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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) personnal with the help of a crane.

The deceased were identified as Abdul Aziz (45), Rajesh (29), Santhosh Kumar (23), Pavan Kumar (23), Naresh (55) and Johnson (33). The incident occurred on Friday night in Chakirala village of Nadigudem block when the person driving the car apparently lost control and the vehicle fell off the bridge into the canal. All of them were employees of a private hospital in Hyderabad and were returning to the city after attending the marriage of their colleague in Suryapet district.

#### 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 "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 pres 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".

Month & Paksham:

Ashwini& krishna Paksha Panchangam

Tithi: Shashthi: 07:29 am

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**Rahukalam:** 04:21 pm – 05:47 pm

any important work)

**Yamagandam:** 12:00 pm – 01:27 pm Varjyam: 05:43 am- 07:17 am **Gulika:** 02:54 pm - 04:21 pm

Good Time: (to start any important work) **Amritakalam:** 07:48 am - 09:25 am

Abhijit Muhurtham: 11:37 am - 12:23 pm VIJAYAWADA

#### WEATHER

Current Weather Conditions

Forecast: Isolated Thunderstorms **Temp:** 30/24 **Humidity:** 91% **Sunrise: 06.10 Sunset:** 05.51

Updated October 19, 2019 5:00 PM

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

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

GVL's remarks assume significance in the wake of a recent statement by Sujana Chowdary, one of the Rajya Sabha members, who crossed over to the BJP from the TDP in June. Chowdary had said that if Naidu had any proposal to work with the BJP, he would to talk to the BJP leadership

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

"There is no need for friend-ship 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,"

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ership.

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.

# Forgery case registered against Vallabhaneni Vamsi

PNS VIJAYAWADA

A forgery case was registered against Gannavaram TDP MLA Vallabhaneni Vamsi in Hanuman Junction Police Station on Saturday. It may be recalled that the TDP MLA and others distributed land patta documents to farmers of Koyyuru and Kuripirala villages before the elections. On learning about it, YSRCP leaders alleged that they are fake documents.

Muppalaneni Ravi Kumar, a local, had complained to the then Returning Officer against this activity. In turn, they conducted inquiry and lodged a complaint with police on the issue. On knowing about the impending arrest, Vallabhaneni Vamsi and others approached the High Court seeking a stay on arrests, as they were in the election campaign, tahsildar Narasimha Rao reminded.

Narasimha Rao said "MLA



Vamsi and others have used a seal, which was made by themselves, not of the tahasildar office and they have used facsimile of the then tahsildar Gopala Krishna instead of the original signature and distributed those documents to farmers. After the probe, now the Revenue Department with the consent of the District Collector lodged a complaint with Hanuman Junction Police Station. Based on the compliant, they registered the case against Vallabhaneni Vamsi and others.

#### **Wrong policies** of Congress 'destroyed nation': Modi

PNS ELLENABAD

On the last day of campaigning for the Haryana assembly polls here, Prime Minister Narendra Modi sharpened his attack on the opposition Congress over issues Article 370

corridor, accusing it of "destroying the country" with wrong policies and strategy.

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

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

# Former TDP MLA arrested for raising slogans against CM

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, Gandivalsa Tejeswara Rao, Regeti Suryam, Kalamata Chandrasekhar, 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 price. der 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



This project is meant for providing water for 4.59.000 acres and providing drinking water to 1.5 million in 29 mandals of fluoride and drought-hit areas of Prakasam, Nellore and Kadapa districts by diverting 43.5 tmc feet of floodwater of Krishna river from the foreshore of Srisailam reservoir near Kollamvagu and proposed to store in Nallamalasagar reservoir

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from the foreshore of Srisailam reservoir near Kollamvagu and proposed to store in

Nallamalasagar reservoir. 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

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

It may be recalled that YS Jaganmohan Reddy had another proposal that will benclear the dues during his paday- invested Rs 20,000.

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 promised AgriGold victims to efit those depositors who



# NRDC, RINL-VSP join hands for commercialisation of IP

PNS ■ VISAKHAPATNAM

The National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) under the Ministry of Science & Technology and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL), Visakhapatnam Steel exchanged between H Manager (R&D) I/C, R&D Plant, entered into a Purushotham, CMD, NRDC Center, Visakhapatnam Steel

Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) in Visakhapatnam for commercialisation Intellectual Properties and Technologies developed at

The MoA was signed and

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

and KV Vidya Sagar, Executive Director (Works) I/c, RINL, Visakhapatnam Steel Plant.

The senior officials Dr BK Sahu, NRDC-IPFC&TISC, Visakhapatnam, Dr A Syam Sundar, Deputy General

(R&D) I/C, R&D Centre, Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, and other senior executives and officials from both the organisations were present during the signing ceremony of

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

PNS KAMPALA (UGANDA)

A Ugandan mother who has

given birth to 44 children has been prohibited from having any more kids. Mariam Nabatanzi, 39, was married off at the age of 12, delivering twins a year later. After her first children, Nabatanzi gave birth to five more sets of twins, four sets of triplets and five sets of quadruplets due to her abnormally large ovaries. The 39-yearold 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-



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 pover-



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.

# VMC to penalize owners of vacant lands

G RAVI KIRAN W 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.

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

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

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

stated that officials concerned

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.

#### **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

program was jointly organised

by GITAM University Student

Affairs Directorate and Union

bhadram, Bengaluru UBI

Deputy Zonal head K.S.N.

Bank of India. The Programme Coordinator Prof K.Veera

Murthy, Ajay Kumar, Narayana,

UBI senior officials participated.

certificates to students. The

# **India-Myanmar Naval Exercise** commences

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

ınday pioneer

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 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 encement of naval exercises in Visakhapatnam on Saturday

copter and Seamanship evolu-

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

guided-missile destroyer, and INS Kuthar, a missile corvette, will be carrying joint exercise with MN ships UMS Sin Phyu Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet inaugurated the blood Shin, a frigate and donation camp organised in UMS Tabinshweti, a association with INHS Kalyani and NTR Trust Blood Bank corvette in the Bay of

Bengal

**During Sea Phase** 

October 20 to 22,

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INS Ranvijay, a

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!"

Dr. Sri Sudha, director of IPR centre and faculty co-ordinator of quiz competition felt overjoyed as she addressed the audience, "It is one of the most memorable day in the history of DSNLU because this event is organised in the fond memory of our beloved former president and the missile man Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam."

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,

protection of IP is no longer very enchanting to business and that has opened a platform for Informal IP and the latter is also

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she said, "A fundamental question which arises in the field of IP is, "Does the business want?" Patent Right is a negative right. There is no right to use. If patent is not considered reasonable, then we have to look for competitive law. IP law cannot be used in isolation. It has to be read with and in relation to many other laws like contract, property, Competition and Constitutional Law."

She shared certain information on Nano-Biotechnology and development of area of robotics and noted that trade secrets (non-disclosure of your business) have changed into IPR. Resisting IP: "The formal

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

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

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### 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 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 terrains 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, Crater over three billion years 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 mil-

# Interactive meet on Code on Wages-2019

and was part of the first batch

There was an overwhelming

response from volunteers

amongst the naval personnel,

defence civilians and their

families wherein 320 person-

nel donated blood, which was

of blood donors.

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 FAPC-CI, with the objective of

Bala Kishore, recalling his long service in the depart and thanked all his mentors and trainers for gaining knowledge



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

Codes and make them Compliance ready, organized

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

imparting awareness on the Labour Laws. Ramachandra Rao, Director of Resource Inputs spoke on Code on Occupational Safety and Bala Kishore, recalling his Niranjan Rao, advocaté, 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 occassion.

#### **PAVITROTSAVAMS COMMENCES IN CHANDRAGIRI**

Vijayawada: The annual Pavitrotsavams commenced at Chandragiri Ramalayam on Saturday. On the first day, Snapana Tirumanjanam was performed between 8.30 am and 11.30 am and then Chatura tarchana and Pavitra Pratista were organised. In the evening, Pavitra Homalu were performed between 6 pm and 8 pm. Temple DyEO Subra manyam, Superintendent Krishna Rao, Temple Inspector Krishna Chaitanya and others

tres have now been opened by

the government, one each in

Kulgam and Anantnag. The

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sources, the scheme can be

extended if there is a better

response. To date, more than

3,000 farmers have registered

The MIS will continue till

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IANS SAN FRANCISCO Hit by privacy scandals and yearround investigations, Facebook has lost its place among the world's 10 most valuable brands in global brand consultancy Interbrand's annual ranking of

Facebook no more among

top 10 best brands globally

best top 100 brands. Facebook fell to the 14th spot. Two years back, the social networking giant was at the eighth spot in the list, billed as a "rapidly appreciating" brand. Apple led the top 100 best brands' list, followed by Google

and Amazon. Microsoft was the fourth, Coca Cola fifth and Samsung came sixth on the list.

The seventh spot was grabbed by Toyota, Mercedes was the eighth, McDonald's ninth and Disney was at the 10th spot.

Pitching for breaking up Facebook, US-based software giant Salesforce CEO Marc Benioff has called the social networking platform "new cigarettes" which are making kids addictive. Benioff said that the company must be held account-



eral in the US have decided to join probe against Facebook's anti-competitive business practices. Facebook this year agreed to pay \$5 billion as a settlement to the US Federal Trade Commission (FTC) over privacy violations.

According to a survey by independent research firm Ponemon Institute in 2018, users' confidence in Facebook plunged by 66 per cent after Cambridge Analytica data scandal involving 87 million users.

# Kashmiri apple growers send six lakh tonnes to other States

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

₹ 38,540 (10 gm)

₹ 45,500(1kg)

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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 peo-

ple including seven lakh farmers. The government had offered to buy the crop from the farm-

ers 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.

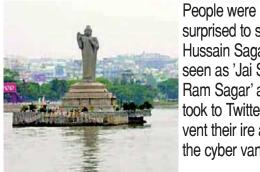
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# When Hussain Sagar lake became 'Jai Shri Ram Sagar' on Google Maps

#### **PNS** ■ HYDERABAD In a weird episode, Hyderabad's Hussain Sagar lake which is famous for its iconic Gautum

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



Hussain Sagar lake seen as 'Jai Shri Ram Sagar' and took to Twitter to vent their ire against the cyber vandalism

surprised to see 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 Hussain Sagar is a heart-

online. While most the people

call it the Musi River, cyber

shaped lake in Hyderabad, large monolithic statue of the Gautama Buddha, erected in 1992, stands on Gibraltar Rock

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## **HYDERABAD VIJAYAWADA** VISAKHAPATNAM 420

# Mahesh Babu's gesture lauded

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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'

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 AH performed 10 heart surgeries on kids



team led by Dr Vikram K, Dr Dileep, Dr İmre Kassai - consultant cardiac surgeon, Dr Orsolya Friedrich, Dr Amira, Dr Benjamin Arthur, Dr Mani Ananth Kumar, Anuradha, Esmee, Octavia performed complex heart surgeries, which include TAPVC, Tetralogy of Fallot, Transposition Great Arteries (TGA), Truncus Arteriousus, 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.

Buddha statue was shown as 'Jai Shri Ram Sagar' on Google Maps for several days, before it was rectified by the tech giant.

"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.

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

read.

Telangana, built by Ibrahim Quli Qutb Shah in 1563. A in the middle of the lake.



#### CM'S INTERVENTION **RESOLVES TOMATO** RYOTS' WOES

Vijayawada: With the intervention of Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy, sale of tomatoes began yet again at Pattikonda 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 Pattikonda 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

# Yanamala objects to Jagan seeking exemption from appearing in court

ınday pioneer

Former Finance Minister Yanamala Ramakrishnudu has charged Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy has been trying to get exemption from attending the trail in cases registered against him on the pretext of attending trial is putting a financial burden to the tune of Rs 60 lakh. He demanded the CM to bear the expenses from his pocket since the cases are private cases.

The scope for influencing witnesses and co-accused has increased if the CM saddling them with top posts in government is any indication, he said accusing him of even victimising media.

Quoting the example of how Sibu Soren in his capacity as CM had attended trial, Yanamala wanted Jagan to realise that all are equal in the eyes of law. It was ridiculous to seek exemption from attending trial on financial grounds, he felt.

When not in power, the cases were filed against Jagan, he said adding that why the public excheauer be taxed for the cases registered against him while not in power. He recalled how the CBI court and High court dismissed the plea to exempt Jagan from attending the trial.

He said that the scope for Jagan influencing witnesses increased further. Seeking exemption from attending trial under scuh a scenario is fuelling several doubts.

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



influencing witnesses and co-accused has increased if the CM saddling government is any indication — YANAMALA former minister

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

# Speculations rife over shifting of capital to Mangalagiri

Speculations were rife over the shifting of the capital city Mangalagiri from Amaravati. The statement of YSRCP MLA Alla Ramakrishna Reddy suggesting that Mangalagiri should be made as the capital city has added fuel to speculations.

YS Jaganmohan Reddy after assuming power made state-ments on Amaravati alleging that the TDP government had indulged in misdeeds in the construction of the capital

It may be recalled that the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) government had acquired 33,000 acres of agricultural lands from farmers giving them compensation and also a part of land in the new capital itself. Naidu censured Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy stating he has "killed Amaravati".

TDP official spokesperson Panchumarti Anuradha said "Statementns being made by Ministers and MLAs are 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



With both the World Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) deciding to not to fund the Amaravati capital city project, all eyes are on the State government as to how it will raise more funds for the same. Both the financial institutions together were to pump in \$500 million dollars into the project, while the State government was to fund the same with additional money.

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.

Discussion on capital has begun yet again. After assuming power, the YSRCP leaders were trying to convince the people that Amaravati is not suitable as the capital, on different occasions in different ways, but never in an official way. The first step is to halt the construction works in the Capital Region in the name of reverse tendering. The government has instructed the CRDA to stop the works, which are in the stage of 25% completion, and the works, which are not yet started. But, in reality, almost all the works were stalled. Contractors reportedly stopped the works and are

worrying about the payments. Meanwhile, Minister for Urban Development Botsa **TDP official spokesperson** Panchumarti Anuradha said "Statementns being made by Ministers and MLAs are 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."

Satyanarayana Amaravati is not feasible as it's in flood-affected zone. This statement has flared up the heat and a hot discussion was held on the fate of Amaravati. The TDP, BJP and even Left parties condemned Botsa's comments. But, no statement was made by the government in this regard to clarity doubts.

But, the Chief Minister has never delivered a single word on Amaravati. Surprisingly, he has not uttered a word on 'Amaravati" after assuming power, whether in his first speech as the Chief Minister, while addressing the foreign investors at a meeting held in Vijayawada.

After these developments, leaders of opposition and people expressed their doubts over the future of Amaravati Now, after appointing Experts' Committee on studying the capital city's development with an approach of unified development across the State, MLA Alla Rama Krishna Reddy has repeated his statement once again that Mangalagiri is suitable as the capital.

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.

# Lung cancer cases up by 30% in Vizag

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they will continue as per the

information was given by

Commissioner Pradyumna

In Vizag, 80 out of 100 cases are diagnosed at an advanced stage and the treatment can only prolong the patient's survival as the cancer metastasizes, said renowned oncologist, Dr. Bellala Ravi Shankar.

Stressing on the incidence and causes of lung cancer in Vizag, Dr Bellala Ravi Shankar, Managing Director of Omega GHospitals and Consultant Clinical Oncologist, said, "In the past few years, we have seen a trend of growing lung cancer cases in India. In the last decade, I have witnessed 30% of rise in cancer cases in Vizag. Smoking tobacco and exposure to cancer causing agents such as asbestos, radon, air pollution and diesel exhaust also play an instrumental role in causing lung cancer. Due to this, there has been a higher increase in the incidence in females as compared to males. Though, it is important to note that the risk of acquiring lung cancer can be controlled by preventing exposure to these carcino-

Lung cancer is one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers across the world, with the most number of cancer related deaths. In 2018, India reported 67,795 new incidence of lung cancer and nearly 40% of these newly diagnosed patients with lung cancer already had metastasis to other parts of the body (lymph nodes, liver, bone, brain, adrenal gland)

He shared the latest information on lung cancer to help the public and highlighted the importance of early diagnosis, along with a strong



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emphasis on the potential of a novel treatment- targeted therapy with personalised medicine for successful treatment

Highlighting on the importance of timely diagnosis of lung cancer, Dr Bellala,said, "InVizag, 80 out of 100 cases are diagnosed at an advanced stage and the treatment can only prolong the patient's survival as the cancers has metastasized.Lung cancer cannot be completely prevented, but the risk of acquiring it can definitely be controlled by the individual. Recent advancements in oncology research has led to the development of treatment modalities called targeted therapy that are more individualised. Targeted therapies act on specific molecular targets that are associated with cancer, whereas most standard chemotherapies act on all rapidly dividing normal and cancerous cells".

# Duty of police is to serve people: DGP

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Director-General of Police Gautam Sawang stated that duty of the police is to serve and pro-

Speaking to the media at the police head quarters here on Saturday as part of the Police Commemoration Week, he exhorted policemen and officers to work with dedication and serve society. 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-

resenting not less than 900 schools visited Open House, he told the gathering. So far, more than 10,000 units of blood were collected across the State during the week. On October 21, the police commemoration day will be observed on grand scale at the Indira Gandhi Municipal Stadium here. He spoke about welfare activities initiated like weekly off for police personnel,

housing proposals and so on. Terming the people's response to the Spandana programme as

**DGP Gautam** Sawang termed the people's response to the Spandana programme as overwhelming

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

received during Spandana, at least 31119 - constituting 98% were resolved and only 2% are pending with the department. In respect of 7,447 complaints,

FIRs have been registered. About 52% of the complaints were lodged by women. Complaints on harassment and abuse constitute 38.5% of total complaints, while those of cheating cases constitute 42%.

Major chunk of complaints pertain to crimes against women and civil matters. The people are freely coming forward to lodge complaints with the police due to Spandana programme.

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 anytime and there is no discrimination. He could not give appointment to TDP leaders only one, he said feeling sorry for the same.

## Seminar on Forex Risk management, SME funding NSE Emerge platform which

**PNS** ■ VISAKHAPATNAM

Success in Forex trading depends critically on how well an importer and exporter assessed, priced and managed risk to limit losses from particular transactions and to keep its overall exposure controlled.

These were the opinion of the experts during a seminar on Forex Risk Management & SME Funding - Role of Capital organised by AP Chambers of Commerce and Industry Federation in association with National Stock Exchange of Indian (NSE) in Hotel Vivana here on Saturday.

Highlighting about the platform available on NSE Emerge Abhishek Goud, Senior Manager, National Stock Exchange of India, Hyderabad, said large number of capital starved SMEs listed in the

offers an alternative funding mechanism to small and medium enterprises where they can tap the capital markets instead of only relying on bank funding, venture capital or private equity. He further said this reflects grooming of small firms to help them solve the challenge of meeting their needs of sustainable funding for scaling up their day to day operations. Besides the above, there are several other advantages that listing offers, such as market exposure, valuation, transparency and governance, indirect advertising, brand equity.

Pydah Krishna Prasad, said, SMEs are the backbone of the nation and plays an important role in the growing

# IIM-V launches week-end PG degree programme

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IIM-Visakhapatnam, an Institution of National Importance, launched a novel, two-year, week-end Post-graduate Programme for Experienced Professionals (PGPEx) leading to award of MBA degree.

The program has the underpinning of "learn while you earn". It was inaugurated by Rajeev Kapoor, Member of the Board of Governors of the Institute. Mr. Kapoor is an alumnus of IIT-Kanpur and IIM-Ahmedabad and a 1983 batch IAS Officer who retired recently as Secretary to the Government of India.

The first batch of about 33



students represented blue-chip companies and high pedigree organisations. Explaining the salient features of the programme, Prof. Chandrasekhar, Director said it would offer a judicious blend of hard skills and soft skills to enhance the

intellectual, emotional and social coefficients of the participants. The insights from the program would help them bride hindsight with foresight, he stated. The Institute would provide a platform for knowledge-exchange and experiencesharing for the cohort to excel academically, evolve emotionally, engage socially andemerge

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

resources and learning opportunities. He exhorted them to adjust to the demanding work and study schedules, with active cooperation and support of their families.

The MBA course helps the participants to synthesize, see the whole picture of organizations, identify challenges and find solutions, he stated. "More often than not, finding the right problem is far more complex than finding a solution, he recalled from his wealth of experience. Globalization; shift from manufacturing to services, millennial workforce are modern-day challenges that call for new mindset and skills in managers to bring out authentic leadership in them, to

which the MBA curricula and syllabi should subscribe,

opined Mr Kapoor. With social responsibility and sustainability taking centre-stage, there is focus on multi-stakeholder engagement and greater attention to the triple bottom-line viz. people, planet and profits. He expressed confidence that the MBA graduates of IIM Visakhapatnam would help in redefining the contributory role of businesses itself.

Prior to the inaugural address Prof. Srirangacharyulu, Programme Chair explained how the MBA course is contemporary in content and current with context in terms of rigour and relevance.

# 'Stop mining at Kalyanapulova'

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The city-based environment activists have come together to protect the catchment area of Kalyanapulova Reservoir (Gudivada Gurunadhrao Jala sayam) in Ravikamatham mandal of Visakhapatnam district.

They urged the State government to protect the dam from illegal mining. During a public hearing in the city on Saturday, former bureaucrat EAS Sarma demanded catchment area be declared as 'no mining zone'. He said: "It will take Rs 500 crore to construct a dam similar to the one in Kalyanalova. The government must abolish mining licences in the catchment area of dams

across the State. R Dileep Reddy, environ-



missioner of AP Information fetch water from long dis-Commission, said: "Mining in Kalyanlova dam catchment area is violating the basic human rights of the tribals. It's the responsibility of all humans

to protect the environment." The situation of women in the villages of Ravikamatham mentalist and former com- mandal is pitiable. They had to the mining.

tances 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

#### NRDC, RINL-VSP join hands for commercialisation of IP

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NRDC reaches out for IP intensive and technology transfer services to promote IP, Technological Innovation and commercialisation. Whereas RINL is engaged in research in the field of steel and having the largest single location shore-based steel plant in the country. Since its inception, the RINL has generated a number of inventions, processes, products, technologies, copyrights, trademarks which are potential, real time and field tested, and readily available for commercialisation. This MOA will provide expert services for marketing and transfer of their inventions/innovations, formulations, IPR management, techno-commercial evaluation of technologies and promotion of know-how/processes developed by RINL, Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, R&D Centre, Visakhapatnam and also for the collection of Premia and Royalties arising from these activities.

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.

#### foreigners near Bengaluru soon "A state-run hostel is being converted into a

Detention centre for illegal

**PNS** ■ BENGALURU

A detention centre to keep illegal foreigners till they are deported is coming up at Nelamangala in Karnataka's Bengaluru Rural dis-trict, a police official said on Saturday.

"A state-run hostel is being converted into a detention centre to keep illegal foreign nationals for deportation to their respective countries," Bengaluru Rural Deputy Superintendent of Police Mohan Kumar told IANS on

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

countries," Rural DSP Mohan Kumar building with open space in the compound will be modified to suit the needs of a detention centre and fortified for fool-proof security,

detention centre to keep

deportation to their

illegal foreign nationals for

with closed circuit television cameras (CCTVs), floodlights, barbed fence and a surveillance system to monitor the movement of detainees and their activity,"

To be the first of its kind in the southern state, the centre is strategically located, as it is nearer to the Bengaluru international airport at Devanahalli in the same district for early deportation.

"It is early to say when it will be ready for making it operational and housing the illegal foreign nationals. For security reasons and space constraints, the government has decided to locate the detention centre at Nelamangala, which is closer to Bengaluru," a district official told IANS.

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 polit-

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 loval 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-



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

There has been a clear rift between loyal old-timers and

leader and MP of TRS, seeking

anonymity speaking to 'The

Pioneer'

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 loval oldtimers 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 unwar-

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# 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 sitin at RTC cross roads in support of bandh called by the RTC employees, in a van.

CPM state committee secre-

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,

Responding to the complaint, the BC commission



operated in the Karimnagar town in the morning.

Bandh total, peaceful in districts

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

**RTC** suspended all its 785 services in **Warangal and** other districts for the day but operated skeletal services to the State capital in the afternoon as per the directive of officials

and AISF,SFI spearheaded the protests in the districts.

# 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 dis-

trict, 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

The depots spread across the Gadwal district were operating 85 per cent of the buses with the temporary

Rs 3 L medical

The government will be pro-

viding medical insurance ben-

efits to 5,156 permanent

employees of GHMC and their family members. The policy

covers employees, their spous-

es, 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

Telangana Pradesh Congress

Committee (TPCC) Treasurer

Gudur Narayana Reddy has

claimed that the Telangana

Bandh was successful across

Addressing a press confer-

ence 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 volun-

the State.

insurance for GHMC staff

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 par-

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 headdrivers and conductors for quarters as well as in the past ten odd days. Wanaparthy have shut their However, on Saturday, the operations for the morning

In Mahabubnagar, in par-

ticular, 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.

#### tary Tammineni Veerabhadram, Telangana Inti Party president were arrested for trying to lay Cheruku Sudhakar, Vimalakka siege to Bus Bhavan near RTC staged a sit-in as part of the cross roads in the city.

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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 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 pro-

tect 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.

# 100-year-old Nampally Sarai collapses

GHMC says HMRL had responsibility of protecting structure

and parents in the medical insurance plan.

spouses, two children

The policy covers

employees, their

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

demned the arrest of political leaders and demanded their

tarily closed their shops to express solidarity with the RTC immediate release. workers who are on strike for The Congress leader said the last 14 days. He alleged that that the situation has turned so 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- said that the Ministers in KCR RTC services. However, instead

worse that the High Court had to play the role of government to ask RTC management to hold talks with agitating employees. He said action would be taken against Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao for contempt of court. He

cabinet have no freedom of thought and they are not allowed to take any decisions or

He said that lakh of commuters were facing inconvenience in the absence of a

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 for the deteriorating condition of roads in Hyderabad. He asked KTR to inspect the city roads to understand the real situa-

#### **BC Commission** serves notices on CS, RTC MD

services in Warangal and other

district for the day but it oper-

ated 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.

employees thrashed a driver,

who was hired on temporary

basis, when he tried to operate

the bus from the Karimnagar

district headquarters. The

protesting RTC employees even

pelted stones on the window-

panes of the RTC buses being

In Karimnagar, the RTC

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**PV KONDAL RAO** 

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

served notices on the Chief Secretary and RTC Managing Director.

# VH threatens to float new party

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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

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

# RTC JAC to meet AIMIM leaders seeking support

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

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

Speaking to the media, Ashwathama Reddy said that the strike was not confined to RTC workers but it is the fight for the protection of democracy. He said that they will stage protests before all the depots. He said that they would seek the support of the people by giving flowers to



**Ashwathama** Reddy said that the strike was not confined to RTC workers but it is the fight for the protection of democracy. He said that they will stage protests before all the depots

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 conduct talks immediately.

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

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 lose due to strike, he asked. He demanded the government to

#### **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 Upadhvava and said mutual cooperation and harmony is the hallmark of Indian culture Raiva Sabha member Sundhashu Trivedi was also present in the event.

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

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

#### No more whistling: **Election body warns** Nalasopara MLA

the Leader of Opposition in the

state Legislative Council said.

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

#### **PMC Bank depositors** protest outside RBI headquarters

are ill, Kadam said in the letter.

MUMBAI: Depositors of scamhit 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

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

The recent killing of three nonlocal 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.

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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 panches and sarpanches to maintain their family dominance. They were not expecting people to take part in the elections after the abrogation of the special status, and hence boycotted the polls," he said.

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

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

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

"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.

"Ýou 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 years the number of Indians

focus is on Article 370," he

"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 mor-

tality 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

Referring to data from a US Customs and Border Protection report, Sibal claimed that in the last three

Jammu and Kashmir were way

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."

**Your job is to** 

**Priyanka** to govt

Congress leader Priyanka

Gandhi Vadra on Saturday hit

out at Union Minister Piyush

Goval for his remarks on

Nobel laureate Abhijit

Banerjee, saying the govern-

ment'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 pro-posed by the Congress, which

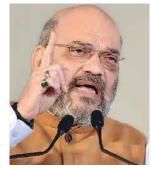
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economy:

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#### **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.

cent hike in dearness allowance

(DA) for its employees, ahead of Diwali. Chief Minister B S

Yediyurappa has also announced

an additional Rs 1,000 as hard-

ship allowance for police per-

sonnel, along with a revision in

The hike announced for gov-

ernment employees would

enhance their DA from the

existing 6.50 per cent to 11.25

per cent of the basic pay, an

order issued by the state Finance

The hike would come into

retrospective effect from July 1,

2019, it said adding that it

would be applicable to full-

time government employees,

Zilla Panchayat staff, employees

of aided educational institu-

The order notes that the hike

would also be applicable to

pensioners. With regard to the

police personnel, Yediyurappa,

in a separate statement, said

ahead of the Diwali festival and

the Police Martyrs Day, their

salaries have been revised with

immediate effect as recom-

tions and universities.

their salaries.

Department said.

Karnataka government

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

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.

what I think should be kept in view is the present situation of the country. I will also discuss this proposal with other liti-

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

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

mended by the Raghavendra

Auradkar committee, and along

with that the hardship allowance

Noting that in June 2016 a

committee had been constitut-

ed under the leadership of

Raghavendra Auradkar (IPS

officer and has submitted its

report, he said, The government

has decided to implement the

report and the revised pay scales

will come into effect from

August 1, 2019." "By upgrading

the pay scales as recommended

in the report, the government

has given priority to the welfare

of officers and staff of the police

department, Yediyurappa said.

the implementation of the

report, the monthly salary of a

newly joined police constables

would go up from Rs 30,427 (including all allowances) to Rs

The statement said that with

has also been enhanced.

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

"This is my personal opinion, 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'** 

Bedi with "misusing" her position and "thwarting" wel-fare schemes without adher-

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

Referring to Bedi's comments on DMK Chief's

objection to her style of func-

tioning, 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 gov-

ernment is absolutely true...'

the reported criticism by

Stalin that she attempted to

transfer a piece of land in the

island in Yanam to Andhra

Pradesh.

The Lt Governor refuted

decision arbitrarily.'

ing to procedures.

# 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



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

shut, the officials said. Private transport plied

unhindered in the city here and elsewhere in Kashmir, the officials said, adding few areas in the city witnessed traffic jams. Auto-rickshaws and few

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

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

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

# **Govt's love for** cow only on paper:

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

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

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.

# in a tweet in Hindi.

#### welfare schemes: hikes DA for employees Sena president Aaditya **Pondy CM Chidambaram** PNS PUDUCHERRY J'khand seeks 250 cos paramilitary PNS BENGALURU Puducherry Chief Minister V PNS ■ NEW DELHI Karnataka government on Narayanasamy on Saturday forces for Assembly polls Saturday announced a 4.75 per charged Lt Governor Kiran

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 areaspecific 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.

elections).

"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-Deputy



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

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

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

Election on October 23 in New Delhi. 



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

**NEW DELHI:** Shree Cement Ltd on Saturday posted a fivefold 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 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

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

'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

Following a marked slow-down 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 offi-

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

While there have been

Finance Minister Nirmala

Sitharaman has said the ongo-

ing trade wars and protec-

tionism have generated uncertainties and will ultimately

impact the flow of capital,

ed action' to mitigate the dis-

ruption on account of syn-chronous slowdown and to

invoke the spirit of multilater-

alism for global growth, the

finance ministry said in a

Leading the Indian delega-

tion 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 accu-

mulated debt levels necessitate

slowdown to become a crisis,

'We need not wait for the

She also attended the

Development Committee stable asset.

strong global coordination.

Facebook on Friday

confirmed that

some stories from

News Corp, pub-

lisher of The Wall

Street Journal, will

be among the head-

lines delivered in a

news tab the leading

launch in coming weeks.

social network plans to

statement on Saturday.

She also called for 'concert-

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goods and services.



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

"We also had a FSAP. So there are issues working at that

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-

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.

ENDING US-CHINA TRADE WAR

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

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

promise to protect intellectual property rights (IPR) technology transfer and more access to American goods to Chinese markets

has stepped up purchase of as a whole, he said. American agricultural pro-"The two sides have made duce in large quantities in substantial bid to address the trade deficit with US which last year climbed to USD 539

Trump is also demanding an intrusive

verification mechanism to supervise Beijing's

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng progress in many fields, Shuang recently said according to the preliminary statistics, this year, Chinese companies have purchased foundation for the signing of a phased agreement," the paper quoted 20 million tons of soybeans, 700 thousand tons of pork, 700 thousand tons of him as saying at a 'virtual sorghum, 230 thousand tons reality conference' Nanchang, in eastern China's of wheat and 320 thousand

tons of cotton from the US. "We will continue to buy more American agricultural goods," he said on October

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.

# in India, the economy is

expected to grow

at 6.1% this fisca

year, picking up to 7.0% in 2020,

Responding to a question, she said India overall has a fair-

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The ministers and governors

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"I'm excited we'll have the opportunity to include award-

winning journalism from The

Wall Street Journal -- and

other US News Corp proper-

ties -- in our news tab," the

firm's co-founder and chief

executive Mark Zuckerberg

about the agreement, but last

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No details were provided

said in a statement.

On the discussions at the

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"However, implementing fis-

he said

of it, she added.

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

Trade wars to impact flow of

Sitharaman stressed

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We need not wait for

**NIRMALA SITHARAMAN** 

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Besides, Sitharaman led the

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Finance Ministers and Central

Bank Governors meeting in

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capital, goods: Sitharaman

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# Air India's **Hyd MRO**

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

If any facility has EASA certification, then the airlines will have an idea about the standards of the MRO facillity. 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.

## eyes EASA certification **PNS** ■ HYDERABAD

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harder for traditional news

organizations to gain traction

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

Facebook and Google cur-

appear in the tab.

in digital.

# Ex Jet Airways CEO Vinay Dube joins GoAir in advisory role

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 grouppromoted 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.

Jiangxi province.

cerns," he said.

'China will work with the

United States on the basis of

equal and mutual respect to

address each other's core con-

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

Ahead of the 13th round of

talks Beijing also confirmed it

President Xi Jinping.

The agreement would take

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 reliet tuna

PNS BENGALURU

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

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

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

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

# Documents suggest Boeing pilots knew problems

Facebook says it will deliver News Corp stories

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 investi-

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

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

The FAA said it was "disappointed" that Boeing knew of the messages for "some months" but chief Dennis Muilenburg.



did not share them until now. "Last night, I reviewed a concerning document that Boeing provided late yesterday to the Department of Transportation," FAA Administrator Steve Dickson said a letter to Boeing

"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

"As part of that cooperation, today we brought to the committee's attention a document containing statements by a former Boeing employee. We will continue to cooperate with the

committee as it continues its investigation. And we will continue to follow the direction of the FAA and other global regulators, as we work to safely return the 737 MAX to service.

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

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

## L&T Tech services continues doubledigit revenue

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 & leadingedge technologies which accounts for 39% of revenue, is rightly positioned to capture such opportunities.

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

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



# When service BECOMES FAMILY

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

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

#### got a lot of affection from my teachers. The tale of a postcard....

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

#### Urge to become a civil servant....

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

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

After I finished my UG from AP Agricultural college, I was offered a job in the Veterinary Department as an assistant



B Janardhan Reddy with his pet dog Tuffy and wife Sulochana



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 relative. So, I met her way before we got very supportive and always gave me the freedom to take my own decisions.

#### am a democratic father...

Since I inherited my parents' democra-

tic spirit, I have allowed my children, Rashmi and Rahul, to take their own decisions. joined IT firms, but quit. My daughter said, "I cannot deal

could serve people.

people's lives. So I don't

believe in just one or two

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 married in 1985.

#### An animal lover...

nt: I believe in value addition.

enjoy many things every day that add value to

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 Both are engineers, who 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 with these computers minutes in the morning after waking up. throughout my life." This After returning from work, Tuffy sits on brought back memories of my back as I have back pain. It goes to sleep my childhood when I quit a only after I say thank you. Tuffy comes to high-paying private sector job all our family functions and our relatives Municipal Areas (Mepma) to being representa-

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.

#### 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. İ 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.

#### eaving Mepma made me feel I'm leaving a family

I have been given all posts, right from being a district collector to the Director of Mission for Elimination of Poverty in

of files every day. I made it clear on my first day itself that I will clear my files every day. When I was working in districts, people would come every Monday and express their grievances and I made it a point to not miss a single session on Monday for the last 25

appointed the

water board

MD, among

others. No job

was easy and

the most chal-

lenging was probably becoming the GHMC

Commissioner.

The biggest alle-

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they don't dispose

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 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



tive waited for two to three days for my confirmation. My son later asked me how I could say no to an interview with Aamir Khan. Until then, I didn't know that his show was so popular. I was then felicitated Aamir Khan in Satyameva Jayate in 2014. Í had taken up this initiative much before Swachh Bharat. In 2013, I received an

award from the President for urban community mobilisation (Mepma). It's one of the best instruments to help urban poor. In 2018, I got the Prime Minister's award for best civil servant while I was working as the GHMC Commissioner. I was one of the top 16 civil servants from the entire country and was really happy receiving that award. I will always cherish these awards in

my life.

If not civil servant what had you become: Honestly never thought of it. Although I got unlimited reserve of cash what ou like to spend it on: My first priority different jobs I always wanted to serve people. would be education and second would be May be I would get into something where I infrastructure. I would also train and empower

> 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.

tries 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

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

# MGH

hat'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,

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

control the glucose receptors in the body and keeps diabetes away.

#### Finger millet (Ragi)

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

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

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 man-

ganese (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

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

#### • Ragi Kuzhu (Porridge)

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

#### Bajra Pongal

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

From Ultimate Grandmother Hacks by Kavita Devgan (Rupa Publications)

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 antinutrients (like physics acid, enzyme inhibitors, lectins, saponins etc), the naturally occurring compounds that are found in plant seeds that interfere with our ability to digest vitamins and minerals within the plants.

(Glycemic Index)

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

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

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

#### CHEFS' FAVOURITE

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

#### THE MARKET FORCES

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

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

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

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

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

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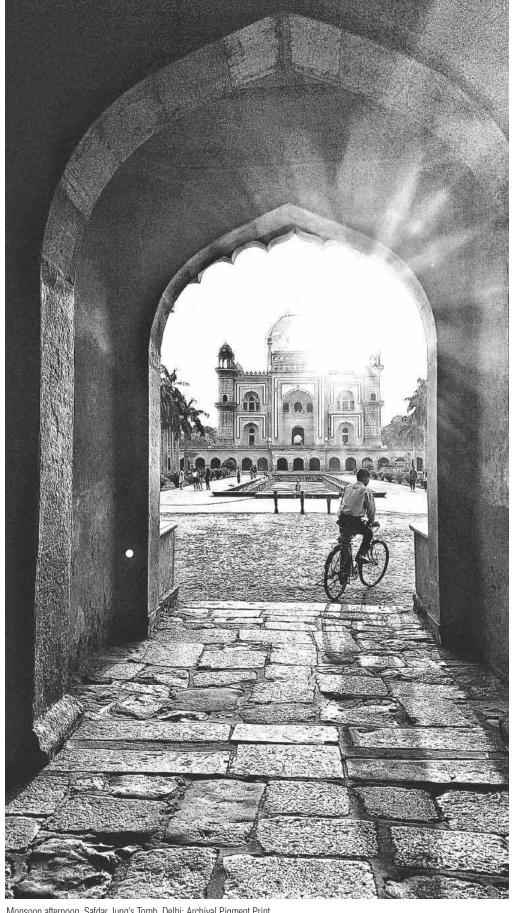
# THE HISTORIAN'S

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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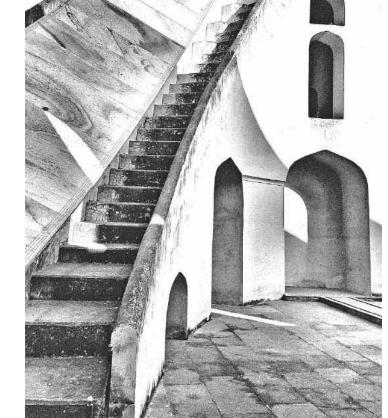




Early morning, Mehrangarh Fort, Jodhpur; Archival Pigment Print







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Jantar Mantar, Delhi; Archival Pigment Print

# SUNUAY 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





### Classic caramel custard

**INGREDIENTS:** 

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

#### Sugar METHOD:

- Pre heat your oven to 160 degrees celsius.
- In a pan, put the sugar for caramelising. And once golden, pour into your mould or moulds.
- In a bowl, whisk the milk, sugar and eggs. Add

vanilla essense for flavouring. Once the caramel has set,

- pour the mixture over it. Bake in a water bath, for
- 20-25 min till wobbly. Let it cool. Once cool,
- unmould and eat chilled!

#### Garnish with cream and a mint leaf. Keeping it classic.

### Herby Poro

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

Spring onion

Coriander

Fried garlic

Eggs

Basil

Mint

#### **ACCOMPANIMENTS:**

Garnish: Spring onion,

Fried garlic, Coriander

Baked beans Cheesy potatoes 5 gms 5 gms Whole wheat pav Fried potatoes 5 gms Sauteed veggies 5 gms Lemon zest of half a lemon

#### Oil for cooking **METHOD:**

In a bowl, whisk the eggs and add chopped greens, lemon zest, fried garlic, and salt and

2 gms

- ☐ In a pan, add oil and the egg mixture
- Cook till done on both sides
- Serve on the plate with all accompaniments and



## Whats Bhatia Chicken Recipe

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

Chopped Onion	400 gms
Ginger Garlic paste (2:1 ratio)	50 gms
Tomato paste	150 gms
Cashewnut paste	50 gms
Coriander powder	10 gms
Jeera Powder	10 gms
Cinnamon	3 gms
Star Anise	3 gms
Green Cardamom	3 gms
Black Cardamom	3 gms
Clove	1 gm
Kutti Masala (Nutmeg, Javitri, Cinamon, Green Cardimon,	

Clove, Cinamon Seed, Coffee Seed, Fennel Seed, Star Anise, whole Jeera, lime seed, kebab chini, saffron, bay seed) 10 gms Boneless Chicken 400 gms

#### METHOD:

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

# Keri nu Samosa

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

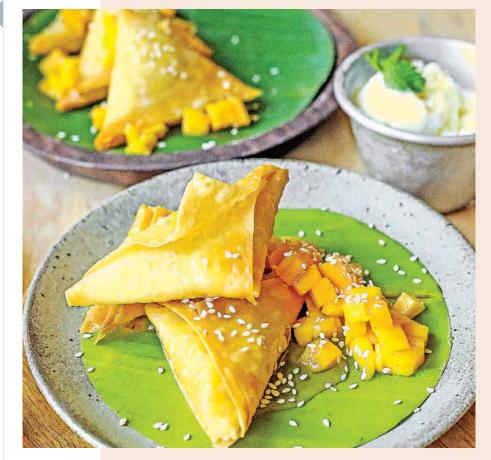
Fresh Mango puree Sugar Almond Butter/ghee Semolina Cardamom powder Vanilla essence Samosa patti For edible glue

#### 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.

200 gms 40 gms 15 gms 20 gms 10 gms 2 gms 1/2 cap 1 packet Cornflour 1 tbsp + water

- 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.





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

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

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

The cafe has a large range of vegetarian appetisers like 'spinach, hara pyaz and water chestnut momos' mixed with jackfruit flour and root starches and served with garlic chive dip. They also have veggie crisps with moong dal hummus, crispy bhindi, sweet potato and beetroot with moong



# 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

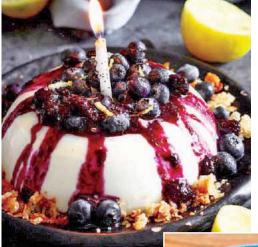
with chilli chutney and garlic chive dip. In the main course, there are plenty of options. The pick of the lot would easily be the 'red rice and dal khichdi' prepared with organic desi

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 sat-

isfying 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.

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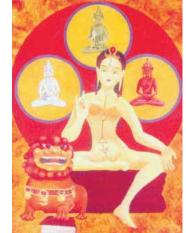
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#### ARIES March 21-April 19

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

Lucky number 33 Lucky colour White Lucky day Wednesday



#### **LEO** July 23-Aug 22

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

 $\textbf{Lucky number}\ 12$ **Lucky colour** Mustard **Lucky day** Saturday



#### **SAGITTARIUS** Nov 22-Dec 21

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

Lucky number 15 Lucky colour Purple Lucky day Wednesday



#### **TAURUS** April 20-May 20

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

Lucky number 9 Lucky colour Yellow Lucky day Thursday



#### **VIRGO** Aug 23-Sep 22

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

Lucky number 23 Lucky colour Green Lucky day Sunday



#### **CAPRICORN** Dec 22-Jan 19

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

Lucky number 11 Lucky colour Golden **Lucky day** Tuesday



#### **GEMINI** May 21-June 20

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

Lucky number 10 Lucky colour Blue **Lucky day** Tuesday



#### LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

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

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



#### **AQUARIUS** Jan 20-Feb 18

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

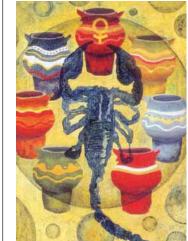
Lucky number 13 Lucky colour Magenta Lucky day Monday



#### CANCER June 21-July 22

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

Lucky number 18 **Lucky colour** Brown **Lucky day** Friday



#### SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

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

Watch your thought patterns

Lucky number 22 Lucky colour Red Lucky day Friday



#### PISCES Feb 19-March 20

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

Lucky number 9 Lucky colour Black Lucky day Wednesday

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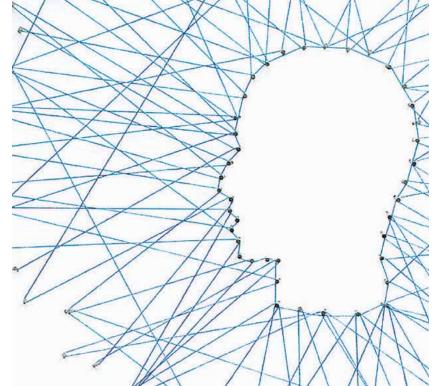
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#### **ASTRO**TURF BHARAT BHUSHAN PADMADEO

erception drives a being. It encomparadox, however, is that seldom do we passes all aspects of our workingremain conscious about evaluating our self. It offers us with the windowthought process to bring about the desired change. Those who do not change with frame through which we look at issues in hand. Be they thoughts arising in mind time, remain stuck to their perceptions, prompted by indwelling desire trends, or and with obvious consequences. To make for that matter how we respond to exterthings clear, a look into how perceptions nal stimuli, are all moderated by our perare formed becomes imperative. ception. And as every being is born unique, each manifesting varying mind-

We are all born with karmic carry over from the past, termed as 'samskara' trend, accordingly, our individualistic in Indian circulation. They are subject to perceptions vary from person-to-person. further add on while being raised as That holds the key to all actions on our child, as are induced by parents and envipart, and thereby the fruits thereof ronmental influences. These karmic imprints involuntarily define individual As I was explaining this to a consultee, specific beliefs and perceptions, which set he interjected: "Sir, you mean to say that the terms of our desire trends, likes and we become due for failure and frustration dislikes, prejudices and obsessions, habits because of our own flawed perception. If and attitudes, virtues and attributes. Our so, is there any scope for modification?" indwelling desire trends excite corre-Well, there could be other factors for our sponding thoughts, which when gravitate failures, but in any case, our perception in mind, translate into action. Evidently, the character and content of our percepmatters. For, our perception has a role to play in how intelligently or otherwise we tion hold the key to the fruits of our deal with contrarian forces. Going through actions — pleasant or frustrating. Our habits tendencies often play a spoiler in the lessons of life, as our vision expands, perceptions do keep changing even in

the whole process. Now, a look into the construct of our mind, the prime driver of a being. Mind has three operative tools — Buddhi (the



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

faculty of discriminate intelligence),

Manasa (the sense aided mind). The

Ahamkara (sense of I consciousness), and

have to bear with the consequences. That makes it incumbent upon us to remain conscious about keeping buddhi

most profound empowerment tool, you

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

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

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# Rohit, Rahane, Ranchi & Rain

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

PTI ■ RANCHI

ohit Sharma continued his Rensational 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

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

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

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

 $R_{ ext{day's}}^{ ext{ain}}$  may affect the second day's proceedings as well in the final India-South Africa Test, the local weatherman predicted on

"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

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

Pujara for a duck in his fifth over

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

"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 Aiinkva 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

"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

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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

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 AP 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

and Bangladesh in

2018/19.

far hit 17 sixes and has sur-Graeme Smith, however, didpassed Shimron Hetmyer's tally of 15 which came during the two-match series between West Indies

# Proxy captain

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

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

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

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

n'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.

# Nortje rues slip-up after strong start

Couth African pacer Anrich Nortje on Saturday rued letting India off the hook after tried to control the game little tried to utilise as much but one reducing them to 39 for three on the opening day.

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

as in the previous Test. We just was little bit in it this morning, 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

ther forced an early stumps. "Overall, it was a good "We were definitely better effort by the bowlers. There 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

"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 wick-

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

"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

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.

series will be picked in India skipper Virat Kohli Mumbai on October 24. 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 squad for the Bangladesh the selection committee said. "It will also depend on how the skipper himself feels. He "There is a possibility that knows his body the best and if

need be he can himself ask the

selectors for rest," the source

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

# 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.

will be a huge boost for them when they compete in the FIH Olympic upcoming Qualifiers. An 18-member women's

She said that home support

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 as preparing to be at our best when we ODISHA take on USA in the Oualifiers

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

"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 matchbefore and we now have the experience

of coping up with the pres-"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 run-

ners 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.

**AFP ANTWERP** 

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

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

The 32-year-old British star,

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

Murray, now ranked a lowly



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

He eventually sealed victory after more than two and a half

against the 92nd-ranked Copil. Murray goes on to face

France's world number 70 Ugo

hours on court with an ace for

his third win in three meetings

Italian teenager Jannik Sinner became the youngest

Argentine fifth seed Guido Pella

ATP semi-finalist in five years when he defeated Frances Tiafoe of the United States 6-4, 3-6, 6-Sinner, 18, is the youngest to

make the last four on tour since 17-year-old Borna Coric at Basel However, he faces a daunt-

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

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

# Not scared to fight Zareen in trials: Mary

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

"The decision has been taken by BFI. I can't change the rule. I can just perform. Whatever they decide, I will go with that. 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

Olympics. Mary Kom said "people are jealous of me".

who can win a medal at

"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.

am not against her. She might be good in

I'm not scared to face her, I am fine with 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 diffi-

> 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.