**JAIL: JAIL WARDEN ABSCONDING**

&**DRUG RACKET INSIDE GURUGRAM**

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**Mary Kom Outpunches Nikhit Zareen for Tokyo 2020**

A Indian boxer Mary Kom has knocked out her opponent Nikhit Zareen to gain the gold medal for India in the 51kg category. After giving a choice of abuse to the common man, would every citizen, would person they had tormented, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has asked the Ministry of Petroleum, Chemicals and Fertilizers (PCF) to look into the matter.

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**VIJAYAWADA | SUNDAY | DECEMBER 29, 2019**

The Congress faces a difficult task of winning over the voters who have left it in the last two elections. The party, which faced multiple capitals as troublesome for it, appears to be trying to restrict its influence on AP's politics. The party has attempted to find its way in the state by adopting a clear-cut strategy. It has been pre-emptively putting together a clear-cut plan to deal with the issues that are facing it.

**NAGENDR Kumar Parvati**

**The Hindu**

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Cong seeks SIT probe into death of 2 AP youths in Goa

The government's decision to cancel the SIT investigation into the death of two youths from Hyderabad, both of them friends, is a clear injustice and is sure to bring down the reputation of the police department.

Sambepalle police registered a case.

The MLA said it was unfortunate that a government body, instead of investigating the allegations, was helping the primary accused.

The government officials controlling the private education institutions are responsible for the losses incurred by the students.


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A YEAR THAT SAW MASSIVE STREET PROTESTS

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Hong Kong has been facing protests since June, where activists came to streets and the police have allegedly fired more than 10,000 rounds of tear gas across the city against them by lawyers. The lawyers too disrupted the work in the courts protesting against the police which resulted in lockdown, leaving lawyers to defend cases around the city. The police used rounds of tear gas and fired rubber bullets to keep the protesters away from the government buildings.

In Iraq, the protesters came out on streets demanding the departure of the ruling class amid the movement demanding lower living costs and greater income equality. At least 20 people have been killed and hundreds more injured amid clashes between protesters and police, leaving and blocking major roadways.

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Countries across the globe have witnessed protests in 2019 large enough to disrupt daily life and impactful enough to cause panic in the respective governments. The protests in Chile and Lebanon were among the few to make it to the final list, although is very long.

In India, the protests against the new Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) have disrupted the country’s daily life, and the government’s efforts to restore normalcy have been hampered by widespread violence and protests. The protesters have been demanding the withdrawal of the bill demanding the withdrawal of the controversial bill demanding the withdrawal of the CAA.

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Women and children of the Danish Oxfam team prepare to be evacuated by the Lebanese army from the streets of Beirut during the massive anti-government protests that took place across Lebanon since October.

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**Bengal BJP to thank PM for CAA, send 1 crore messages**

Vijayawada | Sunday | December 29, 2019

The West Bengal unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will send one crore text messages to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday to thank him for the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 (CAA), and the NRC exercise.

A 10-member committee, which has been formed for the task, sent a letter to the Prime Minister last week seeking permission to send the messages. The party will also send the same number of messages to the West Bengal government.

**MP, Highway official held for graft**

CHHATARPUR (MP): A DRI seizes 7.3 kg of smuggled gold at Farakka Junction. On Saturday came out in support of which they had brought to light that poor execution of a scheme implementing agencies of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and also to the BJP for fulfilling the promises made before the assembly elections.

The DRI officials are hopeful that the probe will throw light on other smuggling activities across West Bengal, which is a major gold manufacturing hub.

**Country now fighting freedom-era ideology: Priyanka Gandhi**

NEW DELHI: The Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Saturday said that the party was fighting against the freedom-era ideology and not the enemy or retreated. The former union minister who has recently joined the party also said that the party was not an enemy but the enemy or retreated.

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Non-bank lenders witnessed stress in their asset quality in the first half of the current fiscal year, with non-performing assets rising to 6.3 per cent, according to an RBI report.

However, the non-bank non-fresh defaulting financial companies (NBFCs) returned to profit in the first quarter of FY20, with a profit of Rs 1,105 crore in June 2019, as compared to a loss of Rs 453 crore in June 2018. The net interest margin (NIM) for the NBFCs stood at 4.4 per cent in June 2019, as compared to 4.3 per cent in June 2018. The operating expenses ratio (OCR) requirement for all NBFCs and microfinance institutions (MFIs) was 11.6 per cent in March 2019, according to the report.

The report said that the importance of NBFCs in credit-deposit ratio (CDR) and in the Indian economy was significant, as they focused on the MSME sector, thereby bridging the financing gap between the formal and informal sectors.

In FY18, banks had reported a net non-performing asset (NPA) of Rs 9.83 lakh crore, while NBFCs reported a net NPA of Rs 5.16 lakh crore. This was a significant improvement from the previous year, where banks had reported a net NPA of Rs 10.18 lakh crore, and NBFCs had reported a net NPA of Rs 7.96 lakh crore.

The central bank, however, added that notwithstanding these improvements, the risk aversion in the sector remained and the need for continued vigilance was necessary.

The report also noted that NBFCs were facing challenges in the wake of the shadow bank crisis, with the implementation of new regulations and the need for recapitalisation.

The RBI had earlier said that the non-bank sector had grown significantly in recent years, with the sector accounting for about 40 per cent of the total credit disbursed by the banking sector.

The report also highlighted the need for continued vigilance in the sector to ensure that the growth trajectory was sustainable and that the banking sector remained healthy.

The report concluded by stating that the RBI was committed to ensuring that the banking sector remained resilient and healthy, and that the non-bank sector continued to grow in a sustainable manner.
A lively read

Humorist MO ROCCA’s Mobitaries takes on obituaries of people, including those whose exploits were ignored or who he thought deserved reappraisals.

“I’ve chosen to be generous with the past. I do think we need to cut the past some slack because the tendency is to disqualify people for their imperfections. I think that people are messy, and I really sought in this to embrace not only the messiness of people, but eras’.

“As the footnotes demonstrate, the book was thoroughly researched. It is important to note that readers understand it in facet-based history.

“The book is an important read to our country. Look, I think that it’s important for the following reasons. I like a topic that’s not quite so obvious. I like the idea of going to the book and finding out more about the people who played them.”

“A lot of people are interested in this film. It’s a very different film. It’s about the kind of talent Indian dancers can have. I can say without a doubt that it’s the best film that has been made about Indian dancing. I think that people are going to go and see it, and I really think that it’s going to be a huge hit. It’s going to be a huge hit, it’s going to be a huge hit.

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While it is true that the violent scenes in movies continue to surprise the viewers, it is accompanied by a degree of predictability, much like cinema brilliance in the last decade could have been missed had the city perished with the obtrusiveness. Though there is a will in the second decade of the twenty-first century, the past few years have seen less of the definitive cinema that was the hallmark of the pre-2010 films and more of recasting from those films.

The more or less changelessness since 2010 by the medium when it comes to exhibition and distribution format as well as audience right from the attention-cherished cinema, the consumption pattern and much more was last seen decades.

Those epoch-making changes including the arrival of OTT and short-attention-span services delivered nothing that could be a way we were brought up to the two milestones entirely in order to point out that the transition task in the twenty-

The sheer volume of change witnessed between 2010 and 2019 is to the contrary to the time when the silent replaced the talkie, the talkie replaced the silent, and the silent replaced itself. The Indian cinema was consumed that made it different from the previous times was the way the times changed things, but you actually have to change things yourself if you find it easy to accept.

Unfortunately, the curse of the A-list syndrome had put him. Kapoor with Rajat Kapoor's ambitious but doomed directorial debut, "Ankhon Dekhi" (2013), and Neeraj Ghaywan's "Kapoor & Sons" (2016). United, though not in the same way, they attempt to bridge the gap between the star system and the tabs. The Bollywood psyche, and with them, the question of the operating system, has also acknowledged the changing needs of the viewer.

In 2018, Vikramaditya Motwane's "Sacred Games" (2018), which was a loosely formed 1975 autobiography of the patrolling officer, they also start to dominate the box-office more than one. Movies like "Padmaavat" (2018) were not only bereft of the presence of the so-called A-List of these, it also gave a new meaning to the term "small hero" and did more than ever before to break the tabbocore.

Looking ahead to 2020

If a marked departure, the old guard was usually challenged by the next wave both in front as well as behind the camera unlike the way it used to portray previously. Shah Rukh Khan tried to do the same thing some-
India gears up to play the Great Indo-Pacific Game

Unlike the previous UPA government, which was shy about using the term ‘Indo-Pacific’ in its diplomatic/strategic discourse, the Modi government has clearly articulated its policy towards the region. A series of recent events in New Delhi suggest that India is finally set to play the game, writes SANJANA MOHAN

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), led by the brave and determined S. Jaishankar, has orchestrated two significant discourses in the Indo-Pacific region — the 6th Indian Ocean Dialogue and Delhi Dialogue XI — in New Delhi on December 13-14. The theme for the first event was ‘India-Pacific: Re-imagining the Indo-Pacific: A New Equilibrium’ — while the second one focused on ‘India’s Partnership with South-East Asia’.

The MEA has been quick to take away the credit for the rise of India as an economic and political power threatening to change the status quo. From leading ladies for being a brand good enough to sell a film but also a regional power player in the Indo-Pacific region.

This backlash might help India regain some of its strategic allies and partners, but it also seems to be unwittingly helping New Delhi in its strategic objectives. India is one of the key partners. Strategic experts believe that the Indo-Pacific region, in the new context of the 21st century, is strategically located between two global powers — the US and China. The US-India-Japan trilateral strategy has become a reality, and India is one of the key partners.

Along with the rise of China and India, the ‘women-centric’ genre of films is also coming into its own in this decade, which was never the case before. The arrival of Netflix and Disney+Hotstar has made it possible for women to be seen as a force in the region. The ‘women-centric’ genre of films is also coming into its own in this decade, which was never the case before. The arrival of Netflix and Disney+Hotstar has made it possible for women to be seen as a force in the region.

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Cinema: The Decade of Living Dangerously

Notwithstanding its在一个世纪的电影史上，这十年是最具重大意义的十年。这十年，电影工业发生了翻天覆地的变化，而电影作为一种艺术形式，也在这十年中经历了一场深刻的转型。这场转型的见证者是《我不是药神》的导演文牧野。《我不是药神》是十年间最成功的电影之一，它的成功不仅在于它在商业上的成功，更在于它在社会上的影响。这部电影讲述了一个小人物在面对高昂的医药费时，如何通过自己的努力改变现状的故事。这部电影的成功，让人们看到了电影作为一种社会力量的巨大潜力。
CROP TOPS and front cut-outs

FASHION here to stay with us in 2020

Fashion trends come and go. What is acceptable to wear is constantly changing and is recycled, reinvented or dismissed. A fashion trend’s cycle varies, as some seem to possess an eternal staying power while others immediately fade out. Now that 2019 is coming to an end, we can look forward to the introduction of new fashion as the New Year rolls in. Here are predictions for fashion trends that will appear, remain or disappear in 2020, writes K RAMYA SREE.

OVERALLS, coveralls, rompers and jumpsuits

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Legacy of 2019 carry forward

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CAPRICORN
December 22 - January 19
A break from your daily routine is the need of the hour. You must keep your eyes open and be ready to face anything that comes your way. You need to be prepared for any change in your life. The influence of Saturn will help you to overcome your problems and achieve success. Keep your focus on your work and be patient, as the results will come soon.

Aquarius
January 20 - February 18
You will change your mind radically about something. You may feel stuck or unable to make any progress. Keep your focus on your work and be patient, as the results will come soon. Keep your mind open and be ready to accept new ideas.

PISCES
February 19 - March 20
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Vice Chairman of TS Planning Board B Vinod Kumar, in an exclusive interview with The Pioneer, shares the circumstances under which he switched from ‘red’ to ‘pink’ in politics, how he lost his seat in the recent General Election because of the ‘Modi wave’, and why, even as a lad, he never flinched from confronting errant elders and more. In a free-wheeling conversation with NAVERA GHANATE, he recalls how KCR was hurt more than him due to his defeat in the elections. The ex-MP appreciates his wife for asking him to pick one career, and concedes his loss to KCR in Telangana General Elections in 2019.

Grew up among politicians
I was born in Karimnagar Government hospital on 7th September 1968. My father, S Shyamala, was an exponential leader of the Communist Party of India. My mother’s younger brother was the revolutionary leader Ganapati Reddy. I was named after him. My mother and father had four children, Vinod, Lakshmikantha Rao, who was minister, and my two siblings, who are not politicians.

Pocket money for paintings
I was 10 years of age, I used to collect pocket money. During my college days, I used to collect pocket money and I used to do paintings. I was not interested in reading and writing. I used to give pocket money to my parents on wall paintings, practicing drawing and writing about aggression by Chandra Shekhar, NTR, Indira Gandhi and so on and there were a lot of newspapers.

Forbids to write exams
I was 18 years of age. My father did not want me to be a doctor and I did not want me to be a lawyer. My father did not allow me to do the exams and I used to go to Chennai under the admission of the SRI and I did not appear for the exams. I was the number one student. I used to make fun of the students and the examiners. I used to make fun of the police and I used to make fun of the system. I used to make fun of the teachers and I used to make fun of the students.

KCR worse than me
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Wife’s advice
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