaram was not quality one. Further, there were no transport facilities to Bayyaram from other iron ore places like Bailadilla. However, the Centre was ready to set up a Science City at Bayyaram, he said.

It may be mentioned that the

the ΑP

Kazipet Railway Coach factory, has become a political issue between the TRS and BJP.

In February, Industries and IT Minister K.T. Rama Rao had asked the Central government to stop its 'discriminatory approach' towards Telangana and take steps to set up a steel plant at Bayyaram at the earliest. The Minister expressed concern that though high quality iron ore was available at Bayyaram, the lack of commitment of the Centre had delayed the setting up of the proposed steel plant. "Setting up of a steel plant at Bayyaram was a promise made to Telangana in the AP Reorganisation Act 2014, but the Centre had not initiated any steps in this direction even after seven-

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and-a-half years," KTR had said. Kishan Reddy said that there was a possibility that a Sri Lanka- type situation may arise in the two Telugu states due to Chief Ministers K. Chandrasekhar Rao and Jagan Mohan Reddy.

Kishan said that many children had lost a chance of becoming eligible for the 'PM Cares for Children Scheme' due to the mistakes committed by the Telangana government. He said that the Centre had been adopting children who had lost their parents during the corona pandemic through 'PM Care' and Modi had been behaving as a guardian to them.

Pak drone loaded

bombs, grenades

Ahead of the annual Amarnath

pilgrimage, police on Sunday shot down a Pakistani drone car-

rying seven magnetic bombs and as many UBGL grenades in Kathua district of Jammu and

Kashmir, a senior police officer

with magnetic

shot down

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said.

• Party to conduct national executive committee meetings in the city O PM Modi will be staying for three days in Hyderabad
O Party brass to attend

#### K VENKATESHWARLU HYDERABAD

tively.

June 6

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The Bharatiya Janata Party is going to focus on Telangana so much so that it has decided to hold the party's three-day Executive Committee meeting in Hyderabad during the third week of July.

This means the BJP leadership will be in the city in the third week of July. Already BJP leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP

**Brahmotsavams** 

at Himayatnagar

**Balaji** Temple from

The annual Brahmot-savams

president Nadda, and many other leaders and Union Ministers have visited Telangana to boost the morale of its local activists and ensure that the BJP comes to power in the state. The Prime Minister, all Union

Ministers, including the Home Minister, the BJP president, 18 Chief Ministers of BJP-ruled states and many BJP leaders are coming to the state to attend the BJP Executive Committee meeting being held in Hyderabad in the third week of July. 2



## Monsoon onset likely between June 6 and 8

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Indian Meteorological Department officials said that the monsoon can start in Telangana on any day June 6 and



Diversity our strength, keeps us united'

#### PNS NEW DELHI

Noting that India is a rich treasure house of languages, scripts and dialects, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said the country's diversity "strengthens us and keeps us united".

In his monthly 'Mann ki Baat' radio broadcast, he stressed on the diversity of languages and cited the example of Kalpana, a native of Uttarakhand, who scored 92 marks in Kannada in the class 10th examination in Karnataka.

"Our country is a rich treasure house of many languages, scripts and dialects. Varied attire, cuisine and culture in different regions is our hallmark. As a nation this diversity strengthens us and keeps us united," he said. Highlighting examples of diversity, Modi narrated the journey of Kalpana, who recently passed her class 10th examination in Karnataka.



The very special thing about Kalpana's success is that she did not know Kannada language till some time ago but she not only learned it in three months, but also proved

**Stop Haritha** 

Haram in

Podu Lands

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it by scoring 92 marks. There are many other things

was in the class three she lost her

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where there is a will, there is a

He said Kalpana later came in

contact with Professor Taramurthy,

a resident of Mysuru, who not only

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in every way. "Today, through her hard work, about her that will amaze you and she has set an example for all of us. will also inspire you. Kalpana is originally from Joshimath in I congratulate Kalpana for her for-Uttarakhand. She had been suffertitude," the prime minister said. ing from TB earlier and when she

He also cited the example of Shripati Tudu, who hails from Purulia in West Bengal and is a professor of Santhali language at Sidho-Kanho-Birsha



Additional Director General of Police, Jammu zone, Mukesh Singh said the drone was shot down by a police party in Talli Hariya Chak area of Rajbagh shortly after it crossed over to the Indian side from across the International Border.

This is the third Pakistani June 2020.

#### drone with a payload of arms and ammunition being shot down by the forces in Jammu sector since

## Nepal plane with 22 passengers goes missing

#### PNS KATHMANDU

way'," Modi said.

Four members of a family from Mumbai are among 22 people on board a small plane of a local airlines that went missing on Sunday in the mountainous region of the Himalayan nation minutes after taking off from the tourist city of Pokhara, officials said.

The Twin Otter 9N-AET plane belonging to Nepal's Tara Air took off at 10:15 am from Pokhara, and lost contact with the control tower 15 minutes later, according to an airline spokesper-

There are four Indian nation-



als, two Germans and 13 Nepali passengers besides a three member Nepali crew, said Sudarshan Bartaula, a spokesperson at the airlines.

The airline issued the list of passengers which identified four Îndians as Ashok Kumar Tripathi, Dhanush Tripathi, Ritika Tripathi, and Vaibhawi Tripathi.

"Tara Air flight 9NAET that took off from Pokhara at 9.55 AM today with 22 people onboard, including 4 Indians, has gone missing.

Swamy Devasthanam in Himayatnagar will be held from June 6 to 10.

Temple officials said the Brahmotsavams will begin on the evening of June 5 with Ankurarpanam and on the morning of June 6, the Lord will be taken in Seshavahanam around the temple premises.

11.20 am Brahmatsavams will begin with Dwajarohanam. At 8 pm on that day, the presiding deity will be taken around the temple on Hanumantha vahanam. On June 7, at 8 am, Suryaprabha vahana seva will be conducted followed by Snapana tirumanjanam at 10 am and Chandraprabha vahana seva at 8 pm.



#### Southwest Monsoon has hit Kerala on Sundav IMD officials said the Southwest

Monsoon has advanced into the remaining parts of the South Arabian Sea, Lakshadweep area, most parts of Kerala, some parts of South Tamil Nadu, some parts of Gulf of Mannar and some more parts of southwest Bay of Bengal

on May 29. Conditions are favourable for further advance of the Southwest Monsoon into some parts of the Central Arabian Sea, remaining parts of Kerala, some more parts of Tamil Nadu, some parts of Karnataka, and some more parts of the South and Central Bay of Bengal, some parts of Northeast Bay of Bengal and the northeast states in the next 3 to 4 days.

The cyclonic circulation over North Interior Karnataka and its neighbourhood at 3.1 km above mean sea level has become less marked.

There is a strong possibility of solated light to moderate rain or thundershowers in Telangana from fay 31 to June 2.

But some weather buffs said that rains will be less from June 1 to 14 and that there is a possibility of warm days.



### TASK FORCE RAIDS 'CLUB TEQUILA' 18 held, owner absconds

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Sleuths of the Commissioner's Task Force, Central Zone, raided the Club Tequila café and bar in Secunderabad on Saturday midnight and arrested 18 people. The pub was found to be functioning without any permission from authorities.

Police said that around eight women were engaged in obscene acts and were flashing indecent gestures to lure men. This was causing inconvenience to the other customers at the pub.

The DJ and the music being played was found to be emitting sounds beyond permissible decibels. The disco lights at the pub also violated the rules.

'The pub management had

converted the place into a dance bar by conducting the above activities to attract customers," said a police official.

The 18 people arrested are the pub's MD Nalini Reddy, Manager N. Ravi, DJ operators Hari Krishna and Syeda Zareen, cashier B. Prakash, eight women and five customers.

The owner of the pub, Gyarala Vijay Kumar Goud, is absconding. All the arrested 18 people were handed over to the SHO of the Ramgopalpet Police Station

for investigation. The raid was conducted under the supervision of the DCP, Task Force, Radha Kishan Rao, Inspector Raghunath, SI Naveen Kumar and the staff of the Central Zone Task Force team.

## Residents suffer as water shortages hit colonies

#### SAITEJA BURRA HYDERABAD

Many Hyderabad residents are facing water shortages. A large number of people are facing difficulties due to water shortages and irregular supply. Despite complaints to HMWSSB,

in some areas like Filmnagar and Bholakpur, residents said water was being supplied only on alternate days. Most people are unable to collect enough water as water is supplied only for less than 30 minutes. As a result, they are forced to depend on neighbours. Many people said they cannot afford to hire water tankers. "We are facing an extreme shortage of water. The government should



take immediate action and make sure that water supply is not restricted in summer. Despite having adequate water in Telangana we are facing shortage," said the residents of New Bhoiguda.

They said the New Bhoiguda area has been facing a severe water shortage for three months. The residents urged Water Board officials to ensure a proper supply of water. They said that their water problems have not been solved even though they had complained to HMWSSB officials. Meanwhile, The Pioneer reporter found that the water supplied in

Hyderguda was contaminated.

Residents of Filmnagar and Bholkapur said they are forced to collect water at night. They said they are using the water sparingly as there is supply only on alternate days.

One Asish from Filmnagar took to Twitter and said, "Facing frequent water shortage in Filmnagar. Recently, it has caused a lot of problems in our house. We had no water on two days this month.

Residents of Bhoiguda said a section officer was asking for bribes. A Bhoiguda resident, Šaikiran, said that the local HMWSSB official was releasing water at his convenience.

Water Board officials said that they have asked the local section authorities to resolve the problems.

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## Nurturing today's Gen-Y for tomorrow's workplace has become turbulent in nature.

rganisation means a group of people working together to achieve a common goal. The more successfully these individuals collaborate, the more the company can achieve splendid results. Young people around the world are more educated than ever before; however, too many of them are finding themselves lacking in skills that are necessary to take up the jobs available today.

It is a fact that corporate entities can no longer grow and remain competitive without human capital. Due to globalisation, human resource moves from one country to another country. Digitalisation, artificial intelligence, and other technological advancements have created major disruptions in the workplace. Digital transformation and enhanced use of technology in business operations have paved the way for new business opportunities as well as stumbling blocks. So, modern organisations need young and ebullient people with the right knowledge, skill sets, and abilities to deliver in critical jobs. In today's business environment, companies are relentlessly searching for newer ways to prepare young employees for the future projects. Most companies are baffled whether they can properly nurture their workforce for tomorrow's workplace. Gen-Y needs right mix of

skills According to the World Economic Forum, as adoption of technology increases, 50% of all employees will need reskilling by 2025. In this fiercely competitive corporate job market, young people need the right mix of skills to scale up their career ladder. Today's youth have to exude positive

energy to take advantage of tomorrow's job opportunities. The profound changes in the academic curriculum and ped-

agogy will certainly play a key role in enhancing the competencies of the young generation. Of late, corporate workplace is dynamic; so, students need passion for higher levels of academic accomplishments to meet the corporate market demands.

Corporate entities strongly believe that Gen-Y will bring variety of skills to the workplace such as creativity, adaptability, tech- savviness, interpersonal intelligence, and global competitiveness. So, collaboration between businesses and higher education institutions is essential to hone job skills among youngsters that supple-ment future needs of human

Digitalisation, artificial intelligence, and other technological advancements have created major disruptions in the workplace. Digital transformation and enhanced use of technology in business operations have paved the way for new business opportunities as well as stumbling blocks.

#### resource for the corporate world. Focus on core concepts

and people skills A reputed corporate company affirmed that students should acquaint themselves well with conceptual skills as recruiters test on conceptual abilities of candidates. Students ought to focus on core subjects and have a deep understanding of important concepts that infuse right knowledge.

They have to use this conceptual knowledge at the workplace to solve complex business problems in the domain concerned. The learning process should include activity-based and experiential learning to instil confidence, right spirit among students, foster inclusiveness, and understanding of how to resolve workplace conflicts. At corporate workplace, employees work in groups and teams to execute various projects. Team effort

for smooth running of business. So, it requires interpersonal skills and friendly flexibility. Interpersonal intelligence helps in collaboration, teamwork, trust, leadership, influence and communication.

Digital revolution makes information available in a readily usable form, obviating the need to memorise huge amounts of facts. Young people must develop a wider range of skills and talents in order to evaluate and apply knowledge to meet the new demands of changing social and business scenario

#### Gen- Y need right mindset

Communication, teamwork, critical thinking, and adaptability have always been valuable in the workplace. However, with rapid technological advancement, companies try to redesign jobs so that getting employment opportunities becomes and managerial skills are vital even more restricted for the

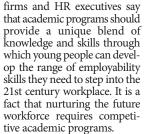


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young generation. The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) asserts that "today's ergonomic workplaces rely on people who can handle multiple tasks, interact well with colleagues, respond to varying customer needs, identify problems, and take prudent decisions' NCES also affirmed that

increased competition on a global scale was giving rise to a trend of "stellar-performance workplaces".

Several skill sets have been identified as necessary for future workforce readiness. They are conceptual learning, creative thinking, cognitive flexibility, interpersonal intelligence, innovation skills, and employing systems thinking. Many corporate



#### Competencies need to move forward Critical thinking It is the most in-demand skill

intelligence, robotics, and cloud that global organisations computing are expected to be require. Now, employees work driving forces in many compafrom remote places and away from peers - should have the nies and changing job roles. So, students need to upgrade comskill to analyse the information petencies for impeccable perforfrom a variety of sources, briskly identify vital facts, and complete the tasks as per the clients' requirement.

#### Resilience

This is the ability to deal with setbacks and reflects the caliber of an employee to cope with stressful situations. Young employees need skillful maneuver to react to unexpected changes or problems that may occur during the execution of a project. So, students need to develop skills and the right mindset to encounter workplace challenges positively and try to develop strategies for immaculate performance. Market awareness

Gen-Y should have profound knowledge on how an Technology is ever-changing, industry or particular organisaand managers want to hire tion works, how competitors people who are willing to learn. change market strategies, and knowledge of recent market trends. Digital dexterity

Artificial intelligence (AI)

and automation to digital

mobility and virtual collabora-

tion have been considered as the most radical drivers of change.

Hence, adoption of artificial

Teamwork and collaboration

Organisations need employ-

ees who can communicate

clearly; have leadership qualities

and problem-solving skills, and

can get along with the teams.

Working in a team is different

from independent job role

because workforce comes from

different backgrounds, gen-

ders, geographical locations,

and cultures. Teamwork and

collaboration with other mem-

bers is imperative to create

better results, and to achieve an

Ready to learn

The business environment

agreed set of goals.

mance

For peerless performance, the ability to adapt to change in the workplace is more important than ever.

#### Communication and emotional intelligence

Communication and social intelligence go hand-in-hand and there is still a need for genuine human connection and understanding in every job role. Emotional intelligence and empathy for others' emotions at the workplace is crucial to become people-friendly. Adaptability Today many skills have

become irrelevant due to changes in the world of work due to digitalisation and technological advancement. Organisations want to stay competitive and move forward. Hence, it is vital for the young human workforce to nurture themselves to adapt to rapid market changes and augment new talents to survive in this aggressive corporate job market.

(The author is Assistant professor, Department of Commerce, P.B. Siddhartha College of Arts and Science, Vijayawada)

also not allotting land for the Science City; so, the Centre was

searching for Centre-owned

He said that there was no

chance for Telangana leaders to get Rajya Sabha seats in other

states as the allotment of RS

seats across the nation was

passing through a difficult

phase. However, there was a

chance for an important leader

from Andhra Pradesh, but I am

Kishan said that the Centre

had been using the taxes col-

lected from states for the cre-

ation of infrastructure and to

about several revolutionary

changes. It had been giving 42

per cent of the taxes collected

to the states so that states

could stand on their own,

Kishan said. He said that the

Modi government had not

wasted a single rupee in the last

The Centre had brought

ensure national security.

not sure, Kishan said.

lands in Telangana.

## Monday Mirchi

#### **CPs on vacation while** in PM city

At a time when the propriety of officials' absence during VIP visits is being questioned, two Police Commissioners were conspicuous by their absence during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit. When protocol violations happened during events and visits involving the Governor, the officials under lens played it safe saying that they were on leave. Rachakonda Commissioner Mahesh Bhagwat and Cyberabad Commissioner Stephen Raveendra were not seen anywhere around, though the Indian School of Business, where the event involving the PM took place, is in Cyberabad limits. A little bird told us that the two Commissioners were on summer vacation and that their leave had been sanctioned long before the scheduled visit of Prime Minister. Mahesh Bhagwat is in the USA and during his visit got hands-on experience of driving Telsa. Stephen has kept a low profile about his leave. Hyderabad CP C V Anand, who has many things to take care at home ahead of his son's wedding, is holding the fort for both the officers.

#### Cases haunt officials

If the actions of IAS and IPS officers are improper, they can haunt the officials concerned for years, even after superannuation. Former Karnataka chief secretary and senior IAS officer in the combined Andhra Pradesh Ratna Prabha and IPS officer AK Khan are facing court cases now. Following a petition filed by one AV Ramana, a court in Nampally has directed the Banjara Hills Police to enquire and submit a report on the allegations made by the petitioner. Post retirement, Ratna Prabha joined the BJP and contested as its candidate in the Tirupati Lok Sabha by-election, but was defeated by YSR Congress candidate. After Ratna Prabha filed a case under The SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act against Ramana, the police arrested him in 2012. However, Ramana alleged that the then tahasildar of Sheikpet mandal Chandrakala had given the SC certificate to Ratna Prabha and based on that SC,ST atrocity case was registered against him but in fact Ratna Prabha is not SC. He urged the court to hold an inquiry into the issue of fake SC certificate. He also wanted a case to be registered against the then commissioner of police AK Khan. The court has directed the Banjara Hills Police to register a case on the whole affair, and submit a report.

## **Stop Haritha Haram** in Podu Lands

#### O BJP state cheif Bandi Sanjay demands CM KCR

#### PNS HYDERABAD

Chief Minister Κ Chandrasekhar Rao should stop implementing Haritha Haram on tribal Podu Lands and should give documents bestowing ownership rights on them to tribal people, Telangana BJP President Bandi Sanjay Kumar said on Sunday.

He alleged that conducting Haritha Haram without solving the Podu Lands issue is nothing but deceiving tribal people. Sanjay made it clear that tribal people have rights on Podu Lands as per the Indian Forest Act.

Sanjay addressed a letter to the Chief Minister regarding this on Sunday. He said in his letter that the ment has been robbing tribal people of their livelihood in the name of Haritha Haram. Sanjay said the BJP has no objection if the government



takes up the Haritha Haram programme in other places. He also made it clear that the BJP is not against the Haritha Haram programme. Reminding KCR that 3.5

lakh tribal farmers have submitted applications for title deeds (pattas) for the Podu Lands iev cultivate. Saniav

Minister's statement on Podu Lands in 2019 in the Assembly has not been implemented yet and that there were problems regarding around 10 lakh acres of Podu Lands in 24 districts of the state.

He said that the then government gave land documents to 1,01,177 tribal farmers out of the 1,83,252 applicants who had applied for title deeds in 2006.

He said the Podu Lands issue has been going on till now due to the negligence of the government. The TRS government's violation of tribal farmers' rights is unforgivable, he added.

It is not proper for forest officials to make arrangements to conduct Haritha Haram on Podu ands for

## Centre rules out...

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The Centre had been depositing Rs 10 lakh in the names of these children and the interest from the deposits would go to the children, he said.

Kishan said that only the state government could determine how many had died in Telangana due to the corona pandemic. Lashing out at the Telangana government for saying that the Centre was not giving anything, Kishan said that the Centre had been giving what it was obliged to give. He asked the state government to explain how it was possible for the Centre to accord national project status to the Kaleshwaram Project as the Telangana government constructed it on its own. He said that the Centre had given funds for the Polavaram project as was mentioned in the bifurcation Act. Kishan said the TS government did not provide buildings for the AIIMS

Medical College, although the

ment did not allot land for

establishing a Sainik School

even though the Centre had

The state government was

rly the state or

Centre had sanctioned it.

sanctioned it, he added.

eight years. There used to be bomb blasts, terror attacks and riots in the nation before 2014. However no such



it is Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao who decides where they will go and whether they will go. Senior bureaucrats had queued up to tag along with IT and Municipal Administration Minister K T Rama Rao to the UK and Davos. Arvind Kumar, Rama Krishna Rao, Jayesh Ranjan and others wanted to travel for 10 days. But the Chief Minister had approved only one officer to make it. A little bird told us that the Chief Minister instead tasked the others; sending one to the national capital to get loans and asking the other to take care of the State capital in the absence of the MAUD Minister. Jayesh Ranjan continues to be the blue-eyed boy and has the last laugh like always

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#### Going higher despite highhandedness

The Delhi IAS couple who had arrogated to themselves the Thyagaraj stadium for walking their pet dog were shunted out in no time by the Centre. In Telangana, an IAS officer recently courted controversy by turning VROs and VRAs into ball boys during his tennis sessions at the court. Nirmal Collector Musharraf Faruqui had rubbished it as baseless allegations against him. The Telangana government too took it with a pinch of salt. A little bird told us that in fact this controversy brought focus to Village sports centers initiative in Nirmal. The corridors of power are discussing how the Collector, instead of being punished, got a rare opportunity to give a presentation at the Chief Minister's conference about his initiative and earned brownie points.

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#### Konaseema arson: Heads will roll in Police Dept

The recent arson in the newly carved Konaseema district, in which houses of a minister and a ruling party MLA were torched, is considered an intelligence failure. A senior police official pointed out that the arsonists had orchestrated the whole thing via dedicated WhatsApp groups. They discussed their plans openly on those groups, sharing route maps. Under normal circumstances, heads would have rolled in the Police Department. But since Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy is in Davos, attending the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF), the police officials concerned are breathing easy now. They will face the music upon the CM's return.

#### **Babus long for media** space

The formation of new districts has no doubt helped many junior IAS and IPS officers to become the administrative heads of the districts at an early stage of their career. They now have a lot to do to show their talent and put their skills to work. Yet, some of them feel that their efforts are not getting due recognition as their peers in the existing district headquarters are hogging the limelight. They say they are not getting the space they deserve in the media. Many conferred IAS officers too have got an opportunity to lead the districts in important posts

-Yours truly

weekend and went to Kote

might have gone into the deep end of the falls in the

evening, police said adding

that their bodies have been

While taking bath, they

Abbey Falls, they added.

### Nepal plane...

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"Tara Air flight 9NAET that took off from Pokhara at 9.55 AM today with 22 people onboard, including 4 Indians, has gone missing. Search and rescue operation is on. The embassy is in touch with their family. Our emergency hotline number :+977-9851107021," the Indian embassy in Nepal tweeted. The three member crew of the aircraft was led by captain Prabhakar Prasad Ghimire. Utsay Pokhrel is the co-pilot while Kismi Thapa is the air hostess, My Republica newspaper reported, quoting Pokhara Airport Information Officer Dev Raj Adhikari.

The aircraft was scheduled to land at Jomsom Airport in the Western mountainous region at 10:15 am.

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Singh said a police search party

picked up the movement of the

drone in the morning and fired

at it. The bomb disposal squad,

called to inspect its payload,

found seven magnetic bombs and

an equal number of grenades

compatible with Under Barrel

Grenade Launchers (UBGL)

He said police search parties

were being regularly sent to the

area because of the frequent

drone activity from across the

attached to it.

asked KCR to issue title deeds immediately to the tribal farmers who had applied for

He said that the Chief

## **BJP to focus on Telangana**

termeasures on the other side.

Four other states were also try-

ing to grab a chance to host the

BJP Executive Committee meet-

ing. But the Telangana BJP won

the race. BJP leaders have also

started examining Hitex, Novotel,

N Convention and other venues

to hold the meeting.

The BJP's

Andhra Pradesh unit.

security arrangements, especial-

ly in view of the upcoming

The SSP requested the border

residents to immediately bring to

the notice of the police any suspi-

cious object or movement to ensure

The 43-day-long Amarnath

the overall security of the region.

June 30 on two routes -- the tra-

ditional 48-km course through

Nunwan in south Kashmir's

through central Kashmir's

meeting.

Ámarnath Yatra.

Ganderbal.

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The BJP's focus on Telangana comes at a time when Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao has been touring the nation meeting opposition leaders and spitting fire at the BJP.

KCR has claimed that he would make a sensational announcement in the next two or three months. It is learnt that KCR is planning to trouble the BJP in the Presidential elections and is asking opposition parties across the nation to ensure that the BJP does not to come to power in the next LS elections. Now, the question is whether KCR will make his sensational statement before the BJP's Executive Committee meeting in Hyderabad or after that. Political analysts say that the

BJP's meeting in Hyderabad

border. The police party noticed

a hexacopter drone and shot it

down. Experts are on their way

from Jammu to decipher the writ-

ing on the two batteries of the

drone which we believe is Chinese

Police, Kathua, Ramesh Kotwal

eight months, the police contin-

gents have been carrying out early

morning anti-tunnelling, anti-

drone and border sanitisation

activities as part of heightened

told reporters at the scene.

Senior Superintendent of

He said over the past six to

Pak drone loaded with magnetic bombs...

(language),'

which tribal farmers are staging protests, he said and warned that there will be clashes if the government goes

ahead.

#### would increase the political heat in Telangana with KCR's efforts on Nirmala to... the one side and the BJP's coun-

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Of the 16 candidates, six are from Uttar Pradesh. The party has fielded two women Darshana Singh and Sangeeta Yadav -- from the state.

The party announced the Executive names of two candidates Committee meeting was held in each from Karnataka Hyderabad in 2004 when Nallu Maharashtra and Bihar and Indrasena Reddy was the presione candidate each from dent of the BJP's combined Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand and Harvana. The name of BJP general A senior Telangana BJP leader said, on condition of anonymity, secretary Dushyant Gautam, that the Prime Minister would stay who was a Rajya Sabha in Hyderabad for three days durmember from Haryana, was ing the BJP Executive Committee missing from the first list of candidates

#### 'Diversity...

#### Continued from page 1

Tudu has prepared a version of the country's Constitution in his native 'Ol Chiki' script for the Santhali community, the prime minister said. "Shripati Tudu ji asserts that our Constitution makes every citizen of our coun-Yatra is scheduled to begin on try aware of one's rights and duties. Therefore, it is important for every citizen to be familiar with it. Therefore, he prepared a copy of Pahalgam and the 14-km route the Constitution in his own script for the Santhali community and offered it as a gift," Modi said.

have taken place after Modi came to power. The Modi government spent Rs 4,000 billion in the North-East to build roads and railways.

#### Malla Reddy tastes Reddys' anger at Reddy Simha Garjana

#### PNS HYDERABAD

Labour Minister Ch. Malla Reddy tasted the anger of Reddys at the Reddy Simha Garjana held at Gatlesar on Sunday.

The Reddys who attended the meeting threw chappals and stones when Malla Reddy praised Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao and said that the TRS would come to

power again. The Reddys protested against Malla Reddy by raising their chairs for mentioning the names of the TRS and KCR again and again during his speech. The Reddys also raised slogans against Malla Reddy and KCR.

Shocked at the response of the audience, Malla Reddy ended his speech and left the place. But the Reddys attacked Malla Reddy's convoy with chairs and stones.

The audience raised hostile slogans when Malla Reddy said that the TRS government had developed all villages in the state. In his speech, Malla Reddy had said that he was happy to see a meeting of Reddys in his constituency and asked the TRS government to set up a Reddy Corporation.

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## **3 tourists from TS** drowned at Abbey Falls

#### PNS MADIKERI

Telangana said.

had visited Kodagu for the

fished out and shifted to A group from Telangana hospital for a post-mortem.

Three tourists from allegedly drowned in Kote Abbey Falls, about 24 kms from here, in Karnataka's Kodagu district on Sunday, police



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## E-AUCTIONING OF 34 PRIME PLOTS AT TURKYAMJAL **Opportunity for all to build multiplexes: Arvind Kumar**

#### PNS HYDERABAD

Special Chief Secretary for Municipal Administration and Urban Development Arvind Kumar on Sunday said it is a great opportunity for developers, builders and individuals to build apartments on 34 prime plots in Turkayamjal, on Hyderabad outskirts. The areas of plots range from 600 square yards to 1,060 square yards.

Following the announcement of auctioning of prime plots in Turkayamjal by government of Telangana, Arvind Kumar said on Twitter, "Opportunity for developers / builders / individuals to construct apartment / multipur-



pose complexes - 34 plots (600-1060 sq yards) in Turkayamjal (within ORR) Encumbrance free, prime location, e-auction by MSTC(Formerly known as Metal Scrap Trade Corporation Limited). It may be mentioned here that this project will have all infrastructure facilities such as black topped roads with

footpaths and central medians. Apart from that project high-lights the underground sewage system, water supply distribution network with overhead tanks, storm water and other amenities

The e-auction will start on Sunday in two sections as decided by the government.

that four men tried to

sexually assault her

at the instance of

the woman. The

suspected woman

allegedly filmed the assault on her mobile phone. The victim contacted the

#### 'Online classes and 'work from home' cause skin ailments' at the clinic said, ``Online

classes and work from home

coupled with high stress filled lifestyles and environmental

factors are impacting skin

health immensely. The skin exposure to sun is declining

and long hours are being spent in AC rooms. This will lead to

rise in skin ailments like atopic

dermatitis and acne especial-

ly among teenagers. Unhealthy eating habits and lack of phys-

ical activity among smart-phone addicted teenagers is further accentuating the skin

PNS HYDERABAD

Neya Dermatology and Aesthetics skin and hair clinic was inaugurated in Hyderabad on Sunday. The chief guest was Dr Bhaskar Rao Bollineni, Founder KIMS Hospitals and Dr Sasikala Kola, Gynaecologist and Obstetrician. The skin and hair clinic offers modern and comprehensive derma care including the latest and advanced therapies for skin and hair. Dr Ravali Yalamanchali, Dermatologist

# problems."

## Harish Rao inaugurates Rhett Healthcare unit

#### PNS HYDERABAD

Rhett Healthcare's formulation unit in Karkapatla Biotech Park phase-3 has been inaugurated by Health Minister Harish Rao. The unit has been set up with an investment of Rs 15.96 crore. The factory will house state of the art equipment to produce tablets, capsules, powders and other solutions under one roof.

Dr Raghuveer, Technical Director and CEO of the com-pany said, ``Rhett Healthcare is a professionally run finished formulation company situated at the pharma hub of Telangana. The company will manufacture finished formulations based on the FSSAI and AYUSH licenses given by statutory authorities. The entire production area is

designed to meet global stan-dards with no brick walls inside.'

The company is looking forward to a direct employ-ment of about 20-25 skilled

employees in the shop floor, 16-20 employees in the office and about 30-40 semi skilled contract workers. The company also has a target of 450 SKUs being developed.

**HRDA** celebrates

The Healthcare Reforms

Doctors Association (HRDA)

of Telangana celebrated their

5th anniversary on Sunday in

Hyderabad. The HRDA works

for reforms in the present

healthcare sector, especially in rural areas of state. Their aim

is to provide quality health-

care services to the rural pop-

5<sup>th</sup> anniversary

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#### 6 held for gambling in **OU PS limits**

#### PNS HYDERABAD

Six persons were arrested by the Osmania University police on the charges of gambling on Saturday night. The police reportedly seized Rs 1.20 lakh in cash and cards from the arrested persons. Acting on a tip off, a police team raided the habitat behind the OU campus and found 6 persons playing three cards game and gambling.

#### Five held for kidnap, assault of woman house, the suspect along with

PNS HYDERABAD

four men assaulted the victim. The victim told the police Gachibowli police have arrested five persons, including a woman, for allegedly kidnapping a woman and assaulting her. According to the police, the accused woman took the victim, who is reportedly a friend of her husband, to her house police who later took the on the pretext of sorting out five persons including the some issues. Once at the woman into custody.

Bank employee ends life

#### PNS HYDERABAD

A bank employee allegedly committed suicide by consuming poison near Mansoorabad Tank Bund in the city on Saturday. The victim was identified as Arugondla Jagadish Kumar (36) who was working at the Lotus Mac Society Bank, a credit co-operative bank in Mohan Nagar, Kothapet. His wife Shiva Leela says in her complaint to the police that her husband was having an affair with his co-worker.

## SCR receives 5 All India performance efficiency shields

#### PNS HYDERABAD

South Central Railway (SCR) achieved the utmost recognition at National level by bagging five all India performance efficiency shields, the highest among all Zones across Indian Railways at the 67th Railway week awards function held at Rail Auditorium, Bhubanes war. In recognition of the exceptional performance dis-played by the Zone during the last year, SCR has been bestowed with shields for bestowed with shields for Security; Comprehensive Health Care; Civil Engineering; Stores and Civil Engineering (Construction)

Departments. The shields were presented by Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways during the function held. V K Tripathi, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Railway Board and



Altogether, 156 Railway employees from various Zonal Railways all over the country received the outstanding certificates and awards from the Railway Minister. Apart from this, 21 Shields were also given to various Railways, Produ ction Units and Railway PSUs for their outstanding performance and efficiencies

rolling stock, construction works, safety and cyber secuulation. On the occasion, HRDA president, DR Mahesh highlighted the activities and achievements of the association. Dr Srinivas, secretary elaborated about the case won by HRDA against private college fee hike after a continuous efforts for 5 years. Vice-President Dr Kiran explained the efforts of HRDA during the pandemic on how they procured medical equipment. The doctors who were felicitated are TSMC member Dr Ramesh, Co-Chairman IMA Dr Prabhu Kumar and Orthopedic Association

President Dr Vijay Bhaskar.

## IIID's expo from June 3 to showcase TS art, craft

#### PNS HYDERABAD

The Institute of Indian Interior Designers (IIID) Hyderabad Chapter has announced to host the fourth edition of the prestigious IIID showcase insider X 2022 with the theme Telangana art and craft. The three-day exhibition being held from June 3rd to 5th at Hitex Exhibition Centre will be inaugurated by the chief guest Somesh Kumar, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana on June 3rd.

Arvind Kumar, Principal Secretary, MAUD, will be the chief guest for unveiling the arts and crafts workshop and the works displayed by students, on June 3rd evening fol-



lowed by a keynote address by the Architect, Ar Naresh V Narasimham, at Hotel Avasa and Javesh Ranjan, Principal Secretary, IT and Industries, Government of Telangana would be the chief guest at the valedictory ceremony on June

4th evening. The IIID Showcase Insider X 2022, will be attended by the National President, IIID a galaxy of dig-nitaries, architects and Interior designers from the city and 32 other Chapters of IIID from across the country.

The delegates from pan India are architects, interior designers, design related trade professionals, builders, project managers, MEP consultants and from other allied sectors.

Releasing the promotional collateral of IIID Showcase Insider X 2022 Somesh Kumar said, interior designers are the catalysts for Hyderabad to transform into a global city. The exhibition will showcase the best and latest trends for interiors, with participation of 120 exhibitors and 500 brands from 50 categories, spread across in two halls, thus creating a single platform for the Trade Associates to interact with the best in Industry.

**RAIDURG FIRE** 

against bldg owner

**Case booked** 

## **ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY TO FULFILL YOUR HOME DREAM** ALLOTMENT OF "READY TO OCCUPY" RESIDENTIAL FLATS AT FIXED RATE

Sadbhavana Township - Pocharam 10 Kms from the Nagole Metro Rail Station, 15 Kms from the Secunderabad Railway St



senior officials were also present on the occasion.

Minister Vaishnaw stressed on the transformation of Indian Railways for a better future which would help in the growth of Indian economy to attain new heights. He said that transformation of Railways could change the scenario of Indian economy. In this regard, the Ministry stressed on the need for rapid absorption of technology for upgrading

## Smoking marijuana can affect physical, mental health: Doctors

#### About 7.2 million Indians are addicted to cannabis, says a study

#### SIDDHARTH KUMAR SINGH HYDERABAD

Doctors say that smoking marijuana can have a long term effect on a person's health and also take a toll on their mental health. A 2019 study conducted by All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) reported that about 7.2 million Indians are addicted to cannabis

Dr Kiran Madala, HOD Critical Care, Government Medical College, Nizamabad said, ``Smoking marijuana can have long term effects on all the important organs of a human body. A normal heart rate of 70-90 beats per minute can rise by 20 to 50 beats while consuming marijuana. Depending on the age of the person, it can increase the risk of heart stroke. Coming to lungs, they will get



this is what causes the high feeling. THC travels from the person's lungs to the bloodstream and then makes its way into the brain. In the brain, it connects to certain cells called

affected in the same way cigarette smoking damages one's lungs. Moreover, getting addicted to marijuana can also have indirect effects like involving in antisocial activities, especially the youth who get influenced very easily"

already diagnosed with a men-tal illness. Also there are many The doctor also mentioned that another fact also to be constudies which reveal that considered is so many youngsters getting addicted to marijuana. tinuous smoking on marijuana has also led to lower IQ scores in people," said a Psychologist based in In Hyderabad only, the recent drug busts being done by the narcotics wing reveals the number of youngsters involved Hyderabad.

#### PNS HYDERABAD A case has been registered in consuming marijuana and other hard narcotic substances. "Marijuana contains Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC),

Receptors. This dopamine released by the receptors trig-gers that high feeling. People

who continuously use marijua-

na will have a hard time differ-

entiating between what is real,

hallucinations or paranoia. It

gets worse for people who are

against the owner of the Highmark Chamber build-ing in Raidurg for not following any fire safety regulations in the building where the huge fire broke out on Saturday. On Sunday, Police have registered a case against the building owner for not having any fire safe-ty regulations in the build-

ing. On Saturday, firefighters evacuated those trapped inside the Green Bawarchi Hotel on the second floor of the building. First aid was given to those who had difficulty in breathing due to the thick smoke due to fire mishap.

According to the fire department, firefighters put out the blaze with three fire engines. They said a short circuit was believed to be the cause of the fire.

#### access to Outer Ring Road and proximity to Infosys, Medha info Services, Raheja, Genpact and Singapore Township. Sahabhavana Township - Bandlaguda 5 Kms from the Nagole Metro Rail Station, 10 Kms from the Securify and a second station, 19 Kms from Rain Gandhi International Airport, direct access to Outer Ring Road and proximity to Kaminen Medical College, Uppal Bhagayath lay out, L.B.Nagar etc. Seological Survey of India & Mansocrabad Reserve Forest at the south (rear) side of Bandlaguda project. Residents can enjoy aish green and

#### **DETAILS OF FLATS FOR SALE**

Township	3BHK & 3BHK Deluxe	2BHK	1BHK	Total
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Pocharam	144	884	442	1470
Total	933	1596	1196	3725

ene locales.





**Application Fee** 

(Non refundable)



Rs. 1000/-

Date of Notification 11-05-2022

#### These flats are available at fixed rates The actual allotment will be through computerised draw of lots. **Cost of the Flats**

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For more details log on to : hmda.gov.in, swagruha.telangana.gov.in

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## Will return with intellectual inputs: OU

#### DEEPIKA PASHAM HYDERABAD

The seventh oldest in India and third oldest in South India, Osmania University has graduates from across the world.

To interconnect with these batches of alumni and make them part in developing the University, Prof D Ravinder on Wednesday left for the US. On the journey to explore the possibilities of collaborations between the Osmania and various universities in the US, he says, "Alumni Association of North America Osmania University invited me to visit 10 cities, as we had different meetings with the associations earlier, they are impressed with 21 point agenda and they wanted more dis-



cussion on each project. My prior concern as Vice Chancellor is to bring intellectual inputs from international alumni of Osmania University, it is inspiration from Mana Ooru Mana Badi and we name it Mana University, Mana Osmania and as we never exposed to

US, UK and Australia type of tual inputs." The meetings are developments, we will soon sign MoU with 500 old Universities before leaving to India.'

Though the complaints are in huge numbers regarding works in hostels, libraries, classrooms due to funds and his visit to the US is for money, the Professor clearing the air says, "The appeal to meet and greet is not for money. Our recent exclusive alumni meet

with all the departments gave a lot of confidence, similarly Osmania foundation was created where alumni members can contribute, decide and handover completed projects from the agenda. Our interest is that they must participate in the academic development of Osmania and extend intellec-

arranged in New Jersey, Boston, Atlanta, Dallas, Houston, Chicago, Denver etc. The mentoring system,

research institutes and academic institute's collaboration, exchange of faculty, student's fellowships, infrastructure and development programmes are being proposed in the meet. If someone wants to construct an academic block or hostel block; they can only donate for one room which will be named after them, instead of spending crores. Many also have shown

interest in one of the ideas of Osmania agenda which is planning construction of 100 interaction classrooms. These can have access to international scholars

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## **Telangana**

#### Action plan to be chalked out for Palle Pragrati programme

#### PNS MULUGU

District Collector S Krishna Aditya on Sunday directed the officials to follow the guidelines issued by the State government for conducting the fifth instalment of rural development programme June 3. The government, the Collector said, had directed the district administration to chalk out an action plan for conducting the programme. The officials were asked to inspect the the works of Vaikunthathamas and dumping yards and identify deficiencies, if any.

The officials were told to identify the families who were not using toilets and take steps to make them adopt good hygiene habits. The Collector said that district-level officers would be appointed as zonal officers for each zone and a special officer would be appointed for each gram panchyat to monitor progress of works. Steps would be taken to set up a village-level and constitute village progress com-mittee to be chaired by the Sarpanch in each Gram Panchayat in the district, he

## **Vinod Kumar dares BJP leader** for debate on 'welfare schemes'

State Planning Board Vice-Chairman decries 'politics of polarisation'

#### PNS KARIMNAGAR

Telangana State Planning Board Vice-Chairman B Vinod Kumar on Sunday made it plain that it is highmade it plain that it is high-ly unpleasant to provoke people in the name of reli-gion. He advised the politi-cal parties, which are indulging in 'politics of polarisation,' to work for the development of the country.

country. Speaking at a meeting here, Vinod Kumar asserted that the 'religion is a personal choice' and it should remain free from coercion. Minorities, too, were the citizens of the country. Instead of indulging in politics of dividing the society in the name of religion, the political parties together should strive for the welfare of the people, he pointed out.

In an apparent reference the State BJP unit president Bandi Sanjay Kumar's 'incendiary statement,' on



Vinod Kumar said those political leaders, who are visionaries, and protect the future generations, are real patriots. Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao is the real patriot

digging mosques, the Chairman urged the politi-Planning Board Vice- cians to refrain from provok-

ing people. Vinod Kumar said those political leaders, who are visionaries, and protect the future generations, are real patriots. Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao is the

real patriot. The Chief Minister is implementing schemes for the welfare of the future

generations. The TRS is striving hard for the development of the State. He wondered whether any BJP-ruled States was implemented the welfare schemes which have been introduced in Telangana State. He dared the BJP MPs for an open debate. He took Prime Minister

Narendra Modi to task for failing to fulfil his promise of ending corruption.

The Prime Minister, he said, had failed to roll out a single scheme for the welfare of the people. The BJP government at the Centre was working for the benefit of the rich corporate.



## Warangal police bust a ganja racket, arrest a woman

#### PNS WARANGAL

An attempt by the Task Force police to arrest a couple, allegedly involved in smuggling ganja (marijuana), was only partially successful with the main suspect escaping, but his wife landing behind the bars on Sunday.

The police said they had seized 32 kg of ganja worth Rs 3 lakh from the arrested woman. The police also seized an auto-rickshaw trolley and a mobile phone from her.

According to East Zone Deputy Commissioner of Police Venkatalakshmi, the

couple, Uppagadla Prabhakar and Vani, hailed from Palvancha in Bhadradri-Kothagudem district. In a bid to make easy money, they started smuggling ganja from Sileru in Andhra Pradesh and selling it at higher price in the district. The couple had got a 'shelf' erected in the auto-rickshaw trolley to stash away the contraband in it. They used to smuggle ganja at the rate of 2 kg in each trip from Sileru to Warangal, she said.

Acting on a tip-off, the Task Force police along with Atmakur police launched vehicle checking at Katakshapur vil-

lage in the afternoon. On seeing the police, Prabhkar gave a slip to the cops, but his wife was arrested, the DCP said. Task Force in-charge Vaibhav Rahunath Gaikwad said Police Commissioner Tarun Joshi praised the police officers for busting the racket. Inspectors of Police Santosh, Lavan Kumar and Ganesh, Sub-Inspectors Lavan Kumar and Suman, AAO Salman Pasha, head constables Somalingam, Swarnalatha, constables Rajesh, Ali, Bikshapathi, Srinu, Raju, Sravan Kumar and Home Guard Vijay participated in the operation.

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REGS, complete

## CPI expresses concern over rulers helping corporate houses corner wealth

#### PNS SIDDIPET

CPI State executive member Takkallapalli Srinivasa Rao has regretted that the fruits of development in science and technology are not trickling down to the poor and appealed to the students and youth to launch struggles against the rulers for helping the big corporates corner country's wealth.

Speaking at a workshop jointly held by All India Youth Federation (AIYF) and All India Student Federation (AISF) here on Sunday, he expressed concern over deterioration of human values in modern society.

He charged the BJP government at the Centre with have been burdening the lives of the common people saffronisation of education by increasing prices of essen-tial commodities recklessly, through its national policy on education. The caronavirus pandemic has wors- he said.



CPI State executive member Takkallapalli Srinivas Rao speaking at AIYF and AISF meeting in Siddipet on Saturday

ened the living conditions of He appealed to the youth the people and prices of and students to launch strugessential commodities have gles to achieve education, skyrocketed. The living stanemployment and health for dards of the people have come down. But, the rulers

CPI district secretary Manda Pawan, AIYF state secretary M Anil Kumar, AISF state president Ashok Stalin and others were present on the occasion.

## Excise officials

and Excise on Sunday con-

The officials sealed the liquor shops following verification of stocks. The officials are yet to verify whether there is any discrepancy in stocks available in the shops.

officials of Metpally.

#### TPCC leader confident of Cong returning to power PNS JAYASHANKAR BHUPALAPALLY

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) leader Gandra Satyanarayana on Sunday expressed confidence that Congress would replace TRS in the State whenever elections are held. He asked the farmers not to repay crop loans to banks as the Congress government within two months of coming to power would waive the loans up to Rs 2 lakh.

He was visiting Surampeta and Gatlakaniparthy in Shayampeta mandal as part of Rytulato Rachchabanda programme on Sunday and explained the villagers nine salient aspects of the Warangal Declaration.

The single point agenda of the Congress is to make the farmers king in Telangana, he said. Implementation of loan waiver up to Rs 2 lakh, launching of Indiramma Rytu Bharosa



Surampeta village in Jayashkar Bhupalapally district on Saturday

programme to pay Rs 15,000 as ownership titles to farmers input subsidy to farmers and practicing Podu, closing down tenant farmers, and landless Dharani portal, replacing the agricultural labourer who have present Revenue system with a registered as worker with better Revenue administration MNREGS will be given Rs in the State, stern action against 12,000 per head. The Congress spurious pesticides sellers, providing irrigation facility to the party, if it is elected to power, would procure crops from tail-end farmers are some of the farmers at minimum support benefits that would accrue to price (MSP), revival of the farmers in Congress rule, he sugar factories, extending betsaid.

He said the Congress, when ter insurance scheme, providing

Holding a review meeting at the District Collectorate,

Srinivas Reddy told the rice

millers that they can store the

paddy in the warehouses of

the Marketing Committees

and also they may make use

of private warehouses too if

there is lack of storage facil-

ity in their mills. In view of

approaching rainy season, the Additional Collector said,

there was a need to deploy more vehicles to transport

the paddy from the procure-

ment centres to rice mills.

oan waiver at a stretch, MSP for the narvested crops. it comes to power, would constitute Rytu Commission to find lasting solutions to the farmers' problems. The Congress will make agriculture a matter of celebration, he added. The Congress gave statehood to Telangana, he said asking the people to take the party under their wings since it implemented MNREGS, com-

plete loan waiver at a stretch,

MSP for the harvested crops.

#### One dies, two injured as tractor overturns PNS SURYAPET

#### Activists from oppn parties Tiger population goes up to

PNS JAGTIAL The officials of Prohibition

ducted raids on liquor shops and sealed six shops. The officials said spurious liquor was found in a liquor shop.

The officials checked the liquor stocks in shops on May 19. The Task Force officials conducted surprise raids on six liquor shops as it was alleged that there was some discrepancies in the report submitted by of the

Spurious liquor found in raids by

#### **30 in Amrabad Tiger Reserve**

#### PNS NAGARKURNOOL

Tiger population in the Amrabad Tiger Reserve in Nallamala forest area has increased on account of series of special measures initiated by the Forest officials, according to Adivasis, Chenchus and tribals living in the forest area.

According to Amrabad Divisional Officer Rohit Gopi, the tiger population went up from 19 in 2018 to 30 currently. Of them, there are six to eight cubs. He predicted that the population is likely to increase to over 50 by next year.

The Amrabad Forest area is located in Nallamala forest area which spread over 2.62 lakh km.

Sometime ago, poachers used to kill leopards and tigers increased for their skin

and nails. As a result, the wild they felt.



animals were threatened.

However, the Chenchus and other Adivasi tribes said that the poaching activity has come down with Forest officials announcing reward and taking stern action against the poachers.

Tightening of security near the fringes of the forest areas and intensified patrolling struck terror into the hearts of the poachers, the tribals said, adding that conservation efforts of officials of the wild life have been paying divi-



leagues are working with zeal to repay their debt to the people. He said the people sent him to Assembly thrice when it is

difficult to get elected to the House just once. Several leaders and activists from other parties joined TRS at Asifnagar under Kottapalli mandal in the presence of Minister and Vice Chairman of the Telangana State Planning Board B Vinod Kumar.

dends. As a result, poaching has come down drastically,

## switching to TRS: Minister

#### PNS KARIMNAGAR

Minister for Civil supplies party was ruling in the State Gangula Kamalakar on Sunday and at the Centre in past, said that the people returned him to State Legislative either the CMs or the PMs failed to give funds for devel-Assembly thrice in recognition opment of villages, he lamentof his good work. He further said he and his Cabinet col-

However, Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao, in sharp contrast to them, released thousands of crores of funds as and when requested for development of constituency.

Earlier, for want of irrigation facility farmers used to lease their lands to granite quarries, he said and added that now the tanks are overflowing even in hot summer.

mandal in Suryapet district on Sunday

Now 24x7 power is supplied to agriculture sector, he said. He vowed to complete Yelagandula road project shortly. Granite industry is He asked the people to com-pare the situation prior to

Telangana securing statehood helping youth to find employ-ment, he said adding that he always earns for development. He claimed that he would

speak about politics only at the time of elections. Only the TRS has the right

to seek people's mandate, he said dubbing the Congress and BJP as the Delhi-based party. He called upon those who join the TRS treating it as the home-grown party should strive to strengthen it.

Vinod kumar said that political outfits should strive for development not to stoke religious differences. He said the TRS is implementing many schemes for the benefit of the younger generations. He challenged the BJP MPs and Ministers for a debate on Telangana-type development in BJP-ruled states.



Additional Collector P Srinvias Reddy holding a review meeting in Siddipet on Sunday

#### 'Transport paddy from procurement centres to rice mills promptly'

#### PNS SIDDIPET

Collector Additional (Revenue) P Srinivas Reddy on Sunday asked the rice millers to transport the paddy procured at the pro-curement centres without any delay in view of unseaany delay in view of unsca-sonal rains lashing the dis-trict. He suggested to the rice millers that they hire more hamalis to lift the paddy from the procurement centres and transport it to the rice mills promptly.

One person was killed and two others were injured when a tractor overturned after colliding with an electric poll at Kuchipudi under Kodad mandal in the distric ton Sunday.

The dead was identified as VAnamara Shivaiah (55). He hailed from Kuchipudi village. The police said the accident happened when the tractor laden with paddy hit an electric poll. The vehicle was on its way to the hosue of a famer from the agriculture field. Six farmworkers were travelling on the tractor when the accident happened. Two farmworkers, who suffered injured, were rushed to the government hospital at Khammam for better treatment.

#### **TPCC Chintan Shivir to take Udaipur** declaration to grassroots level

#### PNS HYDERABAD

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) has announced that the Statelevel Nav Sankalp Shivir committee has been constituted to Shivir. While announcing the hold Nav Sankalp Shivir on committee members, TPCC June 1 and 2 in Hyderabad. The Committee has 33 members, besides presidents of TPCC frontal organisations of the committee is requestand Office Bearers of AICC Frontal Organisations. It is headed by Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leader Bhatti Vikramarka as its chairman. The AICC Programmes Implementation Committee chairman A Maheshwar Reddy has been the Udaipur Nav Sankalp appointed as the convener of declaration and to take up the the committee. The agenda-State-level massive the committee. The agenda-State-level massive programme at the State headthe names of the TPCC, except TPCC Chief A 75th anniversa Revanth Reddy, who is in Independence.

America and will stay there till June 7.

However, State-level Chintan Shivir will be held in ed to be involved in organising the State-level Chintan Shivir to take the Udaipur Nav Sankalp declaration to the district and grass roots and shall be assigned specific tasks related to Chintan Shivir and will also follow up quarters to culminate the 75th anniversary of India's

Hyderabad in continuation to the Udaipur Nav Sankalp working president B Mahesh Kumar Goud said, in the statement, that each member

municipality highlighting the promises made to farmers in the Warangal Declaration unveiled by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi.

amounting to several hundred crores pertaining to



#### PNS HYDERABAD

Chief Minister Chandrasekhar Rao should first clear all pending bills before launching the 5th phase of the Palle Pragathi pro-gramme, Nalgonda MP Captain N Uttam Kumar Reddy said on Sunday. He was addressing meetings

in the villages of Huzurnagar in Surpayet district on the 9th day of the Rac habanda programme/Rythu Bharosa Yatra in Nalgonda Lok Sabha con-Nalgonda Lok Sabha member N Uttam Kumar Reddy speaking at a Rachabanda programme in a village under Huzurnagar stituency.

Of the 318 villages and three municipalities, Uttam Kumar Reddy has so far cov-ered 56 villages and one works executed during the first four phases of Palle Pragathi were still pending. He said non-clearance of pending bills has pushed hundreds of Gram Panchayats across Telangana into a acute crisis. While development pro-

He alleged that bills jects in those gram panchayats have come to a halt, the Sarpanches, who got the works

executed are facing a severe financial crisis and some of them had even committed suicide, he said.

The Nalgonda MP also wrote an open letter to the Chief Minister on this issue. Citing an instance, he said the sarpanch of Vishwanth Colony in Hanamkonda, Vallepu Anitha Ramesh, has become a

daily wage labourer to clear a loan of Rs 8 lakh which she had taken to fund development projects in the village. He said thousands of sarpanches are facing problems due to the non-clearance of pending bills. Giving the example of Gram Panchayats in Huzurnagar and Kodad Assembly constituen-cies, he said that bills for

works amounting to Rs 2 lakh to Rs 10 lakh executed in previous phases were still pending. The works were officially sanctioned and executed as per the directions of the Special Officer, RDO/MPO. The condition in small Gram Panchayats is much worse. There is no money to pay for diesel, electricity bills, tractors' EMIs, etc. He said the burden of paying salaries to borewell mechanics, computer operators etc. in Mandal

the Gram Panchayats in Nalgonda Lok Sabha constituency whose bills are pending for several months. The list features the panchayats of Koppula Konda - Rs 4 Lakh; Sirpur - Rs 3 Lakh; Rebelle -Rs. 4 Lakh; Rebelle - Rs. 4 Lakh; Kariveerala - Rs 15 Lakh; Ameenabad - Rs. 5 Lakh; Gopa Thanda - Rs 7 Lakh; Kalvapalle - Rs 9 Lakh; Sultanpur Thanda - Rs 5 Lakh; Kallam Cheruvu - Rs 2 Lakh; Chennupalli - Rs 4 Lakh and Kotha Donabanda Thanda -Rs 6.20 Lakh and Varadapuram - Rs 15 lakh.

"Pending bills have caused financial distress to thousands of Sarpanches across Telangana. STO offices have frozen payments which delayed the bills by 3 to 6 months.

Parishad Offices should not be

on Gram Panchayats.

Therefore, before launching the 5th phase of Palle Pragathi, the Government should clear all pending bills," he demanded. He gave details of some of works

These pending bills are related to the installation of CCTVs, Vaikunta Vaanam, streetlights, NREGS and Mission Bhagiratha works. The Congress MP demand-ed that the government

should issue a White Paper on village-wise pending bills of Palle Pragathi and other



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## Preparations in full swing for new India-**Bangladesh train service from June 1**

Preparations are in full swing at the New Jalpaiguri railway station in Siliguri for the Dstart of a new train service between India and Bangladesh from June 1, officials said on Sunday. Following the successful trial run between New Jalpaiguri and Dhaka, a distance of 595 km, the government of the two countries decided to start the services from June 1, they said. While 69 km of the train's route is within India, the rest is in Bangladesh. The Mitali Express will leave

the New Jalpaiguri station in northern West Bengal at 11.45 am and reach Dhaka at 10.30 pm Bangladesh time. It will only stop for 10 minutes each at Haldibari, the last station on the Indian side, and Chilahati which is the first station on the Bangladesh side -- for the change of drivers. Otherwise. it does not have any other stoppage. officials said. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and his Bangladeshi counterpart Nurul Islam Sujan will flag-off the train virtually on June 1, they said.



### India belongs to Dravidians & Adivasis, not Thackeray or Modi: Owaisi

IMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi has said that "India belongs to Dravidians and Adivasis", A and not to him, or Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, NCP head Sharad Pawar And Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Addressing a rally in Bhiwandi town here in Maharashtra on Saturday evening, the Lok Sabha member also sought to know why Pawar pleaded with PM Modi for Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut and not state NCP minister Nawab Malik, who had been arrested by the Enforcement Directorate

(ED) in a money laundering case. Coming down heavily on the BJP, Shiv Sena, NCF and Congress, he claimed that these parties want to protect their vote banks and hence, never react when members of the minority community are targeted. While the BJP and Prime Minister Modi are celebrating eight years of their successful rule in the country, they do not not realise what agony the country is going through, he said, while citing inflation and other issues.



### Ahead of Malik's sentencing in: J-K: 19 held for stone pelting, sloganeering

pelting and raising anti-national slogans outside the house of JKLF chief Yasin Malik 25, police said on Sunday. A Delhi court on May 25 awarded life imprisonment to Malik one of the foremost separatist

leaders, in a terror funding case, saying the crimes committed by him struck at the "heart of the idea of India" and were intended to forcefully secede Jammu & Kashmir from Union of India. 19 accused arrested so far (after proper identification), in relation to arson, stone pelting, sloganeering etc. outside house of Yasin Malik on 25th, the Srinagar police tweeted. On May 26, police had arrested 10 people in connection with the case.



s many as 19 people have been arrested so far for their alleged involvement in stone Apelting and raising anti-national slogalis outside the flower of one of the separatist leader on May at the Maisuma area here ahead of the sentencing of the separatist leader on May



## **Choose special place in your city**, town to celebrate Yoga Day: PM

#### PNS NEW DELHI

International Yoga Day events will be organised at 75 major places in the country in view of the 'Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations of 75 years of Independence, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday and urged people to mark the occasion at a special place in their respective cities, towns or villages.

In his monthly 'Mann ki Baat' radio broadcast, Prime Minister Modi said the theme of the 8th International Yoga Day on June 21 would be 'yoga for humanity.

He urged people to celebrate Yoga Day with great enthusiasm, while cautioning that they should take all precautions related to the coronavirus.

"By the way, the situation now is looking better than earlier across the whole world. On account of more and more vaccination coverage, people now are going out more than ever; therefore, a lot of preparations are also being seen all over the world for Yoga Day," Modi said. He said the Covid



pandemic has made people realise the overarching importance of health in their lives.

"People are experiencing how much physical, spiritual and intellectual well-being is receiving a boost through yoga. From the world's top business

"I do believe that witnessing

persons to film and sports personalities, from students to common people, everyone is making yoga an integral part of one's life," he said.

the increasing popularity of yoga across the world must be making you happy," he said.

very innovative examples were being held on Yoga Day in the country and abroad, Modi said one of them is the 'Guardian

Ring' which will be a very unique programme. "In this, the movement of the sun will be celebrated, that is, as the sun travels, we will welcome it through yoga from different parts of the earth. Indian missions in different countries will organise yoga programmes at sunrise according

to the local time there," he said. The programme will successively commence in one coun-Noting that this time some try after another. "The journey

continuo usly ... and on these lines, it will proceed accordingly. Streaming of these pro-grammes will also be linked one after the other, that is, it will be a kind of relay yoga streaming event," the prime minister said.

This time, keeping in mind the 'Amrit Mahotsav' in the country, International Yoga Day events will also be organised at 75 major places in the country, Modi said.

"On this occasion, many organisations and countrymen are preparing to do something innovative at their own level, in their respective fields. I would urge you also this time to celebrate Yoga Day, choose any place in your city, town or vilage which is most special. This place can be an ancient temple and tourist centre, or it could be the banks of a famous river, lake or pond. With this, along with yoga, the identity of your area will also be reinforced and tourism there will also get a boost," he said.

At present, the 100-day countdown leading to Yoga

from east to west will go on Day, is also underway, he noted. "I am sure that all of you will participate enthusiastically in Yoga Day as well as adopt yoga in your daily life," he said. In his broadcast, Modi also talked about his recent Japan trip and said that amid many of his programmes, he got a chance to meet some wonder-

ities he met) belong to Japan, they harbour amazing attach-ment and love for India. One of them is Hiroshi Koike ji, who is a well-known art director. You will be very happy to Mahabharat project. This pro-

Every year, he travels to one country in Asia and produces parts of the Mahabharata with ocal artists and musicians, the prime minister highlighted. Through this project, he has done productions and given stage performances in nine countries, including India,

ONGC with net profit of Rs 40,306 cr;

ful personalities. Though they (the personalknow that he has directed the ject was started in Cambodia

and it is continuing for the last nine years," Modi said.

Cambodia and Indonesia, Modi said.

## '94.11 pc registered workers' income at Rs 10K or below'

#### PNS NEW DELHI

Over 94 per cent of 27.69 crore informal sector workers registered on the e-Shram portal have a monthly income of Rs 10,000 or below and over 74 per cent of the enrolled workforce belongs to scheduled castes (SC), scheduled tribes (SC) and other backward classes (OBC), according to the latest data.

The proportion of informal workers getting a monthly income of Rs 10,000 or below was 92.37 per cent in the middle of November 2021 when total enrolments on e-Shram portal were a little over 8 crore.

Those belonging to SC, ST and OBC who enrolled on the portal were 72.58 per cent in the middle of November 2021.

The experts are of the view that as the enrolments progress on e-Shram portal towards the ultimate goal of enrolling all informal sector workers estimated at 38 crore in the country, the data would show sharp disparities in the society. e-Shram portal is aimed at

building a comprehensive National Database of as many as 27.69 crore informal sector workers are regis-Unorganized Workers tered on the portal and show

country



(NDUW) in the country. The aim of the portal is to boost the last-mile delivery of the welfare schemes for over 38 crore unorganised workers in the country. It was launched on August 26, 2021.

ward communities. The data showed that 94.11 per cent of the registered infor-The experts are of the view mal workers have a monthly income of Rs 10,000 or below, that almost all targeted informal sector workers should be while 4.36 per cent have a registered on e-Shram portal monthly income between Rs during this calendar year only, 10,001 and Rs 15,000.

that this unorganised work-

force is living under extreme

poverty and a majority of those belong to socially back-

which would give a big oppor-The social category analysis tunity to the political leaderof the data shows that 74.44 ship to draft an evidenceper cent of registered workers based policy for the large secare below the socially backtion of deprived classes in the ward classes, including 45.32 per cent OBC, 20.95 per cent According to the latest data, SC and 8.17 per cent ST. The proportion of the General Category workers is 25.56 per

### **GAGANYAAN MISSION** Doctors to help ISRO to build human-rated spacecraft



becomes India's 2<sup>nd</sup> most profitable firm PNS NEW DELHI





USD 2.09 in the previous FY21 fiscal. The gas price jumped to this impact will be visible in the first-quarter earnings. Consolidated net profit, after including those earned by its subsidiaries like HPCL,PL and ONGC Videsh Ltd, soared to Rs 49,294.06 crore in 2021-22 as compared to Rs 21,360.25 crore in 2020-21. Both standalone and consolidated net profit of ONGC is the second-highest profit in the country. Reliance had on May 6 reported a consolidated net profit of Rs 67,845 crore on a revenue of Rs 792,756 crore.



cent.

#### PNS NEW DELHI

The Indian Space Research Organisation is taking help of doctors in building its humanrated spacecraft for the Gaganyaan mission, India's first human spaceflight that aims to take astronauts into a low earth orbit. The ISRO has roped in doctors to understand the impact of the spaceflight on humans and will design the spacecraft accordingly. The astronauts selected for the mission have also been involved in making of the orbital module.

There are four astronauts who are part of Gaganyaan. We talk to them. They sit in a cockpit. We ask them to go through this and tell us whether the placing of equipment is correct, whether the lighting is correct or whether the edges are causing discomfort, ISRO Chairman S Somnath said during a brainstorming session with health experts on the use of space technology in emergency medical services. Somanth said scientists

at the ISRO were developing the human-rated spacecraft.

"We also look at various measures of quality to increase the reliability and finally to prove the redundancy, Somnath said, adding that space agencies the world over, including ISRO, have imbibed developing failsafe systems as a culture. "We are also looking at how doctors can connect with the human spacecraft design. There is an interaction happening with doctors and engineers on the designing of the human spacecraft. If you have to conduct a successful human space flight and sustain it in India, we need a strong pool of doctors who will get involved in this human spaceflight mission

as well, he said. Union Minister Jitendra Singh has said that the first unmanned mission in the Gaganyaan series was expected to be launched next year. This would be followed by another unmanned mission, before Indian astronauts board the spacecraft for a sojourn in a low earth orbit.

produces, state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) reported a record net profit of Rs 40,305 crore in the fiscal year ended March 31, becoming India's second most profitable company behind Reliance Industries Ltd.

price it earned on crude oil it

In a statement, ONGC said net profit for the fiscal FY22 (April 2021 to March 2022) soared 258 per cent to Rs 40,305.74 crore from Rs 11,246.44 crore in the previous financial year.

This as it got an average of USD 76.62 for every barrel of crude oil produced and sold in the fiscal as against USD 42.78 per barrel net realisation in the previous year. This is the best ever price that ONGC got as

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international oil prices surged from late 2021 and spiked to a near 14-year high of USD 139 per barrel after Russia invaded Ukraine. International rates had spiked to a record USD 147 per barrel in 2008 but ONGC's net realisation at that time was much lower as it had to provide subsidies to fuel retailers so that they

could sell petrol, diesel, cooking gas LPG and kerosene at rates ower than cost.

ONGC now gets international rates as the downstream fuel retailers too price petrol, diesel and other petroleum products at global rates. The firm got USD 2.35 per million British thermal unit for the gas it sold as against

ONGC displaced Tata Steel for the No.2 spot. Tata Steel on May 3 reported a standalone net profit of Rs 33,011.18 crore and a consolidated net profit of Rs 41,749.32 crore for FY22



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The Opposition on Sunday attacked the Centre over demonetisation with former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi saying the only "unfortunate success" of the 2016 move was the "torpedoing" of India's

economy Gandhi on Twitter tagged the screenshot of a media tweet. TMC leader Derek report which cited Reserve O'brien also slammed the Bank of India's annual report to state that there was a 100 findings.

per cent increase in fake Rs 500 notes and 50 per cent increase in counterfeit Rs 2,000 currency notes - both of which were issued after the banning of the old 500 and 1,000 banknotes.

"The only unfortunate success of Demonetisation was the TORPEDOING of India's economy," Gandhi said in the government over the RBI's

### Cong spread communal riots in Gujarat: Shah

#### PNS NADIAD

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday attacked the Congress, alleging that when it was in power in Gujarat in the past, it worked towards spreading communal riots in the state, making people fight among themselves and damaging the law and order situation.

He said that before the BJP came to power and Narendra

Modi became the chief minister, Gujarat grappled with communal riots, curfews, and with issues like smuggling of narcotics, arms and RDX through international border. "For many years, Congress worked to make communities fight against each other inter-

end of this year. During the Congress's rule, the state used to face curfew for most part of the year, and

Nadiad in Kheda district.

Assembly elections in BJP-

ruled Gujarat are due by the

there was no guarantee that a man would return home in the nally, spread communal riots, evening after stepping out for and tear apart the law and work in the morning. Closure order," Shah said after inauguof banks, markets and factories rating various police housing also affected the economy, projects in parts the state from Shah said.

'After Ram temple in Ayodhya, Kashi, Mathura set to wake up'

#### PNS I UCKNOW

After the construction of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, the temple town of Kashi appears to be waking up, as are Mathura, Vrindavan, Vindhyavasini Dham and Naimish Dham, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said on Sunday. There has been no communal riot in the state, he told the BJP's one-day state executive meeting in Lucknow and mentioned recent festivals to say that for the first time in the state the namaz on the last Friday before Eid was not held on roads.

Adityanath referred to the inauguration of the Kashi loudspeakers from religious places, he said, "You must have Vishwanath Temple Corridor, to say one lakh devotees visit Kashi every day and the place was got rid of." is proving the significance of its meeting of the BJP after the name in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's assembly polls in Uttar Pradesh, vision. "Ram Navami and he asked the party workers to start preparing for the 2024 Lok Hanuman Jayanti were held peacefully. This was the first Sabha polls and move forward time that the last Friday namaz with the target of winning 75 before Eid was not held on the out of the state's 80 seats. In

streets. For namaz there is a 2019, the BJP had won 62 Lok place of worship, the mosques Sabha seats in Uttar Pradesh where their religious prowhile its ally Apna Dal(S) reggrammes can be held," he said. istered victory in two seats.

Referring to the Kashi Vishwanath Temple Corridor, Mentioning the removal of he said, "After the beginning of seen how the unnecessary noise the construction of the grand Ram temple in Ayodhya, the At the first state executive waking up ('angadai') of Kashi is before us." "All pilgrimages centres like Mathura Vrindavan, Vindhyavasini Dham, Naimish Dham are once again waking up ('angdai li'). In this situation we all have to move forward once again," the chief minister said.

### Sharing Aadhaar details: Advisory withdrawn masked Aadhaar which dis-

#### PNS NEW DELHI

The government has withdrawn an UIDAI advisory that cautioned the general public against sharing photocopy of their Aadhaar with any organisation.

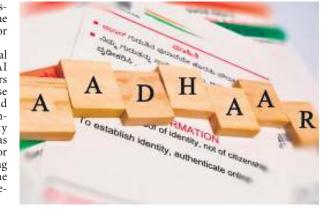
The Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) said it is withdrawing the press release as it can lead to misinterpretation.

"The release advised the people to not to share photocopy of their Aadhaar with any organization because it can be misused. Alternatively, a

masked Aadhaar which displays only the last 4 digits of Aadhaar number, can be used.

plays only the last 4 digits of the biometric ID can be used for the purpose, it had added. "However, in view of the possibility of the misinterpre-

MeitY, in the withdrawal tation of the Press Release, the statement, said the UIDAI same stands withdrawn with issued Aadhaar card holders immediate effect," the stateare only advised to exercise normal prudence in using and ment said. A press release issued by the Bengaluru Regional Office of the Unique sharing their Aadhaar numbers."Aadhaar Identity Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) asked the gen-Authentication ecosystem has provided adequate features for eral public not to share photoprotecting and safeguarding copy of one's Aadhaar with any the identity and privacy of the Aadhaar holder," the stateorganisation because it can be misused. Alternatively, a ment added.





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## **Unfair to her**

Sex detection tests, though illegal, are rampant across India and lead to skewed gender ratio

he fight for girls' rights is secondary to fighting to first keep them alive. Many people in India still want sons, not daughters. They are willing to do anything to see that their women do not give birth to girls. The latest pattern shows they seem to prefer termination of pregnancy over female infanticide. The illegal use of sex determination tests to know the sex of the unborn child is rampant in India. It shows the utter failure of State Governments and the police force to strictly enforce the ban on such tests. The latest instance is from Odisha, where a racket was busted in Berhampur last week. The police raided a residence-cumclinic where it said an inter-State sex selection racket was in operation for years. When the clinic was raided, 11 pregnant women were awaiting their turn. Over a



dozen accused were arrested, including, shockingly, an ASHA worker. A sophisticated, portable ultrasound machine, banned since 2005, and paraphernalia were seized. It was a "referral" clinic recommended to pregnant women by medical practitioners. A day earlier, Dharmapuri police in Tamil Nadu rescued six pregnant women from an illegal clinic and seized an ultrasound machine. A week ago, the Kurukshetra police in Haryana exposed an illegal clinic. In April, too, a decoy team of Haryana and Delhi officials raided a Delhi nursing home involved in this racket. Another illegal

clinic was closed down in Ludhiana this March. The Rajkot police in Gujarat arrested the kingpins of a similar racket in a nursing home.

Such sex determination operations are happening in every State of the country. The affluent have other alternatives like going abroad where the tests are legal. Some years ago, it came to light that sex detection kits were being smuggled into the country from abroad. Costing close to ₹20,000, the kits were easier to transport and deliver and were less messy. Non-invasive Prenatal Test (NIPT) is another technology that has come to India. It is highly accurate and can determine the sex of the foetus quite early in the pregnancy. The test is officially allowed to detect genetic disorders in the embryo. However, its misuse is also reported. Last August, a raid on a private laboratory in Gurugram revealed the use of this test. It is quite clear that the primary reason for the skewed gender ratio in many States is people resorting to female foeticide or abortion after knowing the baby's gender. It is officially acknowledged that millions of girls are statistically missing in India, and millions more are abandoned as "unwanted". The Government must take the initiative to stop the racket. The Medical Council of India can de-register medical practitioners involved in conducting the tests. Campaigns and counselling at the community level can save the girl child. Pregnant women need the support of the State to be able to say 'no' when forced to undergo the test.



## Kashmiri Pandits are simple people



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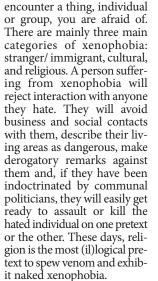
Since Greek times, when people extended extreme hospitality to guests and strangers, the tide has reversed and xenophobia is being stoked

andit Kailash Nath Kaul 'Mekash Kashmiri', was a great Urdu poet of Jammu. Aggrieved by the strained Indo-Pak relations, he once wrote in his anthology: *"Kyun jang ke saaman idher bhi* héin udher bhi; sehme hue insaan idher bhi hein udher bhi. (Why is the battle preparedness this side and the other side; people on both sides are terrified)." The poet was right while revealing the plight of gullible citizens on both sides of the border who are least bothered by political machinations.

In addition to lurking external aggression, the internal situation is marred with commu-nal tensions. Mostly, we hide our misdeeds blaming British rulers for their "divide and rule" policy, but the magic vend of Angrez jadugar cannot retain its ugly impact forever. We need to honestly introspect for finding the causal factors behind hate-mongering, polarisation and communal divide strategically designed by political masters, misusing religions and promoting xenophobia.

Xenophobia is an extreme, intense fear and dislike of customs, cultures and people considered strange, unusual or unknown. The term xenophobia comes from Greek, where 'phobos' means fear and 'xenos' means stranger, foreigner or outsider. It also means guest or wanderer. As a matter of fact, there was a practice among ancient Greeks for extending extreme hospitality to strangers and guests. They used to consider unexpected guest a god or goddess, walking among people in disguise. This culture of hospitality towards strangers was an essential feature of that time and the violation carried serious repercussions, which can be found in the Illiad, Odyssey and

other Greek literature. However, with the turning of time, the tide got reversed and people globally started behaving adversely towards the strangers and guests to the extent of developing phobia towards them. Phobia, an anxiety disorder, triggers rage and anger when you



These days, our country is in the grip of ideologically sponsored communal divide by attacking and lynching members of minority community on the pretext of azan, loudspeakers, namaz, etc. Wahabi clowns are shamelessly displaying their skills of killing Shia Muslims in Pakistani amphitheatre. The

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Muslims feel that they are targeted, falsely arrested or killed by police and paramilitary forces, it's the matter between them and the Government. How come KPs are at fault and why are they being targeted? Those indulging in terror acts in the name of false jihad are as a matter-of-fact Wahabis, who have camou-

flaged themselves under the cover of Islam, which is the fact known by very few people, including Muslims. Wahabiism is the distorted version of Islam. Its founder was Sheikh Najdi ibn Abdul Wahab who in association of Ibn Saud, a Bedouin tribal chief having Zionist ancestry, founded this new cult in 1744 AD. They are currently the

rulers of Saudi Arabia. The Quran says: "Prophet Mohammad was sent to the world as a mercy to mankind" (21:107). .... Allah abhors any disturbance of peace (2:205). The murder of one innocent person is akin to the murder of the whole humanity." Whereas Sheikh Naidi ibn

others to his Wahabi ideology

wherein he manifests: "Follow my ideology, else get ready to be killed."

In 1766, Ibn Saud was killed and his son Abd al Aziz took over as Emir (temporal leader). He accelerated his attacks in a spectacular bid to extend his territory. Since then, it has been the schismatic, fraudulent practice of Wahabi terror operators to misguide and exploit the Muslim youth for recruitment with the promise of Paradise. Hence, attacks on KPs are un-Islamic.

Muslims of Kashmir and outside must raise their voice for the protection of KPs. Similarly, Hindus engaged in violence and lynching of Muslims must know that in Ramayana Ratnas-80, *Yuddhakanda* 116.44/45/46, it is conveyed, "The wise never injures even those that harm him. On the other hand, they go to their aid in case of trouble and help them out. Virtuous conduct is the ornament of a meritorious person. (Sita's advice to Hanuman not to kill or cause harm to female demons that tormented her at the Ashok Vatika)." (The writer is a legal journalist and author. The views expressed are personal.)



Liverpool fans climb atop traffic lights as they wait ahead of the trophy parade in Liverpool, England

## New season

For the sake of Delhi's development, let's hope the new L-G and the CM work together

n a surprise move a few days back, the Centre decided to replace Anil Baijal with Vinai Kumar Saxena, a seasoned bureaucrat working with Khadi Gramodyog, as the Lt Governor of Delhi. Baijal had resigned recently citing personal reasons. The tenure of the outgoing L-G was marked by several controversies and a strained relationship with the Delhi Chief Minister. The AAP Government maintained that the L-G was stalling its work and creating obstacles. It even accused him of working against the interests of Delhi's citizens. The Delhi L-G is a Central Government appointee and reports to it. Matters had come to such a pass that the Delhi CM sat on dharna outside L-G's office. The issue reached the Supreme Court, which put its weight behind the L-G, saying the Delhi Government meant the L-G and not the elected



dealt the final blow to the Chief Minister as it mandated the Delhi Government to work under the L-G. The new L-G has, however, struck all the positive notes after assuming office. He met the Delhi Chief Minister warmly and assured him of working together for the city's development. Besides, he also said that he would be seen more on roads than in Raj Bhawan.

Government. The constitutional amendment in 2019

The Chief Minister has also shown a positive attitude towards the new L-G. Having said that, it will be interesting to note how they work together. After all, the L-G is a representative of the Central

Government. Delhi, as well as general elections, are just two years ago and the BJP would not like to give any brownie points to AAP. Moreover, Delhi's Government's powers are limited and the files keep pending with the L-G for consent. For instance, the Government's plan to deliver ration at the doorstep has been stalled as the L-G and CM were at loggerheads. There have been numerous instances in which the L-G has deferred the decision at the Centre's instance. At the end of the day, however, it's all about the people of Delhi. They can do little about the Centre and the State Government working at cross-purposes. Let's hope the new L-G can walk the talk and resist any anti-people moves by the very people who appointed him for the sake of development in Delhi.

same lobby following Wahabi ideology has indulged in aimlessly killing Kashmiri Pandits (KPs), who are very simple and harmless people. If Kashmiri COMMUNITY

Abdul Wahab, the founder of Wahabi cult, in his book 'Kitab al Twahid', prescribes forceful conversion of Muslims and

#### **LETTERS** TO THE EDITOR

#### **STOP VITIATING THE ATMOSPHERE**

Sir - Telangana BJP president Bandi Sanjay's recent comments "If Ram Rajya comes, we will completely ban Urdu, madrasas ... and all Shivlingams found would be ours" reek of ignorance and false arrogance. Out of ignorance, he is saying that he will ban Urdu when Ram Rajya comes to Telangana. But he doesn't know that Urdu is in the 8th schedule of the Indian Constitution and he wrongly thinks that Urdu is the mother tongue of all Muslims. There was a time when leaders would talk about employment, development or science but now I am ashamed that we are choosing leaders who hate a particular religion because they only contribute 15 per cent of the votes.

Such leaders talk about destruction of a particular religion instead of the nation's development. The people of Telangana vote for development and the State is a good example of secular India where all citizens live in peace and harmony. Bandi Sanjay must not try to ruin this fabric of harmony. By winning one or two byelections, perhaps the BJP is dreaming about forming the Government in Telangana, but there is no swing in favour of the BJP in Telangana.

Zeeshaan | Kazipet

#### **STOP PAMPERING THE BUREAUCRATS**

Sir - In a country engulfed by inequality, where the VIP enjoys a privileged position from a toll tax to the airport, it is easy to feel for the common man. The recent episode in which Delhi Government-run Thyagaraj Stadium was found closing its ground to athletes at 7 pm, apparently to allow Principal Secretary (Revenue) to walk his dog on the track, must come as a rude shock to all, especially to sport lovers. The athletes were forced to practice in the scorching heat during the day because the premises were closed early.

What is most distressing is that even after 70 years of Independence, our bureaucracy has retained its colonial character and public servants remain aloof

## **Chief Minister as the Chancellor**



he West Bengal Cabinet has taken a decision to make the Chief Minister the Chancellor of the universities as against the existing system of the Governor holding the post. This is an attempt to strip the Governor of his powers in running the universities. It is an unprecedented move and sets a bad example for other States. In the present system, the Governor can act independently in the appointment of Vice-Chancellors. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who expects the Governors to be the puppets in the hands of Chief Ministers, has locked horns

from common people. The episode lays bare the sense of unbridled power and entitlement that many politicians and bureaucrats gain merely on the basis of winning elections or passing an exam once but not due to consistent outstanding performance. Politicians, bureaucrats and business tycoons must be kept out of sports governance, and much more needs to be done so that only competent and deserving persons acquire strategic and pivotal positions in sports administration. It's time to get serious.

Vijay Singh Adhikari | Nainital

#### **CONGRESS TO TAKE GOVT TO TASK**

Sir — As the Central Government completes eight years in office, an aggressive Opposition led by the Congress will release a 'report card' on its performance. The communications department of the All India Congress Committee (AICC) has prepared a report card highlighting the failures and performance of the Central Government on various fronts including

### with Governor Jagdeep Dhankar but she is

finding the going tough.

This move paves way for direct political interference in the administration of universities and the intention of the Cabinet meeting decision is to achieve that only. The power of governance has been vested into the hands of Chief Ministers but the Governor is the constitutional head of a State. The Governor is a mid-pole between the State and Centre. Unsurprisingly, the BJP and the Left have

closed ranks to oppose Mamata's attempt to

usurp power from the Governor By divesting

the Governor of his position as Chancellor, the

age-old custom is being given a go-by. This

smacks of Mamata's addiction to an autocrat-

ic rule. All political parties must close their

ranks and fight tooth and nail against her rapa-

cious desire of usurping the power of univer-

rate is very high and has broken a 45-year

record while inflation is rising especially in essential commodities, petrol-diesel

prices are at a historic high while the rupee

against the dollar is at a historic low; the

sion at the Line of Actual Control is a

major concern on which the Government's

performance is lacking and it hasn't taken

on China in the manner it should be dealt

with. There are also concerns about com-

munal harmony and polarisation in the

country as several areas in various States

have seen unrest on this front in the last

few months. The Congress is also going

to highlight the failures of the Central

Government over the last few years in the

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coming days to the people of India.

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foreign reserve is also dipping.

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sity administration

— K Chandrashekar Rao

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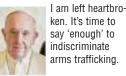
(PM's) rhetoric,

industries are

closing down.

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**Catholic Church head** Pope Francis

Fortunately, the Shiva Trilogy is not being adapted into a movie, but a economy, foreign policy, communal har-(web) series mony and inflation. The unemployment



Telangana CM

Autho — Amish Tripathi

I've never spoken to English cricket. The thought of coaching England . no!

Former Australia coach — Justin Langer



**Congress chief spokesperson** Randeep Surjewala





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Early prevention can reduce cardiovascular mortality



#### VIKAS MAHATME

ime to preventhypertension as asilent killer from engulfing the nation. With at least 1.13 billion adults suffering from hypertension in the world, May 17 is observed as World Hypertension Day. We need to check the right boxes to generate awareness about the issue while initiating medical efforts to tackle it as well.

Today when we talk about having a healthy lifestyle especially after Covid, it still looks a distant reality especially when one is suffering from high blood pressure resulting in hypertension. It is not without any reason that hypertension is called the silent killer. It is related to heart disease, development of ischemic heart, and chronic kidney and other killer diseases

In India, over the last decade, cardiovascular diseases have emerged as the top killer in India and an underlying cause for this exponential rise is hypertension. The latest NFHS 5 India data reveal that non-communicable diseases account for 65 per cent of all deaths in India and the major metabolic risk factors include raised blood pressure among others.

Although easily treated and controlled if detected and treated early. high blood pressure is now a full-fledged health crisis with twenty-one percent of women and 24 percent of men age 15 and suffering from hypertension according to the latest NFHS 5 data. Thirty-nine percent of women and 49 percent of men age 15 and over are pre-hypertensive.



Early diagnosis is the crucial step for proper management, and is associated with substantial reductions in cardiovascular mortality. Primary health care centres in India should be responsible in providing basic health measures including regular and continuous supply of medicines so that the poorest of the poor are not deprived of regular medication. Besides screening, the healthcare workers should also be trained to provide lifestyle advice, to initiate low doses of safe medications and to reinforce adherence. The NFHS 5 findings also revealed that when it comes to treatment, only seven per cent women and six per cent men who have been diagnosed with high blood pressure are on medication - an issue that is of critical concern.

In a recent update by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare 'a population-based initiative for prevention, control and screening for common NCDs, i.e., diabetes, hypertension and common cancers has been rolled out in the country under National Health Mission (NHM) and also as a part of Comprehensive Primary Health Care. Under the initiative, persons more than 30 years of age are targeted for their screening for common NCDs. Screening of these common NCDs is an integral part of service delivery under Ayushman Bharat - Health and Wellness Centres.'The preventive aspect of cardiovascular diseases is strengthened under the Comprehensive Primary Health Care through Ayushman Bharat Health Wellness Centre scheme, by promotion of wellness activities and targeted communication at the community level will help in early detection and diagnosis of hypertension. Maintaining a healthy lifestyleis another important aspect for controlling of high BP. Avoid smoking, limit or eliminate alcohol consumption and increase intake of fresh fruits and vegetables in your diet regularly. One should also reduce salt intake and try and follow WHO recommendation of less than 5g per day. This will significantly reduce the risk of cardiovascular diseases and coronary heart attack.

# Seeing in candlelight or LED lamp glow?



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analysis

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Cultivate respect for local culture and customs, do not dump in our baggage from elsewhere, minimise any disruption we may bring

hange is not easy to come to terms with. While it is taking place all the time, there's a juxtaposition of the old and the new. Our eyes can either see a continuity and harmony, or we see a struggle.

If T.A.Edison were to visit my home, he'd notice the electric bulbs immediately. Right now, nearly all of them are LED. A few years ago, they were a mix of CFL and LÉD bulbs. Before that, some were GLS and some CFL. When all were GLS (it simply stood for general light source) bulbs with a few fluorescent tubes, no one quite expected much innovation in domestic lighting.

Now if Edison were to look for some-thing remotely resembling a gramo-phone in my home, he would find no similarity with how music is stored and replayed today. Sometimes we look upon heirloom objects with understanding and admiration in a Science Museum. Some exhibitions are termed as 'retrospectives'.

Today, in the IT industry, 'retrospection' is a formally scheduled exercise. People gather to look at past events and concluded projects together to go over subjective and objective data and to share experiences. They expect benefits from doing it such as improved team collab-oration, better productivity, preventing repetition of mistakes, anticipating future problems, and improved work processes.

There is a proper way to regard the past - merely raking it up in a rough way brings little good. It's also only vain to crudely compare the past with the pre-sent, and to say that one or the other is superior by far. About forty years ago, the bicycle and the radio were regarded as outmoded, and virtually as relics. Neither has disappeared. They have a redefined role and command a useful place, and offer a different set of experiences than they did before.

When a person from a different culture, particularly from Europe, looks at communities on other continents they don't see them instinctively as backward or primitive like in the days of their great-grandparents. This healthy trend began Down Under with the Maori traditions and then the Abo ceremonies being respected, and with legislation passed to protect and cherish indigenous culture and languages. In many countries, with the onset of the tech toy craze and the information explosion from so-called "popular magazines", there was a devaluation of traditional forms of recreation, fitness regimens, beauty treatments, and handicraft jewellery. Regional folklore and linguistics have often got swamped under by the deluge of the wide mainstream channels.

WHEREVER **EXTENSIVE** AND DELIBERATE FRACTURING HAD TAKEN

PLACE IN THE PAST, THE PROCESS OF MAKING AMENDS NEEDS HONEST ACKNOWLEDGE MENT AND A COMMITMENT TOWARDS THE FUTURE. WHEN IT COMES TO AN ILLUMINED ATTITUDE. WHY SHOULD YOU BE IN THE GLS ERA



today as 'primitive' though it was a tremendous leap in knowledge and capability when TV was introduced. So when we come across what might seem simplistic or naive practices in our communities, we must realize that they are all stages. The new cannot dismiss the old. The old cannot cast an iron mold on the emergent new.

Very typically, we expect to see a 65+ person talking about the good old days, about ancient lore, historical bonds, and about movies of the 1930s their grand-parents had mentioned! We are equally unsurprised when a millennial is wholly unaware that the Earth had been orbiting the Sun even prior to the release of the PlayStation console or The Need For Speed game. A 'generation gap' might seem apparent. Now it's commonly seen that just as

there is a big business in

'antiques'. What is seen less is a

practical perspective. To see a

continuity and a succession of

developments over months and

years. To form an idea of how our

earlier generations have lived

and how our own lives have

thing as progress. We speak of

'golden ages' when largely peace

prevailed. The arts flourished,

new discoveries were made, and

the general populace improved

It's true that there is such a

come to be.

their lifestyle. These are decades and successive centuries with which are associated a bonanza of great buildings, musical compositions, garden areas, reservoirs, stage presentations, and poetry

When ancient learning from Asia could flow into European societies, their dogmas could get shed and an era of revival of knowledge and arts came about. Their ships then accessed the material and cultural resources on faraway lands on other continents. Thus, many communities across the globe have experienced the coming into contact with other ethnicities - some through barter and hospitality, and many through shock of vio-

quality gap in syllabus and teaching between regions. Zoonotic viruses from afar can arrive at your doorstep, just as remote opportunities become encashable for you.

In the midst of all the globalisation, what is the role of 'local'? What could that term mean anymore? Through very long periods of association, a language and its dialects, a bunch of sub-ethnicities and a larger society come to be identified with a given geography. Somehow, it feels natural that a deeper affinity is readily available amongst its members than is immediately possible with persons outside the 'locality'. This is not in conflict with globality. Rather, we only expand the scope of how we relate to each other as neighbours, as our tribe, as native speakers in our language group, as fellow pilgrims, as river sharers, and so on. Vasudaiva kutumbakam, as is loftily inscribed on our Parliament building's entrance - of the world as a family - is an extension of this natural tendency in us.

The lesson we can glean from examples worldwide - from New Zealand to the Caribbean, from Polynesia to Alaska - is to cultivate respect for local culture and customs, to not dump in our baggage from elsewhere, and to minimise any disruption we may bring. This new attitude is writing fresh chapters in community relations.

It goes without saying that wherever extensive and deliberate fracturing had taken place in the past, the process of making amends needs honest acknowledgement and a commitment towards the future. When it comes to an illumined attitude, why should you be in the GLS era rather than LED?

lence and subjugation. When it is clearly possible for Unsurprising the, n that conflicts many modern companies to prac-When it is clearly possible for always seem a greater likelihood tise retrospection sessions to achieve their goals, it's a matter

Other useful measures are promotion of physical activity by local environmental changes at home, workplace and schools. User-friendly food labels which are easy to interpretfor consumers in determining unhealthy food products high in salt, sugar and fats will also help in reducing controlling of blood pressure in the long run.

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When we really look at it, today's LCD/LED television has its forerunner in the old picture tube that you could see

RATHER THAN LED?

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WOW! STADIUM IS EMPTIED, ATHLETES TOLD TO LEAVE SO THAT DELHI GOVT'S PRINCIPAL SECRETARY (REVENUE) CAN WALK HIS DOG! -NOTED ACTIVIST-LAWYER **PRASHANT BHUSHAN** 

than collaboration. there is a craze about the 'latest',

In a somewhat later era, scientific breakthroughs in medicine, transportation, and communication have travelled eastward this time, and electrified and awakened relatively dormant civilisations. And thus, the baton travels, the torch is propelled ahead. We see that everyone does indeed have their place under the sun, and there are no lasting monopolies. The value of enormous oil reserves can get assessed very differently in a mere 150 years. Distance education over than resist them. Welcome the the web is going to level out the change!

of time before the larger society learns to incorporate similar methods towards promoting harmony between communities and class interests. Typically, the approach assesses what they would like to stop, what they want to continue with, and what they wish to start. Except for the most adamant, many people find it possible to agree that some things can be stopped or minimised. The key thing is to orient individuals to initiate reforms rather

SPORTSPERSONS ARE FACING PROBLEMS ... STADIUMS GETTING CLOSED BY 6 OR 7 PM. ALL SPORTS FACILITIES WILL REMAIN OPEN TILL 10 PM. —DELHI CHIEF MINISTER ARVIND KEJRIWAL

## Exemplars of a positive work ethic

#### People who possess a strong work ethic produce high-quality work consistently and that motivates them to stay on track

work ethic is a set of moral principles we Ause in our jobs. It has been measured as a multidimensional variable composed of seven factors, including self-reliance, ethical behaviour, valuing leisure time, hard work, giving centrality to work, productive use of time, and delay of gratification." -Miller, M.J., Woehr, D.J., &Hudspeth, N. (2002).

The meaning and measurement of work ethic:Let me illustrate these seven factors with examples I have come to see or hear.

The first example that comes to mind is Sir M Visvesvarayawho personified a wonderful work ethic in engineering and public administration. A stickler for time and perfection, he would



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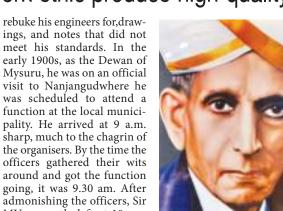
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meet his standards. In the early 1900s, as the Dewan of Mysuru, he was on an official visit to Nanjangudwhere he was scheduled to attend a function at the local municipality. He arrived at 9 a.m. sharp, much to the chagrin of the organisers. By the time the officers gathered their wits around and got the function going, it was 9.30 am. After admonishing the officers, Sir MV promptly left at 10 am, midway through the function, so that he could keep his next engagement!

Another beacon of professionalism is Prof. Duncan Haldane, the Eugene Higgins professor of Physics at



award announcement was made at around 5 am EST. Haldane, who was teaching first-year undergraduate students 'Electromagnetism: Principles and Problem Solving<sup>†</sup> those days, turned up Princeton University, winner for his classfour hours of the 2016 Nobel Prize. The later, sporting a light smile.

Applause and cheers erupted. Thank you," he said, lowering his head in slight bows as the clapping continued. A student asked,"Do you need to teach on this big day? Would you rather not celebrate, Prof. Haldane?" After a pause, Haldane replied, "Well, what can I say," eliciting a round of laughter from the students. "I guess we'll have to double down and learn some electromagnetism and see where it goes.' The next example goes to

show that even the greatest personal tragedies cannot deter the committed from putting work first. Sahitya Akademi Award winner Devudu Narasimha Sastri was an eminent Kannada and Sanskrit scholar whowrote and spoke extensively on the philosophy of the Bhagavad

Gita. In the 1950s, he was due to speakon Chapter 2 of the holy book at an event in

Udupi. While he was speaking, someone handed him a telegram that contained the death news of his eldest son. Without a pause, he finished his speech. It was only after he got down from the stage that his wife and friends who were in the audience received the tragic news. Sastri is reported to have saidChapter 2 is about being stoic and detached and how could my practice differ from precept".

Anil Kumble, too, showed stoicism when he bowled 14 overs with a broken jaw in the Antigua Test of 2002. He even claimed Brian Lara's wicket. On his way home to Bengaluru the next day for his surgery, he said,"At least I can

go home with the thought I tried my best. I did not want to sit around."

Every example of a positive work ethic, however, doesn't make headlines. There are some that we grow up watching and admire deeply. MN Krishnaswamy, the headmaster of my school in Mysuru, personified all the seven factors that I started the piece with. Always on time, never to miss a class, the first to be in school and the last to leave, his exemplary work yielded phenomenal results for my alma mater.

A positive work ethic should not to be confused with being a workaholic. During my years with the British retailer Tesco,I found their executives valued their told me, "Work is its own vacations and leisure, and this

made them better at work. There are also people who

feign a positive work ethic, often staying late in the office to impress bosses. there is, however, a story about a foreign head of state getting annoved during a factory visit in Japan becausenone of the workers lifted their heads to acknowledge his presence. When he asked them about it, one of them replied,"I am paid to do my work.'

People who possess a strong work ethic produce high-quality work consistently. This motivates them to stay on track creating a virtuous loop that leads to self-respect, satisfaction, and fulfilment. Like a wise, much-respected director at Asian Paints once reward!'



## Money 08

## 7 of top-10 firms add Rs 1.16 lakh cr in m-cap; HDFC Bank lead gainer

he combined market valuation of seven of the 10 most valued firms jumped by Rs 1.16.048.1 crore last week, with HDFC Bank emerging as the biggest gainer. While Infosys, HUL, ICICI Bank, HDFC, SBI and Kotak Mahindra Bank were the other winners from the top-10 list, Reliance Industries, TCS and Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) emerged as the laggards

The market valuation of HDFC Bank jumped Rs 39,358.5 crore to reach Rs 7,72,514.65 crore. Kotak Mahindra Bank's valuation rallied Rs 23,230.8 crore to Rs 3,86,264.80 crore and that of HDFC zoomed Rs 23,141.7 crore to Rs 4,22,654.38 crore. The market capitalisation (m-cap) of ICICI Bank went higher by Rs 21,047.06 crore to Rs 5,14,298.92 crore and that of State Bank of India (SBI) climbed Rs 5,801 crore to Rs 4,18,564.28 crore. Infosys added Rs 2,341.24 crore, taking its valuation to Rs 6,14,644.50 crore.



### **BGauss Auto to invest Rs 40 cr to** double electric two-wheeler mfg

lectric two-wheeler maker BGauss Auto Pvt Ltd plans to invest around Rs 40 crore to double production capacity to 2 lakh units annually by next year, according to a top company official. The company plans to have five to six products in the high-speed electric scooters segment after two years. It is also eyeing around 8-10 per cent of the fastgrowing electric two-wheeler market in three years' time.

"This year we are targeting (to sell) around 80.000 to 1 lakh vehicles." BGauss Auto Founder and Managing Director Hemant Kabra told PTI. He further said the company's manufacturing plant at Chakan in Pune has an annual capacity of one lakh units at present and can be scaled up to 2 lakh units. With plans to sell around 1 lakh units in the ongoing fiscal, BGauss Auto is now gearing up to increase its capacity to meet future demand. Asked about investment on capacity enhancement, he said, "We will be investing close to around

Rs 40 crore



#### **Bank of Maharashtra tops PSU** lenders chart in loan growth in FY22

State-owned Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) has emerged as the top performer among public sector lenders in terms of loan and deposit growth in percentage terms during 2021-22. The Pune-headquartered lender recorded a 26 per cent increase in gross advances at Rs 1,35,240 crore at the end of March 2022, according to the BoM data. It was followed by State Bank of India and Union Bank of India with 10.27 per cent and 9.66 per cent growth,

respectively. However, in absolute terms, aggregate loans of SBI were nearly 18 times higher at Rs 24,06,761 crore while Union Bank of India's five times higher at Rs 6,99,269 crore compared to that of BoM's at the end of fourth quarter.With regard to deposit growth, BolM witnessed a 16.26 per cent growth and mobilised Rs 2,02,294 crore at the end of March 2022. Union Bank of India was second with an 11.99 per cent growth in deposits (Rs 10,32,102 crore) while Indian Bank recorded a 10 per cent increase at Rs 5,84,661 crore, according to the published data



## **US surpasses China as India's** biggest trading partner in FY22

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The US surpassed China to become India's top trading partner in 2021-22, reflecting strengthening economic ties between the two countries.

According to the data of the commerce ministry, in 2021-22, the bilateral trade between the US and India stood at USD 119.42 billion as against USD 80.51 billion in 2020-21.

Exports to the US increased to USD 76.11 billion in 2021-22 from USD 51.62 billion in previous fiscal year, while imports rose to USD 43.31 billion as compared to about USD 29 billion in 2020-21.

During 2021-22, India's twoway commerce with China aggregated at USD 115.42 billion as compared to USD 86.4 billion in 2020-21, the data showed.

Exports to China marginally increased to USD 21.25 billion last fiscal year from USD 21.18 billion in 2020-21, while imports jumped to USD 94.16 billion from about USD 65.21 billion in 2020-21. Trade gap rose to USD 72.91 billion in 2021-22 from USD 44 billion in previous fiscal year. Trade experts believe that

al trade with the US will continue in the coming years also as New Delhi and Washington are engaged in further strengthening the economic ties.Federation of Indian Export Organisations Vice President Khalid Khan said India is emerging as a trusted trading partner and global

firms are reducing their depenthe trend of increasing bilaterdence only on China for their

During 2021-22, India's two-way commerce with China aggregated at USD 115.42 billion as compared to USD 86.4 billion in 2020-21, the data showed.

supplies and are diversifying business into other countries like India. "In the coming years, the bilateral trade between India and the US will continue to grow. India has joined a US-led initiative to set up an Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) and this move would help boost economic ties further," Khan said.

### Transport Corp posts 38pc rise in PAT to Rs 73 cr for Jan-Mar PNS MUMBAI

Integrated supply chain and logistics solutions provider Transport Corporation of India (TCI) on Saturday reported a 38 per cent year-on-year growth in standalone profit after tax (PAT) to Rs 73.10 crore for the March quarter. The company had post-ed a profit of Rs 52.86 crore in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year ended on March 31, 2021, according to a regulatory filing. Revenue from operations stood almost flat at Rs 797.94 crore in Q4FY22 as compared to Rs 796.64 crore.For the full financial year 2021-22, TCI Ltd recorded a standalone PAT of Rs 267.43 crore, a growth of 98 per cent over Rs 134.77 crore in the same quarter of FY21.Revenue from operations for the finan-cial year 2021-22 stood at Rs 2,904.56 crore as against Rs 2,452.02 crore in the March quarter of FY21, a year-on-year growth of 18.45 per cent.

## Macro data, global cues to dictate market trend this week: Analysts

#### PNS NEW DELHI

Trading activity in the equity markets will be guided by a host of macroeconomic data announcements scheduled during the week, apart from global trends amid ongoing concerns over high inflation, analysts said.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs), a key driver for the Indian markets, would also be tracked for cues, they added.

"Market will remain busy with macro numbers this week where GDP, auto sales and PMI numbers will be factors on the domestic front, whereas PMI numbers of various countries and unemployment data of the US will be important global macro numbers.

'Amid all this, movement of dollar index and crude oil prices will continue to have an impact on market volatility.



FIIs are still in selling mode where it will be interesting to see whether they start some buying in the Indian market amid improved sentiments," said Santosh Meena, Head of Research, Swastika Investmart Ltd.In the last batch of earncompanies like ings, Aurobindo Pharma, Jindal Steel and Sun Pharma will announce their numbers. "This week marks the beginning of the new month also and participants will be closely eyeing important high-fre-quency data like auto sales, manufacturing and services PMI data."Before that, GDP data, which is scheduled on May 31, will be in focus. Apart from these, updates on monsoon progress will also remain on radar," said Ajit Mishra, VP Research, Religare Broking Ltd.

#### DCM Shriram focusing on developing, manufacturing versatile drones: Joint President

#### PNS NEW DELHI

DCM Shriram Industries is focusing on developing and manufacturing versatile drones that will be used not just in the defence sector but across the board, its Joint President Rudra Shriram has said. The company is engaged in the businesses of sugar, chemicals and industrial fibre and has a turnover of around Rs 8,000 crore. It had last year invested

## Reliance spends Rs 1,185 cr on corporate social responsibility in FY22

#### PNS NEW DELHI

Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries Ltd spent a record Rs 1,184.93 crore in fiscal year ended March 31 on corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives that spanned oxygen delivery during second wave of the pandemic, education and healthcare, according to the company's latest annual CSR Report. Through FY 2021-22,

Reliance put social responsihility initiatives heal and well-being of communities at the top of its agenda," the report said. This went beyond supporting employees as well as their extended families and was aimed at caring for the mostat-need across India in the face of an emergency.



"During FY 2021-22, eliance contributed Rs "The past two years have 1,184.93 crore towards suphumanity," the oil-to-telecomporting a number of need-based, impactful CSR initiato-retail conglomerate said. "While the year 2021 started tives," it said. off with a lot of hope, it also marked the severest second wave of the COVID-19 pan-The initiatives were spearheaded by Reliance Foundation, the philanthrop-Reliance demic - the largest humanitaric arm of the company led by ian crisis that has affected the Nita M. Ambani. world and our country.'

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#### JK Tyre lines up Rs 1,100 cr capex for two years

#### PNS NEW DELHI

JK Tyre and Industries has planned a capital expenditure of Rs 1,100 crore till next

invest in capacity expansion as well as regular mainte-nance of the existing infrastructure."Total spend over the next two years, ie, FY23 and FY24 would be Rs 1,100 ding m capex of around Rs 300 crore," Aggarwal said in an analyst call. The majority of the capex -- Rs 530 crore-will go into the passenger car radial (PCR) capacity expansion. The company has also lined up capacity expansion of truck bus radial (TBR) at its unit Cavendish Industries.

financial year, company's CFO Sanjeev Aggarwal said. The tyre maker plans to

## Sell-off by FPIs continues; pull out Rs 39,000 cr from equities in May so far

PNS NEW DELHI

Continuing their selling spree, foreign investors have dumped Indian equities worth over Rs 39,000 crore this month so far amid rising bond yields in the US, an appreciating dollar and prospects of more aggressive rate hikes by the Federal Reserve.

With this, the net outflow by foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) from equities has reached Rs 1.66 lakh crore so



Services.Foreign investors have million (about Rs 7 crore) to and domestic institutional investors (DIIs) and retail buyremained net sellers for the purchase 30 per cent stake in ing are emerging as a strong seven months to April 2022, Turkish drone company counter to FPI selling. withdrawing a massive Rs 1.65 Zyrone Dynamics. "At higher levels, FPIs may "Luckily, we entered the lakh crore from equities. (drone) market at the correct continue to sell. If globally FPIs turned net investors in markets are stable, FPI selling the first week of April due to time and we have products will be easily absorbed by DII a correction in the markets and ready of the market," Shriram told PTI in an interplus retail buying," said V K invested Rs 7,707 crore in equities. view.

Going ahead, FPI inflow into India is likely to remain

volatile, given the headwinds in terms of elevated crude prices, inflation and tight monetary policy, according to Shrikant Chouhan, Head -Equity Research (Retail), Kotak Securities.

"Recently, there are signs of

Vijayakumar, Ćhief Investment

#### WardWizard lines up Rs 650 cr investment to set up Li-ion plant

#### PNS NEW DELHI

cluster in Vadodara.

WardWizard Innovations and Mobility is lining up close to Rs 650 crore investment for the manufacturing of Li-ion advance cells and related infrastructure, according to a top company executive. The Gujarat-based company, which sells electric two-wheelers under the Joy brand, plans to come up with an R&D centre and an assembly plant to set up the 1GWh cell production plant at its electric vehicle ancillary

Electric two-wheeler maker The company has already tied up with Singapore-based renewable energy management consulting firm Sunkonnect to do a feasibility study and identification of the potential partner for production processes. In an interaction with PTI,

WardWizard Innovations and Mobility Managing Director Yatin Gupte said the company plans to invest around Rs 600-650 crore to come up with the required infrastructure over the next 18 months.

### Axis Bank grows organically, tie-ups start delivering benefits

#### lose sight of delivering qual-ity services, Sanjeev Moghe, PNS NEW DELHI President & Head - Cards & Axis Bank has started to reap the benefits of its strategy to Payments, at Axis Bank, said. The fourth-largest private sector bank clocked the highgrow organically alongside strong partnerships to fuel growth in the credit cards business, raking in the highest ever quarterly growth with over 1.1 million credit card est ever acquisition in the acquisitions in the March quarter of 2021-22. March quarter,a top official

"We split our business into Buoyed by the growth, the two segments, one is organic bank is eyeing capturing onewhich is based on our own fifth of the credit card market sourcing and another vertical in the medium term, the offiis all kinds of partnerships that we have. Both of these With Citi's consumer busiopportunities are growing, ness to be merged with itself going ahead, the bank will not we did 1.1 million credit cards

in Q4FY22. We believe we can

hit this momentum of a million cards now in every quarter. What I am saying is that for the next couple of quarters, I will see a run rate of this number.

> "Then onwards we expect our momentum to grow further as long as the economy stays stable. We have our learnings from Covid what not to do. Post-Covid, we launched new kinds of sourcing capabilities including digital which has made our acquisition more efficient," Moghe told PTI in an interview.Moghe said that the average spending by credit

card users has gone up and the bank's partnership businesses are delivering results. "Frankly, some partner-

ships are still in the growth stage. Google partnership will acquire more momentum. So all of this, plus our organic business will take our momentum further. Our capabilities are now much better than a few years back, the level we have reached basis the fact that our partnerships are now on a better footing and many of the partnerships still have to acquire momentum," the official added.

#### Drone Destination to establish 150 drone pilot training schools by 2025

#### PNS NEW DELHI

Delhi-based company 'Drone Destination' plans to establish at least 150 drone pilot train-ing schools across the country by 2025, its CEO Chirag Sharma has said.

Training School in Chandigarh University," "We intend to partner with universities, agricultural insti-The company is adding two more schools to its network in tutes and police academies to serve the distinct needs of the ecosystem and enable employment and entrepreneurship opportunities to over 1 lakh individuals required by our industry by 2025," Sharma said in an interview to PTI.

Drone Destination is India's

first remote pilot training

organisation approved by avi-

ation regulator Directorate

General of Civil Aviation

opened six centres: four in

association with Indira Gandhi

Rashtriya Uran Akademi

(IGRUA), the largest flying

training organisation under

Coimbatore and with Vaigai college of Engineering in Madurai, he said.While inaugurating the two-day-long Drone Festival of India on Friday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said it is his dream that everyone in India has a smartphone, every farm has a drone and every

the Ministry of Civil Aviation

at Gurugram, Bengaluru,

Gwalior and Dharamshala;

one in association with

Sanskardham Global Mission

Institute; and the most recent

launch at Punjab's first Drone

association with Hindusthan

College of Engineering in

Sharma noted.

(DGCA) under the new Drone Rules, 2021. It currenthouse prospers. ly runs six remote pilot train-'Promotion of drone teching schools in the country. "The company has so far nology is another medium of

advancing our commitment to good governance and ease of living. In the form of drones, we have a smart tool that is going to be part and parcel of people's lives," Modi had said.



## Projects worth over Rs 19,100 crore of JICA planned in NE

#### PNS GUWAHATI,

Various projects involving over Rs 19,100 crore of assistance by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) are being implemented in the North-East region of India, a top official said on Sunday.

Besides its assistance in strengthening infrastructure, the agency is looking at social development projects with a focus on medical infrastructure and enhancing livelihoods, JICA Chief Representative in India Mitsunori Saito said.

"We have several projects in various stages of implementa-tion in the NE region.

"Some projects have been going on for five-six years, while some are relatively new. There are many projects, like



bridges, which take longer (time) to complete," Saito told PTI on the sidelines of a conclave here. He said the JICA is looking

for providing financial assistance in social development projects in the region. It signed an agreement with the Centre in March this year

to provide Japanese Official Development Assistance (ODA) loan amounting to approximately Rs 2,942 crore for the Assam Health System

Strengthening project.

extension and procuring of sophisticated medical equipment in Assam. We will offer similar support to such projects in other states also, if it comes through," the JICA official said, adding that the agency is also focused on natural resource management in the North-East region.

"We are not only looking at forestation but also upgrading the livelihoods of people who are dependent on forests," he said.

On delay in execution of some JICA-funded projects in Assam's largest city Guwahati, Saito said, "There are various reasons for such delays. There are issues with clearance, land acquisitions, etc. Problems arise

even after the construction starts...we are hopeful that the projects will be completed soon.'

ongoing projects in Guwahati. Speaking at the 'Natural Allies in Development and Interdependence' conclave here, Saito said the "official development assistance (ODA) of approximately 314 billion

yen (over Rs 19,100 crore) has been made in ongoing projects in the North Eastern region by the JICA". The assistance was provided for capacity enhancement of 14 regional core hospitals in Assam, improvement of road network connectivity in Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram, and hydroelectric power station in Meghalaya.

## 'We will invest in hospital

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## 'I am open to doing regional cinema in different media'

In an exclusive interview with The Pioneer, Bollywood debutant Deeksha Joshi speaks about her role in Jayeshbhai Jordaar, working with some senior actors, and the type of films that she would like to work on.

suddenly share the screen with them; it was incredible. So, when that happened, I tried to keep myself very calm, but a lot of credit will go to these actors because they just made me feel so comfortable. Not once did they give me the vibe that you're a newbie and this was my debut in the industry. In fact, it felt like I was a part of the family. It was all very beautiful. I didn't expect that and I felt that it happened really soon and there was no effort that was required by either of us. It happened very organically." The *Karsandas Pay and Use* actress has made many beautiful memories while shoot-ing for Jayeshbhai Jordaar. "Talking about one would be very difficult, but if I have to specifically talk about one, there was this one scene that I had to go out and explore where Preeti's character is. I was under pres-sure that I had to do it but when I storted to

where Preeti's character is. I was under pres-sure that I had to do it, but when I started to perform, I was in that energy for the entire day that I didn't realise that I did not even have food. Because I was so involved in that scene, I wanted it to come outright. I feel so proud of the fact that director Divyang helped me get that tone that we wanted, the tone that he had visualised for the character. He got it and the audience really enjoyed it," she shares, adding that that was her scene and she is grateful that she had an opportunity to work in such a big film and show her capability and calibre."

This film is really special for Deeksha because it is her debut Bollywood film and she feels grateful because whoever has watched the film till now has really liked it. She shares, "Whoever has watched the film has loved it. I went to four Housefull shows, and I just saw the audience clapping. That was the moment I thought that the director had won. This is where the performers win because this is where the audi ence enjoys the film. What more do you want? So we got really good reviews. It's talking about a sensitive issue, but it's not intense in its tonality. It is very entertaining and very well presented. It is kept light, so it reaches out to a lot of people. People do not get heavy once they leave the cinema hall, the films released this year, I believe this film will stand out. This is one film that people will watch over and over because of the strong message that it has got, and I feel that somewhere it will require a double or triple watch for people to clearly understand the message that Divyang has been trying to say, those little details in the film. It is a very well-made film because even Divyang has directed for the first time a film like this and presented it in an entertaining way. Such a difficult job." Deeksha is more concerned with the content of a film than with its language. We asked her about the transition that she made from working in Gujarati films to Hindi films. She shares, "I have been giving auditions for the Hindi film, the type of content that is coming out for OTT, shows, and even films. In fact, I am open to doing regional cinema in different media. I am not Gujarati myself. I have learned Guiarati for the ollywood star Johnny films, so I easily pick up languages. I want to Depp is rumoured to be making his post-trial film comeback by ulti starring in *Beetlejuice* 2.According to aceshow-

mately work on really good scripts. Scripts that have a strong female narrative are logi-cal and, at the same time, entertaining as well. Stories that are written from the heart and work in a collaborative setup, be it in any language. Rather than doing back-to-back work. J would rather do work on proback work, I would rather do work on pro-jects where I can give my all, not just as an actor. I can be associated with the director and writer and create a character by collabo rating with them. And that did happen with this film as well. We had a lot of discussions

She further adds, "I would like to work on projects where the director trusts me as an actor and as a person. I would also like to connect with my director at a human level first before that director-actor equation comes in so that wheekon what exactly we are going to bring out. More than the lan-guage, it is the kind of content that I would like to work with. I was very sure that anything that had to do with gender, or the way women looked in society, or feminism in society, had to do with Anything related to that, I would love to work on or be a part of it. I was very clear from the beginning itself about the kind of content I would like to work on." When it comes to the actors that she would like to work with in the future,

she would like to work with in the future, the list is never-ending for her. She says, "There is a long list, but I would really like to work with Manoj Bajpayee. It has been a dream for quite some time to work with him. Apart from him, I also want to work with Pankaj Tripathi, Sanjay Mishra, Neeraj Kabi, and Tabu. It will be like a dream come true whenever there is a chance dream come true whenever there is a chance to work with her. I want to work with actors

to work with her. I want to work with actors who have really impressed me in the last few years and learn from them." It looks like 2022 is going to be a full pack-year for the actress. She signs off by saying, "I have a couple of Gujarati films that are going to be released this year. There is another Hindi film that I shot last year and will release this year. There is a Guiarati and will release this year. There is a Gujarati web series again. Another Gujarati film that I did has Amitabh Bachchan for the first in a ( *Mahilao Mate*, which is going to be released in August. There is a great lineup for the year and I am very excited about it. Due to the pandemic, there was a complete halt, and now there's a flush of all the films one after the other, and I am looking forward to it. Heard

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here was a time when radio was the only medium to get information on world affairs instantly. Radio has witnessed all of

this expansion, from tape recorders to television to new digital platforms, and has stood the test of time despite being one of the world's oldest mediums. Apart from the fact that it has a massive reach in the country, it still remains one of the most trusted mediums.

Radio City is India's first private FM radio station, started on July 3, 2001. From being stuck in traffic, going on a long drive with friends and family, or just sitting still with a bunch of friends at any tea stall, Radio City has been a source of entertainment while also delivering important news to many people in the country. For the past 21 years, it has kept the

In conversation with The

radio with digital

Pioneer. Ashit Kukian, CEO, Radio City, talks about its transformational journey as it now gets a digital boost and shares, "As part of the company's ongoing digital transformation strategy, Radio City has been broadcasting its flagship radio shows on audio streaming platforms to further enhance the convergence of

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Galways aspired to and always get inspired by is a dream come true. One amongst us is Deeksha Joshi, who has worked in many Gujarati films like Sharato Lagu, Dhunki (2019), Luv Ni Love Stories (2020), Vaahlam Jaao Ne (2021), and also in the film 376D.

Deeksha now makes her debut in Bollywood with the film Jayeshbhai Jordaar, starring Ranveer Singh, Ratna Pathak, and Boman Irani. We did not miss the chance to get in touch with the actress to know more about her role, the transition she has made from

Gujarati films to Bollywood, and a lot more. For those who haven't watched

Jayeshbhai Jordaar is set in a fictional village in Gujarat. The film shows us that there is a lot of patriarchy and abuse against women happening here. Out of all the women there in the village, there is this one girl who happens to be very strong and yet very smart. That's none other than Preeti, Jayeshbhai's

sister, played by Deeksha Joshi. Deeksha, who originally hails from Uttarakhand, tells us, "A lot of women here are very submissive and they are not able to voice themselves. They are not able to communicate and live in a lot of fear, and so does Preeti. She is also going through a lot of abuse, be it physical or mental, in every way. She comes across as a character who knows her way out. She knows how she is going to get through all of this. She comes across as a smart, sweet person, and this interested and intrigued me in doing the

Radigitalisation. Since radio is essentially an audio platform, Radio City is on the cusp of integrating radio with digital as a gradual step toward the next phase of growth and has been launching multiple radio plus

From just a radio to 'Radigitalisation'



audience engaged with various programs and is still leading the game, and is now entering the digital space to keep its audience engaged 24x7.

It has been consistently transforming itself with the objective of staying relevant to the audience. In today's time, a consumer spends approximately six hours per day consuming content, which was previously limited to just two or three hours a day.

digital IPs. This also attracts advertisers to utilise the capabilities of Radio City's digital content to include radio and digital strategies in their media marketing plans."

According to him, Radio City has built indigenous properties both for on-air and digital platforms to showcase emerging talents through their top artists, podcasts, web radio shows, and much more.

yet, During the pandemic, the radio industry reported a 44% decline in advertising revenue in 2020 to reach Rs

1,270 crore, the Pitch Madison report revealed. Radio City, too, witnessed a downfall during the pandemic. However, post the pandemic, the recovery rate of Radio City has been proliferous due to the consistent efforts of driving multiple properties with a digital expansion approach.

He shares, "With the post-pandemic recovery gaining momen-tum, we are actively building digital strategies and programs that allow our audiences to participate and enjoy wholesome entertainment on-air as well as through our social media platforms." In order to reach newer heights, they will now create and

promote content on digital platforms with the objective of monetising it across mediums. They have been exclusive radio

partners of two IPL 2022 teams, Mumbai Indians and Lucknow Super Giants. To keep IPL fans entertained, they have hired cricketer-turned-commentator Aakash Chopra to host their cricket show *Cricket ka* Blockbuster.

It's the legacy of Radio City in promoting content on the digital front that has aided us in our journey toward digital transformation, says the CEO. RJs are quickly emerging as

social media influencers. What are some of the key marketing strategies being undertaken to help them complement and collaborate with brands?

He shares, "Digital and social media platforms are revolutionis ing the existing broadcast paradigm to create a cohesive and collaborative entertainment ecosystem. This amalgamation has given birth to RJs turning into influencers, with them enjoying an extended proposition on social media platforms. We are utilising this powerful mar-

seen such a girl ever or acted in any of my films. She also has a quirk about her that separates her from other women from the village.

Working with the actors that she's always watched on-screen and then sharing the same screen was an unbelievable experience for the 376D actress. "Of course, there was a lot of inbuilt pressure that I had created for myself.

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Honestly, the director was confident, everyone was confident that this girl (me) was going to do really well. But I was under a lot of pressure because there were people you watched ing tool to growing up, people you

admired, who partner with adverwere in the tisers in film, and broadcasting strong branding then you and marketing messages. RJ influencers are becoming primary touchpoints for brand collaborations in metro cities as well as in Tier 2 and Tier 3 markets. As social media influencers, RJs are delicately balancing their anchoring and advertising roles to share creatively crafted messages aimed at enhancing brand collaborations with entertaining content. We have been pushing our digital content to complement radio and are integrating it within our existing IPs where RJs are playing a crucial role in this convergence of content and creativity. This will undoubtedly help to strengthen our offerings across radio, digital, and social media.

Not just that, even podcasts have been garnering high adoption among digitally-savvy consumers. Capitalizing on this to increase listeners' preferences, they have been developing a manifold of unique podcasts and are continually building creative content and topics that are first of their kind.

Meanwhile, there are many programmes specially curated for Hyderabadis. From foodies to women-oriented programmes, they got everything covered. So tune in to Radio City for some exciting content coming up.

has made."I truly and honestly only know him as a really good man, an incredi-bly loving, extremely caring guy who was so very protective of me and the people that he loves, and I felt so very, very safe with him," Ryder said in court in July 2020."I do not want to call anyone a liar but from my experience of Johnny, it is impossible to believe that such horrific allegations are true. I find it extremely upset-ting, knowing him as I do." Ryder, who also starred alongside Depp in *Edward Scissorhands*, has said she is

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Johnny Depp may be making post-trial

biz.com, fans have flooded

social media with the claim

after they noticed the embat-tled actor's name seemed to

appear on a call sheet found

when they said they searched on Google for the *Beetlejuice* sequel.Michael Keaton and

Winona Ryder are also rumoured to be

deliberate on the feud. The 1998 film

revolved around a dead married couple,

played by Alec Baldwin and Geena Davis, who are resurrected as gormless ghosts who

become hell-bent on haunting an irritating

they would be overjoyed to see Depp in the follow up, especially after his gruelling days

in court fighting to prove he is not a domes-tic abuser.Ryder, who played goth Lydia

Deetz in *Beetlejuice* and was engaged to Depp for three years from July 1990, has defended her former fiance Depp throughout his legal

battles.She said her experience with the actor is wildly different than the allegations that

family out of their dream home.Fans said

reprising their roles from director Tim Burton's 1988 original alongside Depp. The rumour started making the rounds ahead of

the jury in Depp's defamation case against former wife Amber Heard being dismissed to

'hopeful' that *Beetlejuice 2* will go ahead.She confirmed on go ahead.She confirmed on May 24 in an interview with USA Today she would be appearing in the cast by declaring, "I'm in! I'm definite-ly excited and I'm really hope-ful that it'll happen.""The only way we would do it is if every-thing was perfect and we had all the people, obviously all the people, obviously Michael and obviously Tim." Beetlejuice 2 would again reunite Depp with his long-standing collaborator director Tim Burton, who has cast Depp in eight of his films including *Ed Wood* and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. It is slated for release in the summer of 2025.





## what's brewing?





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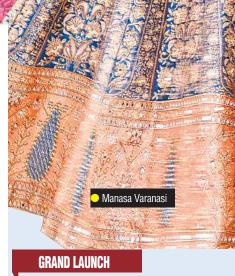
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#### MEN IN STYLE ctor Anil Rathod attended the

Actor Ann Rando attended the launch of Jahanpanah's 30th store at Habsiguda. The brand reverberates royalty, class, comfort, affluence, and is one of the most preferred brands for its classic, traditional and contemporary men's wear.





India World Manasa Varanasi, along with a few actresses, graced the grand launch of Hi-life exhibition on Saturday at HICC Novotel on Sunday.



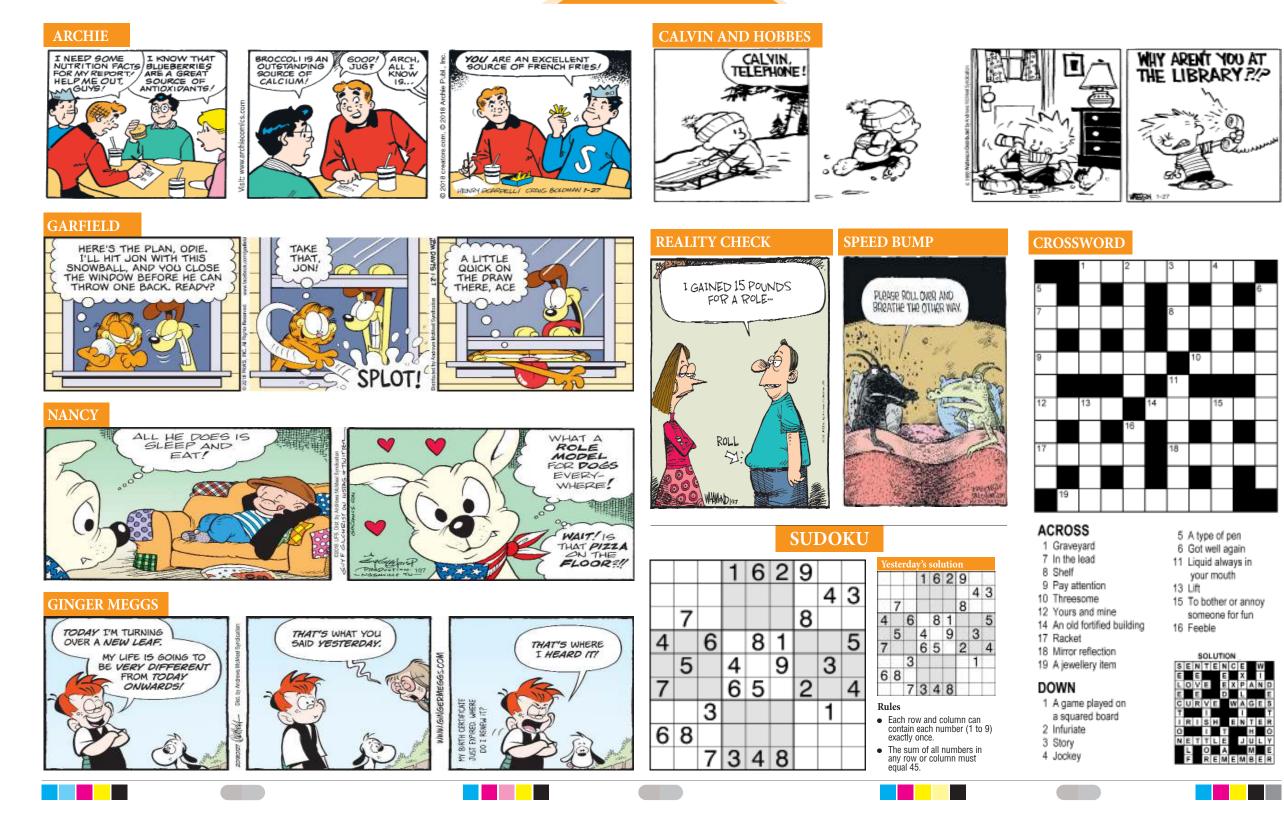




The Great Indian Ice Cream Tasting Challenge was conducted at Hi-tech city on Sunday. Govindas Shah, Chairman, Scoops & Cream Stone Ice Creams, Sudhir Shah, IICMA (Indian Ice Cream Manufacturers' Association), Rehan bin Ali Masqati, Marketing Head , Masqati Ice Cream, M. Rajgopal, Founder & MD, Hybiz Tv & Telugu Now, and Dr.Sandhya Rani, CEO, Hybiz.tv & Telugu Now, were the chief guests at the event.

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t is all known that Ram Pothineni is all set to entertain his fans with the bilingual action entertainer The Warriorr helmed by N Linguswamy. As the movie is scheduled to release on July 14, the makers and director have speeded up their work.

The makers are treating the fans of Ram Pothineni with chartbuster songs and massy updates. The Bullet song created massive records on YouTube and the recently released teaser in both Telugu and Tamil upped the

fervor to a whole new level. Now, they announced the great news that the shooting of this movie is completed.

In this schedule, N Linguswamy picturised a mass introduc-

tion on Ram Pothineni. They shared a new

poster of Ram Pothineni and treated all

his fans. The back-to-back updates have worked their magic on the audience, who with Krithi Shetty as the heroine (her name is Whistle Mahalakshmi). now await to see The Warrior is being pro-The Warriorr in theatres on July 14. The duced on a team is also planning to conduct several high budget bv promotional events Srinivasaa

ahead of the film's Chitturi release under The Warriorr star-Srinivasaa ring Ram Pothineni is Silver among the eagerly Screen expected movies banner. for many reasons. For, Pavan the young Telugu Kumar actor has partnered will be with ace director N presenting Lingusamy for the the movie. first time and this The film, a bilingual, Warriorr will mark Ram's movie will debut in Kollywood. hit the theatres worldwide Also, it will show Aadhi Pinisetty in a on July 14, 2022 hitherto unseen role of a strong vilin the theatres. lain. It is to be noted

Lingusamy is known for his action entertainers and both Ram and Aadhi are known for their dedication to give the best. The film has a stellar star

Ram Pothineni Starrer The Warriorr Shooting Wrapped Up

## F3 mints Rs 18.77 crore in two-day collections from AP & Telangana

## Nayanthara and Vignesh wedding card goes viral

Aa's relationship has always been the talk of the town. Even the news of her card is viral on social media. relation reports, the couple will be getships with ting hitched on June 9, this Simbu and

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Nayanthar

Speculations rife on Prashanth Neel's female-centric film

According to some latest

Prashanth Neel, the director of the *KGF* franchise, has achieved pan-India fame following the success of both parts of the movie.

Speculations surround the director's next project, one of which is said to be a female-centric film.

A few online sources went on to decode a few scenes from KGF-2, which hint at a strong

character, specifi-cally a female role, with the potential to be made as an entirely new film in the franchise. According to the sources, the first girl child is born in Kollar Gold

Fields in Chapter 2 of *KGF*, and Rocky Bhai names her after his mother. And, as the girl

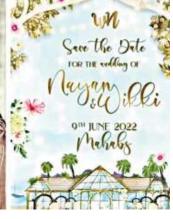
grows up under the watchful eye of a strong guardian following Rocky Bhai's death, surely there is room to tell her

story as well

According to reports, the story will be told in the form of a femalecentric film starring a superstar in the lead role. Some claim that Prashanth Neel's writing team is also working on this spin-off, though it is unclear whether they will release it or not. Meanwhile, Prashanth Neel will have to wrap up

'Salaar' with Prabhas, after which he will direct Jr. NTR for their NTR31, before he commits himself to another project.





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Temple, Andhra Pradesh. The couple had also visited the temple earlier to choose the dates for the marriage events. The wedding card going

viral includes various floral decorations and green creepers. It also has a blue sky as a background and a bungalow with the beautiful aisles. The pathway to the bungalow leads through a serene fountain and

coconut trees. The card also has 'WN' written on the top, following the phrase 'Save The Date' for their wedding, which is then succeeded by the names of the happy couple -Nayan and Wikkk. The date mentioned on the card is June 9, 2022 and ends with the phrase; 'Mahabs'.



3, starring Venkatesh and Varun Tej, has performed

as the movie grossed Rs 18.77 crore in Andhra Pradesh and

exceptionally well Rs 8.4 crore in

Telangana. The movie made Andhra Pradesh and the

oung actor

Sanjay Rao,

who made

his debut with O

Pitta Katha will

outright enter-

tainer, which is

titled Slum Dog

Husband. Today

on Sanjay's birth-day, the motion

next be seen in an

UA area fetched Rs 2.23 crore. The num-bers for the Telangana alone, taking the two days' total to Rs Venkatesh and Varun 18.77 crore. It was released a few days 2.41 crore from ago and received Ceded and Rs 1.42 mixed reviews on crore from Guntur. its first day. Despite this, box office While receipts have been steadily has Rs 1.28 crore. increasing as the West Godavari is worth Rs 1.23 crore, film attracts more

while Krishna is family worth Rs 1.18 crore. audiences. According to the F3 is directed by Anil Ravipudi and most recent reports, also stars Tamannaah the film earned more than \$750,000 Bhatia, Mehreen at the US box office. Pirzada, Sonal The Nizam area

Chauhan, Raiendra fetched a whopping Rs 8.16 crore, while Prasad, Muráli Sharma, Sunil, Ali, and others.

Tei-starrer are Rs

East Godavari area



## Singeetam Srinivasa Rao's wife Lakshmi Kalyani passes away

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Dweepam, to

Singeetam initially agreed to act as a

name a few.

mentor

Although

**≺**ollywood ace filmmaker Singeetam Srinivasa Rao's wife Lakshmi Kalyani

has passed away in Chennai after a prolonged illness. Several celebrities from the Telugu

popular movies include Mayuri, Apoorva Sagodharulu, Michael Madana Kama Raju, Brundavanam, Bhairava

got married got married in the year 1960. Lakshmi Kalyani played a key role in his professional life. He was always

for Prabhas's upcoming film *Project K*, he later withdrew due to ill health. Resting at his home in Chennai, he occasionally goes to film shows and

Srikalyaniyam, about his beloved wife. He helmed

## K3 Kotikokkadu to release on June 17



ed by Shiva Karthik. Co-produced by

Shreyas Srinivas and

Devendra DK under

the banner of Good Cinema Group, the

released in Kannada

film was already

and was a big hit

there. The film, which

has set a record as the highest-grossing film of Sudeep's career, will soon be released in Telugu. It is scheduled for a outing K3 Kotikokkadu directgrand theatrical release on June 17.

The Telugu trailer of the movie starring Madonna Sebastian and Shraddha Das has already been released and has impressed the audience of all sections. There was also a good response to the first single released

three more songs as part of its musical promotions. Producers are also making special plans for movie promotions. The producers have revealed that Hero Kicha Sudeep

from the film. The

film is set to release

has set a record as the highest-grossing film of his career and that K3 Kotikokkadu will be a huge success in Telugu as well.



### Fans raise concern on Pushpa 2 story being rewritten huge success of *Pushpa*: *The Rise* across India has

led the

llu Arjun and A Sukumar, who had a Sukumar, who had a huge hit with *Pushpa: The Rise*, were supposed to have begun filming for the second installment of the two suct film ment of the second instan-ment of the two-part film. However, even after months of *Pushpa: The Rise* release, the team has yet to provide any

information about Pushpa: The Rule, causing fans to be concerned. According to sources, the



script requires multiple changes, and as a result, changes, and as a result, director Sukumar has been busy rewriting the story for *Pushpa: The Rule.* The huge success of other south Indian movies like RRR and KGF: Chapter *2* is said to be pressuring the director to include

team to believe that the

more mass elements that will appeal to both South and

North audiences in a big way. For the time being, the team has not pro-vided any updates on the shooting schedules or other pre-production work and Allu Arjun's fans are still waiting.

## Slum Dog Husband first look poster launched

poster of the film

The motion

was unveiled by

Rana Daggubati,

which showcases

the funny side of

Rao and Pranavi

the story. The film has Sanjay

Manukonda in

poster of the film

was unveiled.

the lead roles. The hero, Sanjay Rao is seen extensively loving his dog. He, his dog, and the female lead Pranavi are all seen in wedding attire in the same. The poster has a funny and quirky vibe to it. The film also has Bramhaji, Chammak

Chandra. Sapthagiri and others playing the lead roles. The film is directed by Dr. AR Sridhar and produced by Appi Reddy and Venkat Annapareddy under Mic Movies banner.

Srinivasa Rao and Lakshmi Kalyani film scripts. Singeetam book. many

to Singeetam Srinivasa Rao. Singeetam

assisted by Lakshmi Kalyani in writing had also wrote a

spends time with his wife.

super hit films in his career, which has been spanning over four decades now. He is known for his experiments in films like *Aditya* 369 and *Pushpaka* Vimanam.

film fraternity have taken to social media to convey their condolences and extend their support



#### 'I can't do much more' to win Ballon d'Or: Benzema AP PARIS

✓ arim Benzema admitted Khe had done all he could with Real Madrid this season to make himself favourite for the Ballon d'Or after helping the Spanish giants beat Liverpool 1-0 in Saturday's Champions League final in Paris.

Benzema did not score in the final at the Stade de France as Vinicius Junior netted the only goal of the game, but the Frenchman finished as the Champions League's top scorer with 15 including 10 in the knockout rounds.

"Of course," the 34-year-old told *Canal Plus* when asked if the Ballon d'Or was on his mind after a season in which he also won La Liga with Real Madrid.

"Now I will join up with the national team but I don't think I can do much more with my club. "We will see what happens, but in any case I am proud of what I have done."

said in reference to a series

of remarkable comeback

wins on their run to the

Real, meanwhile, created

The Frenchman prodded

final.

hand post.

ity into a lead.

Benzema will join up with the France squad for a series of UEFA Nations League games in June after finishing the season with 44 goals altogether for Real. training. He scored hat-tricks against Paris Saint-Germain and Chelsea in

competition's top scorer was "exceptional". "But the most important

ted three times across the two legs of the semi-final thing is to win this fifth against Manchester City. "There is no luck," he

The winner of the

Yet Ancelotti's side kept their nerve and were rewarded with the goal as the hour mark approached.

Alisson.

order to ensure victory.

Courtois was superb, flying to his right to keep out a Salah curler before two saves in quick

succession late on. First the Belgian got down low when substitute Diogo Jota deflected Salah's effort wards goal, and then he pro

#### Vinicius Jr's 2nd-half strike helps Real Madrid beat Liverpool 1-0 to win 14th Champions League title LIVERPOOL WILL 'COME AGAIN'

**KINGS OF EUROPE** 

#### AP PARIS

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season that will live in the Amemory for Liverpool fans ended on a night that will be remembered for all the wrong reasons as Jurgen Klopp's men were beaten 1-0 by Real Madrid in Paris. Less than a week ago, the

Brazilian winger Vinicius turned in Fede Valverde's enticing low cross in the 59th minute at the Stade de France and Liverpool could not find an equaliser as Jurgen Klopp's side lost to the Spanish giants in a Champions League final for the second time in five sea-

AP PARIS

hour.

sons. The Anfield side will wonder what might have been had the outstanding Thibaut Courtois not pushed Sadio Mane's shot onto the inside of a post when they were on top in the first half, as they fell short

#### only goal of the game as Real Madrid beat Liverpool 1-0 in Saturday's Champions League final in Paris to become kings of Europe for a record-extending 14th time after a night marred by problems outside the ground that led to the kick-off being delayed by over half an

Reds were on the brink of an unprecedented quadruple. Instead they have to set-tle for the double of League

and FA Cup after missing out on the bigger prizes of the Premier League and Champions League. Manchester City claimed the English title by one point after a dramatic final day after a dramatic final day when Pep Guardiola's men came from 2-0 down to beat Aston Villa 3-2.

"These boys played an



outstanding season," said Klopp. "The two competitions we couldn't win we didn't win for the smallest possible margin.

"City was one point better and tonight Madrid was one goal better.' Vinicius Junior scored Wembley.

the only goal as he stole in at the back post to turn home Fede Valverde's cross-comeshot.

But the fact it was Madrid goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois who was named man-of-thematch said more about the flow of the game. "When the goalkeeper is

man-of-the-match then something is going wrong for the other team," added

"They scored a goal and we didn't. That's the easiest explanation in the world of football."

For the third time this season, Klopp's men failed to fire in a final. Twice they beat Chelsea

ing again," he said. "I wished out I couldn't know it. in penalty shootouts after They have an incredible goalless minutes at attitude, it's a fantastic group and we will go again."

time in five years.

But Madrid were not so

Klopp has now won just

Four years ago, Real also

Liverpool bounced back

forgiving as they capped a

remarkable run through the

competition to claim a 14th

one of his four European

won a clash between the sides

a year later to win their sixth

European crown in Madrid.

And Klopp is confident his side will not stop at reach-

ing the showpiece for a third

now and 2018 is I see us com-

'The difference between

European Cup.

Cup finals.

3-1 in Kiev.

Manchester City for the with AC Milan on seven petitons we couldn't win, we Champions League in seasons to go with their possible margin," said Klopp. Spanish title, as Carlo Ancelotti Instead Real have a fifth becomes the first coach to win Spanish title, as Carlo Ancelotti

European club football's greatest prize for a fourth time. Ancelotti was also in charge of Real when they won the 2014 final having triumphed with AC Milan in 2003 and in 2007, the latter vic-

tory coming against Liverpool. 'We managed the game very well," said Ancelotti, who called himself "a record man".

"I had luck to come here last year and have a fantastic season. A fantastic club, a really good squad with a lot of quality and mental character," he told BT Sport.

#### **DELAYED KICK-OFF**

The delayed kick-off may have been responsible for the slow start to the game, as it took **OUTSTANDING COURTOIS** 16 minutes before there was an incident of note, Mohamed almost nothing in the first half with Karim Benzema quiet, but Salah turning a low Trent Alexander-Arnold cross their captain briefly thought he had got the breakthrough two towards goal only for Courtois minutes before the interval. to save.

Liverpool were seen as home after the ball broke back favourites to avenge their loss to him inside the area but the to the Spanish giants in the offside flag was raised. in

Emirates **FLY BETTER** 



but not every time. We deserve our victory. We put in the effort, we came back every time, we never gave "Every player is impor-

tant in our squad, whether they are a starter or a substitute, or they don't play often but give everything in

Benzema, who has now won five Champions Leagues with Real, added that ending the season as the the Champions League knockout rounds and net-

Champions League.'

Ballon d'Or will be revealed in a ceremony in Paris in October, before this year's World Cup in Qatar.

close in the 21st minute as he touch through to Benzema. skipped his way into a shooting position inside the box only for Courtois to tip his net-bound shot onto his right-

Valverde drove forward Klopp's side, with Fabinho down the right before firing a and Thiago Alcantara starting in midfield after overcoming low ball across the face of goal for Vinicius to turn it in at the far post past his Brazilian national team colleague fitness worries, were on top but could not turn their superior-

Just like in 2018, Real had drawn first blood, but this time there was no need for them to send on Gareth Bale in

hy treb League Cup and FA Cup this season, they just missed out to

Winners of the English Premier League title and were denied a victory here which would have put them level

European Cups.

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began to take control of the game.

Mane came agonisingly Fabinho deflecting Valverde's

The decision to disallow the goal was upheld after a lengthy VAR check, despite Salah strike behind. duced a strong arm to turn a It was Real Madrid's night.

## **Djokovic cruises closer to Nadal clash**

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#### AP PARIS

World number one and defending champi-on Novak Djokovic reached a 16th French Open quarter-final on Sunday where old rival and 13-time winner Rafael Nadal could be waiting

Djokovic, bidding to equal Nadal's record of 21 Grand Slam titles, eased to a 6-1, 6-3, 6-3 last-16 victory against 15th seed Diego Schwartzman Anisimova to secure a 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 win. of Argentina.

"I have a lot of respect for him (Schwartzman). He's a good per-son off the court," said Djokovic who has now beaten Schwartzman seven times in

seven meetings. Djokovic is still to drop a set at Roland Garros after cruising through the first week.

He has also won 22 sets in a row, stretching back to his Italian Open title triumph in Rome earlier this month.

"I've made a good start but I have a lot of work to do," added Djokovic who will face Nadal for the 10th time at Roland Garros and 59th overall if the Spaniard defeats Felix Auger-Aliassime later Sunday.

> In an interesting twist, Auger-Aliassime

has Nadal's

time coach Toni working with him.

nephew for the best part of three decades during which time Nadal won 16 of his record

21 Slam titles.

When asked if he will divulge to Auger-Aliassime the secret of how to become just the third man to defeat Nadal at Roland Garros, the 61-year-old coach was unequivocal. "Of course not. I told Felix that my ethics do

not allow me to give him advice on beating my nephew. It's as if I were telling someone how to defeat my own son," said Toni ahead of his first meeting with Rafael since their split.

Toni said he would not sit in Auger-Aliassime's player box for the match, taking his in the second round.

place instead in the presidential box on Court Philippe Chatrier.

In the wide open women's event, which saw nine of the top 10 seeds fall before the second week, Canadian teenager Leylah Fernandez reached the quarter-finals for the first time.

Fernandez, seeded 17th, and who was US Open runner-up last year, fired an impressive 40 winners past 2019 semi-finalist Amanda

The 19-year-old has made the quarter-finals on the back of an impressive 23 service breaks over four rounds at Roland Garros.

"It was a very complicated match. Amanda is a very good player but I was happy to win in front of you," said the 2019 junior champion.

FIRST WEEK. HE HAS She next faces Martina Trevisan for a place in the ALSO WON 22 SETS semi-finals. The world number 59

from Italy booked her place in STRETCHING BACK the quarter-finals for the second time in three years, edging out Aliaksandra Sasnovich from Belarus 7-6 (12/10), 7-5. Trevisan enjoyed a sur-TRIUMPH IN ROME prise run to the quarters as a

qualifier in 2020, losing to eventual champion and current world number one Iga Swiatek.

"Paris is a bit like my second home," said the 28-year-old, who won her maiden WTA title earlier this month in Rabat.

"The atmosphere here is magical and I feel great on the court."

American teenager Coco Gauff reached the last-eight for the second successive year with a 6-4, 6-0 win over Belgium's Elise Mertens.

Gauff, 18, will face either US compatriot, and 2018 runner-up, Sloane Stephens or 23rd-seeded Jil Teichmann of Switzerland for a spot in the semi-finals.

Later Sunday, 19-year-old Carlos Alcaraz, the youngest man through to the second week of the French Open since Djokovic 16 years ago, takes on 21st seed Karen Khachanov.

Alcaraz has won 20 of 21 matches on clay this season but needed to save a match point to beat Spanish compatriot Albert Ramos-Vinolas

## Perez wins chaotic Monaco GP

#### AP MONACO

Sergio Perez rebounded from Red Bull team orders that denied him a chance to race for the win one week ago to pick up his first Formula One win of the season in the rain-marred Monaco Grand Prix.

Perez earned his third career F1 victory on the slick city streets of Monaco after a questionable strategy call by Ferrari cost pole-sitter Charles Leclerc a win on his home circuit.

Although Leclerc finished the race for the first time in four tries, he finished fourth and allowed reigning world champion Max Verstappen to extend his lead in the points standings. Carlos Sainz Jr. finished second for Ferrari and Verstappen was third for Red Bull.

Verstappen now leads Leclerc by nine points in the standings; Leclerc has two wins this season, Verstappen and Perez have combined for five victories as Red Bull and Ferrari have claimed all seven races.

But the win went to Verstappen's teammate just one week after Perez was Ferrari again. ordered to cede the lead to Verstappen during the Spanish Grand Prix. Leclerc had dropped out of the race We cannot do that," he radioed. Leclerc also won the pole a year ago but never got with an engine failure and to start because he crashed at Red Bull chose to capitalize by the end of qualifying, and the manipulating the finish to get car's gearbox failed moments Verstappen the win in Spain. before the start. In 2018 and

The team promised Perez 2019, Leclerc had retired he'd be allowed to race for from the race with crash wins and held its word damage. Sunday.



"You dream of winning 70 minutes for heavy rain and this, and after your home race, there is no place more special to win," Perez said after waving the Mexican flag.

place.

then red-flagged on Lap 30 after Mick Schumacher's heavy crash three laps earli-Leclerc led from the pole er sliced his Haas car in two. and screamed in rage when He escaped unharmed. "I'm fine, very, very upset not to finish the race," Schumacher told to pit for a second tire change on Lap 22 - at the same time as Sainz. His engisaid. "I don't know why the neer realized the mistake and car split in two." George Russell finished yelled "stay out!" but it was too late and Leclerc came fifth for Mercedes ahead of

McLaren's Lando Norris and back out on track in fourth the Alpine of Fernando "What are you doing?" Alonso. Seven-time F1 cham-Leclerc shouted. After the race, he lectured

pion Lewis Hamilton was eighth for Mercedes - extending his winless run with the Silver Arrows to eight races while Valtteri Bottas was ninth for Alfa Romeo and Sebastian Vettel 10th for Aston Martin.

began from a rolling start

behind a safety car. It was

The restart after Schumacher's crash was again a rolling start behind the safety car. But the long delay and red flag shortened the race from 77 laps into a timed race so that it would end by local curfew.

The race was delayed by

"No words, no words.



