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Bandh a non-event in city

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

As Telangana State woke up to its first statewide RTC-led bandh on Saturday with the State government continuing to its wait and watch attitude, it turned out to be virtually a non-event in the capital city because of the house arrests and detentions of prominent leaders and the fact that it was holiday for the IT sector and the last day of the extended vacation for students.

Except for the difficulty of finding public and private buses and the appearance of additional private vehicles on the roads, the shutdown did not have any major impact on the citizens, most of whom perhaps chose to remain indoors. Of course, the striking Road Transport Corporation employees observed statewide bandh on Saturday — the 15th day of their agitation. Stray incidents of stone-pelting and attacks on temporary employees recruited by TSRTC to operate bus services marred the shutdown. About a dozen buses were damaged in the city.

People scramble for the odd bus that was plying on the strike day on Saturday

- Subdued protests due to arrests of key leaders
- Most of TSRTC buses confined to depots
- Govt staff stage lunch-hour demo
- Biz dull due to reduced footfalls

- 513 RTC buses and 3private buses were operated in Telangana on Saturday
- Only 5.77% of TSRTC fleet operated on Saturday
- Autos, cabs make a killing

Day	Temp-Drivers	Temp-Conductors
Saturday	513	516
Friday	4,623	6,606

Police held 3,294 to foil bandh

As many as 3,294 preventive arrests were done by the three police commissionerates in the capital city between 5-00 am and 5-00 pm on Saturday, with the Hyderabad Police nabbing 786, Cyberabad police 1,302 and the Rachakonda Police picking up 1,206. Hyderabad city police chief Anjani Kumar said that bandh was peaceful in the city. "In total, 83 calls were made to 100 in Hyderabad and police patrol cars were deployed to help citizens in distress. Ninety per cent of the shops and markets were open and a total of 786 preventive arrests were made. We have been monitoring the situation from 5 am," said the official. The Cyberabad Police detained 1,302 offenders. "We booked 423 in Madhapur zone, 350 in Balanagar zone and 529 in Shamshabad zone.

TS Govt yet to move on talks with striking staff

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

The State Government did not budge an inch in spite of the High Court's directive on Friday, asking it to take initiative in finding a solution to the TSRTC workers' protracted strike.

On Friday, the High Court bench ordered the State government to commence discussions with leaders of RTC trade unions by 10.30 am on Saturday.

Contrary to expectations in various quarters, Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao did not invite leaders of the RTC unions' Joint Action Committee for talks, while the State government continued to be on wait-and-watch mode.

Government authorities here feel that the High Court only expressed its opinion but did not pass specific directions. So, talks with RTC trade unions' JCA are not imminent.

Not all cabs off road but surge pricing rules roost

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Compounding commuters' woes, cab drivers launched an indefinite strike on Saturday in support of their demand that the State government must step in to ensure cabbies' welfare and regulate their working conditions due to the alleged exploitation by cab aggregators. Telangana State Taxi and Drivers JAC Associations (TSTDJAC) claimed that 50,000 cabs have gone off the roads, though a sizeable number of cabs operated in the city under surge pricing. Governor Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan invited TSTDJAC for discussions at 9-00 pm on Saturday. She reportedly spoke to Sheikh Salauddin, chairman of TSTD JAC.

Salauddin claimed that the strike was a success with the participation of more than 60,000 drivers. Initially the protests were held at airport with drivers holding placards. All through the day, however, cabs run by aggregators were available to drive to airport.

Sources said cab aggregators did not find any difference in the wake of strike by cabbies. Employees of some IT majors said their shuttle picked them up like any other day.

As for cabs on the road, Salauddin said: "Even if you check the app now, you will find that there is a surge in prices. Surge prices were not just in peak hours but in non-peak hours. In Ola, most of the cabs were not to be seen and displayed 'no cabs available'. Some of the drivers are coming on the road due to helplessness and to meet their ends".

Surge pricing has been the norm since TSRTC launched strike on October 5th.

Uber spokesperson, in an email statement to The Pioneer, said: "We regret any disruption caused to our rider and driver-partner community, due to a small group of individuals. We strive to provide reliable and safe transport options to get around the city and hope to minimize any distress caused. We are committed to the well-being of our driver-partners and have processes in place to address their concerns and issues."

A delegation of cab drivers submits a representation to the Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan at Raj Bhavan on Saturday

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Unaccounted assets of Rs 17.4 cr seized by IT dept

Finds 'evidence' of illegal payments through hawala channel

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

The Income Tax authorities have reportedly found 'evidence' of hawala payments and seized 'unaccounted assets' totaling Rs 17.4 crore, following raids on multiple premises of an infrastructure major. The IT Department, without naming the company, said in the press communiqué, "Unaccounted assets of Rs 17.4 crore have been seized. Income Tax Department conducted search and survey action on a prominent business group having interest in infrastructure, irrigation, hydrocarbons and power sectors".

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BJP takes the lead in State bandh

NAVEENA GHANATE
■ HYDERABAD

Although it was TSRTC JAC that had called for a statewide bandh on Saturday, the roads were clear for BJP. Amid the RTC unions' red-coloured flags, it was the saffron brigade which was at forefront of the RTC strike. Even though the Congress has been the main opposition for long in the state, BJP played the key role. Almost every BJP leader was on the streets, expressing solidarity with the striking RTC employees and condemning the attitude of the TRS government. Even though leaders of various parties were either arrested or confined to their homes, BJP was the predominant political party on the field during the entire bandh. Congress leaders did make an attempt to participate in the bandh, but they were confined to homes or arrested immediately after they stepped out. Biggies of Congress like Ponnala Lakshmaiah, Jana Reddy, Shabbir Ali, Madhu Yakshi, Geetha Reddy, Hanumanth Reddy, and Kondanda Reddy were put under house arrest.

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BJP members take out a 'bike rally' in support of RTC employees in the city on Saturday

Bodies of six drowned in canal pulled out

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Bodies of all six persons who were drowned into the Left Canal of Nagarjuna Sagar Project in Telangana's Suryapet district on Friday night, were pulled out on Saturday, police said.

All the bodies were stuck in the car, which fell into the canal. The vehicle was retrieved by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) personnal with the help of a crane.

The deceased were identified as Abdul Aziz (45), Rajesh (29), Santhosh Kumar (23), Pavan Kumar (23), Naresh (55) and Johnson (33).

The incident occurred on Friday night in Chakirala village of Nadigudem block when the person driving the car apparently lost control and the vehicle fell off the bridge into the canal.

All of them were employees of a private hospital in Hyderabad and were returning to the city after attending the marriage of their colleague in Suryapet district.

A group of five employees coming in another car were alerted by local residents about the accident.

Due to darkness and heavy flow of water authorities could not take up rescue work. A team of the NDRF launched the search operation on Saturday morning with a boat and other equipments.

The car was spotted at about half a kilometre away from the bridge. District Collector Ameya Kumar supervised the search operations.

100-yr-old Nampally Sarai collapses

- GHMC says HMRL had responsibility of protecting structure

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

A portion of the age-old Nampally Sarai collapsed on Saturday evening injuring one person. By the time GHMC officials reached the spot, police were removing rubble and shifted the injured to a hospital. Suspecting there could be more people under the rubble, police and DRF team cleared the debris quickly to minimize loss to life and limb.

Situated at Nampally Station Road adjacent to Hyderabad Metro Station, the Sarai is a rest house constructed during the Nizam's era. It reportedly was built in 1919 by Meer Mahboob Ali Khan for the convenience of travelers coming from different places. It was declared as a heritage structure in 2011.

GHMC Zonal Commissioner Musharaff Ali Faruqui said that the building had earlier been handed over to HMRL after following due procedures and it is the liability of HMRL to protect the structures.

According to a GHMC official, "One HMRL officer visited the spot to check if any casualty has taken place or not, and left the site without taking any action. Immediately, our Assistant City Planner of Goshamahal had a telephonic conversation with HMRL to depute officials from their department along with security guards to prevent further untoward incidents and not to allow any persons inside the building so as to avoid casualties in the future."

CONGRESS TRIO UNITED

A massive crowd greets Congress leaders, including Uttam Kumar, on the last day of campaigning in Huzurnagar on Saturday

Curtains down on H'nagar campaign

Full report in Page 2

Wrong policies of Congress 'destroyed nation': Modi

PNS ■ ELLENABAD

On the last day of campaigning for the Haryana assembly polls here, Prime Minister Narendra Modi sharpened his attack on the opposition Congress over issues of Article 370 and the Kartarpur corridor, accusing it of "destroying the country" with wrong policies and strategy.

Raising the issue of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370, Modi here in a rally said what was called a temporary provision by B R Ambedkar, continued for over 70 years but the Congress did nothing about it.

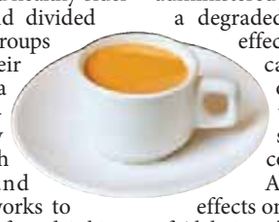
"The wrong policies and strategy of the Congress have destroyed the nation," he said, stressing that it was people of India and Kashmir who will frame policies now.

"Time has changed, country has changed," he said.

Regular tea drinking improves brain structure

PNS ■ SINGAPORE

A regular tea drinking habit contributes to improved brain structure, making the organization of nerve cell networks more efficient, according to a study. The researchers, including those from the National University of Singapore (NUS), recruited healthy older participants and divided them into two groups according to their history of tea drinking frequency. They investigated both functional and structural networks to reveal the role of tea drinking on brain organization. The study, published in the journal Aging-US, revealed that tea drinking suppressed asymmetry of the two brain hemispheres in their structural connectivity network.



However, the researchers did not observe any significant effects of tea drinking on the networking of nerve cells across functionally related centres in the two brain hemispheres. The researchers said that individual constituents of tea have been related in earlier studies to the functions maintaining cognitive abilities, and to the prevention of cognitive decline.

However, they said that when a constituent of tea was administered alone, there was a degraded effect, or no effect, and a significant effect was observed only when the constituents were combined.

A review of tea effects on the prevention of Alzheimer's disease, found that the neuroprotective role of herbal tea was apparent in eight out of nine studies, the researchers said. They added that while tea effects were well studied from the perspective of neurocognitive and neuropsychological measures, its direct effect on brain structure or function was less-well represented in scientific literature.

TODAY

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Month & Paksham: Ashwini& krishna Paksha Panchangam
Tithi : Shashthi: 07:29 am
Nakshatram: Ardra: 05:53 pm
Time to Avoid: (Bad time to start any important work)
Rahukalam: 04:21 pm – 05:47 pm
Yamagandam: 12:00 pm – 01:27 pm
Varjyam: 05:43 am- 07:17 am
Gulika: 02:54 pm - 04:21 pm
Good Time: (to start any important work)
Amritakalam: 07:48 am - 09:25 am
Abhijit Muhurtham: 11:37 am - 12:23 pm

HYDERABAD WEATHER

Forecast: Isolated Thunderstorms
Temp: 28/22
Humidity: 93%
Sunrise: 06.10
Sunset: 05.51
Current Weather Conditions
Updated October 19, 2019 5:00 PM

Uganda woman, who gave birth to 44 kids asked to stop by Government

PNS ■ KAMPALA (UGANDA)

A Ugandan mother who has given birth to 44 children has been prohibited from having any more kids. Mariam Nabatanzi, 39, was married off at the age of 12, delivering twins a year later. After her first children, Nabatanzi gave birth to five more sets of twins, four sets of triplets and five sets of quadruplets due to her abnormally large ovaries. The 39-year-old was abandoned by her husband three years ago, leaving her as the sole carer of her surviving 38 children. Nabatanzi lives with her children in four cramped houses with corrugated iron roofs, The Sun reports. They live in a village surrounded by coffee fields, roughly 50-kilometres north of Uganda's capital, Kampala. Doctors have now taken action to prevent Nabatanzi from conceiving any more children. She told local media her uterus had been "cut from inside", according to the outlet. The mother has been told her ovaries are unusually large and was advised by doctors not to take contraceptive pills due to health concerns.

Mariam Nabatanzi with her many children

She has lost six children, her last child dying during childbirth three years ago. The family are living in extreme poverty as Nabatanzi does whatever she can to earn money, including hairdressing, brewing local gin, selling herbal medicine, event decorating and selling scrap metal, The Sun reports. The mother's extreme fertility is believed to be hereditary, caused by hyper-ovulation.

Mariam with her latest child

HUZURNAGAR BY-POLL

Curtains down on campaign

Leaders of various political parties make last-minute efforts to reach out to the voters

K VENKATESHWARLU ■ HYDERABAD

A high-voltage election campaign to the Huzurnagar Assembly constituency ended here on Saturday. The by-election to the constituency will be held on October 21. Both the ruling TRS and opposition Congress indulged in an extensive campaign for the last one month. The main opponent parties - Congress and TRS have their fingers crossed till October 24, the day when the result for the by-poll would be announced. The According to political analysts, the winning margin will be below 5,000 votes among Congress and TRS candidates.

The other parties - TDP and BJP also campaigned rigorously in the constituency. However, these two parties are crucial since it will affect the winning prospects of Congress and TRS candidates. The by-election to the Huzurnagar constituency would be held on October 21 along with 64 Assembly constituencies across the nation. On the same day, Lok Sabha by-election will be held for Samasthipur constituency in Bihar.

On the final day of the campaign, the TRS and Congress leaders upped the ante and criticised each other by leveling serious allegations. The Minister from the district G Jagdish Reddy alleged that both Nalgonda and Malkajgiri MPs N Uttam Kumar Reddy and A Revanth Reddy are 'thieves'. Reacting to the Minister's claims, Revanth Reddy alleged that from sand mafia to land mafia in the district are going on under the eye of the Minister. Revanth Reddy demanded the Minister to tender his resignation for the failure of governance in the district. He cited an example, where one of the crest gate of the Musi project washed away.

The Congress carried its campaign putting its all efforts to retain the seat by roping in top leaders from the party. On the other hand, the TRS deployed 700 leaders besides thousands of party activists from neighboring constituencies for the campaign. The TRS concentrated mostly on tribal votes by fielding Tribal Welfare Minister Sathyavathi Rathod besides MLAs from the tribal community - Haripriya Naik, Shankar Naik, Bapurao Rathod, Mahabubabad MP M Kavitha and several other ST leaders like Ramana Naik to attract the tribal voters.

Sathyavathi Rathod campaigned untiringly for the last 10 days. The ruling party, somehow was upset with the cancellation of Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao's public meeting at Huzurnagar on October 17. The Congress utilised the last two days to the maximum by fielding Revanth Reddy. One has to wait till October 24 as to whose efforts will be fructified.

TPCC president Uttam Kumar Reddy and Malkajgiri MP Revath Reddy campaign in Huzurnagar on Saturday

'Cong will win big in by-poll'

PNS ■ HUZURNAGAR

The Congress party has displayed a massive and impressive show of strength on the last day of campaign for Huzurnagar by-elections on Saturday. All three MPs - TPCC president N Uttam Kumar Reddy, working president A Revanth Reddy and Komatireddy Venkatreddy, several MLAs and other senior leaders of the party, along with candidate Uttam Padmavathi, participated in a seven-hour long massive road show which ended at Huzurnagar crossroads at sharp 5 pm.

Addressing the meetings, Uttam said that the victory of Congress was certain and it would sweep the by-polls. He said that the Huzurnagar by-elections would bring an important change in the politics of Telangana. He said people were vexed with the dictatorial and arrogant regime of Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao and by giving a humiliating defeat to TRS in the by-polls, people of Huzurnagar would act as representatives of entire Telangana to convey a strong message to TRS Government to either perform or perish.

He said farmers, who were cheated on the promise of crop loan waiver, students who neither got a job nor promised unemployment allowance, Muslims and STs who were duped with the promise of 12% reservation, Dalits who were yet to promised three acres of land, BCs who faced continuous discrimination and cut in quotas and other sections who remained neglected by TRS Govt would defeat the TRS in these by-polls.

Condemning use of huge money and liquor by TRS leaders to lure voters, Uttam said that the ruling party has no ethics, morals or respect for democracy.

TPCC working president and Malkajgiri MP Revanth Reddy said that the TRS neither waived off crop loans, provided jobs to youth nor constructed double bed room houses for the poor. He said there was not a single contribution that makes TRS eligible to seek votes.

'Congress has secret pact with BJP'

PNS ■ SURYAPET

Power Minister G Jagadish Reddy launched a scathing attack on the Nalgonda MP and TPCC president Uttam Kumar Reddy stating that the latter has misused his post as MLA during his tenure. He alleged that Uttam included several villages including Peeklanaik Thanda, in the list of submerged villages of Pulichinthala project to benefit his followers, who swindled the relief and rehabilitation package of the real oustees.

He said that water would not touch Peeklanaik Thanda even after water level in Pulichinthala project were to rise 20 feet above its full reservoir level.

He even dared the TPCC president for an open debate on the development of the Huzurnagar constituency. Speaking at a media conference in Huzurnagar, Jagdish Reddy said that Uttam Kumar Reddy and Revanth Reddy, who were caught red-handed with money during elections had no moral right to criticize him. He pointed out that Revanth Reddy was caught red-handed by the police in cash for vote scam during MLC elections while Rs 3 crores have been caught in the vehicle of Uttam Kumar Reddy during elections of 2014.

Reminding that several Congress leaders were went to jail in cases of economic offenses, he said that there was no such culture in the ruling party. He alleged that Uttam was colluded with the BJP to ensure victory for his wife and Congress candidate Padmavathi in the by-election. Though Election Commission officials conducted raids on the houses of TRS supporters on the complaint of the Congress, not a single Rupee was found in their houses. He exuded confidence that TRS candidate Saidi Reddy would win in the by-election with a huge majority.

NIA conducts searches at doctor's house

MANCHERIAL: The National Investigation Agency officials conducted searches in the residence of a retired government doctor here on Friday for about seven hours and seized two mobile phones, computer hard disk and revolutionary literature. Commenting on the searches, Dr Chandrasekhar said the searches were carried out following the treatment that he had given to a woman Maoist. The searches were carried out as he earned reputation as a good doctor during his stint as medical officer in the Maoist-affected areas.

VH threatens to float new party

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Congress senior leader V Hanumantha Rao has stated that he will float Rajiv Congress party if the Congress fails to give due respect to him. While participating in the Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavan Yatra Commemoration Samithi's 29th meeting held at Charminar here on Saturday, VH said that the former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi followers were not getting due respect in the party. He said that the party was also not giving due respect to the BCs in the party though their per cent is more than 50. He said that he is striving hard for the sake of party sincerely.

On the occasion, Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavan Yatra Commemoration Samithi gave Rajiv Sadbhavana award to Dr Gopal Kishan for his services to the society. The Congress leaders RC Khuntia, Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, MA Khan, D Sridhar Babu, M Kodanda Reddy, Vamshichand Reddy, P Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Anjan Kumar Yadav, Anil Kumar Yadav, B Venkat participated in the meeting held under the aegis of Samithi's convener G Niranjan.

Not all cabs were off road but surge pricing...

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Salauddin said that even though they did not want to create difficulties for the public, the government was not ready to talk to them. He said, "There are 1.20 lakh drivers, of whom about 37,000 work for IT companies and the remaining are associated with the aggregators and other services. Drivers are associated with various sub-unions and we are yet to register them".

The drivers of an association, with 15 sub-cab unions on board, issued a statement calling for a strike against the practices of Ola, Uber and IT companies, demanding reinstatement of off-boarded drivers, minimum business guarantee for drivers, implementation of G.O. Ms no. 61 and 66, KYC approval of customers and constitution of Taxi Driver Welfare and Administration Board for drivers' welfare and safety.

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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
O/o the Collector, Bhadradri Kothagudem,
PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

FORM - 6

(See Sub-Rule (1) of Rule-19 and Section -11(1) of the Act-30AI2013)

RDO, Kothagudem, Rc.No.D/209/2018 Dt: 27/09/2019
Collr.Bhadradri Kothagudem Rc.No. G /657/2017 Dt: 01/10/2019
District Gazette No.B3/60/2019 Dt: 03/10/2019

Whereas it appears to the Government of Telangana/ Collector that a total an extent of **Ac.5.11 Gts.** land is required in the **Thungaram Village** of **Chandrugonda Mandal, Bhadradri Kothagudem District** for public purpose, namely for the Construction of Railway Broad Gauge(BG) line between Bhadrachalam Road to Sathupally Stations in Thungaram (v) in Chandrugonda Mandal under Section 11(1) of the Right Fair Compensation and Transparency in land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act-2013 and the Publication is Made as shown in the below schedule.

The District Collector, Bhadradri Kothagudem has appointed the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kothagudem as Land Acquisition Officer for acquisition of patta land for the Construction of Railway Broad Gauge line between Bhadrachalam Road to Sathupally Stations in the village limits of Thungaram (V) of Chandrugonda Mandal of Bhadradri Kothagudem district. Therefore, it is notified that for the above said project in the Village of Thungaram of Chandrugonda Mandal of Bhadradri Kothagudem District to an extent of land measuring an extent of Ac.5.11 gts. Of standard measurement, whose detail description is as following, is under acquisition.

SCHEDULE

Railway BG line between Bhadrachalam Road to Sathupally Stations

Village: Thungaram, Mandal: Chandrugonda, District: Bhadradri Kothagudem

Sl.No.	Sy.No. (as per Pahani)	Sy.No. (as per Sub Division)	Type of Title	Type of Land	Area under Acquisition (in Acs. Gts)	Name of the interested person: Name of the Pattadar	Caste	Name of Enjoyer	Caste	Boundaries: East	West	North	South	Structures and Trees if any
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1	72/16/2	72/1/2	Assignment Patta	Dry	0.03	Barmavath.Sakru S/o Bavsingh	ST	Barmavath.Sakru S/o Bavsingh	ST	72/11/a/14/e1	72/1/a/6/a	72/11/a/14/e1	72	-
2	72/16/2	72/3/2	Assignment Patta	Dry	0.02½	Barmavath.Sakru S/o Bavsingh	ST	Barmavath.Sakru S/o Bavsingh	ST	72/11/a/14/e1	72/1/a/6/a	72/11/a/14/e1	72	-
3	72/1/a3	72/2	Gettu Number Patta	Dry	0.01	Barmavath. Harisingh S/o Harju	ST	Barmavath. Harisingh S/o Harju	ST	72/1/a	72/62	72/1/a	72/1/a	-
4	72/2	72/2	Govt.	-	0.08	Govt.	-	Road	-	72	72	72	72	-
5	72/1/a/14/e	72/3	Patta	Dry	0.07	Banoth. Ramja S/o Keshya	ST	Banoth. Ramja S/o Keshya	ST	72/1 /a3	72/16/2/1/1	72/11 /a/14 /e1	72	-
6	72/1/a4	72/3	Gettu Number Patta	Dry	0.04	Barmavath. Harisingh S/o Harju	ST	Barmavath. Harisingh S/o Harju	ST	72/1/a	72/62	72/3	72	-
7	72/64	72/3	Assignment Patta	Dry	0.01	Barmavath. Dwaali W/o Ramjya	ST	Barmavath Ramja S/o Amru	ST	72/63	72/62	72	72/64	-
8	72/62	72/3	7th Session Assignment patta	Dry	0.02	Barmavath. Jaamri W/o Chandar	ST	Barmavath. Chandar S/o Amru	ST	72/64	72/1/a4	72	72/62	-
9	72/16/21	72/3	Assignment Patta	Dry	0.07	Lavudya Somla S/o Bichha	ST	Guguloth. Ramesh S/o Eerya	ST	72/62	72/1/a4	72	72/3	-
10	72/3	72/3	Govt.	Dry	1.33	Govt.	-	Road	-	72	72	72	72	-
11	72/1/a/6/a	72/4	Patta	Dry	0.05½	Barmavath. Rama S/o Shriramulu	ST	Barmavath. Rama S/o Shriraam	ST	72/16/2/1/1	72/1/a /6/aa	72/16 /10/e	72	-
12	72/4	72/4	Govt.	Dry	0.06	Govt.	-	Road	-	72	72	72	72	-
13	72/1/a	72/5	Gettu Number patta	Dry	0.14	Meharjunnisha Begam W/o Basheruddin	OC	Barmavath. Harisingh S/o HJarjya	ST	72/1/a	72/1/a	72	72/3	-
14	72/1/a/6/a	72/5	Patta	Dry	0.04	Barmavath. Lacchiram S/o baalu	ST	Barmavath. Lacchiram S/o baalya	ST	72	72/16/10/e	72/1/e/6/aa	72	-
15	72/16/10/a	72/5	Assignment Patta	Dry	0.02	Barmavath. Balu S/o Shriramulu	ST	Barmavath. Laxmi S/o Eerya	ST	72/1/a/6/aa	72/1/a/6/aa	72/1/a/6aa	72	-
16	72/5	72/5	Govt.	Dry	0.13	Govt.	-	Road	-	72	72	72	72	-
17	72/1/a/ru	72/6	Gettu Number patta	Dry	0.02	Barmavath. Baavusingh S/o bamitiya	ST	Lavyudya. Laalsingh S/o Haarya	ST	72/1/a/6/aa	72/16/11/1	72/1/a/6	72	-
18	72/1/a/15/a	72/6	Gettu Number patta	Dry	0.06	Guguloth Mangathya S/o Hanma	ST	Guguloth. Mangatya S/o Hanma	ST	72/1/a	72/1/a/15	72	72/1/a	-
19	72/6	72/6	Govt.	Dry	0.20½	Govt.	-	Road	-	72	72	72	72	-
20	72/16/27	72/36/2	Assignment Patta	Dry	0.00½	Jarpul Sunitha W/o Eeshwar Babu	ST	Jarpula Sunitha W/o Eeshwar	ST	72/16/27/1	72/16/27/1	72	72/16/27/1	-
21	72/16/35/aa	72/36/2	Assignment Patta	Dry	0.08	Badavath Raamdas S/o Chimna	ST	Badavath Raamdas S/o Chimna	ST	72/16/35/aa	72/16/35/aa	72	72/16/22	-
22	72/16/35/aa	72/36/2	Assignment Patta	Dry	0.01	Badavath Raamdas S/o Chimna	ST	Banoth Raamu S/o Sakru	ST	72/16/35/aa	72	72	72	House site
23	72/16/35/a	72/36/2	Assignment Patta	Dry	0.01	Badavath Chinna S/o Laxman	ST	Badavath Chinna S/o Laxman	ST	72	72	72	72	House site
24	72/16/2	72/36/2	Govt.	Dry	0.00½	Govt.	-	Road	-	72	72	72	72	-
25	72/16/35/aa	72/37/2	Assignment Patta	Dry	0.01	Badavath Raamdas S/o Chimna	ST	Badavath Laxmi W/o Hatti	ST	72	72	72	72	House site
26	72/16/37/1	72/37/2	Assignment Patta	Dry	0.00½	Badavath Jumkilaal S/o Chimna	ST	Badavath Chandar	ST	72	72	72	72	House site
27	72/16/37/1	72/37/2	Assignment Patta	Dry	0.02½	Badavath Jumkilaal S/o Chimna	ST	Badavath Jumki S/o Chimna	ST	72/16/35/a/2	72/16/39	72	72/16/37	-
28	72/16/38/3	72/38/2	Assignment Patta	Dry	0.02½	Boda. Shankar S/o Bichha	ST	Boda. Shankar S/o Bichha	ST	72/16/29/a	72/16/40/a	72	72/16/38/1	-
29	58/aa/ru	58/2	Jangalchen patta	Dry	0.01½	Sunkara pumachandarao S/o Ramaiah	OC	Banoth Sona W/o Laxma	ST	72/16/35/aa	72	72	72	-
30	58/aa/ru	58/2	Jangalchen patta	Dry	0.02	Sunkara pumachandarao S/o Ramaiah	OC	Jarpula Srinu S/o Sakru	ST	72/16/39/1/1	58/a/5	72	72/16/40/aa	-
31	58/ea/1a	58/3	Patta	Dry	0.05½	Guguloth Sharada W/o Veeru	ST	Guguloth Sharada W/o Veeru	ST	72	58/ea/2ru	72	58/ee/1	-
32	58/ea/ru	58/3	Patta	Dry	0.02	Banoth Laxni W/o Raamkoti	ST	Banoth Raamkotu S/o Sevya	ST	58/ee/1a/e	72	72	58/e/1e/e	-
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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 (Act No.30A/2013), to all whom it my concern. A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the District Collector, Bhadradri Kothagudem District / LAO and Revenue Divisional Officer, Kothagudem (LA) Railway Line, Kothagudem on any working day during the working hours.

The Government of Telangana/Collector-cum-Appropriate Government is pleased to authorize the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kothagudem (LA), Railway Line, Kothagudem and his staff (Survey Team) 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.

Objections to the acquisition, if any, may be filed by the person interested within (60) sixty days from the date of publication of this notification as provided under Section-15 of the Act before District Collector, Bhadradri Kothagudem District and LAO and the Revenue Divisional Officer (LA) Railway Line, Kothagudem.

Sd/-
Land Acquisition Officer & Revenue Divisional Officer, Kothagudem.

Sd/- Collector & Dist. Magistrate, Bhadradri Kothagudem

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Unaccounted...

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Sleuths of the department on October11 carried out an inspection at the head office of the infrastructure company in Hyderabad. The searches covered more than 30 premises in Hyderabad, NCR and Mumbai. The press communiqué said, "Evidence of large-scale bogus expenses, over-invoicing of purchase and sub-contract expenses have been found and seized. The group also indulged in out-of-books transactions and manipulation of books to suppress its taxable profits".

It also found evidence of illegal payments through hawala channels running into hundreds of crores of rupees.

HYDERABAD BULLION RATES

GOLD	₹ 38,540 (10 gm)	₹ 10 (down)
SILVER	₹ 45,500(1kg)	₹ 300 (up)

CHICKEN RATES ₹/KG

Dressed/With Skin	₹138
Without Skin	₹157
Broiler at Farm	₹95

EGG RATES ₹/100

HYDERABAD	370
VIJAYAWADA	390
VISAKHAPATNAM	415
RETAIL PRICE (IN HYDERABAD)	₹3.70

BANDH A NON-EVENT IN CITY

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The typically busy Mahatma Gandhi Bus Station (MGBS) saw vehicles arriving from neighboring states, though with hardly any commuters. Most of TSRTC buses remained confined to depots in Hyderabad.

Auto rickshaws and private vehicles that doubled up as commercial ones made a killing. Cab aggregators resorted to surge pricing. According to HMRL authorities, the figures of passengers who took Metro on Saturday were normal, perhaps due to holiday for schools and IT sector. They projected 3.15 lakh footfalls by the end of the day in Metro.

Despite the call for shutdown, most of the shops were open across the city. Some of them shuttered briefly. The typically overcrowded malls wore a deserted look. Bustling areas like Ameerpet, Nampally, Kukatpally, Sultan Bazar and Begum Bazar, among others, wore a deserted look. The footfalls were clearly less compared to a typical weekend. Even the numbers of vehicles passing through thoroughfares were less.

With Saturday being a holiday for most IT companies and with students on extended vacation, only a section of the government employees had to commute. They expressed solidarity with the striking employees during the lunch hour. Telangana Non Gazetted officials did a lunch hour demonstration expressing support to TSRTC strike on Saturday. Horticulture & Higher Education Department officials participated in the demonstrations and demanded pay revision. TNGOs protested at Mahabubiya College in Hyderabad.

Employees of the State Secretariat protested at BRK Bhavan in support of the striking TSRTC employees.

BJP leaders in Himayathnagar were seen distributing flowers to citizens, urging them to support the strike and bandh. Those who staged sit-in and blocked roads to condemn the government's attitude towards the demands of RTC employees were rounded up or dispersed.

TJS president M Kodandaram, TDP leaders L Ramana and R Chandrashekhar Reddy as well as leaders of the Left parties were arrested by the police in Hyderabad. Congress party leaders Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Sridhar and others were arrested near Charminar when they were heading towards MGBS to lead a protest. State BJP chief K. Laxman and others were taken into custody by the police at Abids when they staged a protest in support of TSRTC employees. CPI-M secretary Chada Venkat Reddy, senior leader Aziz Pasha and others were arrested at Makhdoom Bhawan, the party office.

Apart from politicians who extended support, Osmania University students were detained once their rally reached the NCC gate. Tension prevailed at the RTC crossroads in Hyderabad as leaders and workers of CPI-M and other groups sat on the road, raising anti-government slogans. Police bodily lifted the protesters and bundled them away in vehicles. The protest near Bus Bhawan, TSRTC headquarters, caused some anxious moments.

House arrests, detentions by police and breaking up of the rallies became the order of the day. For a brief period, slogans of 'CM down down' rent the air at several places in the city.

Police personnel had been deployed in most of the sensitive areas, apart from mobile patrolling, to prevent violence.

Police held 3,294 persons to foil bandh

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In total, we registered 51 Cr PC cases and two IPC cases," said Cyberabad Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar.

Mahesh Bhagwat, Rachakonda Police Commissioner, said that they had booked 1,206 individuals in all until 5 pm. "Malkajgiri, 410, LB Nagar 419, Bhongir 377 are the arrest numbers. Over all, we booked 36 Cr PC cases and two IPC cases against them," said the official.

Police detained leaders of Oppn for staging protests along with the striking TSRTC staff

Police detained leaders of opposition parties for staging protests along with the striking TSRTC employees at various places in the state. TJS president M Kodandaram, TDP leaders L Ramana and R Chandrashekhar Reddy and leaders of the Left parties were among those detained by the police.

The bandh call given by unions of the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) on Saturday evoked mild response, with most of the shops and establishments in Hyderabad and surrounding areas remaining unaffected. However, public transport continued to be severely affected as few buses were operating.

Protesters pelted stones at a few places in Nizamabad district and Wanaparthy, damaging four buses. Police had made elaborate security arrangements in Hyderabad and other towns to prevent violence. TSRTC operated a few buses under police protection with the help of temporary employees.

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'e' PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice NIT No. 31 & 32/2019-20 (2nd Call) Dt. 16.10.2019

Name of the Work: 1) Package No.DMFT/2018-19/ SJNR/5, execution of 15 works in Gareebpeta G.P. of Sujathnagar Mandal - **ECV Cost: Rs. 43.00 Lakhs. 2)** Balance work of Construction of Tribal Community Hall in Manuguru Mandal. **ECV Cost: Rs. 55.00 Lakhs.** Tender conditions. SBD & schedule for the above works will be available from **21-10-2019** onwards at e-market place i.e., **https://tender.telangana.gov.in/login.html** The last date for online submission of tender is **30-10-2019.** Further details can be seen at e-procurementmarket place i.e, **https://tender.telangana.gov.in/login.html.**

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CRIME CORNER

Gang held on kidnapping charge

HYDERABAD: The Golconda police arrested a four-member gang on charges of kidnapping and threatening a trader in Tolichowki in the city on Friday. According to the police, the arrested persons were identified as Syed Noor, Shaik Yousuf Uddin and Mohd Rasheed, all three rowdy sheeters from Banjara Hills and one Mohd Taher, an event organiser. The prime suspect Mohd Yousuf from Asif Nagar and two others are absconding. The gang kidnapped one Mohd Khaleelullah from Tolichowki in a car and took him to Afzal Sagar. They confined him in a room and assaulted him demanding money. He was later released, after which he approached the police. Following a complaint, the police booked cases against the gang and placed them under arrest on Saturday.

Traffic SI injured in mishap

HYDERABAD: A sub-inspector deputed to the traffic wing of Hyderabad police sustained severe injuries on Saturday after bike rammed into a car that ran amok, hitting an electric pole and bounced back onto the main road at Chaderghat. According to sources, Srinivas, who is working with Panjagutta traffic police, sustained multiple injuries in the incident. The car driver is suspected to be under the effect of alcohol. Police said Srinivas was on his way to the police station at Punjagutta on his bike. When he reached Meridian function hall, a car lost control and rammed into an electric pole on the roadside. As the vehicle was going at a high speed, it careened back on to the road and hit Srinivas' bike. He was thrown off and landed on the road and sustained multiple fractures. The car driver, Arshad, who is suspected to be under the effect of alcohol, has been detained.

MA&UD Minister KTR at a meeting with officials of the two departments in the city on Saturday

KTR seeks new roads, new link routes in city

Asks officials to develop slip roads, main roads in western part of Hyderabad city on war-footing

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MA&UD Minister KT Rama Rao directed department officials to find out locations in the city where there is a need for developing new roads. He held a meeting with HoDs of MA&UD department at Pragathi Bhavan on Saturday. The minister asked the officials to develop slip roads and main roads in the western part of Hyderabad city on a war-footing. He discussed identifying locations of slip roads and missing link roads in the IT corridor.

KTR asked municipal admin department officials to initiate talks with Railways officials about places where there is a need to construct Road-Under-Bridges and Road-Over-Bridges. He said traffic congestion could be eased if minor stretches of new connecting link roads are laid. Minister asked officials to prioritise these works.

Officials will make plans of building link roads from Borabanda-Miyapur main road to HiTec City and Madhapur areas. New link roads and main roads will be laid from Jubilee Hills to Knowledge City, Old Bombay Highway. The government will also develop new arterial roads from Financial District to Kokapet, Tellapur, Nizampet, Kukatpaly, Hafizpet connecting Outer Ring Road. Mayor Bonthu Ram Mohan, MA&UD Principal Secretary Arvind Kumar, GHMC Commissioner Lokesh Kumar, Chief City Planners, chief engineers among others participated in the meeting.

Meanwhile Arvind on twitter called for suggestions on crucial missing road links which if connected will provide important road connectivity/continuation- these could be on a/c of rail tracks, land acquisition problems etc.

GHMC to start road repairs in two days

Internal roads to be in focus; Rapid Action Team set up

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Civic body will take up repair works in all wards and all BT mix machines will continue to work round the clock

GHMC will undertake repair of roads damaged by the season's heavy rains from October 22 to November 10. GHMC Commissioner Lokesh Kumar said at the City Convergence meeting held on Friday that the civic body will take up repair works in all wards and all BT mix machines will continue to work round the clock.

Commissioner said that GHMC will deploy a special Rapid Action Team from November to take up repair works of damaged roads to ensure durability. As there is a proposal to give the maintenance of major roads of 680 km on contract basis, the GHMC plans to focus on maintenance of internal roads in a more effective manner on sustain of its durability.

However, due to prevailing weather situation the GHMC extend the deadline on restrictions of road-cutting for cable lines and pipe lines agencies from November 31 to December 1.

Meanwhile, the GHMC has also requested the joint collector of Hyderabad to hand over the two acres of land beside ABN News Channel office for construction of two-bed room houses for the poor and the adjacent vacant land for construction of a community hall. Joint Collector G Ravi said the process of handing over the land to GHMC will be completed shortly.

Freedom Walk held amid tense situation

Cross-section of people come together to spread awareness against slavery

NAVEEN KUMAR
■ HYDERABAD

Walk for Freedom participants at the YMCA before the start of the event on Saturday

The international peace walk against human trafficking was held in Hyderabad amidst tensed atmosphere on Telangana Bandh' day on Saturday. The event witnessed enthusiastic crowd participating from all walks of life, uniting together with an aim to spread awareness and abolish slavery.

The walk started simultaneously at 10 Indian cities -- Hyderabad, Mumbai, Pune, Delhi, Kolkata, Shillong, Chennai, Kochi, Bengaluru, and Panjim -- at 6.30 am from YMCA Secunderabad.

The Walk for Freedom, hosted by The Movement India, a volunteer mobilisation platform based in Mumbai, was held in India for the third year in a row. However, this is the first time that Hyderabad participated in the global event.

The core team, consisting of Nithin Raj, Jubal George, Naveen Kumar, Mercy Elgiva, Raj Rathnam and Pearl, had been conducting awareness sessions in different colleges and corporate firms by asking people to register and join the movement.

DCP West Zone, B Sumathi, who was invited as Chief Guest for the event had to excuse herself owing to the bandh called in the city by TSRTC unions. However, the walk was provided police protection.

Walk for Freedom was held in India for the third year in a row

Mercy Elgiva said, "We conducted awareness sessions on data with statistics from different websites and case studies of real life incidents at seven corporate firms and at four colleges in the city. We faced a lot of hurdle due to the strike and politically charged situation in the city over the past two weeks. But a cheerful crowd showed up on a weekend morning to support something that needs to be addressed and spoken about."

Speaking to Pioneer, Aneesha Reuben, a member of Movement India, said, "We are glad that so many people have come here today. This event is not only taking place in Hyderabad but it is also being organised nationally in Delhi, Calcutta, Mumbai, Chennai, Kochi, Goa, Pune and Shillong and we are having around 10,000 people joining us for this walk. There are 50 countries participating in this globally for freedom of slavery."

Anisha said that in India in every eight minutes a child goes missing and 50 per cent of them never come back. According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), 50 per cent of the trafficking cases that are registered in India are about children. "This is a movement not only for me but everyone across the world. It's a global issue," she said.

A large number of people joined the walk and took a pledge to help end human trafficking and spread awareness. Naveen, who is handling the PR of the event here said, "The event is being organised across 10 cities in India. It is specifically against human trafficking and slavery. The motive behind the walk is to create awareness and be alert about how trafficking takes place. One can call the national helpline number 1098 to report cases of human trafficking."

The event, while being held in India for the past two years, it has been taking place across the world for the last five years. In 2017, The Movement India partnered with A21 and launched the Walk in Mumbai. In 2018, it happened across four locations in Mumbai and one location in Chennai where over 1,450 took part in the Walk. In Chennai alone last year more than 580 people joined and this year the organisers said over a thousand registrations had been received. This year, 4,622 people participated in the walk in India.

Rs 3 lakh medical insurance for GHMC staff

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The government will be providing medical insurance benefits to 5,156 permanent employees of GHMC and their family members. The policy covers employees, their spouses, two children and parents in the medical insurance plan. The insurance scheme, which comes into effect from November 1, will offer medical insurance worth Rs 3 lakh each. Commissioner Lokesh Kumar said that out of 5,156 regular employees at GHMC, 2,375 only have handed over family and job descriptions. He requested them to provide the details at the earliest for the specially-designed proforma of the medical health scheme.

Thirty-hour 'Hackathon' on road safety held

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Society for Cyberabad Security Council in collaboration with Cyberabad police inaugurated a 30-hour 'Hackathon on Road Safety and Traffic Management' on Saturday. The Hackathon started at 9.00 am and will end at 5.00 pm on Sunday.

About 30 teams comprising of 120 members participated in the event. Teams present were from diverse backgrounds like IT professionals, traffic volunteers, NGOs and students from Hyderabad, Pune, Chandigarh, Bengaluru and other cities.

The Hackathon is designed to tap young minds to explore creative ideas to develop solutions for improving road safety and traffic management. The need has been felt looking to the phenomenal growth in the IT Corridor and the intense challenge this poses on the existing resources. Specific challenges have been identified and listed under four major themes - road infrastructure, commuter behavior, transportation and integrated traffic management.

Five pickpockets held

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Accused used to travel in an auto, pick up passengers and then steal cell phones and cash by diverting their attention

Commissioner's Task Force, South Zone Team and Begum Bazar Police nabbed five habitual pocket pickers who stole cell phones and cash from passengers in autos and recovered valuables worth Rs 3.50 lakh. The arrested persons have been identified as Zubair Bin Shamlan (33), Mohd.Nawaz (21), Syed Aijaz (26) Md Naseer (30) and Ashan parvez (33).

According to the police, the arrested men are all residents of Hyderabad. They were involved in nine cases under various police stations including Begum Baazar, Charminar, Begumpet, Saifabad, Kalapather, Naarsingh, and Patancheru.

Zubair, Nawaz and Aijaz would hire a auto and go around in busy crowded areas and pick up passengers and sit along with them. They would then divert the attention of the passengers and steal cell phones and cash from their pockets. They also argue with passengers and force them to get down from the auto, police said.

The stolen property used to be disposed by Naseer and Parvez, said police. The offenders and the recovered property was handed over to the SHO Begum Bazaar PS for further action.

Motorcycle showroom gutted

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A major fire broke out at a motorcycle showroom in Malakpet in the early hours of Saturday. According to the police, the fire broke out at a Hero Honda motorcycle showroom on the Malakpet main road.

Three fire tenders from Gowliguda and Malakpet rushed to the spot to battle the blaze. It took three hours to be brought under control.

No loss of human life was reported, but property and vehicles worth lakhs of rupees kept in the showroom were gutted. Fire personnel suspect that the fire was a result of a short circuit.

Man kill sister's pet dog after argument

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A man stamped on the neck of a pet Pomeranian and killed the animal following a heated argument with his sister in Lalapet on Saturday.

Shocked by the incident, the woman, Rama Davi, 37, an employee of the National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI), approached the Osmania University Police and registered a complaint.

She said in her complaint that she was coming down the stairs and saw her brother Nagaraj and his wife Swapna stamping on the dog and strangling it to death. When she objected, Nagaraj allegedly threatened to kill her and her mother, following which she dialed 100 to call in the police. She also said that Nagaraj had earlier killed her other dogs too by leaving them on the rail track in front of her house. She also alleged that he had beaten her mother and that they were living in fear since he was always drunk.

Following a complaint, the OU city police booked a case and started an investigation in the case.

The pooch that Nagaraj killed

ESI ex-joint director overdoses on medicines in jail

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She told police that she had overdosed on some pills she has been using for medical purposes, and was shifted to hospital by jail authorities

Former Joint Director of ESI, who was recently arrested in the sensational scam, had allegedly attempted suicide inside the Chanchalguda jail on Saturday.

Dr Padma, was arrested by the Anti-Corruption Bureau, for an alleged multi-crore scam. The ACB was probing alleged financial irregularities in the supply of medicines to dispensaries and Employees State Insurance (ESI) hospitals in the state.

Speaking to Pioneer about her alleged suicide attempt, DIG Jails Saidaiah said that she claimed to have overdosed on her pills and herself asked for medical help. "She told us that she had overdosed on some pills she has been using for medical purposes, and was immediately shifted to Osmania General Hospital by the jail authorities as per protocol. Her condition is said to be stable now," said the official, adding that she was lodged into the prison for about two weeks ago.

The ACB, in their course of investigation in the medicine scam, had found two fake requisitions for medicines worth Rs 1.03 crore that were made by Dr K Padma, Joint Director in Hyderabad on May 26 and 28, 2018.

The ACB found that medicines worth Rs 1.22 crore were also ordered and received by Dr Padma, but the stocks were not sent to the dispensaries concerned.

Officials said that medical camps were conducted at different places by Dr K Padma, Joint Director of IMS, along with Arvind Reddy, medicines and kits supplied to the camps were diverted to the godowns of Arvind Reddy situated at Dulapally, Balanagar and Chintal etc. The same kits were then sold in the open market and the proceeds of the sale were split between Padma, Arvind Reddy and his employees Ramreddy and Likhith Reddy. "The kits were sold illegally in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, police said.

Dr Padma

BJP takes the lead in State bandh

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Congress Legislature Party leader Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka came onto the road, but was immediately arrested. Uttam Kumar Reddy was busy campaigning for the Huzurnagar elections. This limited the impact of main opposition parties in the state and in their absence BJP stood out in relief.

Furthermore, the surprise intervention of Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan after her recent meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi was a morale booster for the party cadre.

It was BJP leader Dr. K Laxman who walked the talk. Instead of waiting for Telangana bandh, BJP took out massive bike rally on Friday itself. They have been critical of the government and quite easily became a voice of the RTC unions.

Sources said the strong leadership at the Centre helped BJP in the State to stand out in the bandh as a leader.

Noticeably, most the BJP leaders were not arrested as the Centre could have otherwise questioned the law and order situation in the state.

It may be mentioned here that Union Minister of State for Home Affairs G Kishan Reddy early this week urged the Telangana government to resolve the TSRTC strike issue amicably by holding talks with the unions. If the state of affairs continues, TRS government is going to hand the state on a platter to the BJP.

Trot your pet all the way to pedestal at dog show

Pet talent show to be held in city in November; India home to 2 crore pet dogs

K RAMYA SREE
■ HYDERABAD

■ Country consumes dog food worth Rs 1,200 cr per annum

■ Pet food market is projected to cross $310 million (?2 billion) by 2020

Dogs are considered man's best friends and pet parents often go all out to show their dog's hidden talents. If you are one among them and would like your dog to be a gold medallist as well, the dog show to be held in November in Hitex in the city is the perfect place to see your dog on a pedestal.

With India being home to over 2 crore pet dogs, this could also be a treat for audiences who come to witness the awesomeness of our furry friends. The event is no disappointment to cat lovers as well with cats too performing at the show.

The three day-long event which will be held from November 1 and November 3, will witness as many as 600 dogs of more than 50 breeds and nearly 200 cats performing at the show adjudged by 10 international figures.

The event will also focus on cat health and hygiene, breed orientation and Do's and Dont's of cat care presented by eminent cat care experts.

A press conference was held in the city on Saturday, which announced that this is the first time that Asia, Africa and Ocean shows are being organised at one stop with Hyderabad being their go to destination. A National Convention of Feline Club of India will also be held here during these three days.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Jiyaul Hoque, National Manager with Pedigree said, there are two crore pet dogs in India. About Rs 1,200 crore worth dog food is being sold in India every year.

The event, jointly being organised by the HITEX and The Hyderabad Canine Club, PETEX INDIA is home for national and international pet care companies to showcase their products, interact with customers, peers, veterinarians and experts from the industry, enhance brand awareness and build business collaborations.

Indian and global pet care companies will showcase their products such as pet food and nutrition, pet pharmaceuticals, pet grooming and allied segments to over 50,000 visitors that include pet care businesses, pet owners and pet care experts and enthusiasts.

Experts feel that India is the fastest-growing pet care market in the world. Urbanization, rise in nuclear families, changing perceptions towards pets and pet owners are driving the growth. Pet care market is expected to grow at 13.9% annually to become a $430 million (? 2780 million) market by 2020.

With an estimated 19 million pets and 600,000 pets being adopted every year, the pet food industry in India shows huge potential. There is an increasing awareness about pet nutrition and pet owners are becoming more conscious about the products they buy. Growth is recorded in all categories including pet food, pet pharmaceuticals, grooming, toys and accessories while the pet food market is projected to cross $310 million (? 2000 million) by 2020.

Infant injured in chemical blast

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The child spotted an old plastic bottle filled with some liquid and stepped on it, causing it to explode

Tension prevailed at a residential colony at Nacharam when a loud explosion was heard by the locals on Saturday morning. An infant was injured in the incident. The infant girl, Chetra, was playing in front of her house when she noticed an old plastic bottle filled with some liquid and stepped on it, causing it to suddenly explode. "The parents and locals rushed the girl for medical attention. Police was also called," said a neighbour. A dog squad, bomb squad and clues team was rushed to the spot to investigate.

Preliminary enquiry revealed that the old plastic can (1 litre capacity) had some unidentified chemical liquid in it. "A chemical reaction caused a blast. We have sent the bottle to forensic lab," said the police inspector of Nacharam, M Mahesh.

TSRTC STRIKE

T-stir mates not with KCR now?

Many old-timers in TRS feel that the agitation may lead to public resentment against the party

DEEPTHI NANDAN REDDY
■ HYDERABAD

With the statewide bandh call given by TSRTC JAC becoming successful and support for RTC strike gradually rising from all sections, loyal old-timers of TRS are worried that the agitation may lead to the public resentment against the ruling party and feel that Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao had taken an unwarranted political risk.

Though the RTC strike has been continuing for more than two weeks, barring senior leader and MP Keshava Rao, no one in TRS has dared to comment sympathetically on RTC strike. He had offered to mediate between RTC employees' unions and government, but immediately resorted to silence, reportedly after being snubbed by the TRS leadership.

Not just Keshava Rao but many senior leaders, who have been loyal to the party and sailed with KCR since the days of Telangana agitation, are sympathetic towards RTC employees. But these seniors have been maintaining stoic silence, knowing very well about TRS supremo's style of functioning. However, TRS seniors who have been with KCR through thick and thin feel this time that TRS boss had taken an unwarranted risk and are worried over the consequences of RTC agitation.

"RTC employees played a very crucial role in Telangana agitation. Without Telangana RTC employees' efforts, 'Sakala Janula Samme' would not have been possible during statehood movement. Also, all the RTC employees unions leaders are known to TRS leaders personally and heed to CM KCR's words. But instead of using the personal rapport with RTC unions to settle the issue amicably and win over employees at a crucial time, CM has unnecessarily complicated the matter. RTC strike has severely dented the people-friendly and pro-welfare image of TRS party. We are looking forward to CM to take up damage control exercise at the earliest," said a senior leader and MP of TRS, seeking anonymity speaking to 'The Pioneer'.

There has been a clear rift between loyal old-timers and turncoats in TRS and RTC strike has only magnified and further widened it. Along with CM KCR, several senior leaders and Ministers like Harish Rao, Etela Rajendar, Koppula Eeshwar and others have worked closely with RTC employees during Telangana agitation. Therefore TRS seniors who were instrumental during Telangana agitation have not made any statement against striking RTC employees.

However, turncoat leaders who even turned Ministers like Talsani Srinivas Yadav, Puvvada Ajay, Errabelli Dayakar Rao and others made comments against agitating RTC staff. This is said to have irked loyal old-timers severely, as comments of these turncoat leaders only did further damage to the ruling party. Already TRS's popularity graph has come down post Lok Sabha polls and Opposition parties and TRS detractors have been emerging stronger. Therefore TRS senior leaders fear that Chief Minister has unnecessarily given scope for RTC strike at a politically sensitive time and took unwarranted risk.

Mahatma Gandhi Bus Station wears a deserted look during the day-long shutdown called by the TSRTC employees on Saturday

Though the RTC strike has been continuing for more than two weeks, barring senior leader and MP Keshava Rao, no one in TRS has dared to comment on the RTC strike

(Left) Warangal bus stand nearly empty; (Right) Police prevent BJP workers from holding a rally

Bandh total, peaceful in districts

PV KONDAL RAO
■ WARANGAL

Barring stray incidents of stone pelting, the RTC JAC and opposition sponsored bandh in the rural Telangana districts was mostly peaceful and complete on Saturday. However, the bandh evoked mixed response among the business circles, as the business establishments shut their shutters in the morning but resumed their operations by afternoon. Bandh was complete in the six districts of Warangal region and the transportation of RTC services has come to a standstill even in the urban parts of the districts.

RTC suspended all its 785 services in the six districts of Warangal for the day but it operated skeleton services to the state capital in the afternoon hours as per the directions of the officials. However, the passengers kept aloof from commuting in the buses for the day and stayed indoors in almost all the mandal and district headquarters. There was heavy rush for the morning trains in the Kazipet and Warangal railway stations.

In Karimnagar, the RTC employees thrashed a driver, who was hired on temporary basis, when he tried to operate the bus from the Karimnagar district headquarters. The protesting RTC employees even pelted stones on the window-panes of the RTC buses being operated in the Karimnagar town in the morning.

There were reports of irate employees expressing their anger on the bus services in the Manthani Mahamutharam belt of the district. The Vajra bus and special bus services of the RTC were operated with complete police protection in the morning hours. Protests were evident in almost all the rural districts of north Telangana as the NGOs and Gazatted officers took part in lunch hour demonstrations in the districts and revenue Mandals, headquarters. Student unions such as PDSU, ABVP, TGVP and AISF,SFI spearheaded the protests in the districts.

RTC suspended services on all its 785 routes in the six districts constituting erstwhile Warangal dist, but later in the afternoon, it has operated services to Hyderabad, said an official

Buses confined to depots in Mahabubnagar

AVINASH DEEPAK PULI
■ MAHABUBNAGAR

The bandh call given by the striking RTC employees was peaceful here in the erstwhile Mahabubnagar district. Opposition parties and several other organisations extended their support the RTC employees.

RTC buses, which are being operated by hiring drivers and conductors on temporary basis, were confined to the depots spread across the district and the police took up extensive security measures to prevent any untoward incident.

In Jogulamba Gadwal district, the impact of the bandh was evident even in the interiors of the district and the police took up a constant vigil as the members of CPI Maoist support units such as TVV and TPF were arrested by the law enforcers last week.

The depots spread across the Gadwal district were operating 85 per cent of the buses with the temporary drivers and conductors for the past ten odd days. However, on Saturday, the temporary drivers came in support of the striking RTC employees, and nearly 146 buses remained off roads, suspecting attack by the RTC workers and opposition parties.

The bandh was complete in the Narayanpet and Nagarkurnool district but the preventive measures of police have helped in preventing any untoward incident. Meanwhile, the business establishments in Mahabubnagar district headquarters as well as in Wanaparthy have shut their operations for the morning session of the day.

In Mahabubnagar, in particular, the bandh was organised by the BJP and its ancillary units but the business activity resumed post lunch. All the 842 services of RTC spread across the erstwhile Mahabubnagar district were confined to the depots. The RTC authorities on the other hand said the passengers in the five districts were given top priority in providing the transportation facility and the bus stations, where the passengers were visible, were provided with alternative bus services, they detailed.

Buses remain parked in a depot on Saturday

CPI-ML leader Potu Ranga Rao shows his injured finger while being taken away by the police in Hyderabad on Saturday

CPI-ML leader injured in scuffle

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

CPI-ML leader Potu Ranga Rao got severely injured during a protest here on Saturday. Ranga Rao's thumb got severed when the police whisked him and other leaders while staging a sit-in at RTC cross roads in support of bandh called by the RTC employees, in a van.

CPM state committee secretary Tammineni Veerabhadram, Telangana Inti Party president Cheruku Sudhakar, Vimalakka staged a sit-in as part of the Saturday's state-wide bandh.

However, Ranga Rao alleged that the police got his thumb cut by crushing it between the two doors. In a serious tone he questioned the government is it the gift that is given to him for having taken part in agitation and for siding with the RTC workers. TJS leaders, including Prof Kodandaram, were arrested for trying to lay siege to Bus Bhavan.

BC Commission serves notices on CS, RTC MD

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The National BC Commission on Saturday ruled that Chief Secretary to the Government of Telagnana Dr SK Joshi and RTC Managing Director to personally appear before it on October 25 with full report on RTC strike. The RTC JAC has urged the commission to intervene in the strike issue for an amicable solution to their problems. The JAC told the commission that 20,000 of the RTC employees belong to BC communities. The JAC brought to the notice of the commission that the government had dismissed the employees, including the BCs.

Responding to the complaint, the BC commission served notices on the Chief Secretary and RTC Managing Director.

Cong claims bandh a 'grand success'

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) Treasurer Gudur Narayana Reddy has claimed that the Telangana Bandh was successful across the State.

Addressing a press conference at Gandhi Bhavan on Saturday, Gudur Narayana Reddy said that people have responded positively to the bandh call given by the RTC JAC, which was backed by all opposition parties.

He said people have voluntarily closed their shops to express solidarity with the RTC workers who are on strike for the last 14 days. He alleged that the TRS government tried to sabotage the bandh call using people. He said the police have detained several political leaders and activists to foil the agitation. However, he said people came on to the roads voluntarily and made bandh successful. He strongly condemned the arrest of political leaders and demanded their immediate release.

The Congress leader said that the situation has turned so worse that the High Court had to play the role of government to ask RTC management to hold talks with agitating employees. He said action would be taken against Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao for contempt of court. He said that the Ministers in KCR cabinet have no freedom of thought and they are not allowed to take any decisions or action.

He said that lakh of commuters were facing inconvenience in the absence of a RTC services. However, instead of resolving the problems of RTC employees to end the strike, KCR has been displaying fake ego and utter arrogance. He said KCR was not even willing to talk to RTC unions despite High Court orders. He said this dictatorial attitude would only harm KCR and the countdown for his downfall has already begun.

Gudur said KCR was putting the lives of common people in danger by engaging inexperienced driver to ply RTC buses. He said many accidents have already occurred and the situation would turn worse if immediate measures are not taken. He also sought the intervention of Governor Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan on the issue.

He challenged the Chief Minister KCR to take Huzurnagar by-elections as a referendum. Stating that the Congress party would win the seat with a huge majority, he said the result of Huzurnagar would reflect the real mood of people of Telangana.

He said KCR had already sensed a humiliating defeat in Huzurnagar and for the same reason he had cancelled his public meeting in the constituency.

RTC JAC to meet AIMIM leaders to seek support

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

TSRTC JAC has decided to meet the AIMIM party, which is not yet announced its stand on ongoing RTC strike on October 20, besides meeting all political parties on Sunday at 11AM. The JAC also decided to conduct a huge public meeting at Osmania University on October 23 with the help of OU Students JAC, which extended its full support to the RTC strike.

The JAC held a meeting at RTC Employees Union Office at Vidyanagar to chalk out the future course of action plan. The JAC leaders, Ashwathama Reddy, Raji Reddy, VS Rao and several other leaders participated in the meeting. The leaders consoled the CPI (ML) leader Potu Rangarao, whose finger was cut during the dharna at RTC Cross Roads. He was injured during a scuffle with the police, when the latter tried to shift him into a van after arresting him.

Speaking to the media, Ashwathama Reddy said that the strike was not confined to RTC workers but it is the fight for the protection of democracy. He said that they will stage protests before all the depots. He said that they would seek the support of the people by giving flowers to them. He alleged that the government is committing mistakes again and again without solving the problems of the workers.

He made it clear that they will continue their strike even if the government invites for talks. He made it clear that they resorted to strike only for the protection of RTC. He said that the government has to come for discussions following the suggestions of the High Court. He opined that the ongoing strike is bigger one after the Telangana movement. He alleged that the government is filing cases more than the cases filed during Telangana movement against the RTC workers. The agitation will not be stopped even if the police removed the fingers and heads of the leaders.

He said that they would go to the people with the slogan of 'Protect RTC'. "We will meet Governor again. We will also meet AIMIM party seeking their support to the ongoing strike", he said. He thanked all sections of the people for extending their support to the strike.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
Revenue (LA) Department
Office of the Collector, Medchal - Malkajgiri District
FORM-C
(Under Section-11 of the Act where 10A Exemption is given)
(See Rule 6/12)

Collector, MMD File No.G2/1239/2019 Date: 05-09-2019
File No.D/1185/2019 Date: -08-2019
Gazette No. MMD No. 51 Date: 06-09-2019

Whereas it appears to the Government of Telangana/ Collector that a total of Acs.4-05 Gts, land is required in Keshawaram Village, Muduchinthalapally Mandal, Medchal - Malkajgiri District for public purpose namely Kondapochammasagar of Kaleswaram Project Thurkapalli Main Canal on Jagadevpur Canal.

Therefore, it is notified that for the above said project in Keshawaram village, Mudduchinthalapally Mandal, Medchal - Malkajgiri District land measuring, Acs 4-05 Gts of standard measurement, whose detail description is as following, is proposed for acquisition.

SCHEDULE
District:Medchal-Malkajgiri District Mandal:Muduchinthalapally
Village: Keshawaram
PATTA

Sl. No.	Type Title	Land	Extent acres & Gts	Name and address of persons interested	Boundaries N	S	E	W	Trees Variety	No.	Structures Type	Pinth Area
22	Patta	Dry	0.25 1/2	Bommalapally Shankaraiah s/o Narsaiah Bommalapally Mallaiah s/o Narsaiah Mamindla Sriselam s/o Chandaiah Bommalapally Pochaiah s/o Narsaiah Mamindla Chandraiah s/o Yellaiah Kotte Srikanth Naidu s/o Venkkaiahnaidu V Vimala w/o Venkata Narsimha Reddy Bommalapally Yadaiah s/o Narsaiah	26	18	23	21	-	-	-	-
23	Patta	Dry	0.21 1/2	Gone Balamani w/o Narayana Reddy Mamindla Padma w/o Chithari Puli Peddama w/o Yadaiah Gone Narsimha Reddy s/o Narsa Reddy Konga Ramulamma w/o Narsaiah Ragula Nagesh s/o Narayana E. Manemma w/o Kistaiah Machineni Sheshikala w/o Kondal Rao Gone Srinivas Reddy S/o Laxma Reddy B. Laxmi w/o Shankar N. Sushanth Rep by Garden N. Radhika w/o Sanjeeva Reddy	26	24	24	22	-	-	-	-
24	Patta	Dry	0.22 3/4	Bommalapally Narsaiah s/o Narsaiah Bommalapally Pochaiah s/o Narsaiah Uduthla Rajini w/o Ramulu Kotte Venkaiah Naidu s/o Venkat Rathnam Bommalapally Shankaraiah s/o Narsaiah P. Rajinipriya w/o Balanarsimha Bommalapally Mallaiah s/o Narsaiah Chintala Vittal Reddy s/o Sathi Reddy Puli Yadagiri s/o Sathaiah N. Sushanth Rep by Garden N. Radhika w/o Sanjeeva Reddy Sangam Shetti Sheshikumar s/o Bal Ram Bommalapally Ailaiah s/o Pochaiah Vidya Sagar S. Netha s/o Netha Surendar Raj Bommalapally Yadaiah s/o Narsaiah L. Jayamma w/o Anjaneyulu Perugu Biksha-pathi s/o Narsaiah Bommalapally Ailaiah s/o Pochaiah	25	55	40	23	-	-	-	-
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40	Lavoni Patta	Dry	0.17 1/4	Bommalapally Pentaiah s/o Ailaiah Mangali Yelamma w/o Sathaiah	25	55	39 38	24	-	-	-	-
45	Patta	Dry	0.26 1/2	Bingi Srisailam s/o Balaiah Bommalapally Maisaiah s/o Mallaiah Bingi Rajaiah s/o Balaiah M. Lalitha w/o Malla Reddy Rathnadevi Ch w/o Vidhyasagar Bommalapally Nagaiah s/o Mallaiah Kandakatla Rathanamala w/o Sudharshane Reddy	44 53	46	44	52	-	-	-	-
52	Patta	Dry	0.00 3/4	Nutra Max Organic Farms Pvt. Ltd Rep by Director M.V. Adithya Asha Holdings Pvt Ltd. Rep by Director M. Krishna Chaitanya M. Lalitha w/o Malla Reddy B. Srisailam s/o Mallaiah	53	47	48	51	-	-	-	-
53	Patta	Dry	0.29	Rathnadevi Ch w/o Vidhyasagar	40	52	43	54	-	-	-	-
54	Patta	Dry	0.06 3/4	Nutra Max Organic Farms Pvt. Ltd Rep by Director M.V. Adithya Asha Holdings Pvt Ltd. Rep by Director M. Krishna Chaitanya	40	50 49	53 55		-	-	-	-
55	Patta	Dry	0.10	B L Ajay Kumar s/o B. Laxmaiah D. Veera Reddy S/o Jagareddy CFA Society rep by Anil Kundra s/o K L Kundra Ramchandraiah Uduthala s/o Chinna Sailu S Ramesh Babu s/o Kondal Rao Uduthala Pentaiah s/o Narayana Chintala Vittal Reddy S/o Sathi Reddy K. Sachidevi w/o K. Ratna Prasad	40	54	40	24 56	-	-	-	-
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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, Medchal - Malkajgiri / RDO Keesara Division on any working day during the working hours. The Government of Telangana / Collector - cum- Appropriate Government is pleased to authorize RDO Keesara Division at Medchal - Malkajgiri District 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.

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 / Authorized Officer.

Sd/-
LAO cum Revenue Divisional Officer, Keesara Division Medchal - Malkajgiri District

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Joint Collector Medchal - Malkajgiri District

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SHORT READS

Unity is strength of India's culture: Kalraj

JAIPUR: Rajasthan governor Kalraj Mishra said on Saturday that unity is the strength of India's culture and mutual cooperation and harmony is its hallmark. Speaking at an event here, he said Indians have built an atmosphere of mutual harmony and positivity through geographical unity. "It has created the country's identity in the world." He said moderation in consumption, equality in distribution, balance with nature and mutual harmony can only lead to the development of the nation. He also spoke about Mahatma Gandhi and Deendayal Upadhyaya and said mutual cooperation and harmony is the hallmark of Indian culture. Rajya Sabha member Sundhashu Trivedi was also present in the event.

NCP's Munde seeks mobile jammer near EVM strongroom in Parli

BEED: NCP leader Dhananjay Munde, who is contesting election from Parli seat in Maharashtra's Beed, has written to the returning officer demanding that a mobile network jammer be activated outside the strong room and vote counting booth to avoid "EVM tampering". In his letter, Dhananjay Munde, who is fighting the assembly election against his cousin and Maharashtra BJP minister Pankaja Munde, sought installation of mobile network jammer around the strong room and counting centre in Parli between October 21 (day of voting) and 24 (day of counting). "It is feared that EVMs can be hacked using the mobile network or WiFi. Therefore, in order to maintain transparency in the election process, there is need to take certain security measures," the letter said. "As part of those measures, mobile network jammer should be installed at the strong room where the EVMs will be stored after the voting as well as at the counting centre immediately," the Leader of Opposition in the state Legislative Council said.

No more whistling: Election body warns Nalasopara MLA

PALGHAR (MAH): The district election department has issued a notice to Bahujan Vikas Aghadi MLA Kshitij Thakur, asking him not to blow whistles, the party's poll symbol, while campaigning for the October 21 Assembly polls, an official said on Saturday. The notice was issued on October 16 after one of the candidates in the poll fray complained to the election authority about excessive whistling by Bahujan Vikas Aghadi candidates during rallies, he added. In a letter addressed to the Nalasopara sitting MLA, returning officer A V Kadam asked him to desist from blowing whistles while campaigning. The whistle is a symbol allotted to the candidate and it is not to be used while campaigning, as it is a nuisance to local residents, senior citizens and people who are ill, Kadam said in the letter.

PMC Bank depositors protest outside RBI headquarters

MUMBAI: Depositors of scam-hit Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank on Saturday staged a protest outside the Reserve Bank headquarters here demanding return of their funds stuck in the accounts under restrictions. Around 100 depositors, including women, raised placards and chanted slogans against PMC Bank and the RBI, a police official said. Presence of police personnel ensured that no untoward incident took place, and nobody was detained, he said. After an alleged Rs 4,355 crore scam came to light at the PMC Bank, the RBI initially capped withdrawals at Rs 1,000 in view of liquidity crisis, and later hiked it to Rs 40,000. The depositors have been protesting to get back their funds held up in the bank accounts.

'Frustrated terrorists killed civilians to scare J-K people'

PNS ■ JAMMU

The BJP leader, who is also in charge of Jammu and Kashmir, said the terrorists involved in the innocent civilian killings have been identified and "very soon they will be either killed or captured" by the security forces

The recent killing of three non-local civilians by terrorists was "done out of frustration" to cause fear among people, a senior BJP leader said on Saturday, expressing confidence that the perpetrators of the gruesome incidents would soon be killed or captured to maintain peace in the Kashmir Valley.

BJP National Vice President Avinash Rai Khanna also said the situation in the Valley is fast returning to normal and people have reposed their faith in the democracy by actively taking part in the Block Development Council (BDC) elections, scheduled to take place on October 24.

Without naming the National Conference (NC) and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) leadership, he accused them of looting the state and said "there was not a single protest by people for them".

"The government is very serious to maintain law and order but the way the innocent people, including an apple trader, were killed shows that the terrorists are frustrated over the return of normalcy in Kashmir and they want to scare the people," Khanna, who returned from Kashmir after a three-day long visit, told reporters on the sidelines of a function here.

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A truck driver from Rajasthan, a migrant labourer from Chhattisgarh and an apple trader from Punjab were killed and another apple trader critically injured in three separate attacks by terrorists in Shopian and Pulwama districts of south Kashmir since Monday.

Asserting that the BJP will "write a new chapter" of development in Jammu and Kashmir, he said this was his second visit to the Valley after the abrogation of provisions of Article 370 on August 5 and "there is a visible change towards peace and normalcy".

"The peace movement has started in the Valley as there is heavy rush of vehicles on the roads with people coming out to earn their livelihood. The markets are abuzz with activities...frustrated, the terrorists are trying to create fear but we are confident that the government will not allow them to succeed," he said.

He said the government is not going to show any laxity as it did over the past 73 days by maintaining peace and law and order in the Valley.

"I visited central, north and south Kashmir areas. People have accepted the decision which is for their betterment. There are 520 candidates in the fray for the BDC elections in 130 blocks, out of 137, in the Valley which shows the faith of the people in democracy," Khanna said.

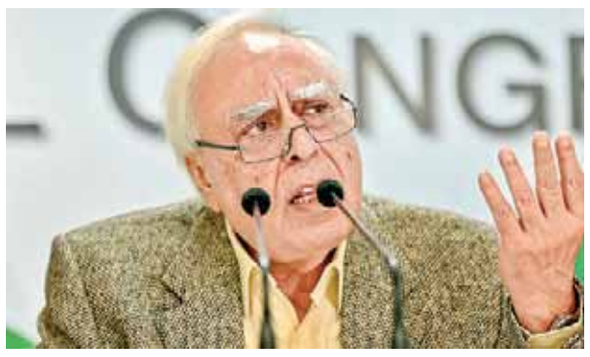
He said the central government wants to empower the Panchayati Raj institutions in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The parties which ruled the state for the last 70 years have looted it. They were never sincere in empowering panches and sarpanches to maintain their family dominance. They were not expecting people to take part in the elections after the abrogation of the special status, and hence boycotted the polls," he said.

In a reference to the detention of former chief ministers -- Farooq Abdullah, his son Omar Abdullah and PDP president Mehbooba Mufti, he said "there was no reaction from the commoners as they stand exposed before the public".

Tell people Pak's integral part split from it because of Cong: Kapil Sibal

PNS ■ NEW DELHI



The Congress on Saturday accused the BJP of raising the issue of revocation of Article 370 provisions in assembly polls campaign for electoral gains and said Prime Minister Narendra Modi must tell the people that it was because of the Congress that Pakistan's integral part split from it.

"Modi ji only remembers (Article) 370. He does not know when Pakistan split and who did it. It was we (Congress) who split Pakistan's integral part from it... where were you (Modi) then?" senior Congress leader Kapil Sibal asked.

"Tell the people of Haryana that it was because of the Congress that Pakistan's integral part was split from it. This happened under the Congress rule. Praise the Congress, but you don't have the guts to do that," he said.

Training his guns at Modi, the Congress leader asked what has the BJP government under him done for implementation of Article 47 of the Constitution which states that raising the level of nutrition and the standard of living and improving public health is the duty of the state.

"You only remember Article 370 but you do not keep in mind your constitutional duties. Around 93 per cent children are not getting proper nutrition and your entire focus is on Article 370," he said.

"You are doing this because of the Assembly polls... You do not know about the people who are suffering," Sibal said.

He further attacked Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah over their remarks that Jammu and Kashmir lagged in development because of Article 370.

Citing poverty, infant mortality and unemployment rates, along with gross enrolment ratio in higher education and human development index rank of Haryana, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat to Sibal said, "These states did not have Article 370, but most of the corresponding figures of Jammu and Kashmir were way better."

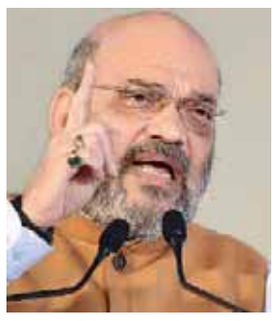
Referring to data from a US Customs and Border Protection report, Sibal claimed that in the last three years the number of Indians arrested for trying to enter the US illegally has "tripled".

This means a lot of poor Indians are leaving the country in search of employment opportunities, the Congress leader said, adding, "Modi ji please respond why is this happening as you have been running the country for the last five-and-half years."

He also took potshots at the prime minister over India ranking 102 in the Global Hunger Index, saying Modi should concentrate less on politics and more on the people of the country.

Citing the latest GDP growth projections by international agencies, Sibal said, "Despite India's GDP growth rate slipping to a six-year low of 5 per cent in the April-June quarter, the Modi government still insists that all is well with the country's economy and that it remains among the fastest growing in the world."

Shah dares Rahul to declare Cong will restore Art 370 in J&K



PNS ■ NAVAPUR (MAHA)

Home Minister and BJP chief Amit Shah on Saturday dared Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to declare that his party will restore provisions of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir if voted to power.

Addressing an election rally here in tribal Nandurbar district, Shah said that after Narendra Modi won a second term with a massive mandate in May this year, the first thing he did was to abrogate provisions of Article 370, which gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir.

"Due to the special provisions, Pakistan fomented terror in the state and over 40,000 people died," he said.

Accusing the Congress of not having national interest in mind, Shah said the party was only interested in protecting its vote bank.

'If Ayodhya verdict is in Muslims' favour, delay building of mosque

PNS ■ AYODHYA

"It is correct that we must take care of communal harmony first. We will discuss the situation with senior Muslim religious leaders. In the current scenario we should postpone the mosque's construction, if the verdict comes in our favour," Mahboob said

Some Muslim litigants in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute have said that if the Supreme Court's verdict is in their favour then the construction of mosque should be delayed on the disputed land in Ayodhya to maintain harmony.

A litigant, Haji Mahboob, said that keeping in view the condition of the country, the first priority is to maintain harmony.

"If the verdict is in favour of Muslims, then in the greater interest of peace and communal harmony, we should not build a mosque on the land, we should construct a boundary around it and leave it," he said.

"This is my personal opinion, what I think should be kept in view is the present situation of the country. I will also discuss this proposal with other litigants," he said.

Another litigant, Mufti Hasbullah Baadshah Khan, who is the local president of the Jamiat Ulema Hind, also agreed with Mahboob.

"It is correct that we must take care of communal harmony first. We will discuss the situation with senior Muslim religious leaders. In the current scenario we should postpone the mosque's construction, if the verdict comes in our favour," he said.

Mohammad Umar, who is also a litigant in the case, said he agreed with postponing the construction. "We must take care of peace and communal harmony in the society," he added.

Iqbal Ansari, one of the main Muslim litigants did not comment on the remarks, but said that they will not allow any breach in the communal fabric of the society. "Let the verdict be pronounced," he said. The apex court on Wednesday wrapped up the 40-day hearing in the decades-old temple-mosque dispute in Ayodhya — the second longest proceedings in its history — and reserved its verdict in the politically sensitive case that is expected in a month's time.

Curbs in parts of Srinagar lifted, normal life remains affected

PNS ■ SRINAGAR

Restrictions that were imposed in parts of Srinagar in view of Friday prayers were lifted on Saturday, but normal life remained affected across the valley for the 76th consecutive day following the abrogation of provisions of Article 370, officials said.

They said the curbs, under Section 144 of the CrPC, were imposed in Anchar area under the jurisdiction of Soura police station and the areas around the historic Jamia Masjid in Nowhatta police station on Friday morning. They were imposed as a precautionary measure to maintain law and order in view of the Friday congregational prayers. The restrictions have been lifted from parts of the city here, the officials said.

Authorities have been imposing curbs in vulnerable areas of the valley on Friday, apprehending that vested interests may exploit the large gatherings at big mosques and shrines to fuel protests.

Friday prayers have not been allowed at Jamia Masjid – the grand mosque of Kashmir in Downtown (old city area) - for over two months. Meanwhile, normal life remained affected across the valley. Shops opened for a few hours early in the morning in some areas, including in the commercial hub of Lal Chowk in the city here, but the main markets and other business establishments were shut, the officials said.

Private transport plied unhindered in the city here and elsewhere in Kashmir, the officials said, adding few areas in the city witnessed traffic jams.

Auto-rickshaws and few inter-district cabs were also seen plying in some areas of the valley, they said.

However, the other modes of public transport were off the roads. Schools and colleges were open, but the students stayed away as parents continued to keep them at home due to apprehensions about their safety, the officials said.

Your job is to improve economy: Priyanka to govt

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Saturday hit out at Union Minister Piyush Goyal for his remarks on Nobel laureate Abhijit Banerjee, saying the government's job is to improve the "collapsing" economy and not to run a "comedy circus".

Goyal on Friday said Banerjee supported 'NYAY', a minimum income scheme proposed by the Congress, which was rejected by the Indian voters and there was no need to "accept what he thinks".

The 'NYAY' scheme was one of the highlights of the Congress manifesto for the April-May Lok Sabha polls.

The Union commerce and industry minister, at a media briefing in Pune, also described Banerjee as a "Left-leaning" person. Lashing out at Goyal for his remarks, Priyanka Gandhi said instead of doing their work, BJP leaders are trying to belie the achievements of others. The Nobel laureate did his work honestly and won the Nobel Prize, she said in a tweet in Hindi.

Karnataka government hikes DA for employees

PNS ■ BENGALURU

Karnataka government on Saturday announced a 4.75 per cent hike in dearness allowance (DA) for its employees, ahead of Diwali. Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa has also announced an additional Rs 1,000 as hardship allowance for police personnel, along with a revision in their salaries.

The hike announced for government employees would enhance their DA from the existing 6.50 per cent to 11.25 per cent of the basic pay, an order issued by the state Finance Department said.

The hike would come into retrospective effect from July 1, 2019, it said adding that it would be applicable to full-time government employees, Zilla Panchayat staff, employees of aided educational institutions and universities.

The order notes that the hike would also be applicable to pensioners. With regard to the police personnel, Yediyurappa, in a separate statement, said ahead of the Diwali festival and the Police Martyrs Day, their salaries have been revised with immediate effect as recommended by the Raghavendra Auradkar committee, and along with that the hardship allowance has also been enhanced.

Noting that in June 2016 a committee had been constituted under the leadership of Raghavendra Auradkar (IPS officer and has submitted its report, he said, The government has decided to implement the report and the revised pay scales will come into effect from August 1, 2019." "By upgrading the pay scales as recommended in the report, the government has given priority to the welfare of officers and staff of the police department, Yediyurappa said.

The statement said that with the implementation of the report, the monthly salary of a newly joined police constables would go up from Rs 30,427 (including all allowances) to Rs 34,267.

Bedi 'thwarting' welfare schemes: Pondy CM

PNS ■ PUDUCHERRY

Puducherry Chief Minister V Narayanasamy on Saturday charged Lt Governor Kiran Bedi with "misusing" her position and "thwarting" welfare schemes without adhering to procedures.

Talking to media on the sidelines of a motor cycle rally canvassing support for the Congress nominee in the October 21 by poll to Kamaraj Nagar Assembly seat he said, "whenever the Lt Governor received any petition from the public on any issue she should forward it to the concerned Minister and not take any decision arbitrarily."

Referring to Bedi's comments on DMK Chief's objection to her style of functioning, the Chief Minister said, "what Stalin said during his poll campaign here recently against Lt Governor for taking a negative stand against decisions of the government is absolutely true..."

The Lt Governor refuted the reported criticism by Stalin that she attemptedto transfer a piece of land in the island in Yanam to Andhra Pradesh.

Govt's love for cow only on paper: Chidambaram

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Senior Congress leader P Chidambaram on Saturday attacked the government over the alleged decline in population of indigenous cattle, saying the government's love for cow is only on paper.

The former finance minister also hit out at the government over what he said was an "acute" job crisis. In a tweet posted by his family on his behalf, Chidambaram, who is currently in the custody of the Enforcement Directorate in a money laundering case, put out two economic indicators for people to draw their own conclusions. "Over 50% of those asked said that the employment situation is presently worse. Over 30% said it will worsen. Meaning, the job crisis is acute," he said, posting the first economic indicator.

"Population of indigenous cattle declined by 6% between 2012 and 2019. Meaning, the government's love for the cow is only on paper. It does not translate into increased productivity or fertility," he added.

Salman's bodyguard Shera joins Shiv Sena

PNS ■ MUMBAI

Bollywood superstar Salman Khan's longtime bodyguard Gurmeet Singh, better known as `Shera', has joined the Shiv Sena. Singh joined the Sena in the presence of party chief Uddhav Thackeray and Yuva Sena president Aaditya Thackeray at their residence `Matoshree' in suburban Bandra on Friday night.

The Sena announced Singh's entry on its Twitter handle, with his photo with the Thackerays. Singh's entry into politics comes ahead of the October 21 Maharashtra Assembly polls.

J'khand seeks 250 cos paramilitary forces for Assembly polls

PNS ■ RANCHI

The Jharkhand government has requested the Election Commission of India (ECI) to provide at least 250 companies of paramilitary forces to conduct the forthcoming assembly elections in the state, an official statement said on Saturday.

The state government also suggested the ECI to conduct the polls in phases with area-specific focus during a meeting here on Friday between Jharkhand officials and members of a team sent by the commission.

The elections to the 81 assembly constituencies were held in five phases between November 25 and December 20 in 2014.

"Following the experience of previous elections and present requirement, at least 250 companies of paramilitary forces are required (to conduct the elections).

"It will be better if the personnel of the forces belong to Hindi regions so that there will be no misunderstanding between security personnel and lower-rung officials during their operations," the statement quoting Jharkhand Chief Secretary D K Tiwari said.

Tiwari also said there should be vigilance of the police belonging to other states bordering with Jharkhand to stop influx of naxalities during the elections.

Deputy Election Commissioner Sudip Jain said the team will place all the suggestions, given by political parties, administrative officials and other sources, before the ECI to conduct peaceful polls.

He also asked the state officials to focus on awareness of voting. Jharkhand police chief Kamal Nayan Choubey, who was present in the meeting, said he would discuss the law and order issues with the ECI on October 23 in New Delhi.

CAPSULE

Shree Cement Jul-Sep profit jumps five-fold to Rs 313 cr

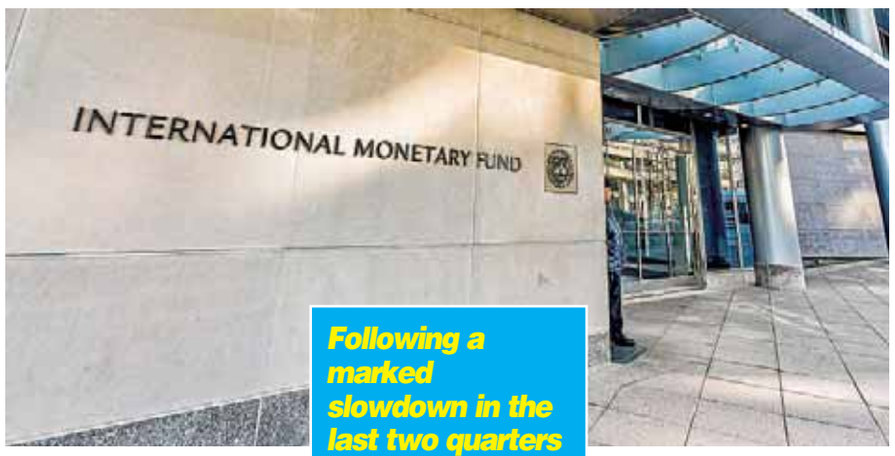
NEW DELHI: Shree Cement Ltd on Saturday posted a five-fold rise in consolidated profit at Rs 313.30 crore for the quarter ended September 30, 2019. The company had posted a consolidated profit of Rs 63.77 crore in the year-ago period, it said in a filing to BSE. The consolidated total income of the company increased to Rs 3,063.08 crore, over Rs 2,907.02 crore in the year-ago period.
It added that the board at its meeting on Saturday approved raising up to Rs 3,000 crore by way of issuance of equity shares. The board approved "raising of funds by way of issuance of equity shares...an aggregate amount not exceeding Rs 3,000 crore, subject to the necessary approvals including the approval of the members of the company through postal ballot and other regulatory/statutory approvals," the filing said.

Airtel to acquire 26% stake in AMPSolar for Rs 8.4 crore

NEW DELHI: Telecom operator Bharti Airtel has signed a pact with AMPSolar Evolution to acquire 26 per cent stake in the solar power firm for Rs 8.4 crore. The Sunil Bharti Mittal-led firm has signed an agreement with the renewable energy company to meet the green energy needs and optimise energy costs, as well as to comply with the regulatory requirement around consumption of electricity.
"...the company has entered into an agreement on October 18, 2019 for acquisition of equity shares and compulsory convertible debentures (CCDs) in AMPSolar Evolution Private Limited," Bharti Airtel said in a late night regulatory filing on Friday. AMPSolar Evolution is a wholly-owned subsidiary of AMPSolar Technology Private Limited and a special purpose vehicle for the purpose of setting up captive solar power projects in Uttar Pradesh.
Airtel will subscribe to 84,000 equity shares, equivalent to 26 per cent stake in the company, for Rs 10 each amounting to Rs 8.4 crore. Apart from equity, Airtel will also subscribe to 83,160 CCDs of Rs 1,000 each amounting to Rs 8.31 crore.

IMF says corporate I-T cut will help revive investment in India

PNS ■ WASHINGTON



The International Monetary Fund on Friday supported India's recent decision to reduce corporate income tax, saying it has a positive impact on investment.

It, however, said India should address continued fiscal consolidation and secure long-term stability of the fiscal conditions.

"We believe India still has limited fiscal space so they have to be careful. We support their corporate income tax cut because it has a positive impact on investment," Changyong Rhee, Director, Asia and Pacific Department, IMF, told reporters at a news conference here.

Following a marked slowdown in the last two quarters in India, the economy is expected to grow at 6.1 per cent this fiscal year, picking up to 7.0 per cent in 2020, he said.

"The monetary policy stimulus and the announced corporate income tax cut are expected to help revive investment," said the top IMF official.

Anne-Marie Gulde-Wolf, Deputy Director, Asia and Pacific Department, IMF, said India should address the non-bank financial sector issues.

"While there have been improvements that have been put in motion, including efforts to recapitalise the state banks, the issue of non-bank financial institution remains partly unresolved and regulatory equity is one of the issues that needs to be achieved," she said. The government is aware of it, she added.

"We also had a FSAP. So there are issues working at that and this is something that is why not yet fully achieved, but is entrained. While there are problems at this stage, increased attention to lending practices of non-bank financial institutions continue to be very important," Gulde-Wolf said.

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Responding to a question, she said India overall has a fairly high level of debt and fiscal consolidation needs to be a priority.

"However, implementing fiscal consolidation in the context of a federal system is much more complicated. The level of fiscal structural issues and challenges are different in different states," she said.

So one of the ways in which the IMF is engaged in this question is it has a regional training institute that has started working with the individual states on strengthening fiscal management at the state level, Gulde-Wolf said.

In the context of surveillance engagement with India, she said, the IMF is increasingly placing emphasis on the need to better coordinate the fiscal state level activities and fiscal activities.

"But it is a concern that the authorities are taking serious and are working at," Gulde-Wolf said.

ENDING US-CHINA TRADE WAR

Concrete progress made for phased deal: Liu He

PNS ■ BEIJING

Trump is also demanding an intrusive verification mechanism to supervise Beijing's promise to protect intellectual property rights (IPR) technology transfer and more access to American goods to Chinese markets

China and the US made "concrete progress" in many areas and laid foundation for signing of a "phased deal" at their latest round of talks to resolve the bruising trade war, China's chief negotiator and Vice Premier Liu He has said.

US President Donald Trump, who had launched the trade war last year demanding China to reduce massive trade deficit, said after the 13 round of trade talks on Oct 11 that the two countries reached a "very substantial phase one deal"

Trump is also demanding an intrusive verification mechanism to supervise Beijing's promise to protect intellectual property rights (IPR) technology transfer and more access to American goods to Chinese markets.

In his first public comments on the talks Liu said the two sides had built an important foundation for the signing of a "phased deal".

China would work with the US on the basis of "equality and mutual respect" to address each other's core concerns, the Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post reported on Saturday.

Preventing an escalation of the trade war would be good for both nations and the world as a whole, he said.

"The two sides have made substantial progress in many fields, laying an important foundation for the signing of a phased agreement," the paper quoted him as saying at a 'virtual reality conference' in Nanchang, in eastern China's Jiangxi province.

"China will work with the United States on the basis of equal and mutual respect to address each other's core concerns," he said.

The agreement would take three to five weeks to draw up, and work on a second phase would begin as soon as the first was signed, Trump said, adding that the deal might be ratified by himself and Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Ahead of the 13th round of talks Beijing also confirmed it has stepped up purchase of American agricultural produce in large quantities in bid to address the trade deficit with US which last year climbed to USD 539 billion.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang recently said according to the preliminary statistics, this year, Chinese companies have purchased 20 million tons of soybeans, 700 thousand tons of pork, 700 thousand tons of sorghum, 230 thousand tons of wheat and 320 thousand tons of cotton from the US.

"We will continue to buy more American agricultural goods," he said on October 15.

Commenting on the progress of the US China trade talks, Joerg Wuttke, president of the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China, said that with the initial agreement the two countries were starting with "super light" issues to rebuild trust before moving to more profound conflicts.

Trade wars to impact flow of capital, goods: Sitharaman

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> Finance Minister

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said the ongoing trade wars and protectionism have generated uncertainties and will ultimately impact the flow of capital, goods and services.

She also called for 'concerted action' to mitigate the disruption on account of synchronous slowdown and to invoke the spirit of multilateralism for global growth, the finance ministry said in a statement on Saturday.

Leading the Indian delegation to the Annual Meetings Plenary session of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank Group held in Washington DC on Friday, Sitharaman stressed that the increased trade integration, geopolitical uncertainties, and high accumulated debt levels necessitate strong global coordination.

"We need not wait for the slowdown to become a crisis," she said.

She also attended the Working Lunch Session of the Development Committee (DC), the ministerial-level committee of the IMF and the World Bank.

Besides, Sitharaman led the Indian delegation to the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting in which the deliberations centred on international taxation and 'Stablecoins', which are cryptocurrencies pegged to a stable asset.

The ministers and governors also took updates from the G20 deputies on quality infrastructure investment, debt sustainability, financing for universal health care and building effective country platforms, and from the Africa Advisory Group on the Compact with Africa initiative.

On the discussions at the session regarding the work underway on developing a consensus solution on tax challenges arising from digitalisation, the finance minister stated that a unified approach to the nexus and profit allocation challenges was a promising one that merits serious attention.

Air India's Hyd MRO eyes EASA certification

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Air India is in the process of obtaining European Union Air Safety Agency's certification for its Maintenance Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facility here, a senior official of the state-owned carrier said on Saturday here. "We are now trying to get EASA certification as most of the foreign Airlines look for it inorder to send the aircraft to the MRO facility.

If any facility has EASA certification, then the airlines will have an idea about the standards of the MRO facilIity. Once we get that EASA will be able to good business from other airlines," Y Srinivasa Rao, General Manager (Engineering) of Air India Engineering Services Ltd (AIESL), a wholly owned subsidiary company of Air India Limited told reporters.

He said the company will have to make some investments in to the MRO facility which is certified by the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to make it EASA compliant.

Facebook says it will deliver News Corp stories

PNS ■ SAN FRANCISCO

Facebook on Friday confirmed that some stories from News Corp, publisher of The Wall Street Journal, will be among the headlines delivered in a news tab the leading social network plans to launch in coming weeks.

Edited by seasoned journalists, the tab will be separate from the feed that displays updates from people's friends, according to the California-based tech giant.

The new feature marks a departure from Facebook's longstanding practice of letting algorithms dictate users' experiences.

"I'm excited we'll have the opportunity to include award-winning journalism from The Wall Street Journal -- and other US News Corp properties -- in our news tab," the firm's co-founder and chief executive Mark Zuckerberg said in a statement.

No details were provided about the agreement, but last month Facebook said it plans to pay only a portion of the publishers whose stories appear in the tab.

Facebook and Google currently dominate the market for online advertising, making it harder for traditional news organizations to gain traction in digital.

Zuckerberg and his social network have also come under intense pressure in recent years over the spread of so-called "fake news" and data privacy issues.

Ex Jet Airways CEO Vinay Dube joins GoAir in advisory role

PNS ■ MUMBAI

Former Jet Airways chief executive Vinay Dube has joined budget carrier GoAir in an advisory role, a source said on Saturday. Dube had quit defunct Jet Airways on May 14, nearly a month after the airline ceased operations due to severe liquidity crisis.

According to the source, GoAir wanted to hire him for the position of the CEO, which is lying vacant since March this year. "However, since there is a look-out notice against him from the Ministry of Corporate Affairs in Jet Airways case, it (the decision) would have got in legal tangle. Therefore, he has joined GoAir in an advisory role," the source said. Dube boarded the Wadia group-promoted carrier last week, the source added. Lookout circulars were issued against former Jet Airways chairman and then promoter Naresh Goyal and Dube, among others, in late May for alleged financial irregularities at the airline.

The circular is issued against a person directing the immigration authorities to ensure that he or she does not leave India through an airport or seaport.

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SBI donates Rs 1 cr to CM's flood relief fund

PNS ■ BENGALURU

State Bank of India on Saturday said it has donated Rs one crore to the Chief Minister's Flood relief fund.

P K Gupta, Managing Director, State Bank of India, met Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and handed over the cheque for Rs one crore, a release said.

Abhijit Mujumder, Chief General Manager and Vincent M D, General Manager Network -I, of State Bank of India, Bengaluru Circle, were also present on the occasion, it added.

A total of 2,798 villages in 103 taluks of 22 districts in the state was affected by the floods, in which around seven lakh people were shifted to safe areas. Ninety one people died and about 3,400 heads of cattle perished in the rains and floods in August.

Documents suggest Boeing pilots knew problems

PNS ■ NEW YORK

A Boeing pilot behind the 737 MAX certification in 2016 told a colleague a key flight handling system was "running rampant" during simulator tests, according to documents released Friday by congressional investigators.

The Boeing employees quipped about problems with the Maneuvering Characteristics Augmentation System, a flight-handling mechanism that is believed to be at the center of two MAX crashes that killed 346 people.

Boeing's chief technical pilot of the 737, Mark Forkner, said the MCAS system's performance during the simulator tests was "egregious" and that "I basically lied to the regulators (unknowingly)," according to the messages.

The messages raised fresh questions about Boeing's knowledge of problems with MAX, sending shares sharply lower Friday.

The crashes and the Federal Aviation Administration's certification of the MAX are under investigation from a number of authorities, including the Department of Justice and congressional committees that have scheduled hearings with Boeing Chief Executive Dennis Muilenburg later this month.

The FAA blasted Boeing's handling of the message, saying the aviation giant discovered instant messages between the employees "some months ago" but did not disclose their existence until Thursday.

The FAA said it flagged its concerns to lawmakers on Capitol Hill and the Department of Transportation's inspector general.

The FAA said it was "disappointed" that Boeing knew of the messages for "some months" but did not share them until now.

"Last night, I reviewed a concerning document that Boeing provided late yesterday to the Department of Transportation," FAA Administrator Steve Dickson said a letter to Boeing chief Dennis Muilenburg.

"I understand that Boeing discovered the document in its files months ago. I expect your explanation immediately regarding the content of this document and Boeing's delay in disclosing the document to its safety regulator." A Boeing spokesman said the document was shared with congressional investors.

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"Over the past several months, Boeing has been voluntarily cooperating with the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee's investigation into the 737 MAX," the Boeing spokesman said.

"As part of that cooperation, today we brought to the committee's attention a document containing statements by a former Boeing employee. We will continue to cooperate with the committee as it continues its investigation. And we will continue to follow the direction of the FAA and other global regulators, as we work to safely return the 737 MAX to service."

News of the messages come as the FAA has taken the lead among international regulators in overseeing the recertification for the MAX in a process that has dragged on much longer than originally expected.

Shares of Boeing tumbled 5.4 per cent to USD 349.04 in afternoon trading.

L&T Tech services continues double-digit revenue

PNS ■ MUMBAI

During the quarter, LTTS won 8 multi-million dollar deals across all major industry segments, including new digital engineering programs for automotive, medical devices and plant engineering customers. On a YoY basis, LTTS has increased its USD20mn+ clients by 4 and its USD10mn+ clients by 3.

"The sustained double-digit topline growth in Q2 reflects the strengths of the company across a wide spectrum of industries and the focused investments into capability building. In Q2, three of our verticals – Transportation, Plant Engineering, and Medical Devices grew in excess of 20% on YoY basis. We continue to see significant growth opportunities ahead. Our conversations with customers indicate that spends on areas such as cognitive engineering, cybersecurity and engineering analytics are becoming more pervasive and are leading to development of next generation smart products, services and operations. LTTS' portfolio of offerings in digital & leading-edge technologies which accounts for 39% of revenue, is rightly positioned to capture such opportunities.

In a short span of time, LTTS has been recognized as a Leader in the Automotive Engineering Services space by Everest, a validation of the impactful customer programs we are delivering," said.

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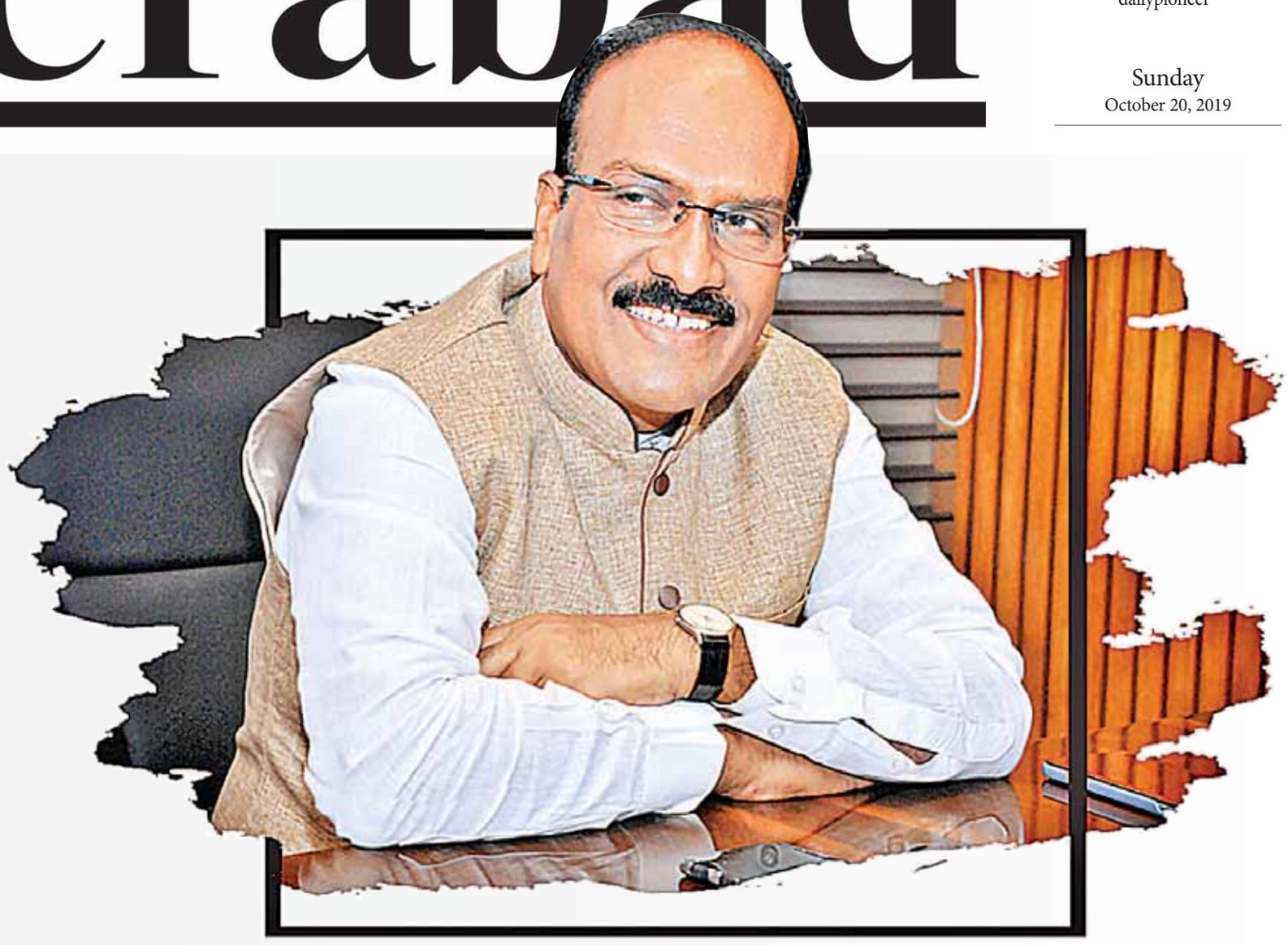
For someone who as a toddler had forced his dad to put him in school, and who in his growing years used to get upset if he missed a single class, being called 'focused' could be an understatement when it comes to senior bureaucrat B Janardhan Reddy. No wonder that he received the prestigious Prime Minister's award for best civil servant in 2018 and figured in the list of the country's top 16 civil servants. In a freewheeling conversation with **K RAMYA SREE**, the officer opens up about his childhood, education, family, life and more.



When service BECOMES FAMILY

Receiving Prime Minister's award for best civil servant

As a child...

When I was four years old, my elder sister used to go to school and I used to pester my father every day to send me too. One fine day, I was taken to the headmaster of the Zilla Parishad High School, Balanagar village in Mahbubnagar and there I got a seat. I attended the same class as her until Class III, but my sister and I were made to sit separately and that was the first time I witnessed gender discrimination (laughs).

I can proudly say that from Class III till my post-graduation, I missed classes only on five occasions. I was obsessed with education. Thankfully, I was never sick. My school was no different from home and I got a lot of affection from my teachers.

The tale of a postcard....

Once in Class VI, my Telugu teacher asked me to get a post card from the post office. I was upset and unhappy that he was sending a class topper to get something and that i'm going to miss my lesson. But I obeyed him and got it in 15 minutes. After I returned, the teacher said, "Let's begin the lesson as Janardhan is back". I was very happy when I heard this as I didn't miss anything and my teacher waited for me to return. In Class VII, I once forgot my lunchbox and was sitting in the playground. My Hindi teacher noticed this and shared her lunch with me when she got to know I had forgotten to carry mine. I was liked by all teachers.

Urge to become a civil servant....

The urge to become a civil servant dawned on me in Class IX when I attended a Science Fair and received a certificate from my District Collector. I made up my mind then that I would become a civil servant. In fact, I had the habit of writing a dairy and even noted it down the same day that I'll be an IAS officer.

Quit high-paying private job for serving people...

After I finished my UG from AP Agricultural University, I was offered a job in the Veterinary Department as an assistant surgeon, but I refused it and pursued my PG in MVSc. After my PG, I got a job in a hatchery as a technical consultant. The MD gave me a good offer to continue the job. But I had to choose between a private sector job and social work, and I selected the latter. I took civils exam and got third rank. Meanwhile, I also got a bank job, but refused to join that too. In 1990, I joined civil services.

From Left: Son Rahul, wife Sulochana, B Janardhan Reddy and daughter Rashmi

Father resigned from Army and turned farmer.

My father, Bala Reddy, was in the Army, but he resigned in five years and turned a farmer. He always asked me to focus on my studies. He was well-versed in English, Urdu, Telugu and Hindi, and was called 'pantulu' as he used to educate others. My father and mother, Balakrishnamma, were very democratic, despite coming from a middle-class family. Although I rejected multiple jobs, my parents were very supportive and always gave me the freedom to take my own decisions.

I am a democratic father...

Since I inherited my parents' democratic spirit, I have allowed my children, Rashmi and Rahul, to take their own decisions. Both are engineers, who joined IT firms, but quit. My daughter said, "I cannot deal with these computers throughout my life." This brought back memories of my childhood when I quit a high-paying private sector job and chose something that would make me happy. Similarly, my daughter quit, did her PG in psychology before doing an MBA. She now wants to set up a counseling centre for children and pre-marital adults. When my son said he wanted to quit his IT job and write civil services, I said, "If you are like Gandhi with simple needs and an ambition to serve people, only then enter civil services."

Wife is extremely supportive...

My wife Sulochana manages everything at home, right from the finances to taking care of the children. She has never interfered in my job and I don't interfere in hers. Someone once asked if we fight and I said no. Why? Because my wife is in-charge of the house. He then asked, what I do, I said, "I'm more worried about societal issues" (laughs). My wife was my relative. So, I met her way before we got married in 1985.

An animal lover...

Many a times we wanted to get a pet, but couldn't. Finally, Tuffy entered our lives and became an integral part of our family, especially to me. He wakes up with me, waits till I get home every day and sleeps only after playing with me. Tuffy drags me to the badminton court every morning. It doesn't allow me to sit for more than 15 minutes in the morning after waking up. After returning from work, Tuffy sits on my back as I have back pain. It goes to sleep only after I say thank you. Tuffy comes to all our family functions and our relatives thankfully accept it. People in this locality recognise us as Tuffy's parents. I have been very affectionate about animals since my childhood as we had bulls and goats while growing up. One of our bulls died in a train accident once and I was very depressed. Their unconditional love is like mother's love — pure.

I don't like passivity...

I'm not into passive work. Playing, reading, talking, working are active things. This could be why I don't enjoy watching movies. I sometimes accompany my family to watch films, but don't enjoy it. I have been reading newspapers since I was in Class III and read them to this date. I also like writing, but have never got time. In fact, my wife and well-wishers always persuade me to write. May be I will write something soon.

Have done injustice to family...

I feel I have done injustice to my family because of my working hours. I come home late after clearing my files every day and my family has been very patient. It sometimes makes me sad that I'm not able to spend quality time.

Leaving Mepma made me feel I'm leaving a family member...

I have been given all posts, right from being a district collector to the Director of Mission for Elimination of Poverty in Municipal Areas (Mepma) to being appointed the water board MD, among others. No job was easy and the most challenging was probably becoming the GHMC Commissioner. The biggest allegation against bureaucrats is red-tapism and the rumour that they don't dispose of files every day. I made it clear on my first day itself that I will clear my files every day. When I was working in districts, people would come every Monday and express their grievances and I made it a point to not miss a single session on Monday for the last 25 years.

Being the director of Mepma was close to my heart as I had pitched the name and was the founding-director of the mission. The posting gave me immense joy and we were facilitating financial assistance from banks to poor people. The urban poor's financial needs were met by these banks. It started with Rs 10 crore and has now reached Rs 8,611 crore. Had they borrowed this from private banks, the poor would've ended up paying Rs 3,000 crore annually on interests. When I left that post, I felt like I was leaving behind a family member. I'm so obsessed with my job that I always feel I'm a family member of the government.

Cherished receiving best civil servant award...

Once Aamir Khan's *Satyameva Jayate* team contacted me and expressed their wish to felicitate me. I asked them if they were calling to criticise or felicitate. They said that their production officer had researched bureaucrats all over the country and felt I deserved to be felicitated. It was for my urban solid waste management when I was working in the municipal administration. They said they were discussing solid waste management in one of their episodes. His representative waited for two to three days for my confirmation. My son later asked me how I could say no to an interview with Aamir Khan. Until then, I didn't know that his show was so popular. I was then felicitated by Aamir Khan in *Satyameva Jayate* in 2014. I had taken up this initiative much before Swachh Bharat. In 2013, I received an award from the President for urban community mobilisation (Mepma). It's one of the best instruments to help urban poor. In 2018, I got the Prime Minister's award for best civil servant while I was working as the GHMC Commissioner. I was one of the top 16 civil servants from the entire country and was really happy receiving that award. I will always cherish these awards in my life.

Active badminton player...

I play badminton for 45 minutes to an hour on workdays and one-and-a-half to two hours on a holiday. I have been playing it for 25 years. I have always been into sports, even while growing. I used to play volleyball in school and got into horse riding, kabaddi, etc., during my UG. Sports has been an important part of my life. People generally think bureaucrats don't have time to play, but one should make time to play. It keeps you active and your body agile. Badminton is a game anyone can play. I was exposed to this sport when I joined civil services and was the district champion in the 40-50 years category

B Janardhan Reddy with his pet dog Tuffy and wife Sulochana

SHORT TAKES

If not civil servant what had you become: Honestly never thought of it. Although I got different jobs I always wanted to serve people. May be I would get into something where I could serve people.

Best achievement: I believe in value addition. I enjoy many things every day that add value to people's lives. So I don't believe in just one or two achievements.

Given an unlimited reserve of cash what would you like to spend it on: My first priority would be education and second would be infrastructure. I would also train and empower people.

Given a one week holiday where would you like to go: I like peaceful, scenic places like hilly areas or the ocean. Within India I love Kerala, Sikkim and Rajasthan among others. If I get one week holiday, I would visit Kerala for sure.

Countries visited: Germany, France, US, America, Thailand, Singapore, Australia and Bangladesh.

What do you love the most: Unconditional Affection.

Hate the most: Misunderstanding hastily without trying to understand

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My life is good because I am not passive about it. I invest in what is real. Like real people, to do real things, for the real me
— Gwyneth Paltrow

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Rich in fibre, protein, B vitamins and other nutrients, millets are making a big comeback in urban diets as an extremely versatile and sustainable food choice, writes KAVITA DEVGAN, as she makes a case for these forgotten superfoods

MIGHTY MILLETS

What's old is new again. And this is great news. Suddenly, whole grains with ancient pedigrees are being embraced by home cooks and restaurants and are widely available in the supermarkets. And, leading the pack are millets.

As a nutritionist, I have always believed that millets duly deserve space on your plates. Rich in fibre, protein, B vitamins and other nutrients, these ancient grains are extremely versatile and can be swapped for pasta or rice in dishes, added to salads and power bowls, and cooked like oatmeal for a warm breakfast bowl topped with fruit and nuts. Plus, for the environmentally conscious people, the feel good factor is that millets require little water, grow well in arid and semi-arid regions of the world and thus, consuming them amounts to you leaving a lower carbon print in the world. This could be your contribution to ensuring that we leave behind some food for the future generations as well.

THE HEALTH BONUS

For the starters, the dense, earthy flavour takes some getting used to, especially since our palate is more used to the bland softness of wheat and white rice. But, there's a lot going for them. Millets are gluten-free grains and that makes them a boon for those who are gluten resistant and even for those who wish to reduce the gluten load in their diet. Additionally, it is now a well-proven fact that consuming millets on a regular basis can help you lose weight, owing to the rich content of fibre and bioactive compounds in them.

MY TOP FIVE PICKS

Sorghum (*jowar*)

Our grandmothers preferred *jowar rotis* over regular wheat *rotis*. There was a reason for that. While the calcium content found in *jowar* is very close to the content in wheat and rice, it packs in a neat punch of iron, protein, and fiber. *Jowar* is also rich in policosanols, which help in reducing bad cholesterol in the body.

Pearl millet (*bajra*)

There's lots going for this millet. *Bajra* is an excellent detoxing agent and contains catechins like quercetin that help the kidney and liver function properly by excreting the toxins from the body.

It's particularly great for monsoon season when digestion gets a little sluggish. It's high fibre, gluten free properties help kick the digestive process into action. In fact, this millet is particularly loaded with insoluble fibre that provides bulk to the stool and keeps constipation, a common problem during this season, at bay.

It is also a friend of the heart. *Bajra* works on three fronts: It is rich in magnesium (that helps keep the heart healthy); has lots of potassium (which makes it a good vasodilator and helps reduce the overall blood pressure); and fibre rich (helps reduce the LDL or bad cholesterol). Magnesium present in *bajra* also helps control the glucose receptors in the body and keeps diabetes away.

Finger millet (*Ragi*)

This underrated gluten-free grain has a lot going for it. It is a rich source of calcium and iron and its main protein fraction eleusinin, has a high biological value, meaning it is easily absorbed and used in the body.

It helps the digestion immensely and is packed with cellulose, a type of dietary fibre that helps keep our digestion humming along, constipation away and cholesterol levels in check.

Plus, like barley, *ragi* is an ideal food for diabetics, and overweight people as its digestion is slow and glucose is released from the intestines very slowly into the blood.

Foxtail millet (*kangini or thinnai*)

It is loaded with smart carbohydrates, the kind which don't increase the blood sugar levels immediately, but slowly release glucose into the bloodstream. Additionally, it is rich in dietary fibre, and minerals like iron and copper. These help reduce the levels of bad cholesterol and keep the immune system strong as well

Barnyard millets (*jhangora*)

It tastes similar to broken rice when cooked and is called *samak ke chawal*. This nutrient dense millet has high fibre content, which can effectively help in losing weight.

It is a rich source of calcium and phosphorous, which helps in bone building, and has more fibre than most other grains and delivers both soluble and insoluble fibre that helps in preventing constipation, excess gas, bloating and cramping. It also has the highest amount of iron compared to other grains.

BOOST THEIR SUPERPOWER: SPROUT THEM

To make the most of the millet goodness, sprout them and consume. Sprouts have been the buzzword for healthy eating for a long time now. But somehow sprouting is limited to lentils — *moong dal*, *chana*, *lobia*… And even though other grain sprouts have been around for a while, they really have not become mainstream yet. It's now time to change that.

Sprouting increases the nutritional value by leaps and bounds as the process boosts vitamins, minerals and antioxidants of the food. There is an increase the concentration of a key nutrients like B vitamins, vitamin C, and folate. Plus, these nutrients become more bio-accessible (more easily assimilated and absorbed by the body) too. This is extremely helpful in the case of iron in particular, a mineral that is difficult to absorb from vegetarian sources.

A study conducted at the Central Food Technological Research Institute in Mysore, India, measured the changes caused by sprouting finger millet (*ragi*), wheat and barley. They found that sprouting millets increased the bioaccessibility of iron (> 300%) and manganese (17%), and calcium ("marginally").

The food also becomes of lower GI (Glycemic Index) and is better digestible due to the enzyme activity that peaks during sprouting, and the starchy carbs in the seed on sprouting get converted into energy. So the resulting sprouted food has a higher ratio of protein and fibre to carbs. Proteins also become more digestible when the food is sprouted. And the biggest benefits is that sprouting helps decrease the presence of anti-nutrients (like physics acid, enzyme inhibitors, lectins, saponins etc), the naturally occurring compounds that are found in plant seeds that interfere with our ability to digest vitamins and minerals within the plants.

In fact, one big benefit of sprouting grains is that studies have found that there are widespread changes in gluten concentrations of the grains when they are sprouted. Looking at how much grains we consume today (a big chunk of our diet is made of these), it is a good idea to naturally reduce gluten consumption this way.

So which grains can be sprouted?

You can sprout any kind of whole grains — the important thing is that the grain should be a whole grain, with the germ and bran intact. Refined grain cannot be sprouted.

Sprouted grains can be eaten raw, lightly cooked, ground into flour or made into a bread. So throw in a handful of sprouted grains like sprouted quinoa in your salad, add some sprouted rice to your stir fry or soup, or simmer sprouted buckwheat, quinoa, or millet in your milk to make a porridge, they hold a lot of good for your system.

BE CAREFUL THOUGH

There is no doubt about millets are one of the superfoods in our diet and nutrition chain but those who are suffering from thyroid need to go easy on them. "While millet is gluten free, it contains goitrogens, compounds in the food that suppress or reduce the thyroid activity. Goitrogens are usually reduced by the cooking process. Whereas, in millets, the cooking actually increases the goitrogenic effect. Thus, if one switched over completely to millets, the thyroid suppressing effects can be profound. If gluten is an issue then it is recommended, one shifts to another grain that is free of gluten and is non goitrogenic such as amaranth, buckwheat or cassava," points out Noida based nutritionist Himanshu Kapoor, founder of C.Green Organic Future Foods.

Plus, millets also contain certain enzyme inhibitors and phytic acid, which binds important minerals, not allowing the body to absorb the nutrients and minerals. So the rule to follow is to make them a part of your diet, but no to over do them.

RECIPES

- ***Ragi Kuzhu* (Porridge)**
  Boil water. Slowly add 30 gm *ragi* powder to the boiling water and stir constantly to avoid forming lumps. Keep it boiling until it forms a medium thick fluid. Add salt (to taste), stir and put off the flame. Add lemon juice (1 lemon) and salt to 250 ml butter milk. Add butter milk to the thick *ragi* fluid and have it with lime pickle. You can even cook rage at night and leave overnight in the fridge; in the morning add buttermilk to it and have.

- ***Bajra Pongal***
  Slightly dry roast the broken *bajra* till a bit hot. Pressure cook the green gram dal, roasted broken *bajra* (bajra:dal should be 70:30 ratio), and salt with 3 cups of water till soft. Heat some *ghee* and add cashews. When slightly golden brown, add cumin seeds, pepper, curry leaves and ginger paste and add it to the *pongal*. Have with *Chach* (buttermilk).

From *Ultimate Grandmother Hacks by Kavita Devgan* (Rupa Publications)

CHEFS' FAVOURITE

Chef Anahita N. Dhondy, Chef Partner, SodaBottleOpenerwala CyberHub says she loves using millets in her recipes because she finds them versatile, easy to cook and add value to all dishes. "They are yummy as a salad where you can add crunch. In a soup, or even make a main course," she says. In the restaurant, she serves okra millet salad, millet soup, *ragi* bread and at home she keeps boiled millets (particularly *ragi* (finger millet) and barnyard millet (*samak ke chawal*)) in her fridge. Easy to toss and use. According to her they might be becoming popular as a culinary trend in restaurants today all over again, but they've been cooked in Indian homes forever. She herself discovered them at her grandmom's home ages ago.

THE MARKET FORCES

Millets in India have always enjoyed prime importance, as we are one of their largest producers in the world, but somehow the market forces recognised its potential only recently. Over the last few years, new age entrepreneurs decided to revive the culture, and are getting a good response too from the consumers. When Delhi-based Meghana Narayan and Shauravi Malik decided to become entrepreneurs, they conducted extensive market research, product research and development, put in a lot of thinking and then decided to follow their heart and focus on millets. This is how they launched Slurrp Farms in 2015. Realising that the answers to healthy cooking lay in our own grandmother's kitchens, they dug out old recipes to make their brand cookies using millets. Today, besides cookies, they offer cereals (for toddlers), dosa and pancake mixes, and munch — all made from millets.

Bengaluru based snacks brand Soulfull is another success story. Inspired by the the rising popularity of quinoa, during his stay in the US, Prashant Parameswaran, CEO and MD of the brand, struck upon the idea to come back to India and promote the humble Indian grains — Millets. He decided to make this enriching and nutritious lineage palatable for the daily consumption needs of the modern consumer. Today the band offers multiple millet-based options like millet Muesli and Smoothix including ragi, jowar, foxtail millet and bajra. They also combine the power of millets with a healthy mix of various grains, such as ragi with Bengal gram.

Definitely, there is an increased awareness of the importance of millets for our well-being. A lot of nutrition experts are talking about them. There is an increased impetus by the government too to educate people on how millets are not only nutritious but how they help the environment and farmers, thereby creating a sustainable ecosystem.

According to Parameswaran the biggest marketing challenge in making millets 'hot' with the millennials is to position millets right to meet their lifestyle needs. That is a tall order, but entirely doable as these brands are proving.

The need of the hour is to use unorthodox, creative measures to boost the popularity of millets via education, and by making them an appealing proposition for people (and the planet). This can be done by making fun foods with millets that appeal to todays generation. Millet noodles anyone? Minus the preservatives, of course!

The writer is a Delhi-based weight management consultant, nutritionist and author of Don't Diet! 50 Habits of Thin People *and* Ultimate Grandmother Hacks

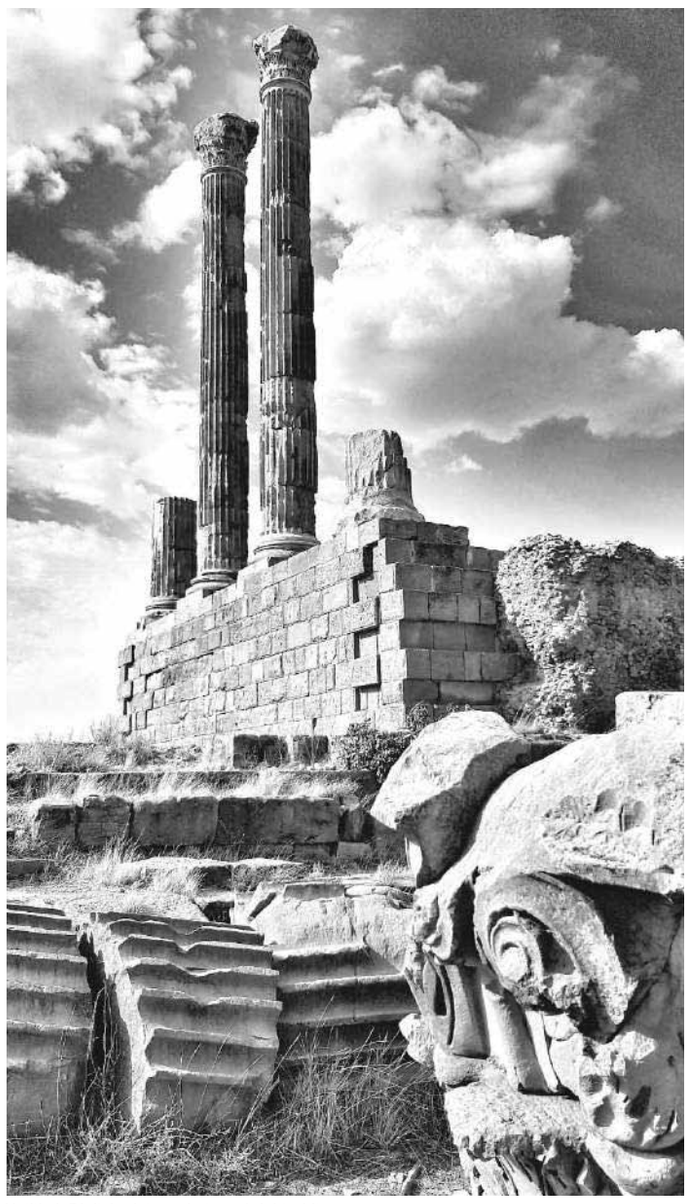
BLACK AND WHITE IS ABSTRACT; COLOR IS NOT. LOOKING AT A BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPH, YOU ARE ALREADY LOOKING AT A STRANGE WORLD
— JOEL STERNFELD

The swing, Mehrauli Archaeological Park, Delhi; Archival Pigment Print

THE HISTORIAN'S EYE

WILLIAM DALRYMPLE is well-known and recognised for his writing, but photography, he claims, is his first love. An exhibition at Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi presents a photographic record of Dalrymple's travels across the country over the last two years while researching his latest book titled, *The Anarchy* (published by Bloomsbury in September 2019). This exhibition of black-and-white photographs, chronicles people and places, and the inter-relationships among them.

"I've been visiting all the places where this history took place — the battlefields and ruins, the mosques, sufi shrines and temples, the paradise gardens and pleasure grounds, the barrack blocks and townhouses, the crumbling Mughal *havelis*, the palaces and forts," he says. For sure, each photograph captured by Dalrymple reveals a narrative tension within itself, between stillness and movement, history and reality, creating a wrinkle in time that highlights an intermingling of the monumental past and fleeting present.



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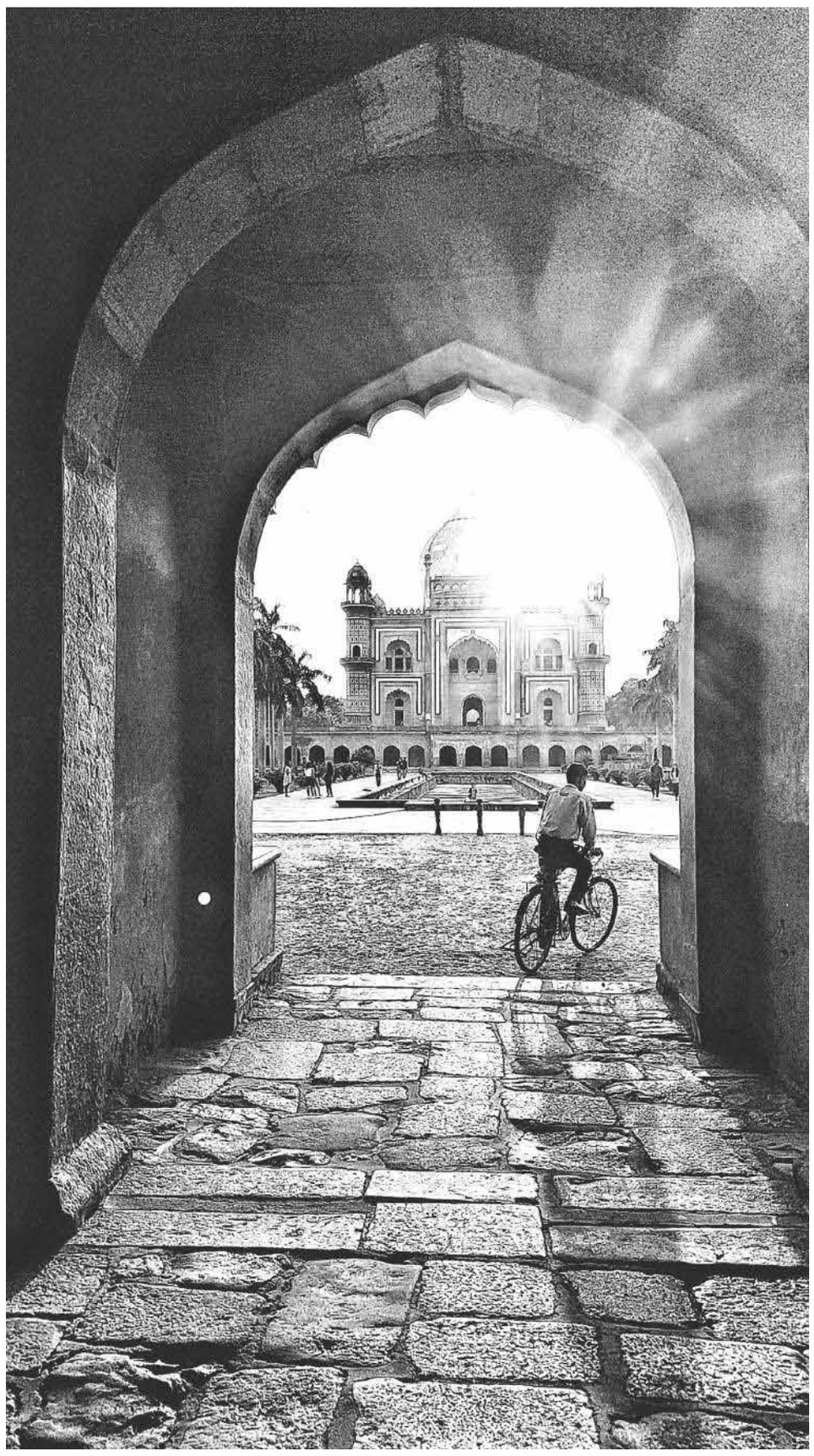
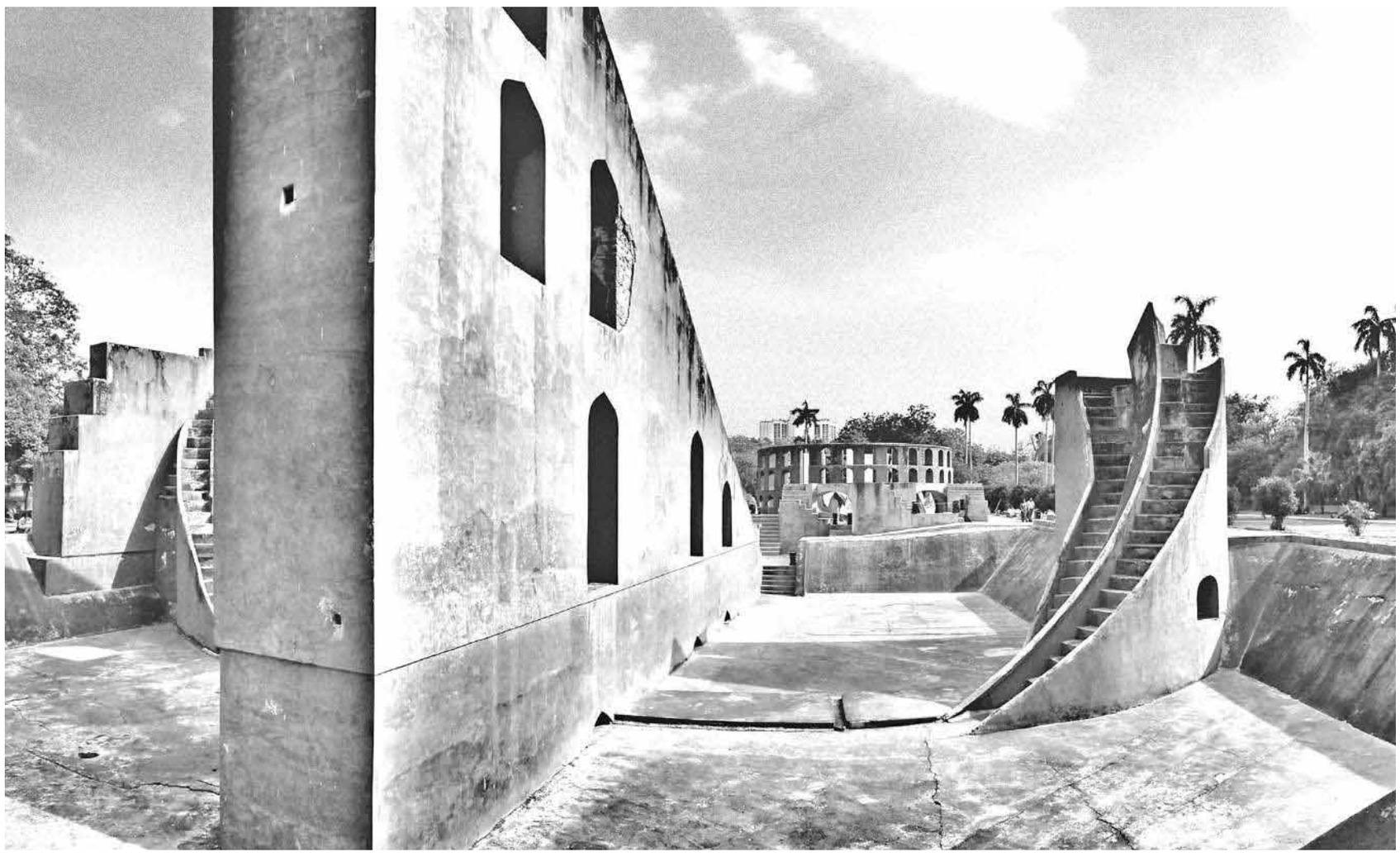


Monsoon afternoon, Safdar Jung's Tomb, Delhi; Archival Pigment Print

Early morning, Mehrangarh Fort, Jodhpur; Archival Pigment Print



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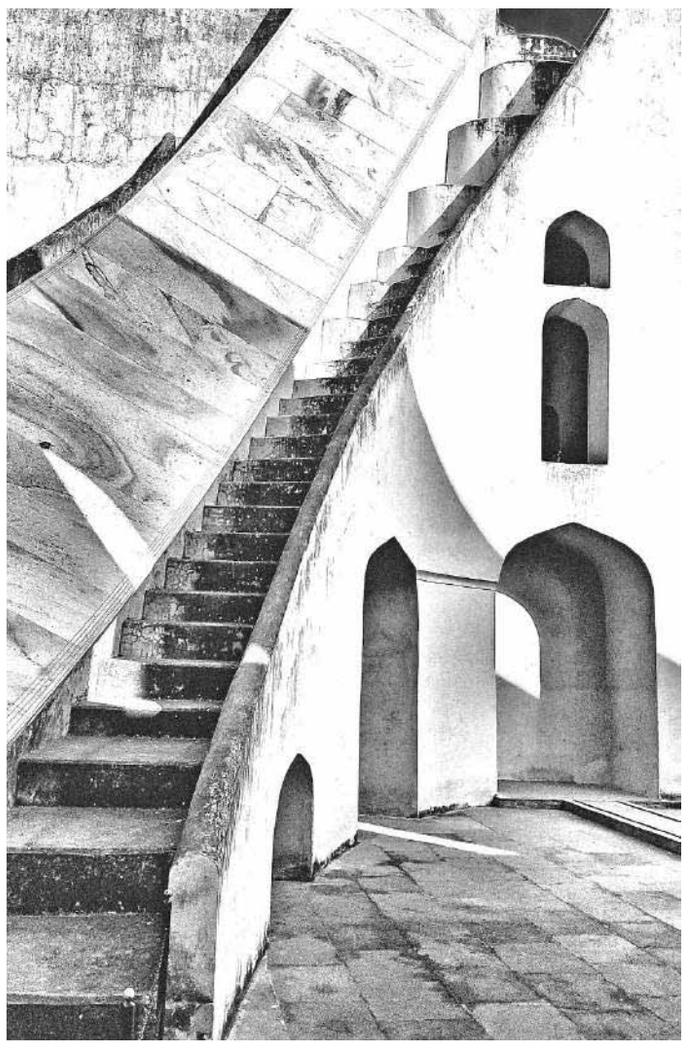

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MAKING SUNDAY BINGING RIGHT

The perfect Sunday begins with a long lazy morning and ends with the family sitting down together for dinner. Sunday suppers are about creating fondest memories and the cooking ideas include all of the hearty, filling dishes that are crowd-pleasers with kids and adults alike. Here is a collection of Sunday binging recipes from breakfast to dinner that are easy to prepare, so you can treat your family to something special without spending your whole day in the kitchen, writes **K RAMYA SREE**

Herby Poro

INGREDIENTS:

Eggs	2
Basil	5 gms
Spring onion	5 gms
Coriander	5 gms
Mint	5 gms
Lemon zest of half a lemon	
Fried garlic	2 gms
Oil for cooking	

ACCOMPANIMENTS:

Baked beans
Cheesy potatoes
Whole wheat pav
Fried potatoes
Sauteed veggies

Garnish: Spring onion, Fried garlic, Coriander

METHOD:

- In a bowl, whisk the eggs and add chopped greens, lemon zest, fried garlic, and salt and pepper
- In a pan, add oil and the egg mixture
- Cook till done on both sides
- Serve on the plate with all accompaniments and garnish

Classic caramel custard

INGREDIENTS:

Full cream milk	1,100 ml	Eggs	10
Sugar	200 gms	Sugar for caramelising	300 gms

METHOD:

- Pre heat your oven to 160 degrees celsius.
- In a pan, put the sugar for caramelising. And once golden, pour into your mould or moulds.
- In a bowl, whisk the milk, sugar and eggs. Add vanilla essense for flavouring.
- Once the caramel has set, pour the mixture over it.
- Bake in a water bath, for 20-25 min till wobbly.
- Let it cool. Once cool, unmould and eat chilled!
- Garnish with cream and a mint leaf. Keeping it classic.

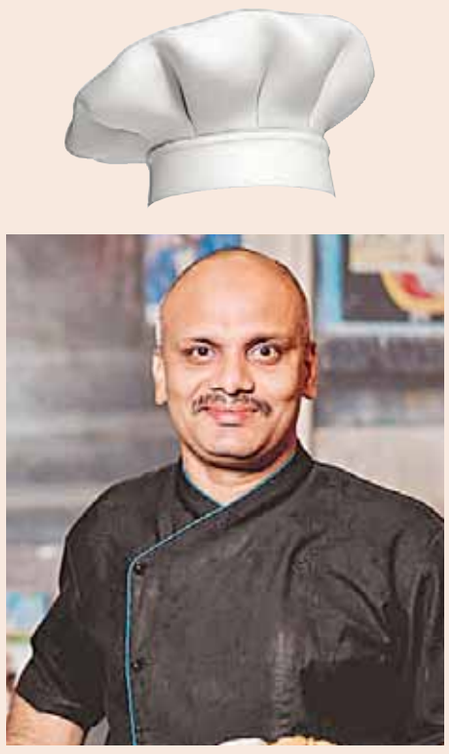
Whats Bhatia Chicken Recipe

INGREDIENTS:

Chopped Onion	400 gms
Ginger Garlic paste (2:1 ratio)	50 gms
Tomato paste	150 gms
Cashewnut paste	50 gms
Coriander powder	10 gms
Jeera Powder	10 gms
Cinnamon	3 gms
Star Anise	3 gms
Green Cardamom	3 gms
Black Cardamom	3 gms
Clove	1 gm
Kutti Masala (Nutmeg, Javitri, Cinamon, Green Cardimon, Clove, Cinamon Seed, Coffee Seed, Fennel Seed, Star Anise, whole Jeera, lime seed, kebab chini, saffron, bay seed)	10 gms
Boneless Chicken	400 gms

METHOD:

- Heat oil on a pan.
- Add cinnamon, star anise, green cardamom, black cardamom, chopped onion, ginger garlic paste and green chilli paste.
- Sautee these ingredients till the onions turn golden brown.
- Add kutti masala, coriander powder, jeera powder and chicken.
- Add tomato and cashewnut paste.
- Cook the mixture for 45 minutes.
- Finally garnish the dish with fresh coriander.



Chef **ANEESH**
— SodaBottleOpenerwala Hyd

Keri nu Samosa

INGREDIENTS:

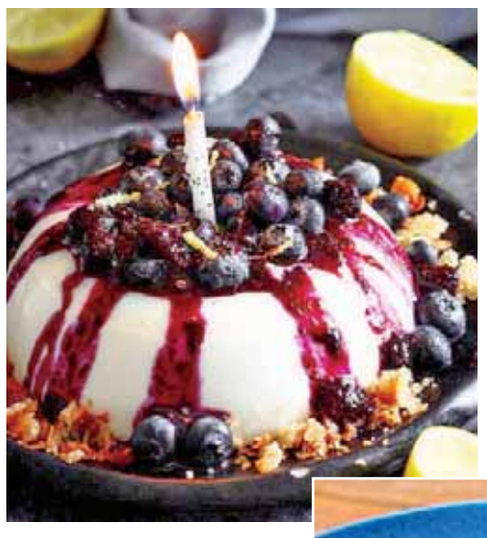
Fresh Mango puree	200 gms
Sugar	40 gms
Almond	15 gms
Butter/ghee	20 gms
Semolina	10 gms
Cardamom powder	2 gms
Vanilla essence	1/2 cap
Samosa patti	1 packet
For edible glue	Cornflour 1 tbsp + water

METHOD:

- In a pan, add butter/ghee and fry the semolina till it turns brown.
- Add sugar and cook.
- Add the mango puree and almond paste.
- Cook for 2 mins and remove in a bowl to cool.
- Add the flavourings and leave aside.
- Use samosa patti or spring roll sheets, roll them in different shapes and seal with edible glue.
- Fry in hot oil. Remove when brown and crispy.
- Cover with a little honey and sesame seeds.
- Serve hot with fresh mango and vanilla ice cream.

Want to eat healthy? Head to Fab Cafe

Hyderabad and food are like brothers from another mother. One cannot live without another and they complement each other perfectly. But with obesity increasing among Indians, the need of the hour is to find places which add to the taste, not the waist. ARUN DANIEL YALLAMATY finds one such place tucked in Banjara Hills Road No. 12. Intrigued? Read on



Hyderabad is well known for the variety of cuisines it offers as it is a city where you find every dish. Be it Mughlai, Nizami or plain simple South Indian, you have it all here. But the biggest complaint that foodies have is a lack of healthy restaurants. Fret not as Fab Cafe, a restaurant by organic apparel brand Fab India, has come up with healthy food options.

Fab Cafe claims to heed to all your health-driven wishes and brings traditional wellness to your table. Refined oil is replaced with clarified butter (ghee) and mustard oil. Brown rice or red rice takes place of white rice and using Healthy grains like bajra, kuttu and ragi to cook meals. Refined sugar is lobbed out to make way for jaggery, honey, coconut sugar, and brown sugar.

Rayudu Reddy, Chef of Fab Cafe, Banjara Hills, said, "There are many options for people to eat from. We also have some really good salads to choose from. The 'nutty quinoa salad' made from quinoa and pomegranate with mixed green, roasted almonds and walnuts with kasundi dressing is a must-try."

The cafe has a large range of vegetarian appetisers like 'spinach, hara pyaz and water chestnut momos' mixed with jackfruit flour and root starches and served with garlic chive dip. They also have veggie crisps with moong dal hummus, crispy bhindi, sweet potato and beetroot with moong dal hummus dip. When it comes to non-vegetarian food, a must-try dish is the chicken momo, which is wheat free and made with jackfruit flour and root starches. This is served with chilli chutney and garlic chive dip. In the main course, there are plenty of options. The pick of the lot would easily be the 'red rice and dal khichdi' prepared with organic desi ghee, yogurt and pickle. The 'chicken chettinad' fragrant curry with coconut, nuts and fifteen roasted spices is another mouth watering offering. For vegetarians, the 'khum mattar curry' with juicy mushrooms and peas in a brown cashew nut curry is a very good option. Another dish one mustn't miss is the brown rice chicken biryani and Fab Cafe's trademark 'dal makhani' with the six-grain paratha.

There's nothing quite as satisfying as having a beverage with good food. One is spoilt for choice with options like 'aam panna', 'kokum coconut' and innumerable smoothies and shakes made from natural ingredients. A must try among these would be the slow pressed juices such as 'glow hydration' coconut water, aloe vera, orange, pineapple and chia seeds.

The cafe also has a healthy breakfast menu with dishes like 'polenta upma', vegan classic upma with a gluten-free twist served with signature sambar and tomato chutney. In beverages there is the 'berry smoothie bowl' which has strawberry, raspberries, blueberries and vanilla topped with muesli and fresh fruits and the 'mango smoothie bowl' which brings back memories of the tasty mangoes available in summer.

We are not done yet as the 'tri-grain papdi chaat medley', 'baked dal samosa with chutney trio' and more soothe your street food cravings. Since no meal is complete without a nice dessert, our pick would be the 'caramelised banana cake'. Kids aren't left disappointed either as the cafe has a decent kids menu that features healthy choices for children such as mini idlis with cashew cheese and tomato sauce, pancakes with jaggery syrup and fruit and baked potato smileys to name a few.

Spread over 634 sqft, the cafe is super airy and the large window fascia provides ample Vitamin D without compromising on the view you get of the city skyline.

Rebekah Blank, Brand Head at Fabcafe states, "We've focused on creating a menu that features modern regional Indian cooking. This edition features a completely new salad menu that is light, flavourful and inspired by Indian street food. We have crafted a lot of delightful vegan options to bring to the table. Whether you are meeting a friend for lunch, snacks or wanting to enjoy a light but satisfying dinner Fabcafe will meet your needs."

Fabcafe is located at Road No. 12, Banjara Hills and is open on all days from 8:30 am-10:30 pm. A meal for two would cost anywhere between Rs 1,500-1,700 plus taxes.

ACCORDING TO TAROT HISTORIAN GERTRUDE MOAKLEY, THE CARDS' FANCIFUL IMAGES — FROM THE FOOL TO DEATH — WERE INSPIRED BY THE COSTUMED FIGURES WHO PARTICIPATED IN CARNIVAL PARADES
— BRENDAN I. KOERNER

YOUR WEEK AHEAD

MADHU KOTIYA

ARIES March 21-April 19

This week you will witness a complete transformation in your health. Those suffering from serious ailments will find unexpected changes towards improvement in their test results. A disciplined and controlled lifestyle is always welcome. Check your craving for sweets and fried food. On the career front, be careful of the source you are making money with. Having an unfair deal to get quick success might land you in legal action. Be cautious, as this is the time when you could use your power in a negative way. On the relationship front, love seems to be going well. Those who are committed, your current relationship is predicted to be strong, mutually supportive and beneficial. Singles, this is a good time to meet people.

Lucky number 33
Lucky colour White
Lucky day Wednesday

TAURUS April 20-May 20

You need to pay attention to your health this week. Look for treatments beyond your family doctor and outside your local area. What you truly need is a vacation or a change of environment. Focus on your dreams. You are likely to find some spiritual answers that will help you a lot. On the career front, new opportunities will tempt you. New projects, deals or assignment could be signed this week, which will prove a milestone in your career. Those in business will be able to convert their networking into benefits. The accomplishment of a big deal is on the cards. On the personal front, a new friendship or bonding is likely to turn in a loving relationship. An existing relationship will become more intense. If someone is interested in you, give him/her a chance. This could be it.

Lucky number 9
Lucky colour Yellow
Lucky day Thursday

GEMINI May 21-June 20

There could be some confusion about medical test/diagnose results. Take an opinion before making a final decision. Any health changes are likely to take place slowly. And this may be for the best. Take things one day at a time and note small changes. Professionally, you can win any situation with your skill and intelligence. Your logical and analytical skills will help you overcome any difficulties. This is the right time to appear for an interview/competitive exam. Your writing and communication skills could give you an edge over others. Relationshipwise, you could get into an argument with someone close. This is not the time to look for love as you might make a wrong decision. Existing relations could suffer due to misunderstanding.

Lucky number 10
Lucky colour Blue
Lucky day Tuesday

CANCER June 21-July 22

Change is inevitable in your health. You will seek spiritual answers that have eluded you for some time. This week, you will experience high energy and self-confidence. The card shows planning of vacations and spending time amidst the natural surroundings. You can expect someone new and exciting to make a move in your direction. Be prepared for a surprise. Career-wise, you will be exerting yourself for a job change. Those in arts fields could collaborate on a project that will boost to your career. Opportunities are coming your way. Promote your ideas. Make sure to get intelligent advice before accepting an invitation. Romance will blossom. Addition in the family, birth of child or news of conception is indicated.

Lucky number 18
Lucky colour Brown
Lucky day Friday

LEO July 23-Aug 22

For good health, take rest and relax. Stay away from spicy and junk food. This week, you will experience stress due to certain unavoidable factors. Be gentle with yourself. Stay calm and avoid anger and aggression. Release your frustration to express it rather than keeping it to yourself. Professionally, you will find stability after a long time. Those who are looking for a job change, you need to disconnect yourself from the current company. People sitting for an interview or a competitive examination will find success. Any pending work needs to be completed now. Relationship wise, this is a highly emotional time. Situations can instantly become heated or uncomfortable. Take a break if you need to. Don't hurry to end or begin a relationship.

Lucky number 12
Lucky colour Mustard
Lucky day Saturday

VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

You will enjoy good health. This week there will be occasions when three generations of the family will get together. The youngsters may receive a gift in the form ancestral property, money or invaluable advice. On the career front, your great insight and mental clarity will generate good results. This is a good time to act and achieve your target. You are likely to get promoted. This is the time to pursue new opportunities and to draw upon your creativity and mental ability for making more money. In love life, love relations will blossom and may turn into marriage. You will feel at ease with your spouse/partner, and take many important decisions with regards to your family. This is a good week for family unions. Enjoy the bliss.

Lucky number 23
Lucky colour Green
Lucky day Sunday

LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week your health regime is on the next level and so is your maturity and intelligence. You will not think twice before spending money in order to stay healthy. You will be inclined towards natural ingredients, herbs and experiencing the spiritual path. Your views in terms of health are conventional and practical and that will pay you rich dividends. On the career front, clear communication will bring changes in your career. Travel to a foreign land on account of work is likely. Your initiative blends with your people skills, so explore and see where it takes you. Your finances will improve considerably and you may plan a deal in property. On the romantic front, online love messages will revive your energy and passion. Singles may find a suitable partner or marriage proposals.

Lucky number 5
Lucky colour Dark Grey/ Grey
Lucky day Saturday

SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week your health will be good. Everything will fall in place. You are in the right place, doing the right thing. You will achieve what you have wished for. The week holds new beginnings that naturally emerge out of the accomplished cycle. To balance your energies, avoid rich food and oversleep. This week career may not be so satisfactory. You will feel uncomfortable in your working environment. Your senior may feel that you are not putting your 100 per cent effort into a project. Your honesty may fetch you displeasure. Avoid any investment or a new deal in business/property. On the love front, you may be possessive. Those in love may face conflict and difficult phase. However, a balanced approach will work in your favour.

Lucky number 22
Lucky colour Red
Lucky day Friday

SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

Your perseverance and hard efforts in working towards being healthy will pay off. Your self-confidence will draw people to you like a magnet. Those who are worried about health need to relax. Things are not as bad as you fear. An underlying spiritual strength will sustain your health. Career-wise good news is on the cards. This week you are likely to shine. You will use your power and leadership for the benefit of others. Success in a project is indicated. Those who are looking for a transfer, or job change, should approach an authoritative person to help you in your endeavour. On the love front, doubts about a relationship may nag you. This is the time to be very clear about what you want out of life and your relationships and accordingly, plan your actions.

Lucky number 15
Lucky colour Purple
Lucky day Wednesday

CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

Confront the darker side of yourself. This is a good time to explore your fears, limitations, and unhealthy attachments. You may resort to addictions and indulging in material pleasures in order to forget about your worries. Make sure you avoid all these. Career-wise, the beginning of a project is indicated. A great deal of creative energy will be invested in this new project. This is the time when you need emotional support to go forward in life. Be practical and mature in handling demands at the workplace. On the love front, you may get hyper over small things with the people who matter to you. Your mind will empower your heart and emotions will take a back seat. Remember words speak louder than action.

Lucky number 11
Lucky colour Golden
Lucky day Tuesday

AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

You need to manage your stress levels in order to stay in good health. Face your problems rather than run away from them. Those looking for spiritual healing make sure to get enough rest. Avoid temptations or any kind of addictions. On the career front, your dream job may come your way. You will get busier in a positive way. Your accomplishments will make your peers look bad. Some of you may attain a position where you can exert authority. Control your temper when dealing with subordinates at the workplace. You could feel the negative vibes in the relationship area as well. Conflict with the near and dear ones are indicated. Think calmly while making a decision about the person you are in a relationship with.

Lucky number 13
Lucky colour Magenta
Lucky day Monday

PISCES Feb 19-March 20

Health may be a cause of worry. Those awaiting test results, stay calm. Things are not as bad as you fear. A spiritual strength will guide you. Connect with deeper joy and love of living. Practice breathing exercises and meditation. On the career front, work can be either difficult or non-existent and you may feel stagnant. You don't have to stay in a situation that is unhealthy for you. Those who wish to pursue higher studies and simultaneously work, can go ahead. Love life looks promising. Singles, a new and very positive, romance is on the horizon. Meeting your love at the workplace is likely. Just don't get carried away. Keep your balance and perspective. Those in a committed relationship will enjoy a new level of understanding and bonding.

Lucky number 9
Lucky colour Black
Lucky day Wednesday

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Watch your thought patterns

Perception drives a being. It encompasses all aspects of our working-self. It offers us with the window-frame through which we look at issues in hand. Be they thoughts arising in mind prompted by indwelling desire trends, or for that matter how we respond to external stimuli, are all moderated by our perception. And as every being is born unique, each manifesting varying mind-trend, accordingly, our individualistic perceptions vary from person-to-person. That holds the key to all actions on our part, and thereby the fruits thereof — pleasant of stressful.

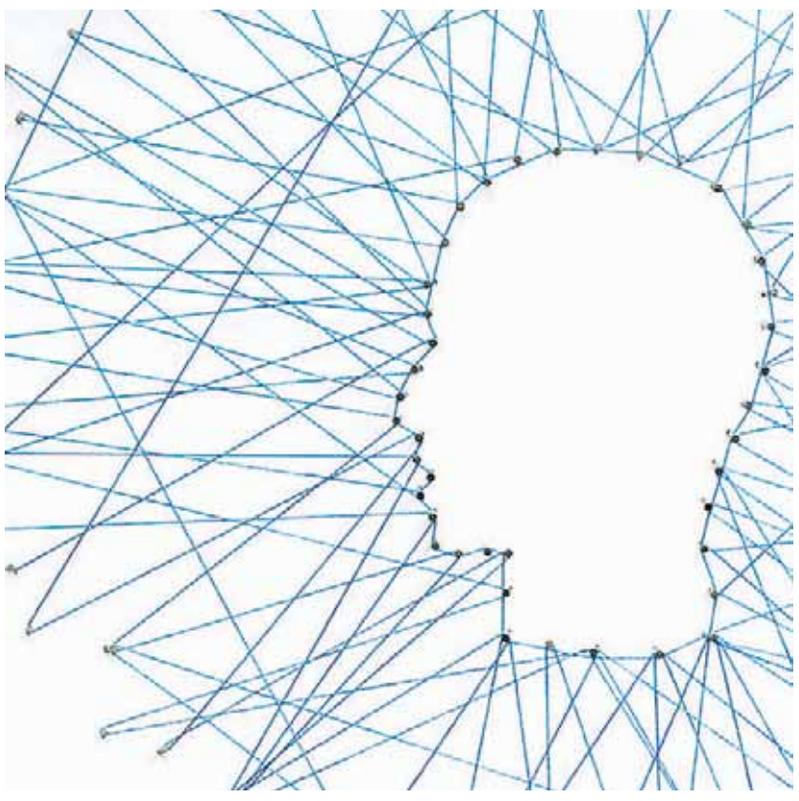
As I was explaining this to a consultee, he interjected: "Sir, you mean to say that we become due for failure and frustration because of our own flawed perception. If so, is there any scope for modification?" Well, there could be other factors for our failures, but in any case, our perception matters. For, our perception has a role to play in how intelligently or otherwise we deal with contrarian forces. Going through the lessons of life, as our vision expands, perceptions do keep changing even in usual course of life. It could also be consciously modified, if we identify and acknowledge our flawed perceptions. The paradox, however, is that seldom do we remain conscious about evaluating our thought process to bring about the desired change. Those who do not change with time, remain stuck to their perceptions, and with obvious consequences. To make things clear, a look into how perceptions are formed becomes imperative.

We are all born with karmic carry over from the past, termed as '*samskara*' in Indian circulation. They are subject to further add on while being raised as child, as are induced by parents and environmental influences. These karmic imprints involuntarily define individual specific beliefs and perceptions, which set the terms of our desire trends, likes and dislikes, prejudices and obsessions, habits and attitudes, virtues and attributes. Our indwelling desire trends excite corresponding thoughts, which when gravitate in mind, translate into action. Evidently, the character and content of our perception hold the key to the fruits of our actions — pleasant or frustrating. Our habits tendencies often play a spoiler in the whole process.

Now, a look into the construct of our mind, the prime driver of a being. Mind has three operative tools — *Buddhi* (the faculty of discriminate intelligence), *Ahamkara* (sense of I consciousness), and *Manasa* (the sense aided mind). The three, enlightened and animated by *Cita* (the element of consciousness), are supposed to work in a coordinated manner, complementing and supplementing each other as a unified organism, with *ahamkara* in the lead. For, be it translating indwelling desire trends into action, or react and respond to outer field data collected by *Manasa*, *ahamkara* has to take the call. In between, *ahamkara* is supposed to invoke *buddhi* for due diligence to filter off the undesirables for a sensible approach. The paradox, however, is that often caught up in the usual grinds of life, *ahamkara* identifies itself with indwelling desire trends, and then blindly pursues it as if that would its end game. It gets caught up by the tempting influences of the seeming world and makes it a dream destination. In both cases, *ahamkara* takes things on their face value, and doesn't feel the necessity of invoking *buddhi* for a reality check. That makes likelihood of failure more probable. If you fail to make use of your own most profound empowerment tool, you have to bear with the consequences.

That makes it incumbent upon us to remain conscious about keeping *buddhi* in active mode for a reasoned stand. It is easier said than done, as habits die hard. It is in this spirit that ancient India's learned masters came up with various meditative techniques to help get over habit tendencies and reshape the thought process afresh. In the process, you first become aware of the inherent fault lines, which when acknowledged could be addressed through fresh educative inputs.

I then made the consultee aware of astrological pointers to his fault lines. Mars and Jupiter placed adverse to each other speaks loud of his swaggering ego, which binds him to his self-assumed dos and don'ts and not open to look beyond for reality check. Both the luminaries locking horns with Saturn, speaks of a sense of fear and insecurity. That makes him habitually suspicious and overcritical of all. Also, it speaks of a volatile emotionality. His interpersonal relationship skills, thus, being wanting, he is not able to relate to those around with ease. Hence, the mental stress he suffers from.



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Rohit, Rahane, Ranchi & Rain

Sharma (117*) scores third hundred in his fourth innings as Test opener & adds unbeaten 185-run for 4th wicket with Ajinkya (83*) to put India front after top-order failure

PTI ■ RANCHI

Rohit Sharma continued his sensational run as a Test opener with his third hundred of the series, allowing India to regain control of the proceedings after a top-order collapse in the third and final game against South Africa at Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA) stadium on Saturday.

With India reduced to 39 for three, Rohit (117 batting off 164 balls) and Ajinkya Rahane (83 batting off 135) shared an unbeaten 185-run stand to stage the home team's remarkable recovery.

India were 224 for three before bad light, followed by rain, forced an early end to play on day one with only six overs possible in the final session.

With his stellar effort, Rohit, who hammered 14 boundaries and four sixes, became the first Indian opener since Sunil Gavaskar to score more than two centuries in a Test series. Gavaskar had achieved the feat way back in 1970.

Rohit's Test century number six came with a massive six off spinner Dane Piedt. It was a typical knock from India's limited overs vice-captain as he exercised caution when Kagiso Rabada was steaming in the morning before going for his strokes.

If that was not enough, Rahane matched him at the other end and brought up his 21st half-century off just 70 balls.

Piedt, who was included in place of Senuran Muthusamy, cut a sorry figure against Rohit's fury, giving away 43 runs in his six overs.

Debutant left-arm spinner George Linde, who replaced an injured Keshav Maharaj, ended the day with tidy figures of 11-1-40-0. Such was the Indian duo's dominance after lunch that Rabada, who had a fiery opening spell of 7-4-15-2, looked listless in the second spell that read 4-0-30-0.

Rahane matched Sharma shot for shot and at one point even had a better strike rate than his explosive Mumbai partner as he notched up his fastest half-century in India.

Sharma, however, had a testing opening session as he survived on seven after reviewing an LBW successfully.

He also survived a run out chance when he was out of crease but Zubayr Hamza's throw from point missed the stumps.

Uneven bounce with a few staying really low greeted the Indian openers in the morning as Rabada and Lungi Ngidi made full use of the conditions to give the visitors their best start of the series.

Rabada got rid of opener Mayank Agarwal (10) and Cheteshwar Pujara (0) inside the first-hour of play.

The first breakthrough came in Rabada's third over when the the pacer swung it away with Agarwal edging it to Dean Elgar at third slip.

Rabada went on to dismiss Pujara for a duck in his fifth over following a successful review by the South Africans after the on-field umpire Richard Illingworth turned down an lbw appeal.

But it was Nortje who earned the biggest wicket as he sent back Pune Test's double centurion Kohli after the skipper failed to read one that came back in sharply.

Kohli took the review but only to be turned down with an umpire's call and the skipper went back to the pavillion frustrated.

Rain forecast today

PTI ■ RANCHI

Rain may affect the second day's proceedings as well in the final India-South Africa Test, the local weatherman predicted on Saturday.

"There is a possibility of thundershowers and lightning at isolated places in Ranchi. Chances are less by Monday onwards," an official of the Indian Meteorological Department, Ranchi, said.

Ajinkya Rahane, right, pats on the helmet of teammate Rohit Sharma to congratulate him on scoring century AP

Mental adjustments key to Hitman's success

RANCHI: India's batting coach Vikram Rathour on Saturday attributed Rohit Sharma's success as Test opener, in the ongoing series, to mental adjustments.

"He is such an experienced player. I don't think you need to change anything with his technique. The only adjustment I think he had to make was his game plans," Rathour told reporters after the first day's proceedings.

"I always believed he is too good a player not to be playing in any format. It was a good call to make him to open. With the amount of runs he has scored, he has settled the issue for the time being," Rathour added.

"Somebody of his experience and the kind of cricket he plays, if he starts coming good top of the order, it changes everything for the Indian team, even when you're touring."

Rohit looked tentative early on and was given LBW on seven by umpire Richard Illingworth, but survived following a successful review, which showed a faint inside-edge.

"In Tests, you need to play through those tough spells that you will get. I think he's doing that well in this series. Once he's set, he's a phenomenal player, we all know that he can really punish you."

Rohit started to break free towards the end of first session when he pulled Anrich Nortje for the first of his four sixes, while Ajinkya Rahane too came on his own in a difficult second session for the visitors.

"Ajinkya showed great intent today. Whenever he bats with this intent, he looks a really good player. As I said earlier also, they bowled in good areas initially and there was help in the wicket, so Rohit had some problem early on.

"Of course, as a batsman, you need to survive that time, which Rohit did really well. Anybody will look uncomfortable because those were tough conditions." ***PTI***

'Not now'

IANS ■ KOLKATA

A video of unbeaten centurion Rohit Sharma shouting 'not now' as the skies turned grey just before he smashed a six to reach his third hundred of the series took social media by storm.

Rohit reached the three-figure mark with a six as he was batting on 95 in the 45th over. The limited overs vice-captain brought up his third century of the series, his sixth overall, off Dane Piedt's bowling. Just before that, Rohit shouted 'not now' when it started to drizzle and the groundsmen set themselves up to bring the covers.

He took the single off the second ball of the over to reach 95 and at the same time, the rain started coming down.

Batting as an opener for the first time in this series, Rohit added yet another feather to his cap by becoming the batsman to hit the most number of sixes in a Test series.

During the ongoing three-Test series, he has so far hit 17 sixes and has surpassed Shimron Hetmyer's tally of 15 which came during the two-match series between West Indies and Bangladesh in 2018/19.

Proxy captain

RANCHI: In a bid to end his losing streak at the toss, South Africa skipper Faf du Plessis on Saturday brought Temba Bavuma as proxy captain for the third and final Test.

However, luck did not favour South Africa as the coin landed in favour of India skipper Virat Kohli who chose to bat for the third time in the three-match series.

After winning the toss, even Kohli couldn't help but laugh at Faf's helplessness.

"It shows that it isn't meant to be (win the toss with a proxy captain)," du Plessis said after losing his 10th consecutive toss in Asia.

Graeme Smith, however, didn't seem impressed with du Plessis' idea of coming out with a proxy captain and said it reflected the mindset of the visitors who have been struggling to get going in the ongoing series. ***PTI***

Nortje rues slip-up after strong start

PTI ■ RANCHI

South African pacer Anrich Nortje on Saturday rued letting India off the hook after reducing them to 39 for three on the opening day.

Hoping to avoid a 3-0 whitewash, South African bowlers gave a good account of themselves by taking three wickets quickly, but Rohit Sharma and Ajinkya Rahane shared an unbeaten 185-run partnership to take India to 224/3 in 58 overs when bad weather forced an early stumps.

"We were definitely better as in the previous Test. We just tried to control the game little bit better. Unfortunately, we couldn't get another wicket... It would have been nice to have them four-five down," Nortje said after the first day's play.

"We had one or two overs where we went on top, later on we just pulled it back again. So, maybe, here and there we lost but, in general, a good effort by everyone.

"Overall, it was a good effort by the bowlers. There was little bit in it this morning, tried to utilise as much but one or two overs didn't go our way."

Kagiso Rabada was the pick of the attack with 2/54 in 14 overs, while Nortje (1/50 from 16 overs) picked up the wicket of India skipper Virat Kohli.

"I was hoping for a wicket somewhere and to get him was unbelievable, but just try and come with a plan. I try and put as much pressure as possible and finally got the wicket."

He said there's still hope in the side as they look to bounce back.

"I think there were quite a lot of opportunities right through the series. Lots of nicks going through the gaps or falling short. Something happened today here there, that's normal to cricket. We have to take it forward going from here. Just keep on asking those questions and control the controllables, I guess."

Kohli could be rested from B'desh T20s

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India skipper Virat Kohli could be rested from the three-match T20 series against Bangladesh, beginning here on November 3.

Kohli has been playing almost non-stop, featuring in 48 of India's 56 games since October last year.

The squad for the Bangladesh series will be picked in Mumbai on October 24.

"There is a possibility that Virat could be rested keeping the workload management programme in mind. But the selectors will only speak to Virat once the Test match (against South Africa) ends," a source close to the selection committee said.

"It will also depend on how the skipper himself feels. He knows his body the best and if need be he can himself ask the selectors for rest," the source added.

After the first T20 in Delhi, Rajkot and Nagpur will host the second and third game on November 7 and 10 respectively.

Selection consistency led to better understanding: Rani

PTI ■ BHUBANESWAR

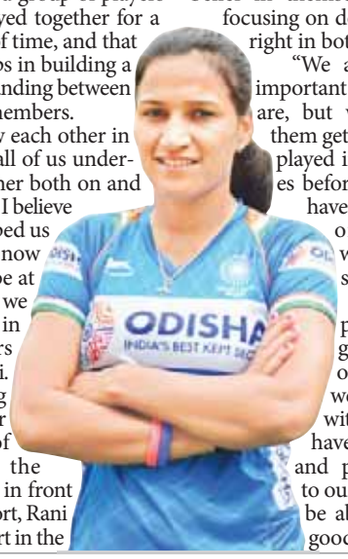
Indian women's hockey team captain Rani said on Saturday that consistency in selection has helped her team members in understanding each other better ahead of the Olympic Qualifiers.

She said that home support will be a huge boost for them when they compete in the upcoming FIH Olympic Qualifiers.

An 18-member women's team was announced here on Friday by chief coach Sjoerd Marijne, which saw the Dutchman retain the players who represented India in their preparatory tour of England earlier this month.

"We have a group of players who have played together for a good period of time, and that obviously helps in building a good understanding between all the team members.

"We know each other in and out, and all of us understand each other both on and off the field, so I believe it has also helped us a lot. We are now preparing to be at our best when we take on USA in the Qualifiers here," said Rani.



Looking back at her experience of representing the national team in front of home support, Rani said the support in the city will be a huge boost for her side.

"Some members from this team have played in India before but that was way back in the FIH World League Round 2 in 2013, but the crowd that comes out to watch hockey in Bhubaneswar is nothing like that.

"We know we will be cheered on from the first minute of the match, and we are all looking forward to playing at home. It is a good moment in your life when you play such a huge match in front of your home crowd, and the team is looking forward to producing a great performance and enjoying it on the field," she said.

Rani said there is pressure, but her team members have huge belief in themselves, and are focusing on doing the basics right in both the matches.

"We all know how important these matches are, but we cannot let them get to us. We have played in huge matches before and we now have the experience of coping up with the pressure.

"We will play our own game, and focus on the basics. If we can continue with the way we have been playing, and play according to our plans, we will be able to produce good results."

Indian athletes eye course record bonus

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Top Indian elite athletes, including women's course record holder L Suriya, on Saturday said they would look to break the course record in the Airtel Delhi Half Marathon here today.

Suresh Kumar Patel, Srinu Bugatha, Pradeep Chaudhary in the men's category and Suriya, Parul Chaudhary and Priti Lamba in the women's category are the top domestic athletes vying for honours in the prestigious IAAF Gold Label race. There will be 23 women and 22 men Indian elite athletes taking part in the race.

Suriya, who created the course record in 2017 with a time of 1 hour 10 minutes 31 seconds, said she enjoys running in ADHM.

"The route at the Airtel Delhi Half Marathon is very nice. In 2017, I really enjoyed the run as the weather was also good. Therefore, I put up a good performance that year. I am looking forward to another great experience in ADHM. Hopefully, I will break the course record again," said Suriya.

The runners of the Airtel Delhi Half Marathon will be awarded ₹1 lakh as a bonus prize if they break the course record this year.

Parul Chaudhary, who is keen to make an impression this year, was delighted about the bonus cash prize on offer.

"It's great that the runners will be rewarded with a bonus cash prize for breaking the course record. We are very happy and I will definitely give it my all to achieve a bonus prize this year," said Parul.

Speaking about the conditions, Pradeep Chaudhary said that the weather has changed for the better since Friday and hopefully the conditions will suit the runners today.

"The weather suddenly changed on Friday. It was very windy making the conditions very cool and suitable for runners. I am looking forward to a great run and good weather on a beautiful track will be an added bonus," said Chaudhary.

Murray steps closer to Antwerp title

AFP ■ ANTWERP

Andy Murray plays a return shot during Antwerp Open quarterfinal match AFP

Former world number one Andy Murray reached his first semi-final since the 2017 French Open with a battling three-set win over Romania's Marius Copil in Antwerp on Friday.

The 32-year-old British star, steadily rebuilding his career after major hip surgery earlier this year, defeated qualifier Copil 6-3, 6-7 (7/9), 6-4.

"I feel OK, it's more how you pull up the following day," said Murray, who is two wins away from a first title since Dubai in March 2017.

"The good thing about the indoor matches is that the points are fairly short so it doesn't take as much out of you as on some of the slower courts outside."

Murray, now ranked a lowly 243 in the world, had the chance to wrap up the quarter-final when he had a match point in the second set tiebreak.

He eventually sealed victory after more than two and a half hours on court with an ace for his third win in three meetings against the 92nd-ranked Copil.

Murray goes on to face France's world number 70 Ugo Humbert who put out Argentine fifth seed Guido Pella 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.

Italian teenager Jannik Sinner became the youngest ATP semi-finalist in five years when he defeated Frances Tiafoe of the United States 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Sinner, 18, is the youngest to make the last four on tour since 17-year-old Borna Coric at Basel in 2014.

However, he faces a daunting semi-final against three-time major winner Stan Wawrinka after the former world number three got past fellow 34-year-old Gilles Simon of France 6-3, 6-7 (6/8), 6-2 in his quarter-final.

Sinner, who lost to Wawrinka at the US Open this year, will become the youngest ATP finalist since Kei Nishikori at Delray Beach in 2008 if he downs the experienced Swiss.

Not scared to fight Zareen in trials: Mary

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

"I am not scared to face Nikhat Zareen," avowed celebrated boxer MC Mary Kom, saying it would just be a "formality" to beat her in the trials for the Olympic qualifiers.

Mary Kom (51kg) found herself embroiled in a controversy with Zareen demanding a trial bout against her before the Indian squad for next year's Olympic qualifiers is decided.

This was after the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) stated that it intends to pick six-time world champion Mary Kom (51kg) for the event in China on the back of her recent Bronze medal winning performance at the World Championships in Russia.

"The decision has been taken by BFI. I can't change the rule. I can just perform. Whatever they decide, I will go with that. I'm not scared to face her, I am fine with the trials," said Mary Kom on the sidelines of a felicitation program.

"I have defeated her many times since SAF Games but she keeps challenging me. I mean, what is the point? It is just a formality. BFI also knows who can win a medal at Olympics."

Mary Kom said "people are jealous of me".

"It has happened with me in the past also. Perform on the ring, that is the real thing. BFI sends us for exposure trips so comeback with a Gold, prove yourself," she said.

"I am not against her. She might be good in future, let her have the experience and focus on preparation for the highest level. I have been fighting for last 20 years. To challenge is easy but to perform is difficult."

In women's competition, BFI had said in August that only the Gold and Silver winners at the World Championships in Russia would be selected directly for the Olympic qualifiers in February.

However, BFI now has decided to call a selection committee meeting next week to discuss Zareen's plea.

Mary Kom said there should be gender quality in the selection criteria.

"I don't care about all this. Let BFI take the decision. There should be gender equality, can't have separate rules for men and women."