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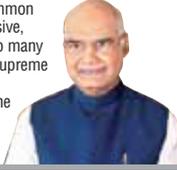
GOOGLE MAPS MAY SOON SHOW WELL-LIT PATHS FOR NIGHT SAFETY

CALIFORNIA: To help you walk home safely, Google Maps is reportedly planning on adding a new feature to its service to highlight brightly lit streets. As discovered by XDA Developers, the new feature called "Lighting" will help users identify streets that are brightly lit. The feature will highlight those streets with good lighting with a yellow colour highlight to help users avoid streets with poor or no lighting. The feature was discovered in an APK teardown of the beta version of the app. It is unclear if Google will make it live in the public version. It is expected that the feature will be piloted in India first where women's safety is a national-level issue.



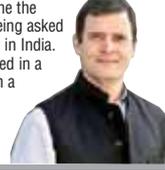
JUDICIAL PROCESS BEYOND REACH OF POOR: PRESIDENT

JODHPUR: President Ram Nath Kovind here on Saturday expressed concern over access to justice, saying the judicial process has gone beyond the reach of the common man. "The judicial process has become expensive, even beyond the reach of common man due to many reasons, especially in the high court and the Supreme Court where it has become impossible for common litigants," the president said during the inauguration of the newly constructed Rajasthan High Court building.



RAHUL SAYS 'INDIA THE RAPE CAPITAL OF WORLD'

WAYANAD: Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi said on Saturday that the prevailing situation in the country, according to international media, is such that India has become the rape capital of the world. "Many questions are being asked abroad on why women and children are not safe in India. In Uttar Pradesh even when a legislator is involved in a rape case, the Prime Minister has not yet spoken a word about it. Today the situation is such that India has become the rape capital of the world," said Gandhi.



HORNBILL FESTIVAL IS THE AMBASSADOR OF NAGALAND: SINGH

KOHIMA: Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Saturday said Nagaland has become the ambassador of North East region to the whole of India through the Hornbill Festival. Singh who visited the Hornbill festival ground here congratulated the Nagaland government for successfully hosting the festival for 20 years. The Hornbill festival is held every year from December 1 to 10. He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given highest priority towards the development of North East region by visiting the North East more than 30 times.



CAPSULE

RBI TO MAKE NEFT AVAILABLE 24X7 FROM DECEMBER 16

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India announced on Friday that it has decided to make the National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) system available on a round-the-clock basis from December 16. The facility is used to electronically transfer funds of banks which are members of this system, from one account to another. "The system will be available on all days of the year, including holidays," RBI said in a notification. RBI To Make NEFT System Available 24x7 From December 16 "The system will be available on all days of the year, including holidays," RBI said "NEFT transactions after usual banking hours are expected to be automated transactions initiated using 'Straight Through Processing (STP)' modes by the banks," RBI added

HIGH ONION PRICES PARE GOA TOURIST ARRIVALS

PANAJI: Not the fall of Thomas Cook or the economic slowdown, for Goa's Ports Minister Michael Lobo the cause of decline in tourist arrivals is the rising onion prices. "The tourist arrival in Goa is less this year. Indian tourists ask for onions and chillies (along with meals). Due to rising onion prices, they are being served cabbage and chillies," Lobo told reporters here on Saturday. Lobo is a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) legislator who owns a chain of restaurants, lounge bars and hotels. He hails from the Calangute Assembly constituency, home to some of the most popular beaches in the state - Calangute, Baga and Candolim.

TS CABINET MEETING ON DECEMBER 11

Likely to give nod to proposed irrigation projects
HYDERABAD: The State Cabinet meeting will be held at 5PM on December 11 at Pragathi Bhavan. According to sources, the meeting, which would be presided over by Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao, would take important decisions in regard to Irrigation department. Full report on page 2

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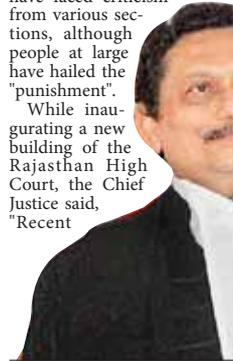
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Justice can never be instant, says Chief Justice Bobde

It loses character if it becomes revenge: CJI

PNS ■ JODHPUR

Chief Justice of India Sharad Arvind Bobde said on Saturday that justice can never become instant, and it loses its character if it becomes revenge. The Chief Justice's remarks gain significance in the backdrop of "encounter" killings of four persons accused of rape-murder of a veterinarian in Telangana police. The police have faced criticism from various sections, although people at large have hailed the "punishment". While inaugurating a new building of the Rajasthan High Court, the Chief Justice said, "Recent



events in the country have sparked an old debate with new vigour. There is no doubt that criminal justice system must reconsider its position, towards laxity and towards the eventual time it takes to dispose of a criminal matter. "But I don't think justice can ever be, and ought to be, instant. Justice must never take the form of revenge. I believe justice loses its character of justice if it becomes revenge."

The CJI said, "There is a need in the judiciary to invoke self-correcting measures, whether those measures should be publicised can be a matter

of debate. But I believe the institution must correct itself as indeed it did during the much-criticised press conference (in 2018)".

The CJI was apparently referring to a press conference by four senior judges of the Supreme Court in January 2018, accusing then CJI Dipak Misra of violating conventions and allowing the executive to interfere in court affairs. All the four judges have since retired. "We have to devise methods for speeding up litigation. There are laws which provide for free litigation mediation and I take this opportunity to say why we should not have compulsory free litigation mediation across all district courts.

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—SHARAD ARVIND BOBDE
Chief Justice of India

I-T rate cut under consideration: FM

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday said the government is working on more steps, including rationalisation of personal income tax rates, to revive the sagging economy.

The GDP growth slowed down to more than six-year low of 4.5 per cent in the second quarter of the current fiscal from 5 per cent recorded in the first quarter.

The government has taken several measures during August and September to boost the economy, she said at the HT Leadership Summit here.

Besides, she said, the public sector banks have disbursed nearly Rs 5 lakh crore without compromising on prudential norms in the last two months to boost consumption in the hinterland.

"So there are ways in which for giving stimulus for consumption. We are adopting a direct method and also the



Nirmala Sitharaman

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method through which we are spending on infrastructure, whose spillover can go to core industries labour and so on," she said.

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Centre held back funds promised to TS: KCR

Centre said that situation was grim and cautioned that the decrease may well go up from 8.3% to 15%

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

The Union government is making tall claims on a daily basis both in Parliament and outside that there is no effect of economic slowdown in the country, but the facts are quite contrary to this. Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao held a review meeting on Saturday at Pragathi Bhavan on the state's financial position - Funds to come from the Centre and other issues. Chief Advisor to the state government Rajiv Sharma, Special Chief Secretary Suresh Kumar, Principal Secretary (Finance) Ramakrishna Rao, CMP Principal Secretary S Narsing Rao, Special Secretary Bhoopal Reddy and others were present.

In this review meeting, the actual financial situation and hard-hitting facts emerged. The Centre decides the



Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao holding a review on the state's financial position at Pragathi Bhavan on Saturday

share of taxes to the states and they are announced in the Budget. For financial year 2019-20, the Centre had announced in its Budget that it will give Rs 19,719 crore to Telangana State as part of its share. This is 6.2 per cent more than the allocations made in the 2018-19 Budget of Rs 18,560 crore.

However, in the last six months, the Centre released Rs 10,304 crore only to TS.

In the last financial year for the eight month period, the Centre gave Rs 10,528 crore.

In other words, compared to 2018-19 financial year, this financial year, till date the Centre has released Rs 224 crore less. This would mean that as against 6.2 per cent hike as proposed in the current financial year Budget, there is in fact a decline of 2.13 per cent.

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'Save me, I don't want to die'

Unnao rape victim's last words
Rape victim dies, netizens bay for another 'encounter'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

"Save me, I don't want to die, I want to see them hang to death". These are the last words of the 23-year-old rape victim from Uttar Pradesh's Unnao district to her family members and doctors before she died on Friday late night in a Delhi hospital. She was declared dead at 11.40 p.m. after she could not survive cardiac arrest at Safdarjung Hospital. "She was in pain. She had been pleading to save her," said a senior doctor from the hospital.

The victim was air-lifted to Delhi from Lucknow and admitted to the Safdarjung Hospital after she was set on fire allegedly by five persons, including rapists. She had suffered 90 per cent burns.

After coming to know about



(File photo)

the death of the victim, Delhi Commission for Women chief, Swati Maliwal said: "I appeal to the Central and Uttar Pradesh governments that the rapists in this case should be hanged within a month."

In a series of tweets, Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi quoted the last word of the Unnao rape victim and said, "I pray to God to give courage to the Unnao victim's family in this hour of grief."

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Members of the National Human Rights Commission in Chatanpally near Shadnagar on Saturday.

NHRC probe team examines bodies

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

A fact-finding team of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on Saturday began its probe into

the deaths of all the four accused in the veterinarian's gang-rape and murder case in Friday's alleged "encounter" with the police.

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Chorus for hanging increases but no hangman

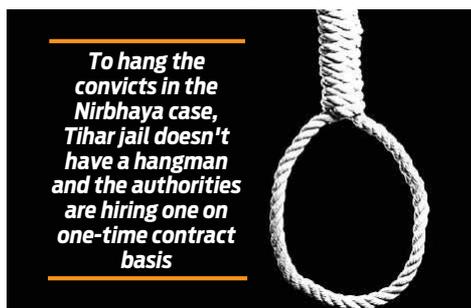
43 years ago last death penalty was executed in Telangana

NAVEENA GHANATE
NAVEEN KUMAR
■ HYDERABAD

While the state and country reverberates with calls like 'hang the rapists' or 'death penalty', there is a dearth of hangmen. For instance, one of the biggest jails in the country, Tihar, doesn't have a hangman.

In Telangana, the last person to be hanged to death was in 1976. Even this was carried out in Rajahmundry Central Jail prior to bifurcation of the state.

According to the Prisons IG B Saidaiah, "Currently, there is no hangman in Telangana and if such a situation arises, we will have to make a tempo-



To hang the convicts in the Nirbhaya case, Tihar jail doesn't have a hangman and the authorities are hiring one on one-time contract basis

rary arrangement. It's been about 50 years since any person was hanged in the state."

In fact most of the prisons don't even have gallows to

carry out executions.

Executions are unusual in our system as the death penalty is given in rarest of rare cases. The number of execu-

tioners in the country has reportedly decreased over the past few years. The major prisons, therefore, have reportedly suspended the provision of hangman on a permanent basis. In last two decades reportedly, only four people were hanged to death -- Dhananjay Chatterjee, Ajmal Kasab, Yakub Menon and Afzal Guru.

Saidaiah said that when the situation in which persons are hanged is very less, creating a post of hangman would not be very viable. Similar is the situation across the country.

To hang the convicts in the Nirbhaya case, Tihar jail doesn't have a hangman and the authorities are hiring one on

one-time contract basis. Pawan 'Jallad' who has been a hangman for over 50 years now, from Meerut volunteered to do so. His grandfather Laxman Jallad hanged Indira Gandhi's assassin in 1987, an execution that 22-year-old Pawan witnessed. Pawan is certified hangman and draws a salary of Rs 3,000.

This only signifies the time consuming judicial procedure, which typically ends with mercy plea being accepted. In India, it is estimated that since 2001, over 270 people have been sentenced to death, but either remain on death row, or have had their sentences commuted to life imprisonment.

Encounter solves many problems but creates new ones too

instance was another extra-judicial killing, also under the supervision of then Warangal SP VC Sajjanar in December 2008. People felt sufficiently avenged after three youth who threw acid on two girls were shot dead in Warangal. Sajjanar, now Cyberabad Police Commissioner, became an overnight hero as the acid attack had shaken the collective conscience of the nation.

Disha's murder caused greater outrage as there was dismay over the endless delay in carrying out the death sentence against the killers of Nirbhaya in Delhi. The instant justice meted out by police to her killers became a cause for joy. In a sharp reminder to all those rejoicing, Chief Justice of India SA Bobde remarked that justice cannot be instant; it cannot be revenge either.

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the quartet has, however, provided an instant relief to the government against public anger. Tough questions are bound to be asked by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) about loopholes in the police version of the encounter and, perhaps, by the Telangana High Court and Supreme Court. Answering them may be not that difficult, when weighed against the windfall of benefits accruing from the retributive justice.

Firstly, Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao has turned a favourite of the masses. He has again proven to be master of the art of turning an adversity into an opportunity. Look how he earned praise by announcing unexpected bonanza to the TSRTC staff, a far cry from the wrath he attracted for accusing them of conspiring to destabilise his government.

In Disha's case too, he was vilified for spending time on attending weddings instead of



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visiting her distraught parents. The Chatanpalli encounter changed all that. One minister described KCR as a man with 56-inch chest while people danced on the streets of Karimnagar carrying his cut-outs.

Police too have much to rejoice about. The situation has

come a long way from the time when the department drew flak for failure to patrol isolated places, for giving more importance to VIP security than citizens' safety, and when three policemen were suspended for refusing to register the complaint by Disha's family.

This love affair may last only till the next incident as public memory is short. Police in Andhra Pradesh was under the spotlight in the 1970s for allegedly staging fake encounters against Left-wing extremists during Jalagam Vengal Rao's rule and earlier. A committee headed by Justice V Bhargava was appointed to inquire into these encounters but quit mid-way because of dilatory tactics by police.

Beyond doubt, police have unfettered right to counter with full force, including killing, when persons charged

with grave offences, attempt to attack them or even run away.

But how can a posse of ten trained policemen allow an opportunity to criminals to snatch weapons and fire back at them in a dangerous environment. The weapons were in an unlocked position, meaning they were primed and policemen ready for any eventuality.

Once the euphoria dies down, many questions need to be answered about the entire ecosystem. Won't police be emboldened to resort to extra-judicial measures when mobs begin setting new standards for dispensing justice? Why isn't the government held responsible for not appointing more judges when the judiciary is blamed for backlogs? The Bihar High Court recently slammed the government for the pendency of 2 lakh prohibition related cases due to

absence of sufficient number of courts.

Any discussion on the negative impact of pornography and drunkenness on women's safety isn't treated with seriousness. There are an excessive number of liquor shops in Hyderabad making the streets unsafe for women. Likewise, shops line the highways in brazen violation of the Supreme Court's orders posing a threat to life and limb.

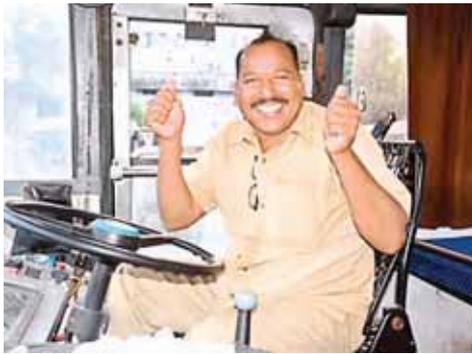
The last few weeks have seen an unacceptably high number of rapes in India, a country rated as the most dangerous place for women. KCR has to tackle this problem expeditiously in Telangana. Good governance means adopting a magnanimous approach towards societal problems. It does not mean an attitude of doling out something only at one's whims.

POLLS TO LOCAL BODIES

TRS IN DRIVER'S SEAT

KCR's strategic moves with regard to RTC strike and Shadnagar 'encounter' instil confidence among party cadre to face the polls

PV KONDAL RAO
WARANGAL



The surprising moves of KCR have stunned the BJP. Some leaders of the saffron party even said CM's decision had put them in back seat from an advantageous position in the state

The assurances of Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao on the issues confronted by the RTC employees after the 55-day long strike and the unparalleled instant justice in the form of 'encounter' in Shadnagar veterinarian rape and death case have instilled confidence among the TRS cadre to face the upcoming urban local bodies polls slated for next month.

The state government, prior to these two decisive moves was at the receiving end from the middle class voters of the urban local bodies and there was a feeling that the ruling party at the national level - BJP would provide an alternative to the TRS at the hustings.

This could be one of the prime reasons why the BJP has supported the RTC employees strike. The BJP leadership has even took an aggressive role in the regions like Karimnagar. The death of a conductor in Karimnagar took an ugly turn with the BJP MP involving in a scuffle with the police. There was a feeling that the BJP would lend supportive role to the RTC staff and workers to realise their demands and the central party leadership reportedly supported the stir for their future election plans.

But the meticulous and

strategic politics of Telangana carried out by Chief Minister has once again helped the ruling TRS to limp back and the strategic approach of CM, calling the employees for a lunch-on-meeting at Pragathi Bhavan for announcing sops has helped the TRS regain its confidence among the families of 48 thousand odd RTC employees spread across the entire state.

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ian of Mahabubnagar came as a helping point for the BJP to transform into an issue.

The national media supporting the ruling party of the Centre has even grilled the TRS leaders and Chief Minister for playing mute witness role in the entire episode of the gruesome incident. Then came the shocker from the government as the police inflicted an encounter on the accused in the heinous crime at the same place where the inhuman incident occurred ten days ago.

The encounter of four accused has certainly took the graph of the government onto the top in the entire country and the parents of each and every girl child have started commending the valour of police and strategic move of government for eliminating the accused in the episode. These two incidents, according to a flash survey conducted by the Political Science Department researchers have helped the TRS gain 10% plus positive support base in the urban and semi-urban parts of the state.

The research group fourth estate friends forum opined that the present trend of continued would become a front runner for TRS to wrest, romp home and clinch all the urban local bodies in the January 2020 bound polls.



3-yr-old girl run over by school bus

PNS ■ WARANGAL

A three-year toddler playing in front of her house in Rayaparti village of Warangal rural district was run over by a school van on Saturday morning. She was identified as Asvita.

Negligent and rash driving by van driver was stated to be the cause for the mishap. The speeding school van ran over the baby while she was playing on the road in front of her house. The baby died on the spot as her head was crushed under the van's wheels.

Asvita's relatives protested blaming the van driver for the death of the baby. A pall of gloom has descended on the village following the incident. The police are investigating the case.

NOD LIKELY FOR NEW IRRIGATION PROJECTS

Cabinet meet on Dec 11

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

The State Cabinet will meet at 5 pm on December 11 at Pragathi Bhavan for taking crucial decisions, including clearance of certain new irrigation projects.

Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao will preside over the meeting, which will focus on toning up the irrigation sector in light of the points that emerged at a recent review.

The Chief Minister has decided to construct a barrage at Dummugudemn with 37 TMC water storage capacity and 320 megawatt power generation. He has decided to also take up additional works for upgrading the present 2 TMC capacity lifts to 3 TMCs for lifting more water. These works in particular may be cleared at the cabinet meeting. It is learnt that the government is contemplating to take up the Seetharama Project with an outlay of Rs.14,000 crore.



There Cabinet is likely to discuss the new Revenue Act as well. The Chief Minister has declared that his government would bring in a new Revenue Act to ensure graft-free Revenue Department. If the draft of the new Revenue Act is approved at the Cabinet meeting, the government may convene a special session of the Assembly for introducing the new piece of legislation.

The Cabinet would also take decisions on the assurances

given by CM to RTC employees during a recent interaction at Pragathi Bhavan.

The situation in the state following the 'encounter' deaths of the four accused in the gang-rape and murder of Disha, which saw celebrations by the public and questions being raised about the constitutional propriety of condoning such palpable extra-judicial killings under public pressure, would also figure in the meeting.

I-T rate cut under consideration: Finance Minister

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Asked if there could be more measures announced to bolster economic activity, she said, "If I say yes, it will be when and if I say yes it's also going to be back to me saying are you not too close to the budget. So I don't want to say yes although I am wishing I can say. At the same time, I will not say no, because we are working on more."

When asked if the government is considering rationalisation of the personal income tax rate for putting more money in the hands of people, the Finance Minister said, "One among many things that we are thinking of."

Following the reduction in corporate tax in September, there has been a growing demand for a slash in the personal income tax to buttress consumption.

In the biggest reduction in 28 years, the government in September slashed corporate tax rates up to 10 percentage points as it looked to pull the economy out of a six-year low growth with a Rs 1.45 lakh crore tax break.

Base corporate tax for existing companies has been reduced to 22 per cent from 30 per cent, and to 15 per cent from 25 per cent for new manufacturing firms incorporated

after October 1, 2019, and starting operations before March 31, 2023.

Assuring that there will be no harassment of taxpayers, Sitharaman said the intent of the government is to further simplify taxation systems including removal of exemption. Citing the example of corporate tax, she said, "From now on, they're moving towards a greater simplified and exemption free."

New units to utilise red gram grown in S'reddy

PNS ■ SANGAREDDY

Joint Collector K Nikhila said officials concerned were studying the possibilities of setting up of a red gram (pigeon pea) industry in Sangareddy district.

During a review meeting with welfare officers of various departments in her chambers on Saturday, the Joint Collector said there was enough pro-

duction of red gram crop in the district. District farmers were producing 24,000 tonnes of red gram every year, Nikhila said and added that the welfare hostels run by the government alone would need 200 tonnes of dal every month. Since there was enough demand for the dal, the Joint Collector said they were seriously thinking of setting up an industry for the same.

Foundation laid for 2BHK works in Sangareddy

PNS ■ SANGAREDDY

Patancheru legislator Gudem Mahipal Reddy laid a foundation stone for construction of 60 double bedroom (2BHK) houses at Jinnaram mandal headquarters on Saturday.

Later, Reddy also laid a foundation stone for construction of gram panchayat office, which will be built with Rs 39 lakh Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Fund. The MLA said Telangana gov-

ernment led by Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao had vowed to provide double bedroom houses to all eligible poor. As part of that government had decided to take up construction of 60 houses in Jinnaram immediately, he added.

He said they would take up construction of additional houses soon in Jinnaram since there were more eligible people for the houses in the Mandal headquarters.



Centre held back funds promised to TS: KCR

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Instead of getting Rs 700 crore more from the Centre, Telangana State has got Rs 924 crore less. Ramakrishna Rao recently went to Delhi and brought to the notice of the Central government officials that Telangana State got 8.3 per cent less on the tax share account. He said due to the decrease in the funds allocation, several schemes in the state would face difficulties.

Responding to him, the Central government officials said that situation was grim and cautioned that the decrease may well go up from 8.3 per cent to 15 per cent.

A 15 per cent decrease in funds from the Centre would mean Rs 2,957 crore less funds

due to the state government from the Centre.

There is no match between what the Union ministers are proclaiming in Parliament and the ground realities.

This is very surprising. If this situation continues, the state's financial position may turn into a grave situation. It is like a person losing his clothes when in fact he was asking for a morsel of food.

The economic situation is in a state of uncertainty. The CM has instructed the Principal Secretary (Finance) to decrease funds for all the departments in tune with the decrease in funds from the Centre. The CM has also instructed all the departments to reduce expenditure.

On Saturday, the Chief

Minister wrote to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman requesting her to release funds to the State as stipulated in the Budget or else make public the facts.

Centre's faulty policy

It was clear at the review meeting that it was due to the faulty policies of the Centre has led to the present difficult situation. The meeting was of the firm opinion that the State had no option but to exercise self-control. The CM in this regard suggested that all the departments should cut their expenditure and observe fiscal discipline.

Meanwhile, the Centre had also failed to give Rs 2, 812 Crore IGST funds as part of the GST for the year 2017-18. The Comptroller and Auditor

General also mentioned about this clearly in his report.

The Centre while implementing the GST Act had assured the states that it would compensate if the GST revenue is less than 14 per cent. Due to the economic slowdown prevailing in the country, the Telangana state is not getting 14 per cent of GST collections. Moreover, the Centre has to give the state Rs 1,719 crore as GST compensation dues. The CM asked the Centre to release these funds in his letter to the Union Finance Minister.

CM planning to meet the PM

The CM is planning to visit Delhi to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Nirmala

Sitharaman to apprise them of the difficulties that have arisen with funds not being released from the Centre. The CM wants to go to Delhi in next five to six days along with the officials to explain the gravity of the situation.

Note to Cabinet with all the details

The CM has instructed the officials from the Finance department to prepare a detailed note on the state's financial situation and the funds, which are due from the Centre to be placed before the state Cabinet that will meet on December 11. The CM also wanted the ministers and officials to follow fiscal discipline in tune with the existing economic situation in the state.

MGNREGA WORKS 'Outstanding' villages to get preference

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Villages that have performed well in the 30-day action plan will get preference in the implementation of Mahatma Ghandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (MGNREGA). Similarly the government will complete construction of dumping yards and grave yards (Vaikuntadamam) in villages in a phased manner under the scheme.

Addressing a meeting on the progress works undertaken under the scheme in the state, Panchayat Raj Minister Errabelli Dayakar Rao, said that Pacca

buildings for the new village panchayats will also be built in phases. He informed that out of the 12 cr man-hours allocated for the state for 2019-20 worth Rs 1,800 cr the state has completed 9.77 cr hours providing employment to over 38.80 people. "There is grant of Rs 1200 cr this year under material component," he observed. He directed the officers to prepare proposals for works undertaken so far after deducting Haritha Haram works. He wanted that CC roads must be built linking the villages with the dumping and grave yards.

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S. No. 1, NIT No. 45/77/DEE/DSE/SEW/2019-20. Date: 06-12-2019. Name of work: Construction of Guest House with meeting hall at Mulugu in Mulugu District. Estimate Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 50.00 lakhs 1. On-line tenders are invited under e-procurement platform for the above 1 work. Tenderers can download the tender schedules from e-market place i.e. www.eprocurement.gov.in from 10-12-2019 from 4:00 PM onwards. 2. The last date and time of receipt of tenders for the above works is on or before 17-12-2019 up to 3:30 PM. 3. Further details can be seen at e-procurement market place i.e., www.eprocurement.gov.in Sd/- Superintending Engineer (R&B) DIPR No. 1070-DP/CL-Agency/ADVT/1/2019-20, Dt. 07.12.2019. Regional Office, Warangal.

CRIME CORNER

Man arrested for cheating bank of Rs 80 L

The Central Crime Police arrested a person availing a loan of Rs 80 lakh fraudulently at Neredmet on Saturday. The accused identified as Mohd. Shahabuddin, 60, is a resident of Malkajgiri in Secunderabad. The SBH bank (now SBI) officials of Saidabad branch filed a complaint with the police. According to the complaint, in the year 2015, Shahabuddin approached SBH Bank, Saidabad branch and obtained a term loan of Rs 80 Lakhs under Golden Frozen Foods at Balapur. Shahabuddin absconded without repaying the loan amount. When bank officials visited the Golden Frozen Foods at Al-Jabri Colony, Balapur, they noticed that the company on the name of Golden Frozen Foods was not found in the said premises and another company by name Al Ahad was running instead. Based on a complaint from the Bank Manager, SBI Bank, Saidabad Branch, a case was registered under relevant sections (cheating and criminal breach of trust) against the accused in July, 2019. Police conducted manhunt and nabbed the accused at Vinayak Nagar in Neredmet on Saturday and was produced before the court.

Man kills brother over property dispute

A person along with his wife murdered his own brother in Nallakunta on Saturday. Police suspect property disputes in the family led to his death. The victim was identified as Sarah Ramesh, a driver at a logistics firm. According to the Police, Ramesh's family owns an ancestral property that was the bone of contention to the siblings regarding ownership and distribution of land. Ramesh and his brother quarrelled many times over the issue. On Friday, an argument broke out between the family members over the issue, during which Ramesh and his brother entered into a scuffle. Ramesh was reportedly killed by his brother during the scuffle. Sources said that Ramesh's elder brother and his wife have surrendered before the police immediately after the murder. The Nallakunta Police rushed to the spot and shifted the body to mortuary in Gandhi Hospital for postmortem. A clues team also collected evidence. The Nallakunta police registered a case and started investigation.

Four held trying to break into Dy Speaker's house

Four unidentified persons, who allegedly tried to break into the residence of Deputy Speaker T Padma Rao Goud in Takara Basthi of Secunderabad were nabbed on Saturday. According to the police, the family members of Deputy Speaker noticed some people removing grills of the house and alerted the security staff. The security staff nabbed them. The incident was averted before any major trouble. Residents thrashed the nabbed persons and handed over them to the Market police station. Sources said that the family members were shocked to see that one of the accused is their neighbour.

HYDERABAD 'ENCOUNTER'

CASE BOOKED AGAINST FOUR ACCUSED FOR ATTACKING COPS

PNS ■ HYDERABAD
The Cyberabad police registered case against the four accused, arrested for the alleged rape and murder of a woman veterinarian in the outskirts of Hyderabad last week and killed in an encounter, for 'attacking' the police personnel. A case under IPC sections 307 (attempt to murder), 176 (omission to give notice or information to public servant by person legally bound to give it) and relevant sections of the Indian Arms Act were registered against the accused. Based on a complaint filed by the in-charge of police team that accompanied the four accused, the FIR was booked on Friday, a senior police official said. The four men aged between 20 and 26, were arrested on November 29 for allegedly raping and killing the woman by smothering her and later burning her body.



A case under IPC sections 307, 176 and relevant sections of the Indian Arms Act were registered against the accused

Zero FIR to be implemented in three commissionerates

PNS ■ HYDERABAD
Zero FIR rule to be implemented in all the three commissionerate areas wherein a person can approach any police station in the city to lodge a complaint, said Anjani Kumar, Commissioner of police on Saturday. In a report submitted more than 10 years ago, the criminal justice system got a new concept where in Justice Verma introduced a reform to the criminal justice system. In his report the concept of Zero FIR system was introduced. The commissioner said that awareness has to be created among the citizens about Zero FIR. Anjani Kumar said, "The word 'zero' because every FIR has a number. Suppose if there is an FIR reported at Madhapur police station, then it gets transferred to Jubilee Hills police station. If Madhapur and Jubilee Hills police stations assign a number to the FIR, it would be counted twice and making the same offence be counted twice. In order to avoid that, they have introduced the concept of Zero FIR, where in the number will only be in one police station." The commissioner informed all of the police of Hyderabad, Cyberabad and Rachakonda commissionerates to register all cases.

SOT official appointed as investigation officer

HYDERABAD: The Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police, Special Operations Team (SOT) of Rachakonda was appointed as the investigation officer in the 'Hyderabad encounter' case on Saturday. The official, J. Surender Reddy, will investigate the case of Cyberabad police open firing on the four men involved in the Disha rape and murder case. Meanwhile, clues teams has reached the place of offence on Saturday to gather evidence and the police are conducting searches with metal detectors to recover empty bullet shells and cartridges discharged during exchange of fire. Meanwhile, the wife of one of the deceased Chennakesavulu, Renuka expressed anguish and anger over death of her husband. "All the accused jailed should be shot dead in the same way as the four accused in Disha case were shot. We will carry out last rites only after the other accused were encountered," said Renuka. The young woman, who is pregnant, alleging that injustice has been done to her, squatted on the road along with some others at her village in Narayanpet district. The wife of the accused urged the police to kill her as she is alone.



Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin, Zonal Commissioner Musharaff Ali and other officials dropping oil balls in a water tank at Langar Houz on Saturday.

Oil balls dropped to combat mosquito menace

PNS ■ HYDERABAD
The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation plans to use 'Oil Balls' to tackle the mosquito menace in Hyderabad. GHMC officials released 2,500 oil balls in Langar Houz on Saturday. The balls are a combination of husk, sand and chemical oil for targeted one-time kill of all mosquitoes at the point of origin. Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin, Zonal Commissioner Musharaff Ali and Chief of the GHMC's entomology wing Dr Rambabu conducted a massive oil dropping activity in water tank at HUDA Park, Langar Houz division that comes under the Karwan Assembly constituency. This is the first time that the GHMC's entomology wing had carried out the experiment at Langar Houz tank. The oil and chemicals in the balls spreads quickly and within five minutes destroys the mosquito larvae. Since the area is plagued by the mosquito menace, Kausar Mohiuddin, the local MLA, had requested the Zonal Commissioner to take up such activities in Shatam Tank, and other lakes in the constituency and also along the Musi River. Musharaff Ali said within a couple of days there will change in nearby localities with regard to the mosquito menace. Dr Rambabu said an exhibition is being organized at the park to create awareness on various types of mosquitoes and Gambusia fish that eats the larvae. About 500 entomology wing participated in the programme and taken up activities in 10 km radius of the tank.

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Narayana school students win big

PNS ■ HYDERABAD
The students of Narayana group of schools have won big in UIEO results by securing the highest number of top ranks in the country. Narayana students stood at the top of the ranks by achieving 44 per cent of ranks in the top 10 and 46 per cent in top 50 and 45 per cent in top 100. Managing director of the group, Dr. Sindhura Narayana revealed that the students of Narayana have also bagged all India first ranks in Classes IX & X. No other school in the country could match the result produced by Narayana, she said. Dr. Sindhura credited the success to the group's result oriented and scientifically designed school programmes which give proper emphasis on improvement of English language. Speaking at a press Conference, Dr. Sindhura said that Narayana Schools have constituted a Soft Skills Division to train specialized educators who help students improve communication skills and enrich their language proficiency. The students are also being given special training in English Vocabulary, Functional Grammar, Reading Comprehension and Interactive English. Dr. Sindhura informed that as many as 3 lakh students from all over the country took part in the examination conducted for students of Class II to X by Unified Council. Narayana follows a microscopic approach in framing the special programmes and pedagogic approaches, she said. Executive director Puneet Kothapa appreciated the efforts of the students and teachers and thanked the parents for their cooperation.

Dr. Sindhura Narayana said that 3 lakh students from all over the country took part in the examination

AB InBev inks a MoU with ICRISAT

PNS ■ HYDERABAD
A Belgium-based multinational drink and brewing company, AB InBev has signed an MoU with the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) to develop watershed replenishment structures in villages around Charminar and Crown Breweries in Sangareddy district of Telangana, India. Gagandeep Sethi vice president of unit in South India said, "We recognised that water is an important resource for the well-being of our communities and are working to address its scarcity. We are focused on delivering programmes that will help us create value for our communities and achieve goals."

HAIJPUR CASE

Trial will end soon: Officials

PNS ■ HYDERABAD
Investigation officials in the Hajipur serial rape-murders which took place between 2015 and 2019 have claimed that the trial of the accused M Srinivas Reddy has seen significant progress. Earlier in April, police arrested Srinivas on charges of raping and murdering three minor girls while they were investigating a missing case of one of the deceased girls. Srinivas was also accused in the rape and murder of another woman besides the three minors. ACP Bhongir and investigation officer Bhujanga Rao said that all the evidences and DNA samples that match with the accused have been handed over to the fast-track trial court. "The trial will end soon and the court will convict the accused," said the official. While the accused Srinivas Reddy is in Warangal Central Jail, the trial in the case began in the last week of October before a local fast-track court in Nalgonda. During the course of the investigation, police found out that Srinivas had killed two other minor girls from the same village after raping them, and disposed of the bodies by burying them in an abandoned well. In July, months after unearthing the cases, police filed three separate charge sheets and submitted forensic lab reports, technical evidence and eyewitness accounts to the court as part of the evidence.



TSBIE initiates counselling, spl classes to curb student suicides

PNS ■ HYDERABAD
Telangana State Board of Intermediate Education (TSBIE) has recently announced the dates for the Intermediate Board exams that will be commencing from 4 March. With less than three months remaining, students are trying to cope up with exam pressure and score good marks. Last year, after the declaration of Intermediate results, as many as 27 students committed suicide as they could not cope up with the exam pressure. The board has initiated welfare schemes for the benefit of the students in order to cope up with the exam pressure. Talking to The Pioneer, secretary of Board of Intermediate Education Jameel Omer said that the board is concerned with the mental health of the students. Omer said, "We have appointed psychologists to counsel students. The board is also planning to arrange special classes for slow learners so that the pass percentage will increase which subsequently curbs the student suicides." The board hopes that these measures will certainly decrease the suicide rate as most of students commit suicides due to fear of failing and scoring low grades. However, it is also important for parents to observe the behavior of their child, whether the person is depressed or behaving weird. Dr. Purnima Nagaraja, a renowned psychiatrist from Hyderabad feels that the onus is on the parents and institutions. She opined that the education system needs to be revamped.



ALL INDIA CIVIL SERVICES

Interactive programme to 'ignite' young minds

PNS ■ HYDERABAD
Centre for Human Security Studies organised an interaction programme for the Civil Service aspirants of GITAM School of Humanities and Social Sciences (GSHS), Hyderabad to interact with trainees of All India Civil Services at Dr. Marri Channa Reddy Human Resource Development Institute in Hyderabad on Saturday. Minister KTR attended as the chief guest to the event. Dr. Kanneganti Ramesh Babu, Executive Director, CHSS facilitated the interaction to ignite the young minds. A student Sadrushya studying 1 year BA said, "Interaction with the trainee officers is awesome! We are inspired!" Sougandhika and Mahmood Aali studying II year BA said that the experience has motivated them to pursue their dreams with determination and confidence. The training at GSHS is rigorous but the learning is great fun, they added. Meanwhile, it was recalled that GSHS had earlier entered into an MoU with the CHSS, a non-governmental Think Tank founded by Dr. Kanneganti Ramesh Babu, for collaboration in academics, research, and student internships. Prof. Y Prabhavati, principal of GSHS and Dr. Ramesh have signed and exchanged the MoUs in the presence of GITAM president M Sri Bharat, pro vice-chancellor Prof. N Siva Prasad and School of Technology Principal Prof. N. Seetaramaiah. Dr. Suresh Kumar Digumarthi, who coordinates Civil Service Training at GSHS said that the faculty team has lined up many more innovative programmes and activities to encourage and support Civil Services aspirants from GITAM Hyderabad Campus.



Civil Service aspirants of GSHS interact with trainees of All India Civil Services at Dr. MCR HRD Institute in Hyderabad on Saturday.

Youth selected for constable jobs, felicitated

PNS ■ HYDERABAD
The Rachakonda Police and the Collector of Ranga Reddy and Bhuvanagiri Yadadri District felicitated 588 unemployed youth selected for police constable jobs through pre-recruitment training given jointly by them. The Rachakonda Police in association with Yadadri Bhongiri and Ranga Reddy District Administration had taken up the pre-recruitment intensive coaching for the poor and rural youth of Ranga Reddy, Yadadri Bhongiri District for empowering them to appear for constable jobs.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA Revenue (LA) Department
Office of the District Collector, Sangareddy
FORM - C Notification
(Under Section - 11 of the Act where 10A Exemption is given) (See rule 6/12)
No.: G1/1301/2018 Date: 26-11-2019
Whereas it appears to the Government of Telangana / District Collector, Sangareddy that a total of **Acres 57.29 gts** land is required in the Mungi Village of Nyalkal Mandal, Sangareddy District for Public purpose namely establishment of NIMZ Project Zaheerabad.
Therefore, it is notified that for the above said project in the Mungi Village of Nyalkal Mandal, Sangareddy District land measuring more or less extent 57.29 acres viz. 22.91 hectare of standard measurement, whose detail description is as following, is proposed for acquisition.

District : Sangareddy		Mandal : Nyalkal		Village : Mungi			
Sl. No.	Sy. No.	Type of Land	Area under Acquisition in Acres	Name and Address of Person Interested	Boundaries N S E W	Trees	Remarks
1	63/1a/1	Patta Dry	6.23	K. Nandakumar Slo K. Shankarappa	TS/IC TS/IC TS/IC TS/IC	Walled	50 1 Tree
2	63/1a/1	Patta Dry	2.08	K. Nandakumar Slo K. Shankarappa	TS/IC TS/IC TS/IC TS/IC	Walled	0 0 0 0
3	63/1a/1	Patta Dry	6.23	K. Nandakumar Slo K. Shankarappa	TS/IC TS/IC TS/IC TS/IC	Walled	0 0 0 0
4	63/1a/1	Patta Dry	2.08	K. Nandakumar Slo K. Shankarappa	TS/IC TS/IC TS/IC TS/IC	Walled	0 0 0 0
Total			17.22				
5	64/1a/1	Patta Dry	0.25	K. Nandakumar Slo K. Shankarappa	Deepika Deepika Deepika	Kaliber	0 0 0 0
6	64/1a/1	Patta Dry	0.24	K. Nandakumar Slo K. Shankarappa	Deepika Deepika Deepika	Kaliber	0 0 0 0
7	64/1a/1	Patta Dry	1.33	K. Nandakumar Slo K. Shankarappa	Deepika Deepika Deepika	Kaliber	0 0 0 0
Total			3.02				
8	65/1a	Patta Dry	6.25	K. Nandakumar Slo K. Shankarappa	Sagarada Sagarada Sagarada	M/W	0 0 0 0
Total			13.10				
10	66/1a/1	Patta Dry	3.08	K. Nandakumar Slo K. Shankarappa	TS/IC TS/IC TS/IC TS/IC	Walled	0 0 0 0
11	66/1a/1	Patta Dry	3.08	K. Nandakumar Slo K. Shankarappa	TS/IC TS/IC TS/IC TS/IC	Walled	0 0 0 0
12	66/1a/1	Patta Dry	7.01	K. Nandakumar Slo K. Shankarappa	TS/IC TS/IC TS/IC TS/IC	Walled	0 0 0 0
Total			13.17				
13	150/1a/2	Patta Dry	3.00	Marji Singh Slo Jaswanthsingh	Walled	Walled	0 1 Tree
14	150/1a/1	Patta Dry	1.18	K. Nandakumar Slo K. Shankarappa	Walled	Walled	0 0 0 0
15	150/1a/2	Patta Dry	3.00	Marji Singh Slo Jaswanthsingh	Walled	Walled	0 0 0 0
16	150/1a/2	Patta Dry	3.00	Marji Singh Slo Jaswanthsingh	Walled	Walled	0 0 0 0
Total			10.18				
Grand Total			57.29				

This notification is made under the provisions of Section-11(1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Central Act No.30/2013), as amended by the Right to Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Telangana Amendment) Act, 2016 (Act No. 21 of 2017) to all whom it may concern.
A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the District Collector, Sangareddy and Special Deputy Collector LA NIMZ, Zaheerabad on any working day during working hours. The Government of Telangana/ Collector-Cum-Appropriate Government is pleased to authorise SDC LA NIMZ, Zaheerabad and Tashildar Nyalkal and his staff to enter upon and survey land, take levels of any land, dig or bore into the sub-soil & do all other Acts required for the proper execution of their work as provided and specified in section-12 of the said Act.
Under section 11(4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e sale / purchase, etc., or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of such notification without prior approval of the Collector, Sangareddy.
Objections to the acquisition, if any and claim from all the persons interested / affected for settlement by negotiation of the compensation, may be filed by the person interested in the land within 60 (Sixty days) from the date of publication of this notification as provided under section 15 of the Act before District Collector, Sangareddy / Authorized Officer.
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Tashildar Special Deputy Collector Joint Collector
Nyalkal Mandal LA, NIMZ, Zaheerabad Sangareddy Sangareddy
DIPR No.1108/LA/PP-Advt/Agency/2019-20

Uproar over 'encounter', Unnao victim's death

The two cases stir a debate on whether extrajudicial killings are acceptable to tackle rape-murder cases

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The death of Unnao rape victim at Sudfarjang Hospital, here, late Friday and alleged encounter of Hyderabad rapists have stirred a debate whether the extrajudicial killings by the police was the correct way to tackle the rape cases. Both the news sent shock waves across the country. Shamina Shafiq, noted women rights activist, said, "No amount of condolence can compensate the pain, her parents are going through. But we can't institutionalise such encounters lest we should become a banana republic".



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"The jubilation over Friday encounter shows that people have lost faith in the judicial system of the country. To get it back, responsibilities should be fixed," Shafiq said. Supreme Court lawyer Himanjali Gautam said, "We should not jump to the conclusion of declaring the encounter fake. The encounter is subject to enquiry and we should wait for reports. But what if the accused had run away? Then also we would have questioned the police."

Delay in hanging of the Nirbhaya case convicts had led to the situation, like the

Hyderabad encounter, she said. "The Unnao rape case is an example of failure of the system.

Why was the victim not given police protection? Why were the rape accused given bail? A

wrong message had gone in the society with the accused feeling emboldened— to roam free with bail or wipe out the victim by burning them down, she said and added, on the other hand incidents, like the Hyderabad encounter, might work as a deterrent to such crimes. "Had Nirbhaya's convicts been hanged by now, the situation like the Hyderabad encounter could have been avoided," she remarked.

Kin of slain accused to wait longer for last rites

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

The families of the slain accused in the 25-year-old woman veterinarian's gang-rape and murder case will have to wait longer to conduct their last rites as the bodies were preserved on the direction of Telangana High Court. The court, at an emergency hearing late on Friday evening, directed the authorities to preserve the bodies till December 9 when Chief Justice RS Chauhan will take up hearing of a petition filed by various rights' groups, seeking comprehensive probe into 'extrajudicial killings' at the hands of police.



handed over to Mahabubnagar district judge, who in turn will submit the same to the bench. After Friday's encounter, the police had brought some relatives of the deceased from their villages in Narayanpet district to Mahabubnagar to handover the bodies after autopsy. However, the process came to a halt following High Court's intervention.

The two truck drivers and two cleaners, who allegedly gang-raped and killed the veterinarian on November 27, were killed in an alleged 'encounter' by the police at Chatanpally near Shadnagar early Friday. After conducting autopsy on all four bodies at the government-run hospital in Mahabubnagar town on Friday night, the bodies were preserved at mortuary.

Police made elaborate security arrangements at the hospital premises by deploying armed personnel and erecting barricades on approaching roads. A fact-finding team of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) is likely to visit the hospital later on Saturday to see the bodies and gather details from officials concerned and forensic experts.

Police forces were deployed in the villages of the slain accused. Arrangements were also made for the last rites as the police were keen to complete the process late on Friday night in the presence of few relatives to prevent any untoward incident. The four accused killed in the encounter were lorry drivers Mohammed Pasha alias Arif, Chintakunta Chennakeshavulu and lorry cleaners Jollu Shiva and Jollu Naveen. Arif was 26-year-old while the remaining were all aged 20.

They were all arrested on November 29, two days after the gruesome rape and murder of the veterinarian.

Petitions against 'encounter' filed in SC

PNS ■ NEW DELHI



Two petitions have been filed in the Supreme Court seeking registration of an FIR and compensation to the families of the four accused killed in an 'encounter' in the case of the rape and murder of a 25-year-old veterinarian in Hyderabad. Petitioner G.S. Mani sought directions for the registration of an FIR and then an investigation by the CBI, SIT, CID or a team of police officials from another state into the 'encounter'. The petition urged the apex court that an independent investigation agency must be directed in accordance with the guidelines laid down in connection with investigation (the PUCL vs State of Maharashtra) in fake encounter killing. The petition alleged that it was a stage-managed encounter to cover up the alleged lapses of the police, which led to the commission of

the gruesome crime of rape and murder. In another petition, advocate Manohar Lal Sharma said that the killing of 4 arrested persons in police custody was allegedly done due to the demands of political leaders, and the media raising a hue and cry seeking the immediate execution of the accused without a trial "which is a serious violation of Article 21 as well as murder of innocent citizens of India". "It's a serious injury to the constitutional systems and endanger further life & liberty to the citizen of India," said Sharma in the petition. Seeking compensation for

the families of the accused, Sharma said the apex court should pass a direction to give a compensation of Rs 20 lakhs to the family members of each accused killed in police custody in the interest of justice.

"Appointment of an SIT, consisting retired Supreme Court judges, to conduct investigation with the help of CBI under the regular supervision of this court, and to file their report before this court for further action and prosecution of all involved police personnel, leaders and media channels in accordance of law in the interest of justice," contended Sharma in his petition. He also urged the apex court to issue a proper order prohibiting the media and leaders from conducting a media trial or making any statement during the pendency of a trial for rape, murder and crime against anyone including women until the trial is concluded.

First 'Zero FIR' case registered in Warangal

PNS ■ WARANGAL



In what is seen as a first in the state, a 'Zero FIR' was registered by the Subedari Police of Warangal Commissionerate pertaining to the missing of a 24-year-old woman in Goidapur village of Shayampet mandal in Warangal rural district.

The relative of the missing girl, Bura Rajkumar who resides in Kasibugga area of Warangal town, called up the Subedari Police and informed that his brother's daughter went missing. The Sub Inspector, Satyanarayana registered the case and transferred the same to the concerned station immediately for further investigation. Meanwhile, Warangal SP appreciated the Subedari

Police for registering zero FIR. The police are confident of cracking the case as early as possible. It may be recalled that the first ever Zero FIR case was registered in Andhra Pradesh in Nandigama recently.

Citing lack of jurisdictional authority, the police often refuse to register cases. By the time, the victims find their jurisdictional police station and lodge a complaint there, it would be very late. To overcome the problem, the UP and Karnataka High Courts have earlier ruled giving directions to the police to register the zero FIR. In the case of Justice for Disha, the FIR was not registered citing jurisdictional problems.

NHRC probe team examines...

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The team visited four different places, including the scene of the encounter at Chatanpally near Shadnagar town.

The team, comprising seven NHRC officials, began their investigations in Mahabubnagar town, where they examined the bodies of the slain accused preserved in the government-run hospital. The team then drove to Tondupally Toll plaza on the Outer Ring Road (ORR) where the accused had kidnapped the victim and committed the gang-rape. The team members interacted with Deputy Commissioner of Police Prakash Reddy and other officials for obtaining details of the police version of the

the families of the four deceased.

The team then left for Chatanpally near Shadnagar town where the police gunned down the accused in the alleged exchange of fire. The team members examined the scene of the encounter and gathered details from officials of the Cyberabad Police. The panel also went to the nearby bridge under which the accused had set afire the victim's body. The team then drove to Tondupally Toll plaza on the Outer Ring Road (ORR) where the accused had kidnapped the victim and committed the gang-rape. The team members interacted with Deputy Commissioner of Police Prakash Reddy and other officials for obtaining details of the police version of the

incident. The investigation is likely to continue on Sunday.

The NHRC on Friday took suo motu cognizance of the incident and ordered an inquiry. The human rights body said the encounter was a matter of concern and needed to be probed carefully. It felt that the police personnel were not alert and prepared for any untoward activity by the accused on the spot, which resulted in the death of all the four persons. "The deceased had been arrested by the police during investigation and a judgment in the matter by the competent court was yet to be pronounced. If the arrested persons were actually guilty, they were to be punished as per the law pursuant to the directions of the competent court," the NHRC said.

Revanth wants Anglo Indian quota for third gender

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Malkajgiri MP Revanth Reddy has requested the Central government to replace reservation of Anglo Indian Reservation in Legislative Houses with Third Gender. The MP has written a letter to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in this regard. "As we are approaching the Platinum Jubilee of our Independence it is important that we give political representation to one of the most marginalised communities of our country - the third gender. India needs to become a torch-bearer of Social Justice and send the message to the world. Our history has shown the direction to the world and so should our



present," he said in the letter. "At present, there are only a few thousand Anglo Indians left in the country for whom seats are reserved in the Parliament & the State Assemblies. It is high time we should do away with this reservation as the community is very much Indian now and as generally the Anglo Indian community is well to do. Reservation is an affirmative action to rectify our previous wrongdoings, to bring the marginalised, downtrodden in par with the society and it is high time that not just the simple reservation but Political Reservation be given to the Third Gender Community," he further stated.

GREEN CHALLENGE



Chief Secretary SK Joshi takes a selfie after planting a sapling at the Medipally Urban Forest Park near Uppal on Saturday. He accepted the challenge thrown at him by Damodar Gupta, Chairman Police Housing Corporation

Special buses for Medaram Jatara

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

The state government has decided to operate special buses for the bi-annual tribal festival Medaram Sammakka Saralamma Jatara. The Jatara will begin on February 5 2020

in Medaram of Mulugu district. According to officials, nearly 4,000 buses will be deployed from 51 bus depots across Telangana for the festival. In this context, RTC buses queue lines works have been started on Friday (Dec 6) at Medaram. It's

expected that nearly 22 lakh devotees will attend for the Jatara. Officials said that the bus services would be operated regularly to Medaram starting from January 1 next year. They also noted that AC buses would be operated from Hyderabad.

Harish distributes tricycles to differently-abled

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Finance Minister T Harish Rao on Saturday felt that those who look down upon the physically challenged must be suffering from one or other deficiency. He was speaking after distributing tricycles, laptops and artificial limbs among the physically challenged at a function held at Roots College on Raj Bhavan Road under the aegis of civil society organisation People for Urban and Rural Education (PURE). "We should pity those who do not conduct themselves properly towards the differently abled," opined Finance Minister Harish Rao. Those who earn good deal of money should set aside their selfishness and should serve society, he said pledging the state government's full support to the physically challenged.

'We want encounter'

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The investigations also revealed that the 27-year-old accused, a lift mechanic, was also involved in the murder of a woman in Kurnool town of neighbouring Andhra Pradesh in 2016. Angry villagers of Hajipur had set ablaze Srinivas Reddy's house. They staged protests demanding stringent punishment to the accused. Senior officials had visited the village to demanding and assured the people that they will ensure harshest punishment to the guilty. The accused is currently lodged in Nalgonda Jail. Meanwhile, families of two women who were raped and killed last month also demanded that the perpetrators be killed like the accused in Hyderabad gang-rape and murder case. People in Komaram Bheem Asifabad district took to street, demanding death for the accused in the rape and murder of a Dalit woman. body.

The 19-year-old married woman was killed after sexual assault on November 25. Three men were arrested in the case. People also observed a shutdown in parts of the district on Saturday, demanding that the accused be immediately hanged. Protestors staged sit-in and raised slogans of 'We want justice'. In Warangal, family of a teenager who was raped and killed by her boyfriend also demanded that justice be done by killing the perpetrator in the same manner as the accused in Hyderabad case. The 19-year-old student was raped and killed by her boyfriend on her birthday on November 27, the same day when veterinarian was gang-raped and killed by four persons at Shamshabad on the outskirts of Hyderabad. The police shot dead all four in an alleged 'encounter' on Friday at Chatanpally near Shadnagar town, where they had set afire the victim's body.

'Save me, I don't want to die'

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It is a failure of all of us that we could not give her justice. Socially, we are all guilty, but it also shows the hollowness of law and order situation in Uttar Pradesh." Priyanka Gandhi, who is also in-charge of the eastern Uttar Pradesh slammed the Yogi Adityanath government and said, "Keeping in mind the previous incident of Unnao, why the government did not give immediate protection to the victim? What action was taken on the officer who refused to register the FIR? On atrocities against women what steps government has taken to stop such incidents in UP?"

The victim was attacked outside the Sindupur village in Unnao when she was on her way to a court in Rae Bareilly to attend a hearing in the rape case. She was abducted by the five men Harishankar Trivedi, Ram Kishore Trivedi, Umesh Bajpai, Shivam and Shubham Trivedi. She was beaten, stabbed and burnt and was left to die. However, she stood up and walked up to a kilometre to a person who was working outside a house and sought help. She made a call to the police herself. She was rushed to a nearby hospital from where she was referred to the civil hospital in Lucknow where she was admitted in a plastic surgery

burn unit. The victim's statement was recorded there. In her statement, she named all the five accused and narrated the ordeal. Out of the five persons, including two who were accused in the rape case, the Unnao rape survivor named, two have been arrested, the UP police said. She said that the accused Shivam and Shubham Trivedi had abducted and raped her and video-graphed the act. When the accused Shubham was released on bail while the probe in the matter was still on, he started chasing and threatening her. Thereafter, the victim and her family visited the local police station and filed a complaint against the accused.

Curbs on sale of liquor need of the hour: Bhatti

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

A delegation of Congress leaders on Saturday called on Governor Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan seeking her intervention to make state Government take corrective and remedial measures to control the free flow/sale of liquor in belt shops, permit rooms and shops on highways. Speaking to the media after submitting a memorandum to the Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan, Bhatti said that the government is using the police, which supposed to strive for the security of the people, for their political gains. He alleged that the police



Delegation of Congress leaders submitting a memorandum to Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan at Raj Bhavan on Saturday

behaved negligently in regard to Disha case. The atrocities against women were taking place in the state due to indiscriminate sales of liquor in state. He said that the government has to keep the liquor

available to the people in a regulated manner instead of increasing revenue indiscriminately. Meanwhile, former Minister Marri Shashidhar Reddy was also met the Governor on Saturday.

Party leaders insulted me: VH

HYDERABAD: Former PCC presidents V Hanumantha Rao and Ponnala Laxmaiah on Saturday expressed anger over their own party leaders for not including their names in the list of people meeting Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan. Both VH and Ponnala, who reached Raj Bhavan much before other leaders, were shocked after seeing the list of the Congress leaders who are meeting the Governor at Raj Bhavan. Later addressing the media, VH alleged that the party leaders were insulting BC leaders. "I came all the way from Delhi to meet the Governor as CLP leader Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka invited me to join them. I was in Delhi to participate in AICC Chief Sonia Gandhi birth celebrations. However, I was shocked after seeing the list that too in Raj Bhavan. The police allowed me inside as they knew me. If not, I would have faced embarrassing situation before Raj Bhavan with the police. Police are better than my party leaders. How the party would develop if the own party leaders insult senior BC leaders in this manner. Bhatti mentioned 21 names except our names in the list," he lamented while speaking to 'The Pioneer'. However, MLA Jagga Reddy tendered apology in press meeting conducted in the evening.

SHORT READS



IED defused by security forces in J-K's Kupwara
SRINAGAR: Security forces on Saturday recovered and defused an improvised explosive device (IED) in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district, police said. The IED was found by a "road-opening party" in the morning on a highway in the Warpora-Handwara area in the north Kashmir district, a police official said. The bomb disposal squad reached the spot and seized the IED that was later defused, the official said.

Man found dead near Botanical Garden in Howrah

Howrah, Dec 7 (PTI) A man was found dead on a roadside in the Botanical Garden area of the city on Saturday, police said. The man, identified as Rajesh Kr Show, was a tippler, they said. He was found lying unconscious near a drain in B Garden Lane, following which he was sent to the Howrah Sadar Hospital, the police said. Doctors at the hospital declared him "brought dead", they added. Officials said no injury marks were found on the body, and they suspect no foul play.

Sanitation has become people's movement: Rajnath

NEW DELHI: Hailing 'Swachh Bharat Mission', Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday said that sanitation has become a people's movement in the country. Addressing an event in Delhi Cantonment area here, Rajnath said children have become the ambassadors of 'Swachhta' (cleanliness). He also flagged off a special plogging awareness drive and said people have understood the downside of using plastics.



MP seeks law to make MPs reveal details of foreign trips

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With the BJP often targeting the Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over his "secret" foreign travels, a ruling party member has pitched for a law to make it mandatory for MPs to disclose the details of their overseas trips, including sources of funding and expenses incurred.



BJP Member of Parliament G V L Narasimha Rao has introduced a private member's bill, the Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, in Rajya Sabha, asserting that as public representatives MPs must make complete disclosure about their foreign travels, including those undertaken in their personal capacity.

Foreign hospitality received in any manner from foreign governments or institutions must also be disclosed to the Chairman of Rajya Sabha or the Speaker of Lok Sabha as the case may be besides seeking prior permission from the Central government as per section 9 of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act

— G V L NARASIMHA, BJP Member of Parliament

"Foreign hospitality received in any manner from foreign governments or institutions must also be disclosed to the Chairman of Rajya Sabha or the Speaker of Lok Sabha as the case may be besides seeking prior permission from the Central government as per section 9 of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act," the bill says.

Rao noted that lawmakers were issued guidelines in 2017 about sharing details of their foreign visits, including the ones in personal capacity, and the Parliament Affairs Ministry in July 2019 reiterated them through a communication. However, most MPs have not adhered to the advisory in the absence of a statutory

requirement, he noted, as he underlined the need for a law in this regard.

"MPs are important public functionaries and transparency about their functioning, sources of their income and expenses is necessary to demonstrate their financial integrity. From time-to-time, Parliament has enacted legislation and framed rules to ensure that those elected to Parliament uphold the cherished ideal," he said.

Though private member's bills are rarely passed, a discussion on the proposed legislation will allow BJP members to attack the Congress and again attacked its leader Rahul Gandhi for his "secret" foreign trips.

In October this year, the party at a press conference questioned his "frequent" foreign visits and the "secrecy" about them, asking if he was involved in some secret operation. It has argued that his foreign visits are a matter of public interest as he is a public representative.

Taken on joyride, 5-year-old raped by auto-rickshaw driver

PNS ■ DARBHANGA (BIHAR)

A five-year-old girl was sexually assaulted by an auto-rickshaw driver who beckoned her to accompany him for a joyride and dumped her at a secluded spot, battered and bruised, police said here on Saturday.

Sahni started the vehicle, telling the girls that he would take them for a joyride but soon dropped the three-year-old at a nearby spot before raping the survivor at a secluded place, the officer said

The incident took place in Kharua More locality of Sadar police station area late Friday night and the girl, who fell unconscious following the sexual assault, was undergoing treatment at a hospital while the accused has been arrested, said Babu Ram, Senior Superintendent of Police.



He said the girl was playing along with another three-year-old close to the place where the three-wheeler was parked and then they got onto the vehicle. Sahni started the vehicle, telling the girls that he would take them for a joyride but soon dropped the three-year-old at a nearby spot before raping the survivor at a secluded place, the officer said.

Patna on the incident, RJD leaders Lalu Prasad, Rabri Devi and Tejashwi Yadav vented their ire at the senior BJP leader, as well as Chief Minister Nitish Kumar for rising incidence of crimes against women. Prasad, who is in Ranchi serving sentences in fodder scam cases, shared the video clip of the deputy CM refusing to answer queries with a suggestive caption — "Sush-ill Modi".

The incident, coming close on the heels of charred bodies

of unidentified woman, dumped after suspected rape and murder, being recovered in Buxar and Samastipur districts earlier this week, sparked outrage. While Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi evaded queries from journalists in

UNNAO RAPE CASE

Victim's death shameful, hope UP gov't hangs culprits: Kejriwal

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday called the death of the rape victim from Unnao "shameful" for every Indian and said he hoped that the Uttar Pradesh government will hang the culprits "to set an example" for the society. The rape victim, who was airlifted to a Delhi hospital after she was set ablaze allegedly by five persons, including two men accused of raping her, died on Friday night.

"The death of Unnao's daughter is shameful for every Indian. God give courage to the family of the victim. The whole country is standing with them in this fight. I hope that the UP government will soon complete the judicial process and hang our daughter's killers that will set an example for the whole society," Kejriwal said in a tweet in Hindi.



PM Modi attends top police officials' conference in Pune

PNS ■ PUNE

The National Conference of Directors General and Inspectors General of Police is underway in Pune with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in attendance on Saturday.

Before heading to the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) for the conference, Modi attended the Armed Forces Flag Day programme at the Raj Bhavan, district officials said

The three-day conference, which began on Friday, will conclude on Sunday.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval are also attending the conference.

(PMO) said in a tweet. The prime minister released a 57-minute video featuring Armed Forces Flag Day on Twitter saying, "On Armed Forces Flag Day we salute the indomitable courage of our forces and their families. I also urge you to contribute the welfare of our forces."

Before heading to the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) for the conference, Modi attended the Armed Forces Flag Day programme at the Raj Bhavan, district officials said. He also met the widow and daughter of major Kunal Gosavi, who was killed in the Nagrota terror attack in 2016, they said.

'No response from Mamata's office on requests for dialogue'

PNS ■ KOLKATA

West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar on Saturday said that all attempts to reach out to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee were exhausted as there was no response from her office regarding his requests for a dialogue.

Am sure there wd (would) b +ve (positive) response," he added. The governor, who has been at loggerheads with the Mamata Banerjee government over several issues, is being blamed by the ruling TMC for delaying clearance of pending bills leading to an abrupt two-day adjournment of the state assembly earlier this week, opening a new front for hostilities.

Stating that a chief minister should be in regular communication with the governor, Dhankhar said he was still hopeful about a positive response from Banerjee. "@MamataOfficial. As Governor after exhausting back channels I engaged in outreach to CM by publicly invit-



Cops 'abruptly withdraw' security to retired HC judge

PNS ■ KOLKATA

The Kerala police on Saturday "abruptly withdrew" security provided to retired High Court judge Justice B Kema Pasha, who had been vocal against the CPI(M)-led LDF government's 'failure' in handling various cases, sources said here. Justice Kema Pasha said four armed police guards deputed for his personal security were withdrawn by the government.

When contacted, he told PTL, "The decision was taken at the Home Secretary level on Friday. The police personnel left me ending their service today (Saturday)."

The retired judge noted that the security was withdrawn "abruptly" at a time when he was facing threat from Islamic States terror operatives in Kerala.

Over 400 youths from J-K inducted into Army

PNS ■ SRINAGAR

Over 400 freshly-trained youths from Jammu and Kashmir were on Saturday recruited into the Army at a passing-out-parade here, the first such parade of the force after the erstwhile state became the Union territory.



The passing-out-parade of the soldiers, belonging to different areas of Jammu and Kashmir, was conducted at the regimental centre of Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry (JAKLI) at Rangreth in the outskirts of the city here, an Army official said.

Kashmir were recruited into the Army's Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry (JAKLI) regiment after completing one year strenuous training.

CRIME AGAINST WOMEN Maya urges SC to take suo motu cognizance of rising incidents

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

BSP chief Mayawati on Saturday urged the Supreme Court to take suo motu cognizance of the growing incidents of crime against women and direct the Centre to take prompt steps for effectively checking them.



Launching a scathing attack on the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh, she said incidents of rape, murder and molestation are taking place all over the country, but in UP, such cases have been "excessive".

are taking place all over the country but in UP, such cases have been excessive. My party believes that till the state governments do not deal with the criminal elements promptly and sternly they cannot be checked," she said. Mayawati's remarks came after the death of Unnao rape victim in a Delhi hospital. The 23-year-old woman was set afire by five men, including her two alleged rapists, on

"It is a matter of deep regret that during the past some years, especially since the BJP government has come to power, women are not safe. This is not the only incident, in UP I said it yesterday also that there is not a day when there is not an incident of rape and murder, attempt to rape or molestation," Mayawati said at a press conference here. "They

Thursday morning when she was going to Rae Bareilly to attend a court hearing in the case filed by her. One of the two men accused of raping her last year was granted bail about 10 days ago. The other man had been on the run. All the five men involved in the Thursday attack have been arrested. "If the Supreme Court take note of the growing cases of crime against women on its own and direct the Centre to take action, I think then it (Centre) would come into action mode," the BSP chief said. "Parliament is in session and the Central government need to take cognizance of these cases and frame strict law for controlling it, but the Centre does not seem to be in action mode. My party wants the Supreme Court to take it seriously. First Hyderabad and now in Unnao, such cases have been taking place continuously," she said.



Night temp continues to drop in J-K, Ladakh

● At minus 25.4 deg C, Drass coldest

PNS ■ JAMMU

The night temperature continued to trend downward in Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh as Drass remained the coldest place in the region recording minus 25.4 degrees Celsius, a Meteorological Department official said on Saturday.

was reeling at a minimum of 15.9 degrees Celsius, the official added. Foggy conditions engulfed most parts of Kashmir, including Srinagar, as the Sun remained hidden behind the clouds in the morning, the official said.

Srinagar experienced its coldest night in the season so far with the mercury falling 0.6 degree Celsius to settle at a low of minus 3.6 degrees Celsius, three notches below the normal. He also demanded a ban on the upcoming Sunburn Electronic Dance Music Festival. The Goa government has given 'in-principle' approval for hosting Sunburn Klassique EDM festival in the coastal belt of Vagator in North Goa between December 27 and 29. "The government should promote classical music and not trance music. This trance music, to which the youth is getting attracted, is the music of demons," he said. Leh town, also in Ladakh,

He said the minimum temperature in Jammu and Kashmir's winter capital Jammu marked a slight dip and settled at 8.5 degrees Celsius, two notches below season's average.

Pahalgam hill resort in south Kashmir was the coldest recorded place in the valley with a low of minus 5.9 degrees Celsius followed by the famous ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir at minus 5.6 degrees Celsius, the official said. Katra, which serves as the base camp for the pilgrims visiting Vaishno Devi shrine in Reasi district of Jammu region, recorded a low of 8.7 degrees Celsius, the official said, adding Bhardarwah township of Doda district was, however, the coldest recorded place in the region with a minimum of 1.4 degrees Celsius.

GFP leader submits 'secret' report to PM on Goa drugs nexus



PNS ■ PANAJI

A Goa Forward Party (GFP) leader and former state minister on Saturday claimed that he has submitted to Prime Minister Narendra Modi a "secret" report on the drugs nexus, in which he has named several politicians and policemen.

I have submitted a secret report to the PM. I cannot disclose the contents of the report, but I have named politicians and police involved in the drug nexus, says Vinod Paliencar

Talking to reporters, GFP MLA Vinod Paliencar said he submitted the report to Modi last week. "I have submitted a secret report to the PM. I cannot disclose the contents of the report, but I have named politicians

and police involved in the drug nexus," he said. "Local police inspectors and sub-inspectors are hand-in-gloves with the drug peddlers. Narcotic trade is on the rise in Goa with the blessings of politicians and police," he alleged. In the last couple of months,

Salgaonkar in July this year following the induction of 10 Congress MLAs. He also demanded a ban on the upcoming Sunburn Electronic Dance Music Festival. The Goa government has given 'in-principle' approval for hosting Sunburn Klassique EDM festival in the coastal belt of Vagator in North Goa between December 27 and 29. "The government should promote classical music and not trance music. This trance music, to which the youth is getting attracted, is the music of demons," he said.

RIPPLE EFFECT

One lakh workers in auto parts industry lost jobs till July

PNS ■ NEW DELHI
The crisis in the Indian automobile industry has had its ripple effect on the auto component industry with most automobile manufacturers imposing a self-reduction of production by around 15-20%. As a result, the manufacturers and suppliers of components to these manufacturers have also had to cut down their production. The end result of this is the auto component industry is seeing shedding of over 100,000 temporary jobs till July this year. In the case of the largest car

maker, Maruti Suzuki, a majority of components follow a just-in-time delivery to the assembly line. The production plans are conveyed the previous day to the component suppliers. This means when the production is down in the Maruti car plant, the component units will also remain without work. They would also not pile up inventory without knowing what the production plan is going to be. The details have been shared by the trade body, the Automotive Component Manufacturers Association (ACMA). The association says

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the combined turnover of its members declined in the six-month period, April to September, this year to Rs 1.79 lakh crore against Rs 1.99 lakh crore for the same period of the previous year, a drop of 10.1%. The only saving grace for the industry has been that the figures for export and sales to the replacement market have shown a marginal increase. Exports were at Rs 51,397 crore and the aftermarket segment grew to Rs 35,096 crore. These represent an increase of 2.7% and 4% respectively from the previous year's figures. The ACMA has tried to quantify the notional loss in investment in the component sector too. They say if the industry had registered a growth of 10%, it would have attracted an investment of around \$2 billion, which now stands lost. The automobile industry in the country is currently making large scale changes to be in compliance with the BS-VI emission norms. This has meant an investment of up to Rs 90,000 crore. It is reported that this amount includes the components sector contribution of

around Rs 35,000 crore. Coming at a lean sales season, the industry is virtually crippled as far as the finances are concerned. Many of the component makers are in the MSME segment. The industry is hoping the government will intervene and prevent a total catastrophe. Another demand from the ACMA is to rationalise the GST. There are two slabs at which the components are taxed, 18% and 28%. The industry wants this to be made one level, 18%. The industry says this is leading to grey market operations in the replacement market.

Soft Bank sister firm to invest \$4 bn in renewable energy in Gujarat



CAPSULE

NTPC signs term loan of Rs 5,000 cr with SBI
NEW DELHI: Power generation company NTPC on Saturday said it has signed a term loan agreement for Rs 5,000 crore with State Bank of India (SBI). The loan facility has been extended at an interest rate linked to 3-month MCLR (marginal cost of funds-based lending rate) of the bank and has a door-to-door tenure of 15 years, NTPC said in a statement. The loan will be utilised to part finance the capital expenditure of NTPC, it said.

BANK FRAUD ED attaches Rs 34 cr assets of Gujarat company
NEW DELHI: Assets worth over Rs 34 crore of a Gujarat-based firm have been attached under the anti-money laundering law in connection with an alleged bank fraud case, the Enforcement Directorate said on Saturday. The Enforcement Directorate probe pertains to Biotor Industries Limited and its managing director, Rajesh M Kapadia, and others, which is also being investigated by the Gujarat police and the Central Bureau of Investigation. Probe revealed that the accused had "misappropriated" funds to the tune of about Rs 250 crore by preparing bogus bills and invoices during 2007-2009, the ED said in a statement. "Arif Ismailbhai Memon, owner of KGN Group of companies, was instrumental in preparing the circular paper transactions for transferring proceeds of crime in connivance with Rajesh Kapadia and others," it said. By adopting fraudulent methods, Memon parked the proceeds of crime of about Rs 62 crore in the accounts of the KGN Group companies, it alleged.

Gaurs Group to invest Rs 750 cr in new project
NEW DELHI: Realty firm Gaurs Group on Saturday said it will invest Rs 750 crore over the next three years to develop a commercial project in Greater Noida. The company will develop 12 lakh sq ft area in the project "Gaurs World Street". It will be mixed use commercial project comprising office and retail space as well as hotel, a company statement said. The project cost is estimated at around Rs 750 crore, it added. Gaurs Group has recently completed the construction of "Gaurs City Mall" comprising 15 lakh sq ft area with an investment of Rs 750 crore in Greater Noida. It expects to earn a rental income of around Rs 75 crore annually from this project. Gaurs has already developed "Gaurs Central Mall" at Raj Nagar District Centre in Ghaziabad.

OPEC agrees on oil output cuts after much 'brain squeezing'

PNS ■ VIENNA
The powerful OPEC group of oil producers and its allies reached a deal Friday to cut production by 500,000 barrels per day in a bid to stem prices which have been under pressure from abundant reserves and weak global economic growth. Friday's so-called OPEC+ meeting included Russia, the world's second-largest oil producer and not a member of the cartel. It ended with a deal for a cut effective as of January 1 which sets an output target 1.7 million barrels per day lower than October 2018 levels, with Saudi Arabia and Russia making almost half the additional reductions between them. In a surprise move, the bloc also announced that several participating countries, "mainly Saudi Arabia", would make additional voluntary cuts bringing the overall cut to more than 2.1 million barrels per day. World oil prices surged in response, with US benchmark WTI and its European counterpart Brent both rising two per cent in an initial reaction before settling down at levels around 1.3 per cent higher on the day in the late European afternoon. On Thursday, a meeting of



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OPEC ministers had run late into the evening without a deal. Saudi Oil Minister Prince Abdulaziz Ben Salman, who was at his first meeting in the post, said first-day talks lasting six hours saw delegations "labouring...until 11 o'clock in the evening, squashing their heads, squeezing their brains" in search of an agreement. Iraqi Oil Minister Thamer Ghadban told reporters Friday that "what will happen during the first quarter (of 2020) will be assessed during an extraordinary meeting" of OPEC and its partners in early March.

He held out the prospect that the cuts could even be extended until the end of 2020 but that it was "too early to say now". Earlier, Prince Abdulaziz hinted at Saudi irritation that not all countries have been sticking to the production quotas agreed under the current deal. While Saudi Arabia has voluntarily pumped below its quota other producers — including Russia, Iraq and Nigeria — had been exceeding theirs. "Like religion, if you are a believer you have to practice, without practice you are a non-believer," Prince Abdulaziz said, stressing the importance of "further conformity" if OPEC were to achieve its goals. Analyst David Madden at Markets.com said that "the usual infighting of OPEC continues, as the Saudis call for greater compliance with the group target, while the likes of Iraq have been overproducing". Saudi Arabia in particular has an interest in underpinning crude prices in the wake of its initial public offer (IPO) of shares in state-owned oil giant Aramco. The group, which alone accounts for around 10 per cent of the world's crude oil, said Thursday it had raised USD 25.6 billion in the world's biggest stock sale ever.

Soft Bank sister firm to invest \$4 bn in renewable energy in Gujarat

PNS ■ AHMEDABAD
SB Energy, a sister company of Soft Bank of Japan, has announced that it will invest USD 4 billion or Rs 30,000 crore in renewable energy sector in Gujarat, a state government release said on Friday. The announcement was made at a meeting between chief minister Vijay Rupani and Executive Chairman of SB Energy Manoj Kohli. The investment will be in solar energy, wind energy and other unconventional renewable energy sources, it said. The present installed capacity of renewable energy in Gujarat is 8,885 MW and the state government aims to ramp it up to 30,000 MW by 2022.

"Of this 30,000 MW, 20,000 MW will be used in the state while another 10,000 MW will be given to other states. SB Energy's announcement of investing 4 billion US dollars will go a long way in achieving the target," the release said. Rupani, on Friday, also inaugurated a Global Business Services Centre of Bank of America at Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (Gift-City) in Gandhinagar. Chief Operations and Technology Officer of Bank of America, Catherine Bessant, said it started its operations in India in 2004, and this was its fifth unit after Hyderabad, Mumbai, Guragaon and Chennai.



Nepal SBI posts 13% growth in net profit for FY19

PNS ■ KATHMANDU
Nepal SBI Bank, a subsidiary of State Bank of India, has posted a Rs 229.25 crore net profit for 2018-19, registering a growth of 13.29 per cent. The bank mobilised total deposit of Rs 9,792.45 crore and extended loans and advances of Rs 8,864.47 crore at the closing of the year, according to a statement issued by the bank ahead of its Annual General Meeting. Speaking at a press briefing, Nepal SBI Managing Director Anukul Bhatnagar said that the banking sector of Nepal should jointly fight against possible cyber attack as leakage of information of one bank could jeopardize the performance of the entire banking system. The bank has decided to distribute 16.84 per cent bonus including 6 per cent bonus share and 10.84 per cent cash dividends from the last year's profit and accumulated profits of the past, he informed.

Netflix looking to export content from India with Rs 3 K cr investment

PNS ■ NEW DELHI
Online video streaming platform Netflix is looking to develop premium content in India and distribute it globally, its Chief Executive Officer Reed Hastings said on Friday. He said that a reason for investing in India is stable regulatory regime and allowing self-regulation for over-the-top players such as Netflix. "So many great storytellers are there in India. We are just investing in using those and exporting. Internet does many things but one of them allows Indian content to be shared around the world," Hastings said. He was speaking at a panel discussion organised by his company with Bollywood actress Huma Qureshi. He said the company is investing Rs 3,000 crore to develop content, and Indian content is being watched around the world. "We have had successes of



Laila and Sacred Games all around. A cute little one is Mighty Little Bhim -- that's great Indian little character. Now, we have made a little series which is subscribed and being watched by 27 million households," Hastings said. He said Mighty Little Bhim is being watched across Brazil, Canada and other countries. "Such an opportunity here to be like the UK. The UK exports tremendous amount of content. What we are trying to invest here. It has been in movies but premium series like Laila and Sacred Games have been under development," Hastings said.

Bharti Airtel to gain at cost of Vodafone Idea: brokerages

PNS ■ NEW DELHI
Telecom czar Sunil Bharti Mittal-led Bharti Airtel may consolidate its position at the expense of Vodafone Idea Ltd as it has better balance sheet strength to deal with the eventuality of having to pay past statutory dues in case the Supreme Court rejects their review petitions, brokerages said. Airtel and Vodafone Idea have filed separate petitions in the Supreme Court seeking review of the October 24 order of the apex court that held them liable to pay statutory dues for past 14 years after including non-telecom revenue in their annual adjusted gross revenues (AGR). The dues totalling Rs 1.47 lakh crore for the industry are to be paid within three months of the order. "The liabilities are large at USD 4.8 billion for Airtel and USD 5 billion for Vodafone

Airtel and Vodafone Idea have filed separate petitions in the Supreme Court seeking review of the October 24 order of the apex court that held them liable to pay statutory dues for past 14 years after including non-telecom revenue in their annual adjusted gross revenues



Idea, and if the Supreme Court were to dismiss the review petition causing the entire liabilities to devolve, it would be a negative development for Airtel but even more serious for Vodafone Idea which may find it difficult to fund these liabilities before January 24, 2020," Morgan Stanley said in a report. This, it said, "could potentially lead to further market share consolidation in the industry thereby strengthen-

ing Airtel's positioning in the industry." The two firms have been lobbying together with the government for relief on payment of the statutory liabilities. Bharti Airtel's board has already approved raising USD 3 bn through a combination of equity (USD 2 bn) and debt (USD 1 bn). "In our view, this fundraise is primarily to take care of the worst-case outcome wherein the entire AGR dues become payable," it said. "However, if part of the AGR liabilities were to be waived and/or were paid over a period of time, then the company could use the proceeds for repayment of existing debt. In either case, we see Airtel's balance sheet strength as a differentiating factor in the industry."

Godrej Agrovet hopeful of achieving 14-15% revenue growth

PNS ■ KOLKATA
Diversified agro-business company Godrej Agrovet Ltd on Friday said it is optimistic of achieving at least 14 to 15 per cent growth in its revenue during the current fiscal, amid economic slowdown in the country. The company is also expecting to record 17 to 18 per cent growth in its net profit during the fiscal 2019-20, an official said. "Last fiscal, we had grown by about 10 per cent to Rs 5,900 crore. We are aiming at Rs 7,000 crore topline but optimistic of achieving at least 14-15 per cent growth in revenue in the current financial year," Godrej Agrovet managing director B S Yadav said here. He said revenue growth is expected due to price hike of our products as input costs have increased and better performance of

some verticals. The company will continue to make capital expenditure of Rs 250-300 crore for another three years with a focus on few verticals like animal feeds, agro-chemicals and value-added dairy. "The company is expecting better profit margin. Growth of profit before tax (PBT) will be 7-8 per cent and net profit growth at 17-18 per cent (due to decline in corporate tax)," he said. He was in the city to launch imported crop protection chemical "Hanabi" to prevent from red spider mite prevalent in the tea gardens of east and north-east region. Yadav said the company sees a lot of potential in exporting agro-chemicals as India has become more competitive than China.

US agency implements H-1B electronic registration process

PNS ■ WASHINGTON
The US has completed implementation of H-1B electronic registration process for the 2021 cap season and the petitions for the most sought after work visa among Indian IT professionals will be accepted from April 1 next year, the country's immigration agency has announced. The H-1B visa is a non-immigrant visa that allows the US companies to employ foreign workers in speciality occupations that require theoretical or technical expertise. The technology companies depend on it to hire tens of thousands of employees each year from countries like India and China. The US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS),



the federal agency mandated with task of approving such applications, on Friday announced that it had completed the process to implement the H-1B electronic registration process for the 2021 cap season. The companies applying for H-1B visas for foreign workers for the fiscal year 2021 would have to register online and pay a processing fee of USD 10. The USCIS would start

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accepting the H-1B petitions from April 1, 2020 for the next fiscal year. "The electronic registration process will dramatically streamline processing by reducing paperwork and data exchange, and will provide an overall cost savings to petitioning employers," the USCIS said. Under this new process, employers seeking H-1B workers subject to the cap, or their authorized representatives, will

complete a registration process that requires only basic information about their company and each requested worker. The USCIS will open an initial registration period from March 1 to March 20, 2020. The H-1B random selection process, if needed, will then be run on those electronic registrations. Only those with selected registrations will be eligible to file H-1B cap-subject petitions, according to a

media report. "By streamlining the H-1B cap selection process with a new electronic registration system, USCIS is creating cost savings and efficiencies for petitioners and the agency, as only those selected will now be required to submit a full petition," said USCIS Deputy Director Mark Koumans. "The agency completed a successful pilot testing phase, which included sessions with industry representatives, and implementation of the registration system will further the goal of modernizing USCIS from a paper-based to an online-filing agency," he said. USCIS will post step-by-step instructions informing registrants how to complete the registration process on its website along with key dates and

timelines as the initial registration period nears. The federal agency will also conduct public engagements and other outreach activities to ensure registrants and interested parties are familiar with the new registration system, it said. The USCIS may determine if it is necessary to continue accepting registrations, or open an additional registration period, if it does not receive enough registrations and subsequent petitions projected to reach the numerical allocations, it added. The H1B visa has an annual numerical limit cap of 65,000 visas each fiscal year as mandated by the Congress. The first 20,000 petitions filed on behalf of beneficiaries with a US master's degree or higher are exempt from the cap.



Shirin Merchant at a dog training workshop in Delhi

WHISPER TO YOUR DOG

Unruly, unhappy and aggressive pets can be a problem not just for the pet parents but also those around. SHALINI SAKSENA speaks with SHIRIN MERCHANT, the pet shrink, who busts myths and tells you how to understand what dogs are saying

"Hello, is this the dog shrink?" the caller on the other end of the line demanded.

"Yes," dog shrink replied.

"You have to help me," the lady stated matter-of-factly. "Fendi is guarding the refrigerator and won't let us open it. If anyone goes close he gets very angry".

"Is there any reason he would need to guard it?" the shrink probed, her years of experience telling her that Fendi was the dog and not a visiting cousin.

It's his caviar. He loves it and doesn't want to share it with us."

A week after Fendi's owner called me, the shrink got another call.

"Hello, is this the dog shrink?" the lady drawled.

"Yes," the shrink sighed, knowing exactly who it was.

"We won't be needing your help," she said dismissively. "We have solved the problem."

"That's great!" the shrink replied, wondering what novel method of training they used to solve the problem. "What did you do?"

"It's simple," she said. "We bought him his own refrigerator. Now Fendi guards his own fridge and leaves ours alone. You may cancel our appointment. Thank you and good night."

She was born into a family that had dogs. She grew up along with them. She has always loved animals, especially dogs. When she was in her early 20s, she met her mentor John Rogerson, who had come to India for a workshop. When she attended this session, with her pet, realising that it would change her life. She loved the session so much that she ended up meeting Rogerson, went to England to study and when she came back to India, she started her practice. Meet the country's dog shrink — Shirin Merchant.

What is a pet shrink or a dog behaviourist and how what he does is different from a vet? "Just like in the human world there are different professions, the same is true in the animal world. There is a dog nutritionist, a physiotherapist, a dog trainer and a vet who treats the animals and then there is the behaviourist. A behaviourist is a person who acts as a bridge between the pet and the humans and reduces the gap that exists between the species. He helps you to understand your pet and the problem the human is facing. A number of times the humans and the dog faces problems because they can't understand each other. Very often the pet parents have a problem because they can't understand what the dog wants since they don't speak dog language and the canine can't express what he is feeling since it is a dog. A behaviourist bridges the gap by explaining the canine behaviour and how to work around the problems to the pet parents. Typical issues that are faced by humans when it comes to their dog includes urinating inappropriately, destruction, fear and depression to name a few. He is a kind of a dog psychologist," Merchant explains.

She tells you that even though humans have been keeping pets for centuries, yet the need for a pet behaviourist has gone up. There is a reason for the same. "For centuries, we have been keeping dogs; for centuries villagers have been keeping dogs in the country. If one were to see villager with a dog, the pet will come when called, takes the cattle to the pastures, comes when it is hungry, walks for kilometers with the owner and doesn't need a leash. Yet the animal is the happiest. If you talk to a villager and mention trainer and behaviourist, he would have a blank look and want to know what the work would entail and that it is the most ridiculous profession under the sun. Today,

in the urban set-up, there are far more trainers and behaviourists than ever before. Yet we have more dogs that are abandoned and put up for adoption due to the pet's behaviour than ever before. This means that as per parents, we are doing something that is seriously wrong.

"One of the reasons partly is why we keep a dog, to begin with. In the past, when people kept a dog, they were ready for it. Today, people keep a dog on a whim. 'I have a big house, let me keep a dog.' 'My child is lonely, let me get a dog.' 'I want a bigger and fancier breed than my neighbour.' Research shows that we spend more time while looking for a car that we will buy and probably have only for three-four years than on an animal which will stay with them for more than 15 years. People don't give it much thought. They get the dog on a flimsy reason. Then they realise that the pet is far more of a responsibility. When they realise they can't cope and that is when the dog is put up for adoption. Also, there are so many people around them and they feel that they can be roped in to look after the dog," Merchant says.

Let's take the Husky. She tells you that there is a need to choose the right breed as well and this is not applicable to India. Everyone wants to keep a foreign dog. This is truer in the Indian scenario. Everyone wants an exotic looking dog. There is no denying that is a beautiful looking dog. "But it is not fit for the Indian weather. It is not just the coat. The Husky has a double coat to protect it from the freezing temperatures. I see the Husky from the point of view of what it was made to do. It was not bred to sit at home and taken for two walks on a leash. The Husky was made to pull the sleigh in the freezing temperature. If one can't give the environment in which it was supposed to be, there is a difference between a dog thriving and a dog surviving. When we choose a breed, we must choose what suits our environment and lifestyle. When people say that they want to keep a Dalmatian, I tell them no. The animal was made to run. The dog loves to run. It won't die, if it doesn't run, but then again the survive and thrive rule applies here as well," Merchant says.

She opines that one of the reasons why some dogs act up is because they don't get the environment that they are genetically bred for.



THERE ARE CERTAIN SIGNS THAT ONE CAN PICK UP WHEN THE DOG IS STRESSED. SLEEPING A LOT, SNIFFING THE GROUND, LICKING ITS PAWS, REFUSING TO EAT, YAWING A LOT, PANTING AND HYPER-ACTIVE BEHAVIOUR. LOOK FOR SITUATIONS THAT CAUSE STRESS AND ELIMINATE THEM

She tells you that people make the wrong choice when it comes to choosing the dog; they do so on the basis of how they look. "Some people say they want a small dog and keep a Beagle. But they forgot that the breed is a hound and needs twice the amount of mental exercise than most other dogs. We often refer to a dog having the best life ever since all he ever does is go for walks, eating, sleeping and having a little playtime. We have to understand that just because it is sleeping it is lucky. Dogs don't want this. These are working dogs and want to do something with their mind. When we don't give it this, it is just lying around. We don't give the dog a purpose to wake up everyday. Just like we plan our day," Merchant says.

If one has a dog, they already know what it loves. Take the dog for a drive, take it to meet the person they love. Day after, take it for an ice cream. Play a different game. This will make it want to wake up every day wanting to know what it will be doing that day. But don't do things that are not viable since they pet will be with you for years and years. "Labradors love to swim. Take it to a place where they can do the same. Take the dog for a trek as a surprise. One can change the direction of the walk. Small things, just like we have in our lives that keeps us going. Not all pets requires the same kind of commitment. However, one has to be breed specific for certain dos and don'ts. If one has a sedentary lifestyle don't keep a dog that needs exercise. If you work from 8 am to 8 pm, don't get a dog at all. Dogs don't need a designer bed or a fancy home or money or aroma therapy baths. They need time from us, they want to play with us. The biggest do is give them time. Teach them manners, how to behave in the society and train it in a way that doesn't take away the trust it has put in you," Merchant says.

She doesn't agree that a dog should not be trained. Just like we teach a child to behave, they same way, we need to train the pet. "It is our responsibility to teach our pet manners. In order to train the pet, it has to be reward-based than aggressive tactics," Merchant says who doesn't mind when she is called the dog shrink.

She busts some myths. She tells you that it is not necessary for a dog to choose just one master and be loyal to him. "It is not true that a dog is loyal to just one person. If there are seven-eight, it depends who are invest-

ed in the dog's life. If all are invested, it will respond to all alike. But if there is only one person who feeds him, plays with him and trains him, it will be more invested in that person. The best part is that it doesn't affect the psyche of the dog. They are social animals and love to be with a larger group," Merchant says.

She tells you that aggression in dogs is due to certain situations since dogs are social animals. She tells you that Doberman is not necessarily an aggressive dog. It depends on his genetic make-up and how he has been trained. "I know and have come across many Dobermans who are the friendliest of the lot," Merchant says.

She tells you that dogs don't always understand everything that the human says. "They have been conditioned in a manner where they can pick up body language. They don't pick up just words, but cues and gestures as well and therefore some times they will come and nuzzle the human if the human is sad. But not all dogs will do the same, it may care less," Merchant says.

She points out that since each dog has its personality traits, there are certain points that one can pick up to understand what the dog wants or is feeling. "There are certain signs that one can pick up when the dog is stressed. Sleeping a lot, sniffing the ground, licking its paws, refusing to eat, yawing a lot, panting, hyper-active behaviour. These are some of the signs that one change in a dog's life. Look for situations that cause stress and then eliminate them," Merchant says.

In over two decades that Merchant has been a behaviourist, there was a case that was tough to handle. But it was more because of the human rather than the dog.

"A young girl had called saying that the dog had bitten off her face, her lip and the part of the thumb. Over the phone, the situation didn't sound very encouraging. But the lady kept insisting so I agreed to meet her. As we went through the consult. I found that the only time that the dog would bite was when the young person would hug the pet and disturb it when it was sleeping. The next week, the dog bit the girl again. I told her that she needed to change her behaviour. 'But she looks so cute while asleep' she said. Thankfully, daughter had got her mother who put her foot down. Luckily the daughter changed her behaviour and all was well, Merchant says.

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— Gina Carano



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Instead of seeking God's help for the fulfillment of your aspirations, it is better take charge of yourself



FOOD TRENDS 2020

MINDFUL EATING, ghar ka khaana continue to rule

With the rapid proliferation of the F&B business across the country, millions of dollars riding on food enterprises, and several million people dependent on it for their livelihood, finding one's way through the maze of taste is serious business, writes RUSHINA MUNSHAW-GHILDIYAL, as she maps the trends for an annual food trends report for 2020

The year 2019 was a year of unprecedented growth and digital disruption for the food industry. Digital technology drove how we ate all the time. It was the year in which more Indians ate more food "not" cooked in their homes than ever before! Whether you wanted Pizza, Biryani or Gobhi Manchurian, or a regional favourite such as Rajasthani Lal Maas, Naga Pork or the Gujarati Undhiyu, getting food from a home chef's kitchen was easier than it has ever been, thanks to digital technology!

Even the way we eat at home changed — the culture of passing down recipes from one generation to the next is being replaced by online recipe sharing, consumer facing apps, DIY videos, and more.

Therefore, in a country where Mumbai responds to regional pop-ups enthusiastically while Delhi is nonchalant about the idea, and Indore is expanding its culinary wings while Kolkata is looking back at its culinary traditions, it's quite a challenge for businesses to identify concepts that have potential to succeed across our inherent diversity.

In such a scenario, food businesses can benefit from a resource that monitors changes in business and consumer expectations, identifies underlying themes that drive these changes, and helps separate the fads from the trends.

Over the past three years, I have found that putting together the annual Godrej Food Trends report requires everything from data analytics to pure intuition on the part of our core team. As a forecaster of trends, it is important that the report is able to differentiate fads from trends. The key distinction between the two is that while trends have the potential to exert long-term influence on the market, a fad is usually isolated, coming and going quickly.

Trends, therefore, don't exist in isolation. They are a sum of many things, often including altered classics, and can have much longer life cycles, sometimes being around for years, or even decades.

One of my favourite examples is our return to our roots. Over the last two iterations of the report, we described a growing movement of self-discovery in the Indian food industry. This desire to learn more about our diverse culinary culture and traditions began in 2018 with an initial exploration into Indian regional cuisines. In 2019, we went beyond the broad strokes of regional cuisines and took a deep dive into the micro-cuisines of India. We saw an explosion of conversations, events, products and dining experiences inspired by micro-cuisines from specific sub-regions, communities, and even family kitchens of India.

This inspired exploration into home kitchens brought the true custodians of Indian cuisine into the limelight as the food industry connected with *nanis*, *dadis*, mothers or home chefs as SMEs (Subject Matter Experts), or sources of inspiration and knowledge of our rich culinary diversity. This in turn drove a re-discovery of traditional ingredients, as ordinary vegetables became the new exotic and *gharelu* greens such as *kele ke phool*, *bathua*, *tendli*, *lauki* and *tinda* featured prominently on restaurant menus. Let me tell you, this trend has not shown no signs of ebbing. It continues to play in 2020.

That said, I must admit we don't always get it all right. While we are on target in a majority of cases, sometimes trends don't play out as anticipated. For instance, in 2019, we heard a lot of talk about millets driving a discovery of other indigenous grains, celebrated as a climate-smart choice for farmers and consumers, but

THIS DESIRE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR DIVERSE CULINARY CULTURE AND TRADITIONS BEGAN IN 2018 WITH AN INITIAL EXPLORATION INTO INDIAN REGIONAL CUISINES. IN 2019, WE WENT BEYOND THE BROAD STROKES OF REGIONAL CUISINES AND TOOK A DEEP DIVE INTO THE MICRO-CUISINES OF INDIA. THE TREND CONTINUES TO PLAY IN 2020



this trend did not map out as expected. The consumption of indigenous grains hasn't grown as significantly as the noise would suggest. What happened to all that hype? Do chefs and media influencers not put their money where their mouth is?

To answer all those questions, as we usher in the report's third year, the 2020 edition points at some interesting big trends (organised alphabetically) for the coming year:

Continued commitment to provenance and mindful eating. Powered by the growing demand for sustainable practices, consumers will continue to make active choices that help minimise their carbon footprint by supporting local/artisanal producers and eating seasonally.

Deeper exploration of South-East Asian flavours. In 2020, the restaurant industry will offer diners a greater variety of South-East Asian flavours through deeper explorations of the popular cuisines, along with specialist menus from previously unexplored regional and ethnic cuisines from the region.

Emergence of the neighbourhood 'foodpreneur'. The growing demand for fresh, healthy, hygienic and familiar *ghar ka khaana*, combined with the convenience of digital communications and payment platforms, will encourage many more traditional, regional and community cooks to start mini-enterprises from their home kitchens, offering limited daily specials to small communities of their fans.

Keeping it real. Fuelled by an ever-growing consumer demand for authenticity, 2020 will see a growth of dining experiences designed around real issues, real people, real ingredients, and real stories!

Longing for ghar-ka-khana. The decline in daily cooking at home, because of changing social dynamics and attitudes towards cooking, will see nostalgic diners ordering food that reminds them of their own *ghar-ka-khana*, more often than ever before!

No-compromise convenience cooking. A discerning consumer of 2020, experimenting with the latest health fads and lifestyle diets, can look forward to many more options for quickly and conveniently assembling personalised meals at home, with little or no compromises to their choices.

Proliferation of desi flavours. As an outcome of the persistent demand for all things indigenous, consumers should expect

to see a proliferation of *desi* flavours in everything from small plates to cocktails, and even desserts in 2020!

Return to traditional fats. The growing appreciation of the significance of our choice of cooking medium will inspire more consumers in 2020 to go with *desi ghee* and cold-pressed local seed oils over other options.

Rise of the culinary explorer. An evolving sense of social, financial and cultural independence among young people will drive a greater demand for aspirational, novel, and even exotic travel and dining experiences. These experiences will be inspired by exciting new cuisines from within and outside the country.

Revival of culinary traditions. Riding the ongoing wave of deeper exploration and discovery of our culinary heritage, food businesses and restaurants will find exciting new ways of packaging traditional food wisdom, knowledge, cookware, cooking techniques and food preparation methods to make it suitable for the demands of the modern dining experience.

"When it comes to food, Indians have always preferred *ghar-ka-khana*," says Sujit Patil, Vice President and Head, Corporate Brand and Communications, Godrej Industries Limited and associate companies, reviewing the key findings.

"The growth of technology is also shaping what we eat. It is not only giving a big boost to the food processing industry, but also enabling home chefs to become 'foodpreneurs'."

For Patil, as he says it, what is "heart-warming" about the findings is that they point to "the emergence of the neighbourhood foodpreneur" in 2020, parallel to the revival of culinary traditions and a proliferation of *desi* flavours in everything, from small plates to cocktails, and even desserts. The emerging future happily rides on the past.

In fact, as you delve deeper, you will find that 2020 will continue to be the year of discovery and it will see us immersing deeper into our culinary diversity than ever before! The food industry will continue to draw inspiration from the home kitchen. Indian ingredients and flavours will dominate conversations, menus, beverages and even our desserts.

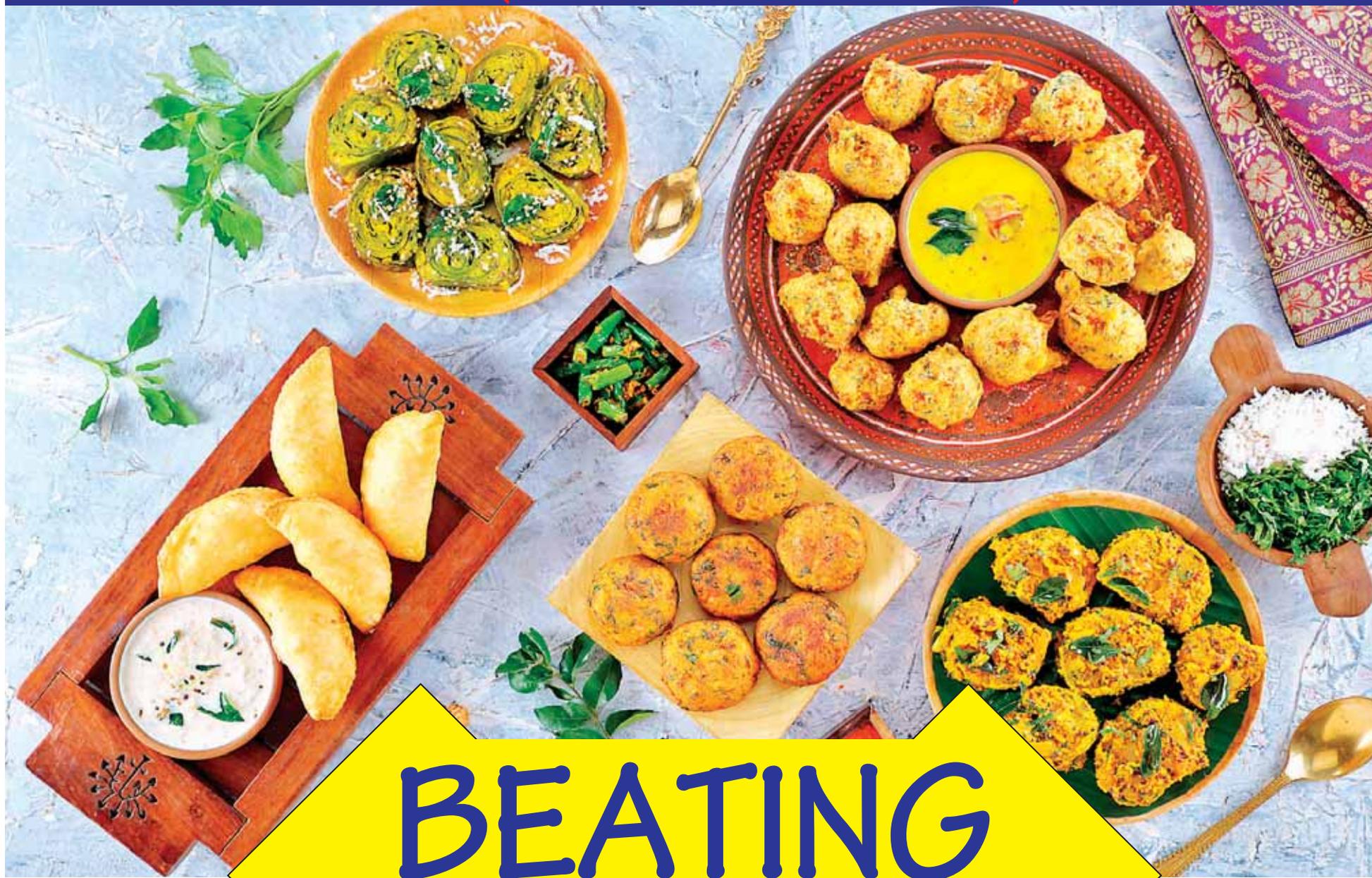
The year ahead will continue to reveal newer facets of the power of digital disruption. Every aspect of the industry will galvanise to deliver what consumers want and work to meet their needs. In an era of consumer hyper choice, the food producer will have to do more to stand out and seamlessly deliver exceptional service while at the same time ensuring food variety, quality and integrity, transparency and sustainability.

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SARSON DA SAAG IS IDEALLY TO BE EATEN WITH MAKAI KI ROTI, JAGGERY AND WHITE BUTTER. IT CAN BE COOLED AND STORED IN THE REFRIGERATOR FOR 2 TO 3 DAYS. IT CAN ALSO BE AN EXCELLENT TOPPING ON A CRISPY TOASTED SLICE OF GARLIC BAGUETTE WITH SOME JAGGERY AND WHITE BUTTER TOPPING



BEATING WINTER BLUES

ADADIYA PAK

- INGREDIENTS:**
- * Urad dal Atta (Coarse) — 150 gms
 - * Channa Dal Atta — 150 gms
 - * Mix Dry Fruits — 100 gms
 - * Gondh — 100 gms
 - * Khus Khus — 25 gms
 - * Milk — 3 tbsp
 - * Sugar — 250 gms
 - * Ghee — 250 gms
 - * Saunth powder — 50 gms

- METHOD:**
- * Take 2 cups split black gram flour (urad dal flour should be coarse like suji, make sure it's not in powder foam).
 - * In a large bowl, add milk and ¼ cup clarified butter to the flour and mix thoroughly.
 - * After half hour, sieve this flour by pressing mildly. Set aside.
 - * In a heavy bottomed pan, heat the clarified butter and fry edible gum on high flame. Set aside.
 - * Chopped edible gum uneven and make coarsely powder using a mortar.
 - * Add flour and poppy seeds to clarified butter and roast it on a low flame stirring continuously till light brown or until 25 to 35 minutes.
 - * Once it is browned, add finely chopped edible gum.
 - * Mix well and turn off the flame. Let it cool for 10 to 15 minutes.
 - * Add in saunth powder and sugar.
 - * Spread it on a square or round plate, garnish with almonds. Cool 3 to 4 hours and cut it in desired shapes or can even be made into laddoos.



Winter is here and there's nothing better than traditional dishes to gorge on. Below are a few dishes by Khandani Rajdhani that will make your tummy go warm with delight. Below mentioned recipes include Adadiya Pak, Sarson da Saag, Surti Undhiyu.

SURTI UNDHIYU

- INGREDIENTS GRINDING MASALA**
- * Garlic — ½ cup
 - * Coconut (without the dark skin) — ½ cup
 - * Raw peanuts — 1 tbsp
 - * Corriander Fresh — 6 tbsp
- MIXING MASALA:**
- * Green chilli paste — 1 tbsp
 - * Ginger paste — 1 tbsp
 - * Garlic paste — 1 tsp
 - * Haldi powder — 1 tsp
 - * Dhania powder — 1 tsp
 - * Jeera powder — 1 tsp
 - * Garam masala powder — 1 tsp
 - * Ajwain — 1 tsp
 - * Salt to taste
 - * Dry coconut
 - * White til — 1 tbsp
 - * Sugar — 1 tbsp
 - * Hing — 1 tsp
 - * Green garlic chives — 100 gms
- VEGETABLES:**
- * Shakarkand — 100 gms
 - * Peeled potato — 200 gms
 - * Purple yam (Ratalu) — 150 gms
 - * Eggplant — 4
 - * Raw banana — 1 pcs (Cut into 6 pcs)
 - * Surti papdi — 500 gms
 - * Green peas — 100 gms



- TADKA:**
- * Oil — 4 tbsp
 - * Garlic paste — 1 Tsp
 - * Hing — 1 Tsp
 - * Ajwain — 1 Tsp
 - * Green Chilli paste — 1 tsp
- METHIMUTHIYA:**
- * Fresh methi — 2 cups
 - * Green chilli paste — 2 tsp
 - * Ginger paste — 1 and 1/2 tsp
 - * Garlic paste — 1 tsp
 - * Salt — 1 tsp
 - * White til — 1 tbsp
 - * Hing — ½ Tsp
 - * Haldi powder — 1 tsp
 - * Sugar — 1.5 tsp
 - * Curd — 1 tbsp
 - * Besan — 1 Cup
 - * Atta Kar Kara — ½ cup
 - * Maida — ½ Cup
- METHOD :**
- * Take all the grinding masala and grind to a coarse consistency.
 - * Mix all the mixing masala to the coarsely ground masala with one part of the green garlic chives and chopped coriander.
 - * Cut potato, yam, sweet potato, raw banana (with skin) into 1 inch size pieces.
 - * Slit the banana and egg plant and stuff with the masala.
 - * Take oil in the cooker and add all the tadka ingredients and sauté. Add beans, stuffed vegetables and Methi Muthiya and pour some water over all vegetables.
 - * Cook for four whistles.
 - * Remove onto the serving plate and garnish with left over green garlic chives and chopped coriander.

SARSON DA SAAG

- INGREDIENTS:**
- * Sarson ka Saag — 4 bunches
 - * Spinach — 2 bunches
 - * Bathua — 1 bunch
 - * Green Chillies — 2-3 no's
 - * Makaika atta — 1 cup
- TADKA INGREDIENTS:**
- * Ghee — 3 tbsp
 - * Ginger finely chopped — 2 tbsp
 - * Green chilli — 3 tbsp
 - * Onion finely chopped — 2-3 no's
- Serving:**
- * White butter — 1 tbsp

- METHOD:**
- * Chop all green leafy vegetables finely and rinse thoroughly in running water.
 - * Chop the onion, ginger and green chillies finely.
 - * Take a cooking pot with lid and add about 500 ml of water and bring it to boil.
 - * Add all of the chopped greens and 1 part of the green chillies to the boiling water, cover the lid and cook the greens for about 15 to 20 min on slow flame.
 - * Remove the cooking pot off the flame and add the Makai atta in batches and keep mashing the cooked greens till all the Makai atta is dissolved in the greens.
 - * Take ghee in another pot and add ginger, green chillies and onion and sauté till the onions are translucent and soft.
 - * Add entire green mixture to this tadka and cook for another 15 to 20 min.
 - * Add salt and season the whole mixture.
 - * Serve hot with big dollop of white butter on top.





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In *90ML*, a movie about alcoholism, Rao Ramesh, while watching a movie that features a drunk Chiranjeevi on TV, answers a fundamental question that everybody at one point of time would have asked: If a person is an alcoholic does that automatically make him or her a bad person?

This is the question that Devadas (Kartikaya) is forced to confront throughout the film. Devadas suffers from a congenital 'fatal alcoholic syndrome' that requires him to drink 90ML of alcohol three times a day, without which he will perspire substantially, grow weak and die within minutes. The movie doesn't try to explain the science behind this disorder as it is more about how the society treats an alcoholic.

The debate on alcohol holds the film together, to the extent that it almost feels like an extension of the cautionary message about tobacco and alcohol shown in the beginning of each movie. Though the posters of the movie — showing Kartikaya pouring alcohol into a plant — drew flak for glamorising alcoholism, the movie by and large explores the demerits within the limitations of commercial potboiler.

The fast-paced screenplay, relentlessly, pits Devadas against his dependence on alcohol for his survival and the consequences from that need. Even though he is an MBA gold medalist, with a heart of gold that saves people from time to time, he struggles finding a job, wooing a girl or even registering himself as a good citizen in the eyes of the law.

The character of Devadas is fleshed out enough to show us his struggle and acceptance

with his condition. His character is better understood in light of his antagonist, John Wik (Ravi Kishan). In order to elevate the hero beyond the role of a regular alcoholic, John is also shown as an alcoholic but with a different reaction to the addiction.

John is rich and spoilt and indulges in alcoholism without regret. Ravi Kishan, through his over-the-top acting and inappropriate gender fluid attire, brings out the madness of a true anti-social lonely alcoholic. Whereas Devadas, on the other hand, is poor but self aware. He knows that his life-threatening disorder is not an excuse for him to behave irresponsibly. Even when he hides his 'addiction' from the leading lady, Suvasana (Neha Solanki), he is unapologetic because he knows, more than others, that he wishes he didn't have this condition.

Both alcoholics clash over Suvasana which forms the climax of the movie. Staying true to their characters, while John wants to cheat through his alcoholism to get the girl, Devadas is ready to

forgo of his 'addiction' for the girl even if it means to kill himself. The film lies bare various faces of an alcoholic through these two primary characters.

Suvasana, along with her family, plays an important foil to the hero in showing how even our closest people fail to understand the horrors of alcoholism. The family also provides light slapstick entertainment that is peppered throughout the movie. Their clash with John Wik's goons (Raghu Karumanchi and Prabhakar) bring peals of laughter. Brief cameos of Posani Krishna Murali, as the Father at a church and Ali, as the head of a rehabilitation centre, also keep the film on a light-hearted note. Even

Kartikaya's comic timing and playful nature elevates his onscreen persona.

A dark topic such as this is portrayed on screen without preaching and amid the troupes that are common to big budget Telugu movies. Director Sekhar Reddy Yerra, doesn't fail to make Karthikeya larger-than-life through dust-raising, concrete-cracking fight sequences among some slow motion walk cycles.

The BGM given by Anup Rubens highlights the masala elements further, but the numerous songs drag the pace of the movie. Same is the case with the dubbing that is out-of-sync in

many places. Even the first song of the film that plays *90ML* on a loop might get stuck inside the head of a real alcoholic who loves his forbidden path. The primary strength of the movie lies in the editing and screenplay that doesn't divert the audience's attention from the exploration of alcoholism while at the same time keeping the energy constant in the film. Even with all its good intentions, the film ends without giving a solution and worse gives a wrong impression. The larger issue that it addresses stays unresolved. Suvasana brings Devadas back from the dead and embraces him and his addiction wholeheartedly. She also takes up drinking along with him and the credits roll.

CAST:
 Kartikeya,
 Neha Solanki,
 Ravi Kishan,
 Rao Ramesh,
 Raghu Karumanchi and
 Prabhakar

DIRECTOR:
 Sekhar Reddy Yerra

VERDICT:
 The writers of *90ML* walked a thin line. They tried their best not to glorify alcoholism while at the same time keep the audience entertained with the story of an alcoholic and his struggles. It is worth at least a watch for its attempt to portrayal of addiction in a mainstream Telugu film.

Rating: 2.5



Panipat has its moments

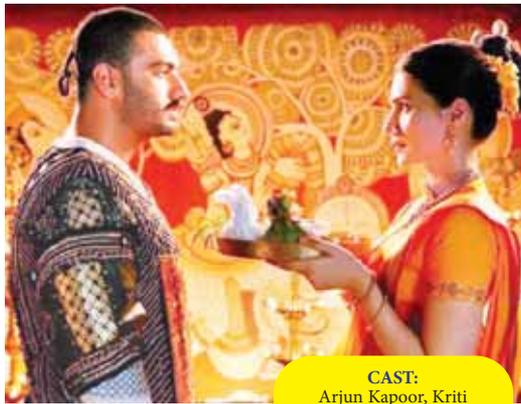
History tells you Ahmad Shah Abdali was a ruthless conqueror and shrewd battle strategist. He led a marauding Afghan army into India thrice, plundering all that crossed his path and leaving a trail of red in the waters of the Yamuna on each occasion. History tells you Abdali was 39 or 40 when he fought the third Battle of Panipat.

In Ashutosh Gowariker's *Panipat*, a 60-year-old Sanjay Dutt plays out Abdali as a man without menace, an invader who almost seems apologetic all through for arriving in India and unsettling its peace. The Afghans he leads in the film are a bunch of cowards who scamper from the battlefield when cornered.

Bollywood history, of course, is normally written by its screenwriters to serve a very different purpose than enlightening viewers with authentic facts. It's often about accommodating facts in a way that they narrate what we wish might have happened.

Gowariker's *Panipat* dutifully follows that dictat, painting protagonists in black and white. At a rumoured budget of around Rs 70 crore, and returning after the triple blunders of *What's Your Rashee?*, *Khelein Hum Jee Jaan Se* and *Mohenjo Daro* over the past 10 years, the filmmaker perhaps had to play it safe with his latest.

Panipat in this context was always bound to draw a comparison. Gowariker has delved into history before. So, does the film scale *Jodhaa Akbar* class, or is it more of *Mohenjo Daro*? Well, *Panipat* falls short of the *Jodhaa Akbar* magic. For one,



Gowariker's latest misses the magic of AR Rahman's music. Also, that film had the advantages of the Hrithik-Aishwarya chemistry and a solid script. *Panipat* lacks edge in these areas. However, Gowariker's latest is not an abysmal apology as *Mohenjo Daro* either. Qualitatively, *Panipat* stands somewhere between *Jodhaa Akbar* and *Mohenjo Daro*.

To reiterate the gist, Gowariker's new film is set in the 18th century. The Marathas reign over most parts of the subcontinent. The Mughal sultanate invites the Afghan invader Ahmad Shah Abdali to Delhi, in order to demolish the Maratha might. As news arrives that Abdali is on his way to India for a third time, the Maratha Peshwa (Mohnish Behl) orders Sadashiv Rao Bhau in order to march northwards and thwart Abdali's arrival at any cost. This sets the stage for the Third Battle of Panipat on

CAST:
 Arjun Kapoor, Kriti Sanon, Sanjay Dutt, Zeenat Aman;

DIRECTION:
 Ashutosh Gowariker;

RATING
 ★ ★ ★

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A historical drama for the screen rests on three primary factors. First it needs engaging storytelling. Second, the film needs to effectively build the aura of the era it portrays - through look, costumes, music and other props. Finally, the genre banks on strong characters, which need to be essayed with assuredness by the cast.

As far as storytelling goes, Gowariker has collaborated with three writers (Chandrashekar Dhavalikar, Ranjeet Bahadur and Aditya Rawal) to set up the saga. There are the essential bursts of drama, minimal romance, some dialogues (Ashok Chakradhar

worth the rage, and sleekly filmed battle action. The film, however, could have done with tighter storytelling, especially in the early parts. The screenplay is just about adequate as it sets up a slow-moving first half, which heads into the spectacular but predictable war climax.

For the lay audience who won't nitpick about historical accuracy, the film is a visually stunning reconstruct of the past, brought alive by imaginative cinematography (CK Muraliedharan). The war sequences (Abbas Ali Moghul) aren't extraordinary but these maintain ample drama, mixing facts and fiction.

Gowariker has always excelled in creating those little moments while setting up human relationship drama, amid the ambitious vision his films ride. *Lagaan*, *Swades*, *Jodhaa Akbar*, even a *Khelein Hum Jee Jaan Se*, would bear testimony. Such moments also often prop up the efforts of his cast.

While on the cast, in *Panipat* where the narrative essentially moves towards setting up the stage for the big boys to flaunt their swashbuckling wartime machismo, it is interesting to see how Kriti Sanon manages to shine above the male cast. She is Sadashiv's wife Parvati Bai, and she scores despite limited footage, with the few scenes worth note that the screenplay accords to her.

Overall, Ashutosh Gowariker's latest has its moments. It is spectacular historical fiction riding some good performances, and likeable for the way it salutes valour. The impact could have been stronger with more imaginative storytelling.

— IANS

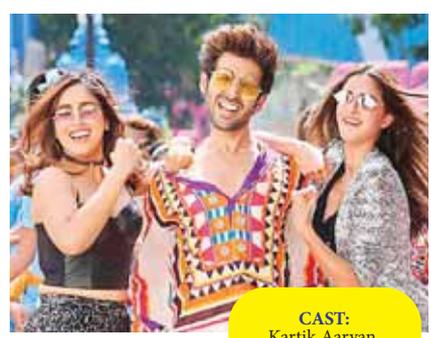
Pati Patni Aur Woh works well as a one-time watch

The interesting thing about the reimaged *Pati Patni Aur Woh* is its setting. Version 2019 is based in smalltown Kanpur, and it narrates the story of a middle-class couple in that city. In BR Chopra's 1978 original, the protagonists belonged to the middle-class too, but they lived in Bombay.

It seems pertinent how, 41 years on, this remake picks the plot's extramarital core from the megapolis and puts it right in the centre of smalltown India, which is learning to openly discuss sex, fidelity, virginity and marriage (the idea is wittily underlined in the opening scenes, where the hero asks his prospective bride her hobbies and she replies: *Humein sex karna pasand hai*).

At a time when remakes, reboots and recreations have become the norm, writer-director Mudassar Aziz's reorganising of a BR Chopra comedy classic to woo new-age viewers would seem like an ambitious idea. His credibility lies in the fact that his version holds its own.

For those who may not be familiar with Chopra's 1978 film, it is a comedy of errors centred on the extramarital fling of a middle-aged man (played impeccably by Sanjeev Kumar). Aziz retains that basic idea in his 2019 redux, but changes every-



CAST:
 Kartik Aaryan,
 Bhumi Pednekar,
 Ananya Panday,
 Aparshakti Khurana;

DIRECTION:
 Mudassar Aziz

thing else in the new film, including key plot points, character details, plot progression and a lot of what happens towards the end.

Like its original, and despite acquiring a new-age irreverent edge, *Pati Patni Aur Woh* manages to stay funny without losing out on decency, despite moving dangerously close to the domain of political incorrectness.

Kartik Aaryan makes an amusing Chintu Tyagi, hero of the piece. He has been papa's boy for most parts and, after topping his engineering exam, has landed a cushy government job, just as dad wanted. Time now to wed, declare his parents, and soon, he finds a perfect arranged match in physics teacher Vedika (Bhumi Pednekar).

The marriage is blissful till Tapasya Singh (Ananya Panday) from Delhi arrives in Chintu's life. He

cast have a field day. Kartik Aaryan is fast emerging as one of the most bankable comic heroes of GenNow Bollywood. As Chintu Tyagi, he once again plays out the believable and harried Indian male with aplomb. His transition from the bumbler with a goofy laugh to a man stylish enough to be spotted at Tapasya's side is gradual and effortless.

Bhumi Pednekar's as the *patni* Vedika gets an interesting twist towards the end, which changes much of the climax, giving the reworked story a contemporary edge.

Comparatively, Ananya Panday as Tapasya, *woh* of the tale, banks wholly on screen presence to rise above her archetypal character. For a two-film old, Ananya does admirably.

The showstealer here, however, is Aparshakti Khurana. Essaying Chintu's buddy and colleague Fahim, Aparshakti was reimagining Asrani's inimitable Abdul Karim Durrani from the 1978 original. In every sense, writer-director Aziz hit the casting bullseye with Aparshakti. The actor gets the funniest lines and scenes - and pulls them off with gusto.

Pati Patni Aur Woh works well as a one-time watch. The reboot has its funny moments, and it works mainly for its cast. — IANS



TO GO FROM MORTAL TO BUDDHA, YOU HAVE TO PUT AN END TO KARMA, NURTURE YOUR AWARENESS, AND ACCEPT WHAT LIFE BRINGS — BODHIDHARMA

YOUR WEEK AHEAD

MADHU KOTIYA



ARIES March 21-April 19

The week looks good for you. Your health is likely to take a turn for the better. You will be in a cheerful and positive mood. Mostly, you are very conscious of health and devote a good time in looking after your well-being. There are things that you can actively do to groom yourself — taking a massage, going for spa and joining a gym is on the card. Career-wise, you are sparking with new ideas. Promotion or starting a new project/job is likely to happen. Your productive level will be very high and being efficient will pay off. Your submissive attitude will play a great role in enhancing your career this week. Your relationship with your family is going strong. You may need to do what it takes to find balance in your personal and professional life.

Lucky number 13
Lucky colour Maroon
Lucky day Wednesday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

Living in the moment and to listen to your body is the first condition to being in a state of good health. Temptations, confusions and disorganisation will disorient. You are overwhelmed and this energy carries the warning that you need to focus. On the career front, you have all the means and ability to achieve your goals. So aim high and you will go far. A new connection at the workplace could prove in your favour this week. Those looking for employment, you are going to find it very soon. You may expect a job call from a distant city, travel is likely. You need to be a little careful in money matters this week. Relationship wise, an existing relationship is going to take a turn for the better. Singles, a new relationship is likely to appear soon.

Lucky number 12
Lucky colour Brown
Lucky day Thursday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

This week you will be all charged up and ready for action. Good news is in the offing. When you have a positive self-image, you value and respect your body. You will feel good about living a healthy and balanced lifestyle. Pamper yourself with spa and grooming. On the professional front, now is the time to go independent. Do your homework well. You have the resources and you can make your business work. Make sure to put in the time and effort it requires. Your determination, perseverance are your greatest assets which will take you ahead in your career. On the personal front, it is never too late to change any pattern of behaviour, and with enough effort, you can change the way you think, feel, and act.

Lucky number 11
Lucky colour Golden
Lucky day Monday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

You need some quick changes in your routine as the situation has changed and you have to fulfill the needs of the present state that you are in. Expectant mothers may need to undergo a medical examination to clear some doubts for a stress-free time ahead. Be honest with yourselves and review what best action should be taken. On the career front, those seeking a job, know that you have the skill set to find it. If you're already employed, and there is room for upward mobility. Do not hesitate to negotiate for what you are worth. If there is no room for a raise then you should give serious thought to finding something with high scope. On the personal front, things will speed up in the relationship. There may be good news of childbirth, conception, marriage or engagement.

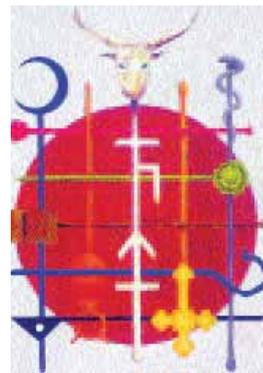
Lucky number 7
Lucky colour White
Lucky day Monday



VRIGO Aug 23-Sep 22

You would be in the pink of your health this week. This will be a time of peace, joy, and prosperity for you and to deepen your spiritual growth. Celebrate these good feelings and share them with your friends and loved ones in whatever way you can. On the career front, if you are seeking employment, you will be hired into a new position that tests your skills and is demanding. Those who are already employed may be saddled with far more responsibility. Don't hesitate to request assistance from supervisors with prioritising. You have the knowledge, strength, and inspiration needed to meet your challenges. On a personal level, you are enthusiastic and very romantic in your relations. If you are single, it's very likely that a new romance is on the horizon.

Lucky number 10
Lucky colour Yellow
Lucky day Sunday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week things are likely to go well. You will feel loved, cared for, and content. This is a good time to enjoy good health. Air, water, fire, earth, and ether (space) the balance of these five elements in life will make life worth living. You are likely to be a motivator and inspiring for many. You need a well-deserved rest and relaxation, after a hectic work schedule that has had you busy. On the career front, a sudden hike in salary or reputation is foreseen. There may be switch over of job, promotion in the existing job, transfer or some different portfolio is assigned which could turn out to be in your favour. On the personal front, you may plan a vacation with your partner to an exotic place. The time flies with happy note leaving you rejuvenated and rejoiced.

Lucky number 20
Lucky colour Grey
Lucky day Friday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

Stress may cause health problems. Pay attention to diet, exercise and sleep. Stay positive. You will find depth and wisdom in solitude. You may look at a new belief system in search of the meaning of life. On the career front, you will share cordial relations with colleagues, friends and even seniors this week. For those in business, this is a good time to bring in desirable changes. Be a good listener, trust your instincts and connect with your innermost desires. This is also a good time to start a new venture/project. On the personal front, you will make new friends and a friendship may turn into a loving relationship. You will reach a good understanding with others. Make a deeper commitment in love to strengthen the bond.

Lucky number 2
Lucky colour Green
Lucky day Friday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

Hectic work schedule and day to day challenges could take a toll on your health. Take time out for yourself. You need to bring balance in your professional and personal life. Time management and discipline is the first bet to beat the fast pace of life. Professionally, anxiety, fear and tension could bring your efficiency down. There is a fear of lay off, office politics and survival in the rat race. Keep all your financial documents up to date. You may be questioned or interrogated in this week. A key decision will work as a foundation on which the rest of your life may be set. Relationship wise, you are working with your heart and not the mind. Those who are committed, there are chances that things are not moving smoothly. You will realise that it is better to move away from an unhealthy relationship.

Lucky number 16
Lucky colour Orange
Lucky day Tuesday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

Those who are having physical problems, remember that things do not always have to be the way they are right now. Pay attention to diet, exercise, and make time for rest. A trusted health counsellor can get you moving along the right course. Career-wise, this is the time when many projects are realised, especially those that are profitable to you. Business dealings will be fruitful. If you are in self-made business or job, people will evaluate your work and accept your views and products. Those who are in export and import business are likely to engage in good networking this week. On the personal front, this is the time for completion. You have worked hard, and you deserve all the accolades that are coming your way.

Lucky number 3
Lucky colour Sky Blue
Lucky day Thursday



CANCER June 21-July 22

You will put an end to certain bad habits that you may be harbouring. Expect some distress as you make this transition. Physical exercise is important, but do not overdo it. You will find some spiritual truths that hold promise and are beneficial for you. Professionally, you may be moving to a new position or a new set of responsibilities. You will be optimistic, upbeat, and hopeful about your future. You are likely to be able to pay off debts and perhaps, share your wealth with those less fortunate. On the personal front, it would be good to strike a balance with yourself. You are passionate and energetic and have a charming persona. Love is in the air. A fiery affair or new relationship is on the cards.

Lucky number 8
Lucky colour Red
Lucky day Saturday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

Your health will be good this week and mood elated. Your determination and will power will give you strength and put you in the right direction where you can live a disciplined life. Avoid alcohol, junk and spicy food. Routine exercises, morning walk and planned diet will work wonders for you. Career-wise, this is a rewarding week. It is the right time to get close to an influential person. You could establish your strength in your career. If you are in partnership business, there are fair chances that you will all work for selfless motives. People will listen to you and respect your views. On the personal front, some arguments, conflicts may cause bitterness in your existing relationship. Your aggression, anger will take a toll. You need to relax and think with a cool mind.

Lucky number 5
Lucky colour Indigo
Lucky day Saturday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This is a good week for your emotional and physical well-being. Your positive approach to things will be of great help. Those waiting for test results, know that the news will be good. You are getting ready to enter new realms in your spiritual exploration. This is a good week career-wise and with your charm and intelligence you will realise all your ambitions. You need a break and some perspective. Perhaps the time has come to start looking for another position. Your psychological insight is excellent and you can better understand what motivate others and what their needs are. However, this is not a good time for investments. You will find stability in existing relations. Those close to you are full of concern and love; it would be wise to enjoy the moment.

Lucky number 9
Lucky colour Magenta
Lucky day Sunday

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God helps those who help themselves

I am God loving. I pray every morning before I set out for work, and again before I retire for the day. Yet, my life has gone through unwanted twists and turns every now and then. Why have my prayers gone unheard so far? What am I lacking? Tell me, what corrections do I need to make. When does my life stabilise? With these questions in mind, someone recently sought my guidance.

Well, God or no God, how does it matter? If at all there is a God, He would be involuntarily doing His rounds. He doesn't need our seeking or prompting for coming into play. He, in His own glory would be available in equal proportion to all and sundry. It, therefore, becomes difficult to digest that He would selectively listen to your prayers and grant wishes to your asking. Even if there is no God, how does it matter. For, life will still continue to move on. So, instead of looking for seeking God's help, somewhere out at a distance, for fulfillment of desires, better take charge of yourself, and consciously try to get better empowered.

Having said that, let me make it clear that the relevance of the concept of

God still holds good. Even if He doesn't grant your wishes, pursuing the belief does certainly help firm up your own faith element. That helps you carry on the task in hand in all strength. Also, it keeps you centred.

But all said and done, at the end of the day, you need to take charge of yourself, and consciously works towards the desired destination. Know it in clear terms that life as such doesn't have an easy go. In a world, where everyone is born unique, each manifesting varying mind-traits and desire-trends, it becomes a natural breeding ground for conflict of perceptions and interests. Evidently, therefore, you are bound to contend with competing interests and contrarian forces. Braving all such challenges ahead intelligently, you need to put in wholesome quality efforts to score success. That, however, would not come about, unless you consciously identify and acknowledge your inherent fault lines, address them, and also optimise your potential. But, for which, you will fail to put in your best foot forward. Also, you need to keep an eye on prevailing environmental conditions to intelligently sail through all odds com-



ing in the way.

That makes it incumbent upon you to live consciously. You have so far gone ahead with the usual flow of life, carrying the hope that being a believer, God will help you sail through. So, you have gone through intermittent bouts of success and failures. It's time now to make you aware of your potential and weaknesses. Jupiter firmly placed in the *lagna* makes you a well-meaning and creative person. The *lagna* lord Mars in the 3rd house grants you with the courage necessary to spiritedly carry on the task in hand. Moon, well aligned to Uranus points to your innovative, inventive, and insightful mind, worth coming out with out of box independent ideas. Moon again, placed favourably to Mercury grants you with excellent communicative skills.

Your habits and attitudes, however, often play spoil sport with your strength side. Your *lagna* sign Aries makes you aggressive, impulsive, impatient, intolerant, and domineering, who may not like to play a second fiddle to any. You carry the tendency to jump into action without applying proper forethoughts, and with obvious consequences. It's only when you land into problem that you are forced to apply your mind when you may emerge

as the best crisis manager also. Moon occupying Sagittarius sign makes you undiplomatic and tactless. Mars well aligned to Uranus makes you self-willed and overconfident, but its opposition to Moon, and also ill-disposed off to the Sun, makes you temperamental, angry and irritable person. You may flare up on the slightest provocation, when you may temporarily lose all sense of reasons and direction. The Sun opposite Saturn brings in a sense of fear and insecurity, which in turn, brings in a sense of inertia. So, often your initiatives as also response to a situation gets delayed, and with obvious consequences. If that would not be enough, the Sun placed adverse to Jupiter brings in a swaggering ego, which binds you to self-defined beliefs and perceptions, not open to look beyond for a reality check either. It becomes difficult for you to digest, if ever things don't move on your expected lines, when you get unnerved beyond due. And the result is there to see.

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KALVAKUNTULA FAMILY'S 'SANTOSHAM'



With wife Rohini and children Ishaan and Sheryaan

Thankful to my wife

My wife supports me a lot and I am thankful to her from the bottom of my heart. Sometimes it will be like 6-7 days after which I will see my kids. They crib naturally. Thanks to technology, I do video calls to make sure they know I am here. I have two sons - Ishaan is studying in 6th class and Sheryaan 3rd class. I don't want to be a strict father, because I spend less time with them. For the 2 hours they meet me, I don't want to appear as villain by controlling them. In a year, once or twice I go out for vacation and enjoy a lot as it is precious time. Kavitha, I and two friends - 4 families go together on vacations.



With sister Soumya

Green Challenge

I had an idea to take up a plantation drive by challenging 3 people, but I never thought it will come this long way. About 5 crore saplings have been planted in 1 year and 8 months, but I don't want to go into numbers. Even for my birthday, I started selfie with sapling challenge. Every plant is addition to nature. There is need to protect the plant and when it is challenged, there will be consciousness to protect it. There will be inspiration for others and awareness. I am working towards developing forest at Kesara.



With sapling planted as part of Green Challenge

Sharing his innermost thoughts about his life in the company of the Kalvakuntla family for the first time to a national newspaper, Rajya Sabha member Joganapally Santosh Kumar tells *The Pioneer* that he has been along with CM K Chandrasekhar Rao, whom he endearingly calls 'Peddananna'. He reveals how he attended on KCR who had undergone surgery after a fall in bathroom; why he calls Kavitha 'Akka', though she is younger to him; and why he always obeys 'Annayya' KTR, his roommate in Pune when they were doing MBA. In an exclusive interview to *Naveena Ghanate*, he speaks about his childhood, dream of becoming a doctor, and the new lease of life he got when he was in Class X.

My village doesn't exist

I really miss the days in my village in Kodurupaka. Those were golden days. After Mid-Manair project came, my village was submerged. We can build homes, villages, schools, but those emotions... we cannot get them back. People think village is about homes and roads, but it is not that; it is emotion and the attachment around the places that I roamed as child. My education revolved in my village, Karimnagar and Hyderabad. I am a sincere student, even now I am sincere. I wake up at 5:30 am and my life with Peddananna (CM K Chandrasekhar Rao) starts around 6:15 am and, until he sleeps, I work. I was kind of average student so I used to get scolding from my father and beatings from his brother (babai). My mother is Shasikala and father Ravinder Rao was into farming and politics at village level like acting sarpanch and upa-sarpanch.

Was ragged by siblings

I was the soft target among siblings and used to get ragged often. The other three are smarter than me. Even though Kavitha and Soumya are younger to me; I call them Akka because they are in bigger positions. People will also think I am young (laughs). We used to play a lot in holidays. My Annayya (K T Rama Rao) is a hilarious person and since he is 'Annayya' whatever he says, we have to do, we are the younger ones. He would tell me to go buy a note book. He used to read Chandamma stories and one day decided that he will write a story. He would narrate and I would write. I don't remember what stories we wrote, but it was fun, he narrating and me sincerely writing. On May 17, when we were doing the first rally to Karimnagar, KTR called me and he heard the entire speech live on call. At that time, it even cost money to get incoming calls. After some days, Harish garu joined. He was bava, so we would be playful with him.

I almost lost life in 10th class

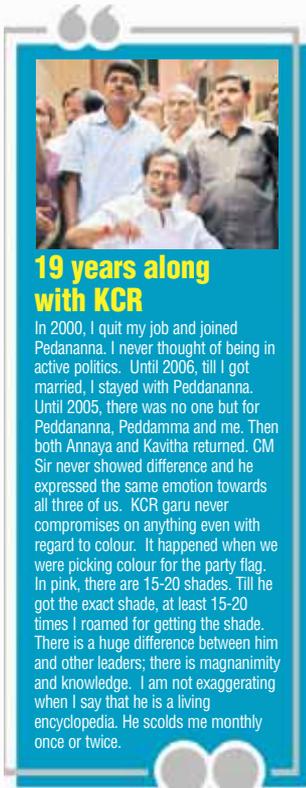
I was suffering from lower abdominal pain, which became very serious in my tenth standard. Peddananna's mother recognized that my stomach pain was related to appendix and I was rushed to Niloufer Hospital. The surgery was scheduled a day after I was hospitalized. But the appendix burst and was slowly spreading in other body parts. My surgery was scheduled at 2 pm and Peddananna came at around 6 in the morning. He was MLA by then and got my operation rescheduled to 8 am; otherwise, I would have gone. Those 4-5 hours saved my life, because by then the appendix burst and slowly started poisoning my body. After a 4-hour surgery, cleaning of the intestines, doctors could save me. I was in hospital for 29 days.

Wanted to be doctor

I was neither a front-bencher nor a back-bencher, but I was part of the herd mentality. I wanted to be a doctor and do some service, but I couldn't because I was an average student. It was a dream as doctors are treated almost equivalent to God. It is a nice profession and we can really serve people. In Intermediate, I picked Bi PC in Magadarshi College, then took up BZC in Karimnagar for degree, and then went to Pune for doing MBA from the V K Patil Institute.

Pune brought change

Annayya (K T Rama Rao) and I were



19 years along with KCR

In 2000, I quit my job and joined Pedananna. I never thought of being in active politics. Until 2006, till I got married, I stayed with Peddananna. Until 2005, there was no one but for Peddananna, Pedamma and me. Then both Annaya and Kavitha returned. CM Sir never showed difference and he expressed the same emotion towards all three of us. KCR garu never compromises on anything even with regard to colour. It happened when we were picking colour for the party flag. In pink, there are 15-20 shades. Till he got the exact shade, at least 15-20 times I roamed for getting the shade. There is a huge difference between him and other leaders; there is magnanimity and knowledge. I am not exaggerating when I say that he is a living encyclopedia. He scolds me monthly once or twice.

staying together in Pune and those were wonderful days. Pune was not my choice. My family sent me there, because a few of my cousins studied there in previous batches. Pune was the turning point for me because till then my life was going in a monotonous way, and after that it completely changed. Pune is a place where we can learn from various people and which gave national exposure. Almost people from every part of the country, every state are present there. We learnt about their languages, cultures and we used to mingle. I picked MBA because at that time it had good opportunities and in the evening time, I used to do a course in Personnel Management. I have two Master's degrees: Masters in Personnel Management and Masters in Business Administration.

9/11 changed my career path

After completing masters, I worked for 1 year and 8 months in two companies, Amtrex air conditioners and Carrier air conditioners. I had the opportunity to stay in Hyderabad for eight months during which time I used to work from Pedannana's home. To become regional manager, I had to go to Bengaluru. It was around 2000, when everybody, including Annayya, Kavitha and my sister Soumya, left for the US. Nobody was here and I underwent training in testing tools, which had good demand then, so I could go to US. I did a course and applied for visa and exactly then 9/11 incident happened. Immediately visa norms became stringent and my visa was not processed. Then Pedannana said, 'Leave all this, be with us, if all of you leave for the US, who will take care of us'. My career, in

short, was from visa rejection to my Peddananna getting me a diplomatic passport by making me Member of Parliament (smirks). We don't need visa for 94-95 countries.

Wife took 3 hours to accept me

Ours was totally an arranged marriage. My wife Rohini knew me, as we were family friends, but she didn't accept at first instance. We met at Birla Mandir; Kavitha, my sister, Srinivas Reddy (then my friend who now MLC), two others accompanied. I said 'I have no issues marrying you and I pointedly asked her: 'What do you think?' She said 'I will ask my mother and tell later'. Around 6 pm we met and till 9 pm, there was no confirmation. My friends were worried and said that it would be humiliating, if she rejects. I said it is okay, if she rejects; we cannot force her to accept, and I was prepared. Around 9 pm, they confirmed and those 3 hours we were tensed, especially my friends.

Emotional moment with Peddananna

When Peddananna was fasting, I was alongside him and emotional. It was a tough situation. I had a very personal moment, which makes me emotional to this day. When Peddananna was Union minister, he fell in bathroom and underwent a surgery. For 1-2 months, I was with him for most of the time, serving him. One fine day, around 10:30-11 pm in the night, he asked me 'Am I bothering you too much? Am I taking too much of your time? Am I hindrance to your future?' I said it is an opportunity Peddananna. He is my future. These moments make me emotional and teary.

Will write book Chaya to paya

Peddananna told me about making me MP about 2-3 months before and only Pedamma and I knew about his thought. When I was going to take oath, my eyes were filled with tears. I want to bring out my journey with Peddananna in a book form. I have started working and will definitely bring out one. To work with someone like CM KCR, it is very different. My experience with KCR is longest and the book would begin from situations just before the formation of party. Agitation and politics will be part of it and situations and hard



KTR (Left), Santosh (Right)

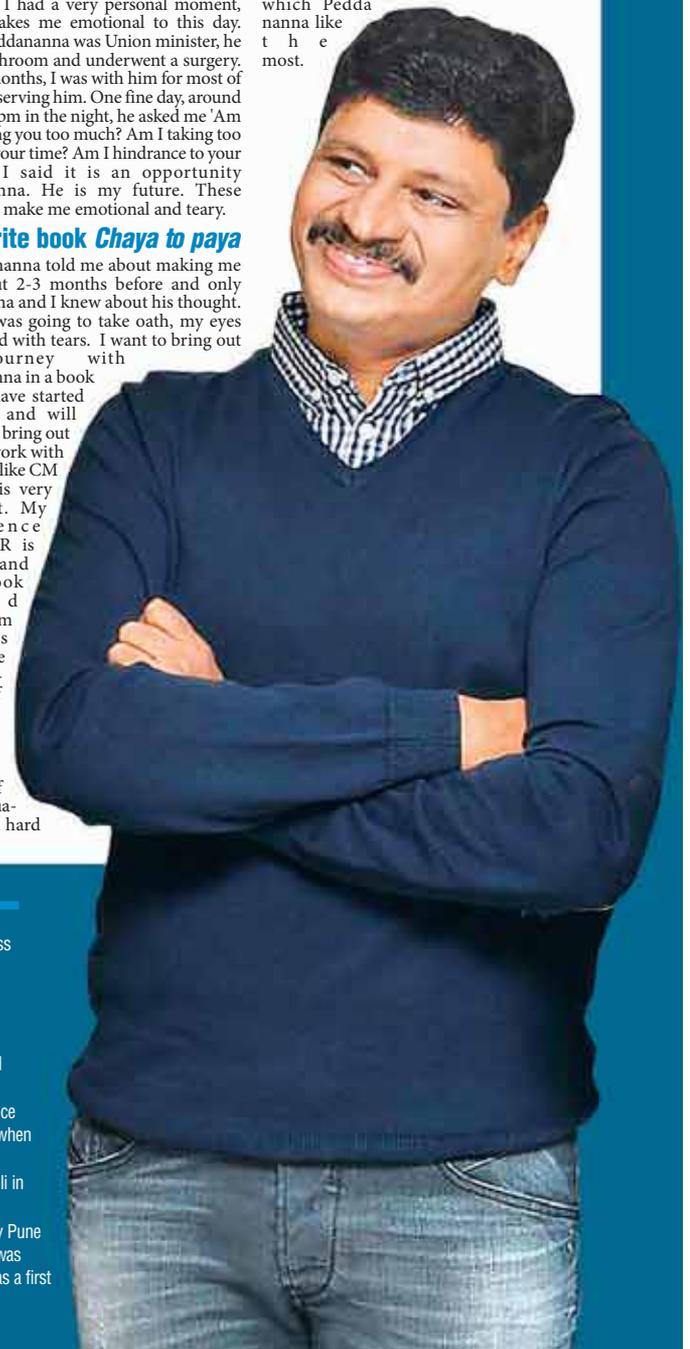


Kavitha KTR and Santosh as Kids



(R) Father Ravinder Rao, Mother Shasikala (L) KCR and his wife Shobha

situations. I thought the title would be 'My experience with experienced' but then also I thought 'Chaya to paya'. It starts with Peddananna drinking tea in the morning and his meal and ends with paya soup, which Peddananna like the most.



QUICK BITES

Favourite actor: Amitabh Bachchan in Bollywood, Akkineni Nagarjuna in Tollywood and now Mahesh Babu
Favourite actress: it keeps changing
Food: Chicken (with less oil)
Singer you like: S P Balasubramanyam
Song you hear the most: Tolisari mimmalni choosindi modalu from movie Srivari Premalekha
Are you religious: Not completely. Being with Peddananna it increased
What are you scared of: Snakes
What do you watch on TV: Zabardasth
What brand of clothes: Hugo Boss. I am trying to look good. Pedannana

says when in public appearance is important.
Compliment you get most often: I keep smiling
Best advice you got: When I became MP, my Annaya (KTR) said, life will be a little different, don't change and try to be same.
Words to describe: Be cool and be patient
Favorite holiday destination: the Maldives
Biggest addiction: I am addicted to KCR
What impresses you the most: Sincerity

Weakness: When I witness bad situation, I become emotional
Quote: Be good
Last time you were emotional: When I visited Devnar Blind School
Do you cook: I cooked once pappucharu and chicken when I was newly married
Fav sportsmen: Virat Kohli in cricket.
Happiest moment: In my Pune days, when Peddananna was going to be minister. It was a first in family