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## Regular tea drinking improve brain structure

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 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.

## Bodies of 6 drowned in canal pulled out

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) personnel 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.

## IT seizes Rs 17.4 cr unaccounted assets

HYDERABAD: Unaccounted assets of Rs 17.4 cr have been seized by the Income tax department. The IT department without naming the company in the press communiqué said, "Unaccounted assets of Rs 17.4 crore have been seized. IT Department conducted Search and Survey action on a prominent business group having interest in infrastructure, irrigation, hydrocarbons and power sectors".

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".

## TODAY

### ALMANAC

**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)  
**Amritkalam:** 07:48 am - 09:25 am  
**Abhijit Muhurtham:** 11:37 am - 12:23 pm

### VJAYAWADA WEATHER

**Forecast:** Isolated Thunderstorms  
**Temp:** 30/24  
**Humidity:** 91%  
**Sunrise:** 06:10  
**Sunset:** 05:51  
Current Weather Conditions  
Updated October 19, 2019 5:00 PM

**NATION 5**  
SALMAN'S BODYGUARD  
SHERA JOINS SENA

**MONEY 6**  
TRADE WARS TO IMPACT FLOW OF  
CAPITAL, GOODS: SITHARAMAN

**SPORT 12**  
RAHIT, RAHANE,  
RANCHI & RAIN

# Are you ready to merge TDP with BJP, GVL asks Naidu

PNS ■ VIJAYAWADA

BJP Official Spokesperson GVL Narasimha Rao said on Saturday that if N Chandrababu Naidu is ready to merge his TDP with the BJP, he is ready to talk to the party leadership.

Stating that the BJP didn't need any alliance with the TDP, he, however, said that if Naidu comes forward for merging the TDP with the BJP, he is ready to discuss it with his party leadership.

Addressing a news conference here, he also said that the TDP chief Naidu was regretting snapping ties with the BJP because he was scared of the future. He, however, clarified that he was not threatening the former Chief Minister.

"But, I don't know if he is scared after seeing (P Chidambaram, DK Shiva Kumar and other leaders)," he remarked, referring to the



Congress leaders arrested in corruption cases.

The Rajya Sabha member said that BJP didn't need any tie-up with the TDP as the party lacked credibility and even ideology.

"There is no need for a tie-up with the TDP. It is a defeated party. Why should we save others. We want to emerge as a key force in the State on our own," said GVL, as he is popularly known.

Claiming that the BJP had

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helped Naidu become the Chief Minister in the past, he said the TDP president never became the Chief Minister on his own.

"There is no need for friendship with the TDP. What do they have? They had four Rajya Sabha MPs, they joined our party. We don't need Lok Sabha MPs," he said.

GVL said the BJP will not become stronger because of other leaders joining the party. "How will our party grow if 10 leaders who lost the elections join us? They are coming to save their own political future,"

he said.

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GVL said this was Chowdary's own proposal and remarked that since he had been with the TDP for many years, he may have some soft corner for the party.

## Former TDP MLA arrested for raising slogans against CM

PNS ■ VISAKHAPATNAM

Police arrested former TDP MLA from Pathapatnam Kalamata Venkata Ramana and 19 others for making remarks against Chief Minister on Friday. For sloganeering against Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy, Village Volunteer lodged a complaint with police and based on this, they took him and 19 others into their custody.

Telugu Desam leaders and party workers raised the slogan "CM Down Down" in a protest against the painting of the government offices with the YSR Congress Party colours in Pathapatnam Assembly segment of Srikakulam district.

According to Pathapatnam police, the former MLA, along with other activists, were arrested under Indian Penal Code Sections 143 (unlawful assembly), 186 (obstructing a public servant) and 341 (wrongful restraint) read with 149 section. Kalamata Venkataramana, Regeti Mohana Rao, Mathala Gandhi, Gandivala Tejeswara Rao, Regeti Suryam, Kalamata Chandrasekar, Manmadha Rao, Jammi Naidu, Boddu



Hemasundara Rao, Govinda Rao, Kani Tavitaiah and Saripalli Bhakara Rao were some of the arrested TD members, along with the ex-MLA.

They were all produced before the Kothuru Civil Court on the same day and the court sent them for remand. Meanwhile, they were released on bail after taking surety.

TD senior leaders condemned the arrest and called it as the suppression of opposition under the YSRCP regime. They claimed that the CM has directed the secretary level officials to file cases against the persons, who defame the reputation of the government programmes.

## MEIL bags Veligonda project in reverse tendering

PNS ■ VIJAYAWADA

In the reverse tendering of Veligonda project, the government has saved up to Rs 62 crore. In the fresh tenders, the Megha Engineering and Infrastructure Limited stood as L1 by quoting 7% less on the tender price. Earlier, the tender was bagged by Rithwik Projects of CM Ramesh for 4.69% excess on the tender price.

The total project value is Rs.553.15 crore and Rithwik Projects of CM Ramesh had got it for Rs 597.35 crore. It was alleged that misdeeds took place in tendering process. Therefore, the YSRCP government has appointed a committee and after conducting the probe it confirmed that irregularities took place. Hence, the government has given green signal for the fresh tenders on September 21.

Now, the Megha Engineering and Infrastructure Limited has secured the tender for Rs 491.6 crore. Earlier, the government has saved up to Rs 782 crore in the reverse tendering process for Polavaram head works and power project. Notably, those projects were



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The water for the project is drawn through two 18.8 km long tunnels across Nallamala hills. The project has been renamed as the Poola Subbaiah irrigation project.

## Govt releases Rs 265 cr for AgriGold victims

PNS ■ VIJAYAWADA

The government has decided to distribute compensation to the AgriGold scam victims and released Rs 264.99 crore. The administrative sanction was given on Friday by releasing Rs 264.99 crore, which will benefit 3.69 lakh depositors in the State. Earlier, under the TDP government tenure, the decision was taken to clear the dues of the AgriGold victims, who had deposited Rs 10,000- registration of victims was conducted by the Police Department-but, the TDP government had failed to pay them on time.

It may be recalled that YS Jaganmohan Reddy had promised AgriGold victims to clear the dues during his paday-

atra. Nearly 32 lakh from Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Karnataka states were duped the AgriGold management. The company was set up in 1995 as a Collective Investment Scheme (CIS) and it lured several lakh of customers on the promise that their investment would come back to them with high returns.

Now, the Chief Minister has fulfilled his promise to provide compensation to AgriGold victims. All the depositors, who invested Rs 10,000, are being compensated. Cash will be handed over to over 20,000 depositors in each district through the Legal Cell. The government is also considering another proposal that will benefit those depositors who invested Rs 20,000.



File photo

## VMC to penalize owners of vacant lands

G RAVI KIRAN ■ VIJAYAWADA

Monsoon may bring smile on the faces of farmers, but it also brings seasonal diseases. Denizens in towns and cities will have a tough time with mosquito menace. Especially, children and elderly people suffer from fevers and make a beeline to clinics and hospitals to take treatment. Seeing the seriousness of mosquito problem, the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) has focused on vacant lands in the city, as they have become breeding ground for mosquitoes.

To get out of this situation, the VMC is planning to take legal action against owners of vacant lands under the IPC Act for not maintaining the lands properly. In all, 15,393 vacant plots are located in 59 divisions of the city and the civic body has set a target to achieve Rs 133 crore from Vacant Land Tax (VLT) during this financial year. Many vacant plots are accumulated with waste and become breeding grounds for mosquitoes and stray animals. The issue came to the forefront in this rainy season when mosquitoes increased and caused dengue and other viral fevers to the people of the city.

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Taking a serious note of the issue and reduce the severity of vector-borne diseases during this monsoon, the public health department officials have served special notices on 200 owners of vacant plots and town planning staff installed signboards that have been left unattended over the years. Municipal Commissioner V Prasanna Venkatesh said that despite instructions from public health department officials, still, vacant plot owners have not cleared waste and garbage accumulated on their premises. With this, a large number of vacant plots across the city are flooded with rainwater and become breeding points for mosquitoes. Hence, they decided to penalize the vacant plot owners under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code for endangering public safety, he said.

The civic body chief further

stated that officials concerned are facing a tough time to identify and contact the respective vacant plot owners over phone or through another medium as a majority of them are Non Resident Indian (NRIs). However, a section of vacant plot owners, who are residing in and around the vicinity of the city, started approaching the Corporation after receiving the notices and cleared the piled garbage on their premises.

"Initially, we are going to approach vacant plot owners and ask them to maintain their premises properly. If they failed to do so, notices are being served by the town planning department. Then in the next phase, we are imposing hefty penalties," VMC Chief said, adding that so far the civic body has not taken the extreme step of auctioning the vacant plots due to various reasons.



Group photo of Mariam Nabatanzi children

## 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 child, 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.

She has lost six children, her last child dying during childbirth three years ago. The family are living in extreme poverty

ty 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.



CAPSULE

VIGILANCE  
AWARENESS WEEK  
OBSERVED

**Visakhapatnam:** The Vigilance Awareness Week was observed in GITAM Deemed to be University here on Saturday coinciding with the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, known to be a man of high integrity. Union Bank of India Field General Manager B.Srinivasa Rao graced the occasion.He said the purpose of Vigilance Awareness Week is to create awareness in the public at large about the bad effects of corruption. Explaining the scope of corruption, he added corruption is not only about giving money, but it includes all actions where processes are being compromised. Emphasising preventive vigilance GITAM Vice-Chancellor Prof Sivarama krishna said that prevention is better than cure. He said that investigative vigilance takes time and it also affects the morale of the employees, so preventive vigilance should be given prominence over the investigative vigilance. As part of Vigilance Awareness Week several competitions conducted to students on this year theme 'Integrity-A way of Life'. The Chief Guest B.Srinivasa Rao presented the certificates to students. The program was jointly organised by GITAM University Student Affairs Directorate and Union Bank of India. The Programme Coordinator Prof K.Veera bhadram, Bengaluru UBI Deputy Zonal head K.S.N. Murthy, Ajay Kumar, Narayana, UBI senior officials participated.

India-Myanmar Naval Exercise commences

PNS ■ VISAKHAPATNAM

The opening ceremony of the second edition of 'India Myanmar Naval Exercise' IMNEX-19 was conducted onboard INS Ranvijay at Visakhapatnam.

Myanmar Naval Ships UMS Sin Phyu Shin (F-14) and UMS Tabinshweti (773) arrived in Visakhapatnam on October 18 and would engage in professional interaction with Indian Navy personnel for sharing of expertise on various maritime issues between both the navies.

On arrival, Capt Tet Lwin Tun, Fleet Commander, 1st fleet accompanied by Cdr Sai Thet Naing, CO UMS King Tapin Shwe Htee and Cdr Kyaw Thain Kha, CO UMS King Sin Phyu Shin called on Vice-Admiral Atul Kumar Jain FOC-in-C ENC.

The harbour phase of IMNEX-19 scheduled till October 20 includes visits to Indian Naval units, training and maintenance facility at Visakhapatnam.

During Sea Phase scheduled from October 20 to 22, INS Ranvijay, a guided-missile destroyer, and INS Kuthar, a missile corvette, will be carrying joint exercise with MN ships UMS Sin Phyu Shin, a frigate and UMS Tabinshweti, a corvette in the Bay of Bengal and undertake a variety of evolutions, including Anti-Air and Surface firing exercises, flying exercises using integral heli-



Navy personnel of India and Myanmar strike for a pose during the commencement of naval exercises in Visakhapatnam on Saturday

copter and Seamanship evolutions at sea.

The joint exercises this year have increased in scope and complexity is a testimony of growing maritime cooperation between the two navies.

A mega Blood Donation Camp was organised by Eastern Fleet onboard INS Shakti as part of Navy Week Celebrations on Saturday.

Rear Adm Suraj Berry, Flag

Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet inaugurated the blood donation camp organised in association with INHS Kalyani and NTR Trust Blood Bank and was part of the first batch of blood donors.

There was an overwhelming response from volunteers amongst the naval personnel, defence civilians and their families wherein 320 personnel donated blood, which was

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handed over to NTR Trust Blood Bank and would be utilised to those in need especially for dengue patients and road traffic accident victims.

REMEMBERING KALAM WITH QUIZ ON IP

PNS ■ VISAKHAPATNAM

In the fond memory of former President of India, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, DSNLU National Quiz competition was organised by the Centre for Intellectual property Rights (CIPR) on Saturday.

The competition was attended by various universities. Prof. Dr. M Padmavathi Rajeev Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law, IIT Kharagpur was the Chief Guest for the inaugural session of the quiz competition.

Prof. (Dr.) Bhavani Prasad Panda, Professor of eminence welcomed all the teams, colleagues, students and friends. He applauded Dr. P. Sree Sudha for the uniformity of the event under her guidance and it being conceived in the name of one of the most intellectual persons - Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. Prof. Panda further said, "He is a dream merchant & missile man. He has contributed towards creation of multiple IPs. He has given a lot to the public and barely ever took any credit. Major strength of this country is gained due to his excellence. Salute to him, and his leadership!"

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The Chief Guest threw light on the copy right and said "Copyright will take over patents in the coming years. Artificial Intelligence is covered by a series of Patents. It is creating a large fence so that no one can operate in that area. Intellectual Property is no longer a single IP, it is a multiple IP. Overlapping IP will take us into markets."

Stressing the need of IP law,



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protection of IP is no longer very enchanting to business and that has opened a platform for Informal IP and the latter is also gaining importance as there is a need for the not letting the world know. There exist two types of agreements: Technology Agreements and IP Agreement. Also, when light is shed on license, there is a plethora of IP in the field waiting to be explored. IP is wholly a strategy. India needs to aim for global innovative index. Trademarks, Traditional Knowledge, Designs, Geographical Indications. But we should not forget that IP should serve the social need and purpose. There is a great amount of diversity in this region- Hence, we should scout and catalogue. She recounted that in IIT Kharagpur, a project for GI was launched and students go back to their place and their job was to look at the feasibility of the GI, post GI studies, post GI analysis. Law students should team up with technical students and learns about the technical issues in patents. IP with ICT is a wonderful combination because data has captures and captivated everyone. IPR is interlinked with every other area. It is not a stand-allow discipline. It has to be read with other laws.

University registrar Prof. (Dr.) CM Rao, P. Jogi Naidu, co-convenor of Quiz, faculty, students were also graced the occasion.

Mars once had salt lakes similar to Earth: Study

IANs ■ NEW YORK

Mars once had salt lakes similar to the ones on Earth and has gone through wet and dry periods, according to a new study.

The researchers from Texas A&M University College in the US examined Mars' geological terrains from Gale Crater, an immense 95-mile-wide rocky basin that is being explored by the NASA Curiosity rover since 2012 as part of the MSL (Mars Science Laboratory) mission, according to the study published in the journal Nature Geoscience.

The results show that the lake, which was present in Gale Crater over three billion years ago underwent a drying episode, potentially linked to the global drying of Mars. Gale Crater was formed about 3.6 billion years ago when a meteor hit Mars. "Since then, its geological ter-

ains have recorded the history of Mars, and studies have shown Gale Crater reveals signs that liquid water was present over its history, which is a key ingredient of microbial life as we know it," said study co-author Marion Nachon from Texas A&M University.

"During these drying periods, salt ponds eventually formed. It is difficult to say exactly how large these ponds were, but the lake in Gale Crater was present for long periods of time - from at least hundreds of years to perhaps tens of thousands of years," Nachon said.

According to the researchers, Mars probably became drier over time, and the planet lost its planetary magnetic field, which left the atmosphere exposed to be stripped by solar wind and radiation over millions of years.

Interactive meet on Code on Wages-2019

PNS ■ VISAKHAPATNAM

The Federation of Andhra Pradesh Chambers of commerce and Industry organised an interactive meet on "Code on Wages 2019, and Code on Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Bill, 2019" here on Saturday.

G. Bala Kishore, Director of Factories, and Kishore Chandra Das, HR (personnel), RINL, Vizag Steel Plant participated in the program as Chief Guests.

C V Achut Rao, President of FAPCCI said that the FAPCCI, with the objective of

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Participants at an interactive meet on 'Code on Wages-2019' organised by the Federation of Andhra Pradesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Visakhapatnam on Saturday

imparting awareness on the Codes and make them Compliance ready, organized this meet.

Bala Kishore, recalling his long service in the department thanked all his mentors and trainers for gaining knowledge and understanding on the subject and welcomed the reforms initiated by the Government of India in

Labour Laws. Ramachandra Rao, Director of Resource Inputs spoke on Code on Occupational Safety and Niranjan Rao, advocate, high court of AP and Telangana spoke on Code on Wages 2019.

K Mallikarjun Rao, president of Vizagapatam chambers of commerce and industry also spoke on the occasion.

Kashmiri apple growers send six lakh tonnes to other States

PNS ■ SRINAGAR

Despite the shutdown and killing of a non-local apple trader and a driver, apple farmers in Kashmir have managed to send six lakh metric tonnes of apples outside Kashmir.

After halting for two days at Shopian, Mohammad Waris, a truck driver from Rajasthan has begun to load apples in his

truck. "We come to Kashmir to earn our livelihood for years and we will continue to do that," Mohammad Waris said.

Kashmir produces 20 lakh metric tons of apples every year. The fruit is cultivated on more than 37 lakh hectares of land across Kashmir. Kashmir accounts for 75 per cent of the total apple production in India.

The fruit earns Kashmir Rs



8,000 crore annually and provides livelihood to 33 lakh people including seven lakh farmers.

The government had offered to buy the crop from the farmers due to the lockdown and shutdown after the revocation of Article 370 on August 5, under the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS). The government has made J&K Department of Horticulture Marketing and Planning and NAFED as the nodal agency to buy apples from

farmers in Kashmir. The government has also revised the rates for procuring apples. Under MIS the government has now offered Rs 70 for extra gift pack of apples while Rs 59 for grade A, Rs 43 for grade B and Rs 23 for grade C variety of apple. Other varieties like American and Maharaji have been offered at lesser prices.

Two more procurement centres have now been opened by the government, one each in Kulgam and Anantnag. The total number of procurement centres is six now.

The MIS will continue till December 15. According to sources, the scheme can be extended if there is a better response. To date, more than 3,000 farmers have registered with the MIS.

Mahesh Babu's gesture lauded

PNS ■ VIJAYAWADA

Andhra Hospitals informed that it has successfully completed 10 heart surgeries on kids with the financial aid of Tollywood actor G Mahesh Babu. Addressing the media here on Saturday, Dr PV Rama Rao, Chief of Children Services of Andhra Hospital, explained that they have done it with the help of UK doctors' team.

Surgeries were conducted from October 14 to 18. The UK doctors' team on behalf of General Infirmary Hospital, London, Royal Brompton Hospital, England, performed these surgeries. The team include paediatric interventional cardiologist, paediatric cardiac surgeon, paediatric cardiac intensivist, perfusionist, paediatric intensive care nurses and the

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team led by Dr Vikram K, Dr Dileep, Dr Imre Kassai - consultant cardiac surgeon, Dr Orsolya Friedrich, Dr Amira, Dr Benjamin Arthur, Dr Mani Ananth Kumar, Anuradha, Esme, Octavia performed complex heart surgeries, which include TAPVC, Tetralogy of Fallot, Transposition Great

Arteries (TGA), Truncus Arteriosus, Double outlet the right ventricle, AVSD, Tricuspid Atresia& other complex heart defects. Dr PV Rama Rao, Chief of Children's Services, said that their success rate was nearly 100%, which was possible only because of the team effort of their paediatric cardiology, cardiac surgical team and paediatric intensive care team from Andhra Hospitals and the UK team.

He also said Children's Heart Institute team is successfully performing children heart surgeries regularly for the past four years, Healing Little Hearts, the UK team, had come 20 times so far and much complex heart surgeries were done with their help.

When Hussain Sagar lake became 'Jai Shri Ram Sagar' on Google Maps

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

In a weird episode, Hyderabad's Hussain Sagar lake which is famous for its iconic Gautam Buddha statue was shown as 'Jai Shri Ram Sagar' on Google Maps for several days, before it was rectified by the tech giant.

People were surprised to see Hussain Sagar lake seen as 'Jai Shri Ram Sagar' and took to Twitter to vent their anger against the cyber vandalism.

"Now this in #Hyderabad Hussain Sagar lake suddenly became Jai Sri Ram Sagar! And I wonder @googlemaps not letting any Edit," a user tweeted. "Miscreants Changed The Name Of 'Hussain Sagar' To



"Jai Shri Ram Sagar" In Hyderabad On #GoogleMaps!! The Lake Hussain Sagar Was Ordered By Ibrahim Quli Qutb Shah And It Was Built In The Year 1563," another user wrote.

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In a similar incident, the city's 'Salarjung Pul' was changed to 'Chhatrapati Shivaji Bridge' in February on Google Maps. Even the river flowing under the bridge was renamed

online. While most the people call it the Musi River, cyber vandals renamed it as "Muchukunda".

"Someone marked a point in Hussainsagar as a temple and called it Jai Sri Ram Sagar. Changed the name back to Hussain Sagar in English and Telugu. Don't know if and when it will be reflected for everyone (sic)," another tweet read.

Hussain Sagar is a heart-shaped lake in Hyderabad, Telangana, built by Ibrahim Quli Qutb Shah in 1563. A large monolithic statue of the Gautama Buddha, erected in 1992, stands on Gibraltar Rock in the middle of the lake.



**Jaiyayawada:** With the intervention of Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy, sale of tomatoes began yet again at Patikonda Market. The Chief Minister enquired about the issue after receiving information of protests by tomato farmers. Officials explained to him that agents are the reason for this problem. With the directive from the department, farmers can sell their produce directly in the market without involvement of agents. It is learnt that agents forced farmers to sell the produce outside the market, but farmers denied it, according to officials. The Chief Minister instructed officials to take care of sales immediately and make arrangements accordingly. Commissioner of Marketing Department Pradyumna directed officials of Patikonda Market Yard to involve directly in the auction. With the directive of the authorities concerned, auction of tomato was started again at the yard and farmers sold their produce directly in the presence of officials. Almost, 50 MT of produce was auctioned by the market yard officials after the Chief Minister's instructions and they will continue as per the information was given by Commissioner Pradyumna.

**PNS** ■ VIJAYAWADA

On the pretext of wasting public money, Jagan is trying to avoid



appearing in courts personally, he said observing that Jagan would not have appointed advisors paying them fat salaries had he been keen on not wasting tax payers' money. If Jagan is sincere, Yanamala dared the CM to attend the court cases by bearing expenses out of his pocket. Alleging attempts at stifling voice of the media in the state, Yanamala quipped that it was everybody's knowledge which media organization resorting to slinging mud on opposition parties. Unleashing repression on media was against the freedom of expression, he said adding that the TDP is ready for a debate on the issue.

**G RAVI KIRAN**  
**VIJAYAWADA**

reflecting their conspiracy to shift the capital. What will they say to farmers, who had given thousands of acres to the government for the construction of the capital? We will not tolerate these acts of killing Amaravati, we will fight against it."



Now, with the statement of Minister Botsa Satyanarayana on Experts Committee and the following statement of Mangalagiri MLA Alla Rama Krishna Reddy has strengthened the news of shifting the capital to Mangalagiri and around Tadepalli.

Meanwhile, Minister for Urban Development Botsa

After these developments, leaders of opposition and people expressed their doubts

Already, offices functioning in different areas by various departments are planning to shift their offices to Mangalagiri and one of the sources disclosed that they are looking at Nagarjuna University. Even Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy has been conducting meetings and review meetings at his camp office at Tadepalli instead of the Secretariat.

**PNS ■ VISAKHAPATNAM**

## Living at Kalya

**PNS ■ VISAKHAPATNAM**

The situation of women in the villages of Ravikamatham mandal is pitiable. They had to

**PNS** ■ VIJAYAWADA

He listed out various initiatives taken up by the police and listed out welfare measures initiated for the police families. The Spandana programme helped the police improve its ties with people. He spoke about Open Health organised as part of the Police Commemoration Week. It will give insights to members of general public how the police department functions right from the police station level. He explained the activities of various wings like bomb disposal squads, Octopus (the elite anti-Maoist squad) and so on. Students rep-

A man in a police uniform, wearing glasses and a light-colored uniform with dark epaulettes, is speaking into a microphone. He is gesturing with his hands while speaking. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a conference room setting.

Terming the people's response to the Spandana programme as

TDP leaders alleged that the DGP denied them appointment to facilitate them to lodge complaints, but DGP gave appointment to YSRCP leaders. The DGP outrightly denied the allegation and said that he is ready to meet anyone at any time and there is no discrimination. He could not give appointment to TDP leaders only one, he said feeling sorry for the same.

overwhelming, the DGP noted that the programme is serving as a forum to foster ties with the public. Of the 31,773 complaints

**PNS** ■ VISAKHAPATNAM

The first batch of about 33



bride hindsight with foresight, he stated. The Institute would provide a platform for knowledge-exchange and experience-

Congratulating the cohort, Mr. Kapoor urged the participants to make best use of the world-class intellectual

**PNS ■ VISAKHAPATNAM**

The situation of women in the villages of Ravikamatham mandal is pitiable. They had to

fetch water from long distances as mining is destroying the natural water springs. K Sajaya, a panellist, said in the public hearing that the tribal people are in terrible condition. Cashew plantations were destroyed and adivasis houses were developing cracks due to the mining.

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The RINL and NRDC recognise the respective strengths of the two organisations and accordingly agree to cooperate in the development of technologies and their successful transfer to industry for commercial exploitation and socio-economic benefits.

**PNS** ■ BENGALURU

Nelamangala is about 40km northwest of Bengaluru towards Tumakuru on the national highway #4 towards Pune and Mumbai. "The 8-room ground floor

building with open space in the compound will be modified to suit the needs of a detention centre and fortified for fool-proof security with closed circuit television cameras (CCTVs), floodlights, barbed fence and a surveillance system to monitor the movement of detainees and their activity.

State Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai, however, told reporters here on Thursday that the detention centre would be made operational soon.



TSRTC STRIKE

# Did KCR take unwarranted risk?

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 supre-



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mo'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.

## 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.



## CPI-ML leader severely injured

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, Vimalakha staged a sit-in as part of the

Saturday's state-wide bandh at RTC Cross Roads.

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 Telangana agitation and for siding with the RTC workers. TJS leaders, including Prof Kodandaram, were arrested for trying to lay siege to Bus Bhavan near RTC cross roads in the city.

## 100-year-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."

## Rs 3 L medical insurance for GHMC staff

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

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

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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.

## ‘Telangana Bandh’ a grand success: Congress

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 con-



demned 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 Chandrashekar 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 inexperi-

enced 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. He also criticised IT Minister KT Rama Rao, 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.

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## 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 Warangal and other district for the day but it operated skeletal services to the state capital in the afternoon as per the directions of 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 windowpanes 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

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and AISF,SFI spearheaded the protests in the districts.

## 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.

## 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 lead-



ers 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.

## RTC JAC to meet AIMIM leaders seeking 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.

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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.

JAC Co-convener Raja Reddy said that they would announce their future course of action after the meeting with political leaders on Sunday. Another co-convener VS Rao questioned the state government to tell as to where gone the money came to the corporation for the last 15 days. How the government will say that it has only Rs.8 crore besides saying that the corporation experienced Rs.155 crore loss due to strike, he asked. He demanded the government to conduct talks immediately.



**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 stronghold 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 Kshiti 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 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.



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.

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

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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 panchs 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".

## 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

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

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

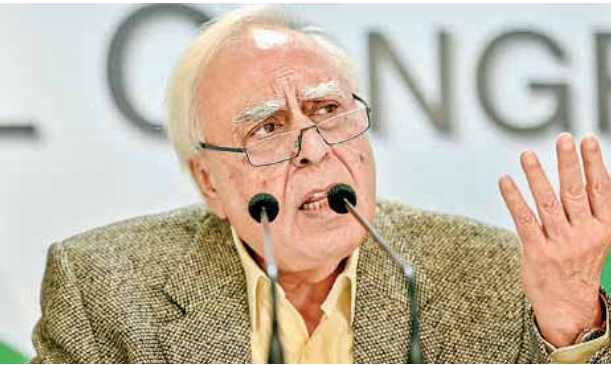
The Congress on Saturday accused the BJP of raising the issue of revocation of Article 370 provisions in assembly polls campaign for electoral gains and said Prime Minister Narendra Modi must tell the people that it was because of the Congress that Pakistan's integral part split from it.

"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

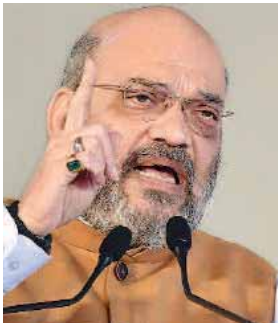
arrested for trying to enter the US illegally has "tripled".

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**

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.

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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.

## 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 refused the reported criticism by Stalin that she attempted to 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 per-



sonnel 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



## 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.

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

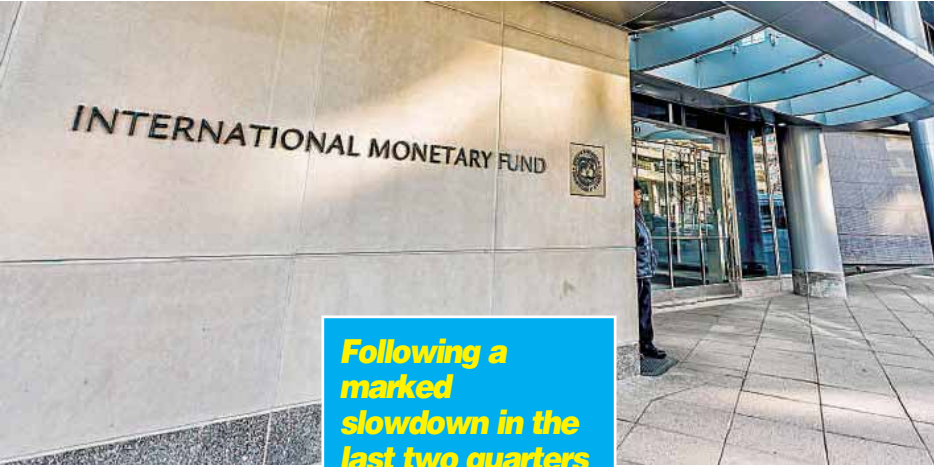
The International Monetary Fund on Friday supported India's recent decision to reduce corporate income tax, saying it has a positive impact on investment.

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



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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.

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.

Trade wars to impact flow of capital, goods: Sitharaman

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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



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(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.

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 jour-



nalists, 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 dic-

tate 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.

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 in order 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 facility. 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.

ENDING US-CHINA TRADE WAR



Concrete progress made for phased deal: Liu He

PNS ■ BEIJING

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.

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 Mujumdar, 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 knowl-

edge 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 in 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

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said the document was shared with congressional investors. "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

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.



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

## 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 diary 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 college, I was offered a job in the Veterinary Department as an assistant



B Janardhan Reddy with his pet dog Tuffy and wife Sulochana



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

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.

## 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



Receiving Prime Minister's award for best civil servant

## 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

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.

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 representa-



## 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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A photographic record of William Dalrymple's travels across the country over the last two years

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## Watch your thought pattern

Our perception has a role to play in how intelligently, or otherwise, we deal with contrarian forces

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



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 eleusine, 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



### 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 *ragi* 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 *pongali*. Have with *Chach* (buttermilk).

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(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 phytic 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 wide-spread 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.

### 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 Soufull 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 today's generation. Millet noodles anyone? Minus the preservatives, of course!

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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.



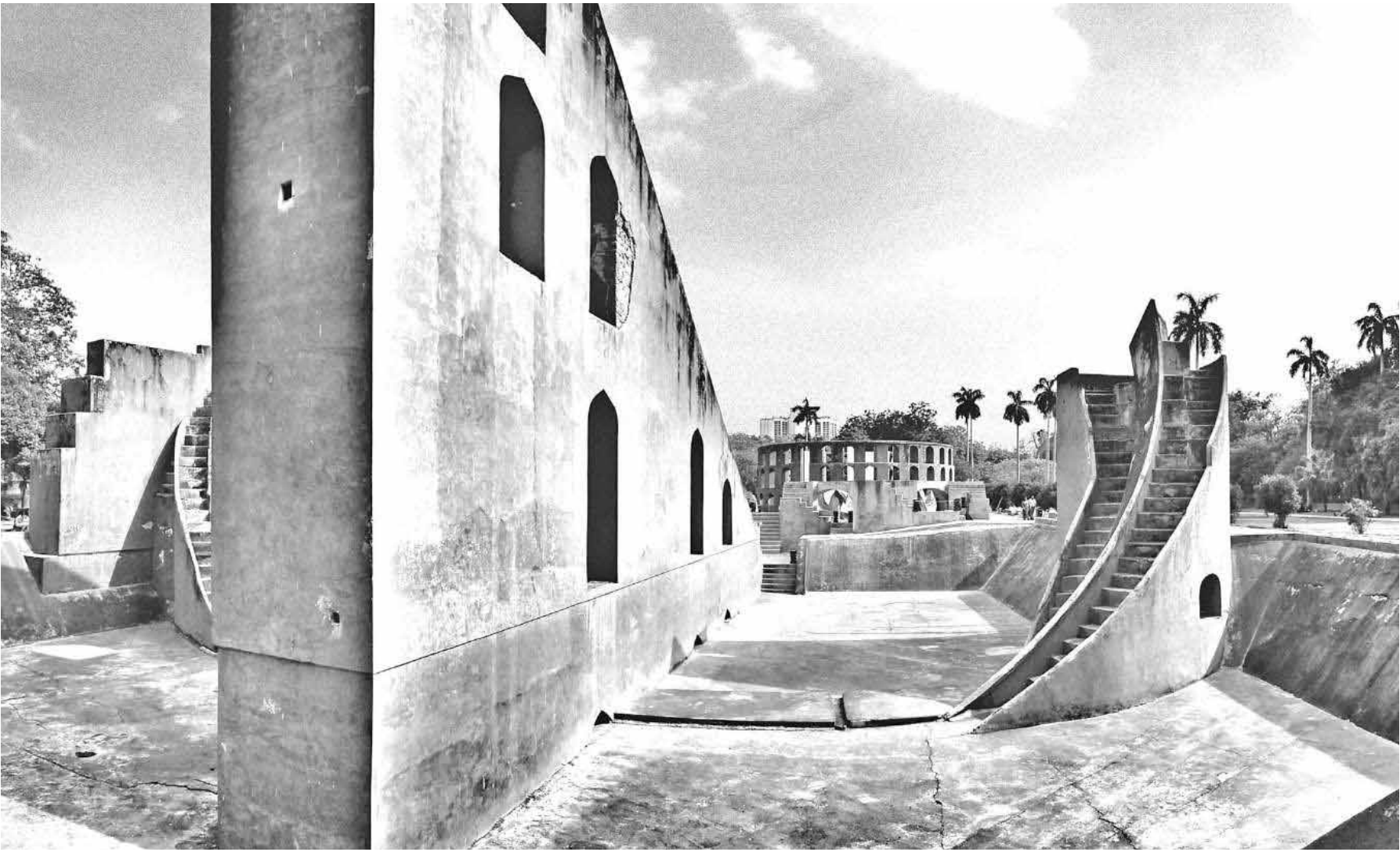
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Monsoon afternoon, Safdar Jung’s Tomb, Delhi; Archival Pigment Print



Early morning, Mehrangarh Fort, Jodhpur; Archival Pigment Print



Jantar Mantar, Delhi; Archival Pigment Print



Jantar Mantar, Jaipur; Archival Pigment Print



# 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  
Sautéed veggies

### 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  
Sugar 200 gms  
Eggs 10  
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 essence 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.

## 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.



Chef ANEESH  
— SodaBottleOpenerwala Hyd

### 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.

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 lobbied 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



## 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

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

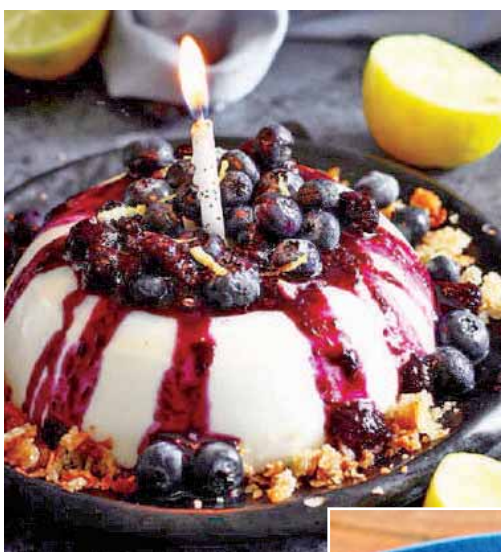
with chilli chutney and garlic chive dip. In the main course, there are plenty of options. The pick of the lot would easily be the 'red rice and dal khichdi' prepared with organic desi

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.







# 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

### 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.

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.



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

## 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' Proxy captain

FIANS ■ KOLKATA

A video of unbeaten Acenturion 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.

**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**



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

## Nortje rues slip-up after strong start

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.

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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



Andy Murray plays a return shot during Antwerp Open quarterfinal match

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

## Not scared to fight Zareen in trials: Mary

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"I am not scared to face Nikhat Zareen," favoured 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."

