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**AS DHONI CALLS IT** 





# PM announces health IDs to all, Covid mission roadmap

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday unveiled an ambitious National Digital Health Mission under which every Indian will get a health ID that will ease access to medical services and also announced that the country has made plans for mass-producing COVID-19 vaccine once scientists give a green signal.

In his Independence Day address from the ramparts of the Red Fort, the prime minFrom today, a major campaign is being launched in which technology will play a big role. The National Digital Health Mission is being launched today. This will bring a new revolution in India's health sector and it will help reduce problems in getting treatment with the help of technology - NARENDRA MODI, Prime Ministe

ister said the health ID will store every individual's medical records and the Mission will herald a new revolution in

the health sector.

paign is being launched in which technology will play a big role. The National Digital Health Mission is being launched today.

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#### RAINS AND FLOODS KCR keeps officials on their toes

■ Two control rooms in Hyd, choppers on stand-by

**PNS** ■ HYDERABAD

Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao has given instructions to ensure that the official machinery is on high alert due to the heavy rains and consequent flooding n various parts of the St Most of the tanks and canals are overflowing dueto continual rains in the State. At several places, the floodwater has inundated roads.

Against this backdrop, during a review on Saturday at Pragathi Bhavan, the Chief Minister spoke with the Chief Secretary, Director General of Police and the Ministers. He took stock of the situation district-wise and made suggestions. He wanted the setting up of two Control Rooms in Hyderabad

The Chief Minister instructed his cabinet colleagues to stay put in their respective districts, coordinate with the Collectors and police officials on a regular

basis. Considering several tanks were filled to the brim, some of them might breach,



inundating roads and flooding low-lying areas.

As the areas constituting erstwhile Karimnagar and Warangal districts have recorded thehighest rainfall and tanks in these districts are full to their capacity, officials should be all the more alert in these two districts.

On the Chief Minister's instructions, officials have kept two helicopters ready. They will be utilised to rescue people stranded during the flood. Along with the helicopter owned by the State, one chopper from the military has

also been kept ready for use.

# **RAINA TOO RETIRES**

Two-time World Cup-win-ning former India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni retired from international CHENNAI: Suresh Raina, one of India's cricket on Saturday, ending over one year of suspense and prolific white ball players in the last decade and a half announced his retirement from also an era during which his international cricket, following the footsteps often unorthodox leadership of his favourite captain and mentor Mahendra Singh Dhoni. Raina's

and finishing skills became the stuff of legends. "Thanks a lot for ur love and support throughout. from 1929hrs consider me as retired," Dhoni posted on his instagram handle.

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The announcement came a day after he joined his Chennai Super kings teammates in Chennai ahead of this year's IPL in the UAE.

The 39-year-old's last outing in India colours was during the lost World Cup semifinal against New Zealand.

One of the best runners between the wickets was run out following a hard-earned 50 in that tense game, shattering Indian hopes and leaving him in a state of disbelief.

The reticent man from

**KUSHAN SARKAR** 

strokeplay

in customising the most epic CLR

James line from his seminal work

'Beyond a Boundary'. It fits

He could force one to throw the

MCC cricket manual in the trash bin

with his daredevilry in unorthodox

He could be a role model for all shy

and reticent people on how

to become an assertive

leader. Two world

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record Indians are

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Mahendra Singh Dhoni to the 'T'.

down as one of the finest to off as an ODI have played the game for India, turning up for the country in a whopping 350 ODIs, 90 Tests and 98 T20 Internationals.

The last leg of his career was, however, marred by a drop in form, prompting several critics to question his chunk of his

resolve to continue. But he nevertheless signs

legend with 10,773 runs, averaging more than 50 despite batting between No.5 and 7

message came minutes after

"consider me retired" on his Instagram page . "It was nothing but

lovely playing with you, @mahi7781

With my heart full of pride, I choose

to join you in this journey. Thank you ndia. Jai Hind," Raina posted on his

Ohoni told his million of fans



says over and out, adding to the sense of loss and chaos that 2020 has come to symbolise. A legend in art of chasing, who became a megastar in finite cricket bringing in Sachin Tendulkar's poise and Virat Kohli's aggression in optimum proportions, one can never pinpoint what

Dhoni actually was. He was a bit of everything and still a bit more but no one could actually comprehend what. Everyone thought they knew Dhoni, but no

one knew him.

#### SPB continues to be on life support PNS CHENNAI

Renowned playback singer S P Balasubrahmanyam continues to be on life support and stable, a private hospital treating him said here on Saturday. The veteran singer's son SP

Charan said there is a good response to the use of ventilator and Balasubrahmanyam's lungs are functioning better.

Health Minister C Vijayabaskar, meanwhile, visited the hospital, had a disthe singer and on his twitter handle, wished Balasubrahmanyam a speedy recovery.

Director Assistant (Medical Services), Dr Anuradha Baskaran, of MGM Healthcare said in a statement: "Thiru SP Balasubrahmanyam who is admitted at MGM Healthcare due to COVID-19 continues to be on life support in the Intensive Care Unit. He remains stable and the doctors are closely monitoring his clinical parameters."



#### TODAY

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Shravana & Krishna Paksha

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# Cyberfrauds parking funds in tax haven nations

**DURGA PRASAD SUNKU** HYDERABAD

Investigators probing the illegal transnational online gaming racket busted recently by the Hyderabad police found that the conspirators were trying to transfer the ill-gotten money to Cayman Islands, which is deemed to be among the tax haven nations. It is possible that most of the money has already been laundered. This can be ascertained only after through investigation.

In a recent survey conducted by the Tax Justice Network, Cayman Islands is ranked first on the 2020 Financial Secrecy Index, based on a secrecy score of 76 and a large global scale weight for the size of its offshore financial services sector, which comprise 4.58 per cent of the world total. It is also considered as a country of 'primary concern' by the US State Department.



Money laundering is the process of concealing the proceeds of criminal activity to disguise their illegal origin. As it enables the criminal to enjoy these profits without jeopardising their source.

"Cayman offers a low-tax, regulation-light environment for financial players from around the world, particularly Europe and the United States. The local law frees companies and individuals from direct taxation, and allows companies to be separated from the individual so that owners could be shielded behind nominees. The combination of secrecy with zero taxes on corporations is a classic tax haven combination," stated in the report published

by Tax Justice Network, an independent international network, focused on research, analysis and advocacy in the area of international tax and financial regulation, including the role of tax havens.

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## ACB raids yield Rs 28 lakh more in Keesara MRO case

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After nabbing Keesara tahsildar red-handedly on Friday for demanding and accepting bribe totaling Rs 1.1 crore, sleuths of the Anti-Corruption Bureau swooped down on the residences, offices and other properties of the Tahsildar of Keesara and government offices on Saturday. The officials seized Rs 28 lakh in unaccounted cash and other incriminating documents.

On Friday night, acting on a tip, Telanagna ACB raided a guest house in A S Rao Nagar which purportedly belongs to K. Anji Reddy, a real estate dealer, one of the conspirators, and caught Keesara tahsildar E. Balraju Nagaraju caught redhandedly while he was accepting Rs 1.10 crore cash as bribe from Ch. Srinath, another real estate dealer, in connection with the 19 acres of land at Rampally

village in Keesara mandal.

#### None to beat Revenue dept in ACB cases L VENKAT RAM REDDY

■ HYDERABAD

Although the TRS government has expressed its resolve to enact a new Revenue Act to weed out corruption from the Revenue department, with Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao reluctantly dropping his previous proposal to axe the department due to stiff resistance from employees in the wing, hardly a day

passes without graft cases coming to light with the money tainted breaking involved records in terms of its sheer proportions. The Anti-Corruption

Bureau's Friday night operation, which saw the MRO of Keesara being caught redhanded demanding and accepting Rs 1.10 crore as bribe at his residence in AS Rao Nagar to settle a land dis-

pute, is an instance of the deeper malaise in the revenue wing.

Questions are now being raised, whether, with all the professed commitment and earnestness of the TRS government, the Revenue Department can be tamed with a tough piece of legislation.

Addressing an election campaign meeting in April

> Mahabubnagar district, KCR had announced that he would bring the new Revenue Act by June or July 2019. Four months later, addressing the I-

Day celebrations from the Golconda Fort last year (August 2019), KCR confirmed that the draft of the new Revenue Act would be introduced in the budget session in  $% \left\{ 1,2,...,n\right\}$ September 2019. He then reiterated that the proposed Act would eliminate corruption and give no room for laxity.

# Santosh Babu

Hyd Zoo names tiger cub after Col

PNS HYDERABAD

One of the three cubs born to a Royal Bengal tigress at the Nehru Zoological Park (NZP) here has been named after late Colonel Santosh Babu, the braveheart who laid down his life

during a violent clash with the Chinese troops in Ladakh. N Z P

authorities made

the announcement to mark the 74th Independence Day celebrations on Saturday. NZP Curator N Kshitija,

who hoisted the national flag, announced that one of the male cubs was named 'Santosh' in honour of the late Army officer.

Rich tributes were paid to Santosh Babu, who hailed from Telangana.





# Talks are the only key to resolving TS-AP disputes



t is difficult to imagine that just one year ago, Chief Minister of Telangana K. Chandrashekhar Rao and his Andhra counterpart Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy were singing paeans for each other. They had raised hopes of ending the bitterness and opening a new chapter in relations between the two States. This conclusion has turned out to be hasty as Telangana and Andhra are back at their old game of squabbling over their share of river waters and other resources.

An impression gained ground after the bonhomie they displayed in the wake of

KCR's re-election and Jagan's maiden victory in May 2019 that they had decided to bury the past and amicably settle disputes between the two neighbours that share the same language and culture. They had inherited a legacy of disputes ranging from AP's claims of Rs. 70,000 crore towards settlement of fixed assets to intractable differences over sharing Krishna and Godavari

This feeling was reinforced by Jagan's description of KCR as 'a good man'. It was a surmoment when Chandrashekhar Rao hugged the young Jagan, son of late Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy, who had done everything within his means to thwart creation of Telangana.Jagan too bent backwards to please KCR by handing over all the buildings

India was crowned World Champions

twice in different formats.

— AMITH SHAH

Many thought that with KCR and Jagan striking all the right chords, a solution to the vexatious river water disputes was round the corner. But they have escalated matters. Lessons have to be drawn from the past

under AP's control in

Hyderabad to Telangana. After the failure of two formal meetings, the leaders have emphatically proved that personal chemistry matters only to a limited extent. Resolving river water disputes requires vision besides consensus among political parties in each State. All these elements are missing. KCR and Jagan are back to their pre-May 2019 positions, warring over water and power. They even skipped the Apex Council meetingconvened by the Centre on August 5 as if to avoid a direct encounter.

The Centre was alarmed by the flurry of mutual complaints. The trigger was the complaint that the Andhra Government had issued orders on May 5 to divert 10 tmcft of water daily from the Krishna river to Ravalaseema through a lift irrigation project and for expansion of the Pothireddypadu head regulator. Telangana complained that the RLIP would affect several lift irrigation projects besides drinking water supply to Hyderabad and many

cricket community soon got its act

Your contribution to Indian cricket has

@msdhoni. Winning the

2011 World Cup together

has been the best moment

— SACHIN TENDULKAR

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Farewell Captain

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**S NAGESH KUMAR** Former Resident Editor, The Hindu

Telangana changing the scope of the Kaleswaram lift irrigation project, taking up five new projects using 15.53 tmcft of water from Krishna, enhancing the capacity of existing projects, and generating power from Srisailam in violation of the agreement to share the benefit in 50:50 ratio.

The crib list is illustrative. It cannot be comprehensive in a short piece because of the long history of acrimony over division of Krishna water amongst the three regions Andhra, Rayalaseema and Telangana and with neighbouring Karnataka. The Bachawat Tribunal's award allocating 811 out of 2,060 tmcft failed to satisfy AP and the Brijesh Kumar Tribunalrefused to take a relook at allocation with other States.

Tribunal awards have left matters unresolved while the River Management Boards have become toothless wonders or just complaint boxes. Even the Apex Council comprising the two Chief Ministers and chaired by the Union Minister is unable to forge a compromise. Uma Bharati as

Resourceshad convened a meeting between then AP Minister Chandrababu Naidu and KCR,

but it ended without result.

Many thought that withKCR and Jagan striking all the right chords, a solution to the vexatious river water disputes was round the corner. But theyhave escalated matters. Lessons have to be drawn from the past. Telugu Ganga, a project steered by N. T. Rama Rao, was severely castigated by YSR and other Congress leaders for carrying 15 tmcft of water to Chennai fulfilling without

Rayalaseema's needs. It was extensively discussed within and outside the Assemblyand NTR vilified before implementation. So was the construction of the controversial

Pothireddypadu head regulator on the Srisailam project.

Stoutly opposing it, P. Janardhan Reddy, Congress MLA, fought so hard against the Chief Minister of his own party, YSR, that the matter reached the Congress high command.A joke used to do the rounds that Congress president Sonia Gandhi even asked 'who is this Pothireddy".

When Gujarat was separated from the bilingual Bombay State, it was not without bitterness and bloodshed. Sixty years later, both States are good neighbours, prosperous, and compete for investment in an atmosphere of cooperative federalism.

Andhra and Telangana would do well to emulate this spirit of healthy competition. They can begin by initiating meaningful dialogues, rather than allowing old disputes to fester. As it is, they are frittering away too much time and energy on building new capitals and Secretariat offices.

#### 'COOL' RECORDS

India attained the world No. 1 anking in Test cricket for the first time

As captain, Dhoni holds the record for longest unbeaten run in Tests from his debut with 11 (8 wins and 3 draws)

The wicket-keeper batsman bows out with 10,046 runs from 321 ODIs and 1,487 runs from 93 T20Is.

Dhoni is the first Indian wicketkeeper to amass more than 4,000 Test runs. He made 4,876 runs in 90 Tests with 6 hundreds and 33 fifties at an average of over 38.

Dhoni eclipsed Sourav Ganguly's ecord of most Test wins as captain with 27 to become India's most successful captain in the format

Dhoni's 148 off 123 balls against Pakistan in only his fifth ODI in Faisalabad in 2004 remains the fastest century scored by an Indian wicket-keeper, and fourth overall

With 788 dismissals in Test ricket, Dhoni is third on the all-time st behind Mark Boucher (998) and Adam Gilchrist (905)

above of the rest with the most stumpings in international cricket with 178.

But he is head-and-shoulders

In ODIs, he was the fourth-most successful keeper with 407 dismissa but again leads the stumpings list

In T20 internationals, Dhoni leads with 87 dismissals with once again the most stumpings at 33

The one-day format was here Dhoni established himself as one of the greatest captains with 110 wins in 199 matches, the second most pehind Australia's Ricky Ponting (165 wins in 230 matches).

The 183 not out that Dhoni smashed against Sri Lanka in 2005 is still the highest individual score by a wicket-keeper in ODI cricket

MS Dhoni is fourth on the list of batsmen with the most sixes in ODIs at 217. No other Indian has cleared the ropes as many times as he did in the

On July 14 this year, Dhoni became the fourth Indian after Sachin Tendulkar, Sourav Ganguly and Rahul Dravid to score 10,000 ODI runs during the 2nd ODI against England at Lord's

His cool temperament has turned several hot encounters in India's favour. Under his captaincy other districts.

AP's complaints were no less grave. They ranged from

MSD FINISHES IT IN STYLE guessing about his retirement till the It trembled after the tremor. But the end but when he finally did, it left the

> Such was the impact he had had on his teammates like Suresh Raina that the southpaw chose to retire from international cricket on the same day. Batting great Sachin Tendulkar had broken a plethora of records but the elusive World Cup win only came at the

cricket world overwhelmed with emo-

fag end of his career and under Dhoni's leadership. Your contribution to Indian cricket has been mmense, @msdhoni. Winning the 2011 World Cup together has been the best moment of my life. Wishing you and your family all the very best for your 2nd innings," tweeted Tendulkar. Virat Kohli became the champion cricketer that he is under Dhoni's leadership and the latter's retirement naturally made the current India skipper emotional.

"Every cricketer has to end his journey one day, but still when someone you've gotten to know so closely announces that decision, you feel the emotion much more. "What you've done for the country will always remain in everyone's heart, but the mutual respect and warmth I've received from you will always end and this stay in mine. The world has seen brilliant one.

achievements, I've seen the person. Thanks for everything skip. Î tip my hat to you," wrote Kohli on Twitter.

In his appreciation for Dhoni, BCCI president and former India skipper Sourav Ganguly wrote: "It is the end of an era. What a player he has been for the country and world cricket. "His leadership qualities have been something, which will be hard to match, especially in the shorter format of the game. "His batting in one-day cricket in his early stages made the world stand up and notice his flair and sheer natural brilliance. Every good thing comes to an end and this has been an absolutely

## The many highlights of Mahendra Singh Dhoni's glittering career

s Mahendra Singh Dhoni Man of the Series award after Abids adieu to international cricket, here is a look at the career highlights of India's most successful captain, who led the country to two World Cup trophies.

December 2004: Dhoni makes his international debut against Bangladesh in an ODI at Chittagong.

Promoted up the order to accelerate scoring, Dhoni smashes an unbeaten 183 off 145 balls, the then highest individual score in ODI cricket in the second innings. Dhoni India's 3-0 triumph in the fivematch rubber. December 2005: Dhoni makes his

Chennai. September 2007: Dhoni takes over the reins of ODI captaincy from

Test debut against Sri Lanka in

Rahul Dravid September 2007: Dhoni equals Adam Gilchrist's international record for most dismissals (6) in an innings in ODIs. Dhoni also becomes captain of the Indian squad for the inaugural ICC World Twenty20 in South Africa. He leads a young Indian side to victory against Pakistan in the final. He takes the risk of picking an inexperienced pacer Joginder Sharma instead of Harbhajan Singh

August 2008: Dhoni leads India to its first-ever bilateral ODI series

to bowl the last over that eventually

victory in Sri Lanka **November 2008:** Dhoni makes his debut as full-time Test captain of India during the fourth and final Test against Australia at Nagpur, replaces Anil Kumble who was injured in the third Test. November 2011:

The Indian Territorial Army confers the honorary rank of Lieutenant Colonel on Dhoni

#### SMRITI IRANI So sorry to hear that #msdhoni retired half an hour ago. A true giant of the game, India's finest wicketkeeper-You've batsman & a always known transformative the best captain, he left a stamp Thanks for the on Indian entertainment cricket that defined an era. March

DHONI

# — MOHANI AI

- GAUTAM GAMBHIR

# #ThankYouMahi trends on Twitter



Dhoni's retirement spread, #ThankYou-Mahi started trending on Twitter with hundreds of Twitter users expressing their heartfelt thanks to the legendry cricketer and wished him luck for his future endeavours. MS Dhoni's fans and his Team Indian colleagues, who were left in utter disbelief and shock over his

s soon as the news of sudden retirement, posted their messages on the microblogging platform using the #ThankYouMahi.

The announcement came a day after he joined his Chennai Super Kings teammates in Chennai ahead of this year's IPL in the UAE. The 39-yearold's last outing in India colours was during the lost World Cup semi-final against New Zealand. One of the best runners between the wickets was run out following a hardearned 50 in that tense game, shattering Indian hopes and leaving him in a state of disbe-

The reticent man from Ranchi will, however, go down as one of the finest to have played the game for India, turning up for the country in a whopping 350 ODIs, 90 Tests and 98 T20 Internationals.

# As Dhoni calls it quits

other peaks to climb.

— SHASHI THAROOR

on, Dhoniji.

There will be

#### Continued from Page 1

In the Test format, Dhoni accumulated 4876 runs at an average of 38.09 and led India to more wins (27) than anyone else before him.

However, runs are not the parameter on which Dhoni's career can be truly judged.

Considered a punter by some and a master strategist by several others, it was Dhoni's captaincy, wondrous reading of match situations and the jawdropping hand-speed behind stumps that had the cricket world mesmerised.

A leader even after he gave up the official tag of the leader, Dhoni will be remembered as the nonconformist, who made risks look like well thought-out strategy. Whether it was handing the ball to rookie Joginder



2007 World T20 or pushing himself ahead of man-in-form Yuvraj Singh in the 2011 50over World Cup, Dhoni's instincts rarely failed him.

For the record, India lifted the trophy on both occasions, propelling him to cult status in a country which remains hopelessly in love with all things

The IPL was also his happy

#### Raina too... Continued from Page 1

He is among the few who scored centuries across formats having played 18 Tests, 226 ODIs and 78 T20 Internationals with nearly 8000 international runs. His best moment was a crucial unbeaten knock in a tricky WC quarterfinal against Australia in 2011.

hunting ground where he was the revered 'Thala', leading the Chennai Super Kings to three trophies.

The most significant of those titles came last season when the side made its return to the event after a two-vear suspension for its official Gurunath Meiyappan's role in the 2013 spot-fixing scandal.

### Dhoni: A lot of it will always remain untold Continued from Page 1

There's a compartment that possibly remains shut. It's for none to see, it's where he probably computes, processes his raw thoughts and emotions while taking a decision.

Retirement may be one such decision, it was his own but he needed to come to terms that the change room is no longer the place where he belongs and it took more than a year since that heart-breaking run out in a lost World Cup semifinal.

Dhoni, despite being a cricket star like no other, was never entirely a cricket story. He was, still is and will always remain a social story.

A reflection of times when India's hinterland started shedding its fears and its inferiority complex while knocking on the doors of an aspirational India.



He wasn't a social reformer by any stretch of imagination but most certainly, hinterland's biggest icon after economic liberalisation.

Yet he was probably more 'khadoos' than any of his contemporaries from Mumbai.

Remember his 70 odd at Lord's in the first Test of a 2007 series. He showed doggedness and guts with limited technique on his first England

With S Sreesanth at the

other end, rain came to India's rescue. But then fortune favours the brave.

Just like the World T20 final in Johannesburg, where lack of bowling options turned into a great punt as Haryana Police's

Joginder Sharma earned his indebted. wikipedia page with an over no He shared a love-hate rela wikipedia page with an over no one can forget.

Dhoni came from the industrial town of Ranchi where a rank in IIT JEE or AIEEE or UPSC, more often than not, defined a young mind.

But this man, who arrived with a flowing mane, insanely powerful wrists and a smile that was endearing but gave away nothing, redefined the dynamics.

He didn't display in-yourface aggression but those who have dealt with him knew he would stick to his conviction -- right or wrong, the jury is still

Backing Virat Kohli, the Test batsman and Rohit Sharma, the opener destined to become a white ball legend, were fabulous foresights.

Indian cricket will remain

tionship with the media. He became inaccessible save for routine press conferences where he could rephrase his answer thousand times but still not give away anything, Dhoni became the least under

The conjectures, at times, were unfair and perhaps bordering on demeaning. It made him more defiant with a bit of irreverence for the fourth

After the 2015 World Cup semi-final defeat, his press conference gave a hint of what he thought.

"I always tell Dr Baba (then media manager) that if they (media) are happy with you then you are not doing a good iob," he said and all present laughed.

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# I-Day celebrations, a low-key affair

The 74th Independence Day was a low-key affair in state due to the Covid-19 pandemic as Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao hoisted the national flag at his residence in a simple ceremony on Saturday.

KCR paid floral tributes at the portrait of the 'Father of the Nation' Mahatma Gandhi. TRS Parliamentary Party leader Dr K Keshav Rao, Government's Chief Advisor Rajiv Sharma, Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar, Director General of Police Mahender Reddy, among others, participated in the ceremony.

The Chief Minister later

paid tributes at the Martyrs' Memorial at the Parade Grounds in Secunderabad. This is the first time since the formation of Telangana state in 2014 that Independence Day celebrations were not held at the historic Golconda Fort.

After the formation of Telangana state, KCR had shifted the venue of the Independence Day parade from the Parade Grounds to Golconda Fort to highlight the rich cultural heritage of Telangana. Independence Day celebrations were also organised in the Telangana Assembly premises. Speaker Pocharam Srinivas Reddy hoisted the national flag at a ceremony attended by Legislative Council Chairman G Sukhender Reddy and some top officials.

Speaking on the occasion, the Speaker said the government was implementing wel-



fare schemes for all sections of people. Celebrations were also held in the Telangana High Court premises. Braving the incessant rain, Chief Justice RS Chauhan hoisted the Tricolour in the presence of some judges of the High Court, senior lawyers and officials.

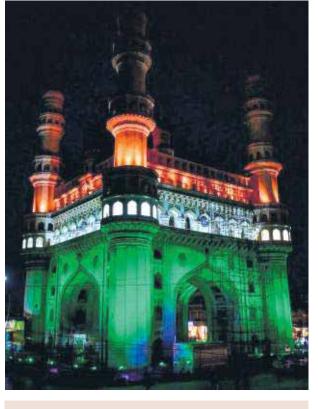
The Chief Justice spoke on how the High Court was conducting its hearings during the ongoing pandemic. He

said some lawyers succumbed to Covid-19. He thanked the state government for designating three hospitals for the treatment of lawyers and their family members.

The I-Day celebrations were held in the district headquarters in all 33 districts. State ministers, other public representatives, district collectors and top officials hoisted the **Cops celebrate with special precautions** s the Covid-19 cases are high in city, the authorities have ensured special measures in Flieu of the Coronavirus spread and celebrated Independence Day following pandemic precautions.

All the three Police Commissionerates in the State capital celebrated Independence Day at their respective headquarters. Hyderabad Commissioner Aniani Kumar hoisted the national flag at the city police headquarters at Petlaburi. Speaking on the occasion. Aniani Kumar said during the last six months, the Hyderabad City Police had done exemplary work during the Covid-19 pandemic and lived up to the expectations of the public. In Cyberabad, C Anasuya, Deputy Commissioner of

Police (Women and Children Safety wing) hoisted the national flag at the Commissioner's office in the morning, At Rachakonda, Commssioner Mahesh M Bhagwat hoisted the national flag at the Commissionerate building in Neredmet. Sudheer Babu. Additional Commissioner Shilpavali. Additional DCP (Admin) and other officers were present. Addressing the gathering, the Commissioner asked the policemen to help citizens in all legitimate cases and also to help the Covid-19 patients and their families. "The Rachakonda police are actively involved in the fight against Covid-19 by taking up various initiatives and doing humanitarian



#### Guv performs special puja

Gupton or Tamilisal Soundararajan has unfurled the National Flag at the Raj Bhavan on Saturday, as part of the 74th Independence Day celebrations. The Governor greeted all the officers and staff members at the Raj Bhavan and conveyed happy Independence Day greetings to them. The Governor along with her husband Dr Soundararajan and other family members took part in the celebrations. Earlier, Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan performed special puja at the Raj Bhavan temple on the occasion. She personally went to the staff members, standing in their positions as part of the social distancing norms, to greet them and obliged requests for photographs with the staff of different wings at the Raj Bhavan. Governor advisors retired IAS officer APVN Sharma and retired IPS officer AK Mohanty, Secretary to Governor K Surendra Mohan, IAS, Joint Secretaries J Bhavani Shankar and C N Raghu Prasad and other staff members took part in the celebrations.

# Hyderabad is emerging as innovation hub: KTR

**PNS** ■ HYDERABAD

A growing contract research organization Sai Lifesciences on Saturday announced the commissioning of its new Research and Technology centre in Hyderabad.

The Centre, located in Genome Valley, is spread across 83000 sq ft with several unique features. The new Research & Technology centre is adjoining their current R&D facility in Genome Valley, Hvderabad.

The Centre was inaugurated by Minister for Industries ama Rao in the p of Principal Secretary Jayesh

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said, "It is a matter of pride for us that Hyderabad today is emerging as the innovation hub and serving more than 1000 global innovators in their vision to improve healthcare and Research & Development around the globe."

Hyd Zoo names...

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relangana State Innovation Cell (TSIC) continues to foster and build Innovation culture across Telangana. Continuing the success streak of first-of-its-kind 'Intinta Innovator Exhibition last year, the cell this year along with 33 district administrations has come up with online version of 'Intinta Innovator Exhibition' 2020. considering the pandemic. The online exhibition was launched by IT Minister KT Rama Rao this Independence Day. The campaign received more than 250 entries from all the districts, out of which 65 consciously chosen innovations with strict evaluation parameters made it to the exhibition, which is celebrated as a part of Independence Day celebrations.

#### **Student hangs** himself after mother takes away mobile

PNS HYDERABAD

A 14-year-old student committed suicide reportedly after his mother refrained to give him mobile at his residence on Saturday afternoon under Trimulgherry police station limits.

The victim was identified as Ayush Kumar, a class IX student at Keindriya Vidalaya. According to the police, Kumar was upset that his mother did not allow him to play games on mobile. On Saturday, he was playing a game on his mother's phone. She scolded him and took the

Upset over the same, Kumar locked himself inside a room and hanged himself to death. As he did not open the door for too long, the victim's mother broke opened the door only to found her son hanging. Police booked a case of suspicious death and investigation is underway. Police shifted the body to OGH for autopsy.

# 1,863 fresh cases take TS tally over 90K-mark

PNS HYDERABAD

With 1,863 new Coronavirus cases reported on Saturday in Telangana, the state's total tally rose to 90,259 even as 10 more fatalities pushed the state's death toll to 684, the Health Director said. The state further improved its recovery rate to 73.34 per cent as against the average of 71.16 per cent.

The number of active cases now stands at 23,379, including 16,221 in home or institutional isolation. The case fatality rate stands at 0.75 per cent as against the national average of 1.95 per cent. Officials said deceased Covid-19 patients had comorbidities.

A total of 39 testing laboratories and 323 rapid antigen testing centres conducted 21,239 more tests as against the state's target of 5,600.



The tests conducted in the respectively. Sangareddy, state so far total 7,32,435. Test another district which shares results of 664 samples were borders with the state capital, During th reported 81 new infe hours, GHMC registered 394 The figures show that there new cases, up from 356 the was a spike in a few districts while the spread slowed down previous day. The new cases in some other districts. were reported from all 33 districts. Medchal Malkajgiri and Warangal Urban saw 101 new Rangareddy bordering GHMC infections as against 74 the pre-

vious day.

#### **Four smugglers** held, gold worth Rs 45.6 L seized

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

The Air Intelligence Unit (AIU) of Hyderabad Customs Department has detected four cases of gold smuggling and booked four persons at RGIA on Friday night. The officials have recovered 837 grams of yellow metal worth Rs 45.6 lakh collectively.

AIU intercepted four passengers who arrived by flight from Riyadh on Friday.

The passenger have concealed the gold in their inner pockets. The market value of the gold is valued at Rs 45.6 lakh, said the custom officials.

It may be mentioned here that, on July 30, the officials from 11 passengers have arrived in the Vande Bharath flight from Dammam to RGIA. They concealed the gold in their inner pockets. The gold worth is estimated to be of Rs 1.66 crore.

# PM announces health IDs...

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Tigress Asha had given birth to three male cubs during the This will bring a new revolulockdown. The two other cubs are named 'Surya' and 'Sankalp'. The curator said NZP was

known as one of the green and best zoos in the world, made possible due to the untiring efforts of its officers and staff.

tion in India's health sector and it will help reduce problems in getting treatment with the help of technology," he said. "Every Indian will be given

a health ID, which will work as each Indian's health account," Modi said, adding that it would

ease problems faced by citizens in getting healthcare access.

The ID will contain information about medical data, prescriptions and diagnostic reports and summaries of previous discharge from hospitals.The Mission is expected to bring efficiency and transparency in healthcare services. Modi said the country has

prepared a roadmap to ensure that a covid vaccine reaches everyone in the shortest possible time. He said three vaccine candidates are in different stages of trials in the country. The prime minister said whenever there is talk of COVID-19, the question that comes to everyone's mind is - when will a vaccine be ready.

#### SPB continues to be on life support Continued from Page 1

In a video message, Charan said "there is a very good response from ventilator, his lungs are functioning better than they were yesterday. The doctors are very confident that he will pull through. It is a time consuming process. We, though, expect a recovery, it is going to be a slow recovery." Thanking the star singer's fans and well-wishers for their love for his father, he said, "your prayers are definitely helping," and requested them to continue doing it.

twitter handle, "On behalf of Honble @CMOTamilNadu visited #MGM Hospital & enquired the health of legend Singer #SPBalasubrahmanyam. Discussed with treating Drs abt treatment & prognosis. Dr. NarayanaBabu @tndme1, Dean Dr. Theranirajan, Chief of Medicine @gmcrgggh were present. #GetWellSoonSPB."

reported 175 and 131 cases

Earlier, the Minister said he spoke to Charan and MD of MGM Hospital and assured support from the government.

#### **Galwan Martyr's wife takes** charge as Deputy Collector

As per the decision of the Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao, Santoshi, wife of late Colonel Santosh Babu, who martyred in the recent clashes on the Indo-China border, was appointed as Deputy Collector in the Revenue Department. Santoshi has submitted her joining report to the Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar, IAS, as Deputy Collector at BRKR Bhavan on Saturday. It may be recalled that Santoshi, wife of Colonel Santosh Babu who was among the 20 Indian soldiers killed in the Galwan Valley clash has been appointed as Deputy Collector. According to Chief Minister's Office, Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao handed over the appointment letter to Santoshi at Pragathi Bhavan.

#### Man held with 1050 kg ganja

**PNS** ■ HYDERABAD

The sleuths of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) intercepted a goods carriage vehicle at the outskirts of Hyderabad and seized 1050 kilograms of ganja whose market value estimated to be Rs 2.62 crores and arrested a

Acting on the basis of specific intelligence, the officials intercepted a goods vehicle which was carrying empty plastic crates, but detailed examination of the cargo area revealed that several bags of ganja were con-cealed behind the empty plastic crates, said an official.

The contraband and the vehicle were seized and a person was arrested under the provisions of NDPS Act, 1985. A total of 1050 kgs of ganja was found to be concealed in the vehicle.

# Cyberfrauds parking funds...

Global money laundering and terrorist financing watchdog The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) explains there are three stages in laundering: first stage, called placement the launderer introduces his illegal profits into the financial system.

Next stage, layering- launderer engages in a series of conversions or movements of the funds to distance them from their source. This is where the Cayman Islands comes into picture by helping the fraudsters to convert the black money. After this, in the third stage -- integration - in which the funds re-enter the legitimate economy by invest-

ing in different companies. Speaking about these type

of malicious online gambling and other games, Prasad Patibandla, Cyber Crime and Digital Intelligence Analyst, said, " The game developers usually create domain with fake address and install them in foreign clouds.

They siphon the money and use digital wallets for mode of transactions for send the money to foreign accounts or they may convert money into crypto currency -bitcoin,ethereum,and litecoin. This black money may be used for criminal activities or invested in the dark net.

Tax haven nations British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, the Channel Islands, and others are used to converting this black money into white by using the round trip-

#### ACB raids yield Rs 28 lakh more...

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Further, during the raid on Saturday, ACB officials also found proceedings (order) copies at the Tahsildar's residence. Sleuths also found Rs 8 lakh in cash in the car of the Tahsildar parked outside the guest house.

Investigations revealed that the accused had demanded and accepted bribe to clear certain issues concerning the land measuring 19 acres 39 gunta of survey number 614 and other survey numbers, said ACB officials.

During the raids on the Tahsildar's residence, sleuths also found that documents which ought to be issued from the Collector office were made at the accused's residence. And also Rs 28 lakh in cash was recovered from the Tahsildar office.

#### None to beat Revenue...

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KCR went on record then that archaic and obsolete Revenue Acts had inflicted immense damage to farmers and people. "We have to undo these damage. The government is engaged in preparing a new revenue Act. Let me share good news with you that in the coming Budget session of the Assembly, the new Revenue Act will be intro-

duced," he said. The state government, he said, believed that that good governance was possible through administrative reforms. Several existing Acts were not sufficient to offer good governance and eliminate corruption. This was the reason why the Government had enacted a New Panchayat Raj Act and a New Municipality Act. "Along with the new Revenue Act that is in the pipeline, I am

sure there will be clean, tidy

villages and towns with lots of

greenery. The new Revenue Act is being prepared to offer hassle-free services to people and farmers," he had said. It is a different matter that,

around that time the official circles were concerned that the Survey & Boundaries Act, 1923, the Telangana Area Land Revenue Act 1317 F, the AP Schedule Areas Ryothwari Settlement, and the AP Mahals and Jagir Abolition Act, 1948 (adopted by the Telangana government after bifurcation) needs a relook before finalising the new Revenue Act. Besides, the government is keen on revamping the entire set-up of the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration), which would be at the apex of the entire Revenue Department under the new Act.

Whatever it may be, the new Revenue Act process is still in the works

#### **Moderate rainfall in city**

he provisional average rainfall recorded under GHMC limits from 8.30 am to 4 pm on Saturday is put at 11.4 mm. The city experienced moderate rainfall on Independence Day. The highest rainfall of 28.8 mm was recorded in Charminar under Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) circle-6



(Malakpet). Close on its heel was Asifnagar mandal coming under purview of GHMC circle-12 with a rainfall of 27.3 mm. Bahadurpura, Saroornagar, Serilingampally, Khairatabad, Nampally, Asifnagar mandals received rain fall ranging between 22.5 mm and 20.0 mm. Bandlaguda mandal figured at the other end of the spectrum with the lowest rainfall of 16.5 mm. All the mandals under the GHMC limits and surrounding areas received rainfall between 19.0 mm and 16.5 mm on Saturday.

# **Collectors on high alert** as heavy rains lash State

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As per the instructions of Chief Minister Chandrasekhar Rao, Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar IAS on Saturday held a teleconference with the district Collectors and took stock of the arrangements put in place for handling the situation arising out of incessant rains and floods in the state over the past few days.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Secretary asked the collectors to be on high alert as there are indications that the rains are likely to continue for a few more days. He asked all the officials to remain in headquarters, work in close coordination and ensure



that no loss of lives or property takes place in the

He cautioned the District Collectors to be very vigilant in respect of tanks across the railway lines as well as with regard to those tanks which are vulnerable and likely to be breached. He wanted them to reduce the weir height of

the tank to prevent any breach where the tanks have reached full tank lev-

Chief Secretary urged the District Collectors to set up a round the clock control room in their districts to maintain closes watch. He informed that a state control room (040-23450624) is also set up

maintain closes watch and operationalised imme-

Somesh Kumar

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diately. Anyone having any problems can contact control room.

He told them to immediately bring to the notice of the higher officials about any submergence or inundation of low lying areas. He urged the Collectors to take care of sanitation in villages and towns

#### **Democracy at stake** in TS, says Uttam

HYDERABAD: TPCC chief and Nlagond MP N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Saturday alleged that there is no democracy in the state for the last 6 years under the regime of TRS government. After hoisting the national flag at Gandhi Bhavan, Uttam Kumar Reddy said that thousands of Congress leaders sacrificed their lives during the freedom movement. He said that Congress party stands in the forefront in implementing social justice. However, these days, the attacks on weaker sections, especially Dalits increased a lot. He made it clear that the Congress party will stand by the weaker sections and Dalits in the state. Uttam called upon the leaders and party activists to be alert as GHMC elections would be held very

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# KCR honours poet Tirunagari Ramanujam with Dasaradhi Award

PNS HYDERABAD

Minister Chandrashekhar Rao on Saturday honoured well-known poet Tirunagari Ramanujam with the Dasaradhi Award for 2020 at Pragathi Bhavan.

The Chief Minister also presented him with a memento, shawl and a cash prize of Rs 1,01,116. "Tirunagari Ramanujam is a great literary personality about whom the entire Telangana society is proud of. Among his well-known works include Bala Veera Sathakam, Aksharadhara, and Tirunagareevam," the Chief Minister said on the occasion.

KCR, while appreciating Ramanujam for his grip on traditional and Sanskrit literature. observed that the former would always be considered as literary

"The blend of traditional and modern literature is what makes Ramanujam stand out," he said. The CM hoped that Sri Ramanujam would continue to contribute more to enrich the Telugu literary world.

Calling the Telangana CM 'Modern Day Maha Vishnu', Ramanujam recited a poem for KCR. TRSPP Leader DrK Keshav Rao, Government's Chief Advisor Rajiv Sharma, Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar, DGP Mahender Reddy, Cultural Affairs Secretary Srinivas Raju, Director Mamidi Harikrishna, CM OSD Desapathy Srinivas, Ramanujam's son Srinivas and others attended.

Meanwhile, the Chief Minister also offered floral tributes at Amara Veerula Sthupam on the 74th Independence Day at Parade Ground here. He also signed a visitor's book on the

#### **Jagadish release Musi water**

PNS NALGONDA

Minister for Energy G Jagadish Reddy has alleged that rulers of united AP sabotaged interests of ayacut farmers of River Musi. Áddressing media after releasing water to Musi right and left canals ayacut farmers here on Saturday, he said that over 30,000 acres of Musi ayacut lands would be irrigated. In united AP regime, the rulers did not pay attention to woes of Musi ayacut farmers. In this backdrop, CM took initiative and took steps to undertake repairs to canals by spending Rs 21 crore. The avacut farmers are expressing gratitude to KCR for his gesture. The paddy yield in Nalgonda district, during the last rabi with the availability of Krishna and Godavari water for irrigation, was phenomenal.

#### Take call on unused Krishna waters: KRMB

PNS HYDERABAD

KRMB secretary Harikesh Meena on Friday wrote to the Central Water Commission to decide the share of river water not utilised during the last water year. In 2019-20, the government of AP used 647.435 tmc out of its share of 651.995 tmc ft, while the government of Telangana used only 278.33 tmc ft out of its share of 333.527 tmc ft. Also, another 50 tmc ft of water remained unused. The government of Telangana urged the KRMB to allow it to use the unused share for irrigation and drinking water purposes in the early 2020. However, the government of AP objected to the request.

# BJP likens TRS govt to Razakars

PNS HYDERABAD

Telangana BJP President and Karimnagar MP Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Saturday took potshots at Telangana Chief Minister K Channdrashekhar Rao. Speaking after hoisting the national flag at the party headquarters here marking the occasion of 74th Independence Day, the Karminagar MP reiterated his party's demand for official celebration of liberation day of Hyderabad that falls on September 17.

"There is a rule of Razakars in Telangana. The present day government is operating the machinery with Razakars in its side seat. While the Nizams per-King Kothi and Falaknuma, the



present government is operating from Pragathi Bhavan and farm house. The government is afraid of hurting the sentiments of its friendly party by celebrating liberation day, "Sanjay said.

He further alleged that the present government in the State is blaming everything that goes wrong on Centre while claiming petuated their rule from the everything good as its own achievement



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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Dated :: 25-07-2020

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Modi delivers strong message to China, Pak "From LoC to LAC, anyone who casts an eye

making the country selfreliant and announced several initiatives like national digital health mission and mass production of COVID-19 vaccine once it is approved by scientists. In his seventh consecramparts of the Red Fort, the prime minister stressed on

outline for spurring

India's economic

growth, asserting that the coro-

the country's march towards

Modi also underscored his

government's commitment to

holding assembly polls in cen-

navirus pandemic cannot halt

PNS NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday delivered a strong message to China and Pakistan against challenging India's sovereignty in his Independence

on the sovereignty of the country, the armed forces have responded in the language they understand," Modi said in his 86-minute speech at the ceremony held observing all COVID-19 protocols amid the presence of a large number of dignitaries including foreign diplomats trally-administered Jammu

and Kashmir after the ongoing delimitation exercise is over and stated that a new era of development has begun in the from the development has begun in the union territory after Article 370 was scrapped a year ago.

Dressed in his customary 'kurta pyjama' and safa, the prime minister used the occa-'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' and presented a broad

sion to put across a stern message to China and Pakistan without naming them, and asserted that India is fighting terrorism and expansionism with determination.

"From LoC (Line of Control) to LAC (Line of Chinese side also suffered casualties but it is yet to give out the details

The world saw in Ladakh what our brave soldiers, the country can do for this resolve (to maintain our sovereignty). From the Red Fort, I salute all those brave soldiers who have staked their lives for the motherland," Modi added.

On foreign policy issues, Modi said that today neigh-bours are not only those with whom India shares its geographical boundaries but also those with whom "our hearts meet". He said that India was making all efforts to deepen ties with all countries in the extended neighbourhood.

Making a mention of the ground-breaking ceremony for the Ram temple in Ayodhya 10 days back, Modi said the centuries-old issue has been resolved peacefully.

# NEP will play important role in making India self-reliant: Modi

ducation has a crucial role to play in making India self-reliant and prosperous and the new National Education Policy has been introduced with this objective, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday.

Addressing the nation on India's 74th Independence Day from the ramparts of the Red Fort, the prime minister said the NEP seeks to strengthen research and innovation in the country to help it progress in a compeworld.

"Education

has an important

reliant, happy and prosperous. With this objective, we have been able to give the country a new education policy after over three decades," Modi said.

This will shape the India of the 21st century. We will soon have citizens who shape a new India, ones who are global citizens but know and understand their roots The new education policy

also focuses on research and development to make India a key research and development destination for the world," he said. "The policy lays



Research Foundation because innovation is important for the country's progress. Only when we strengthen innovation and research will our country remain competitive and move ahead. The more innovation is strengthened in the country the more progress it will make in a competitive world," he added

### Special campaign to reduce pollution in 100 selected cities

self-reliance.

rime Minister Narendra Modi said on DSaturday that a special campaign was being worked out to reduce pollution in 100 selected cities of the country.

Addressing the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on India's 74th Independence Day, Modi referred to the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP), which was launched in 2019, said the campaign will be with a "holistic approach"

"A special campaign with a holistic approach is also being worked out to reduce pollution in 100 selected cities of the country," he said. The NCAP was launched by the MOEFCC on January 10 last year as a time-bound national-level strategy to address the air pollution problem across the

country in a comprehensive manner. In its endeavour to implement the NCAP, the Centre had also constituted a steering



committee in April last year which comprises chief secretaries of over 20 states and union territories, including Delhi

and Jammu and Kashmir, as its members. A spokesperson from the environment ministry said there was no new programme on air pollution but the Prime Minister was

referring to the NCAP launched last year

### All villages to be connected with optical fibre in 1000 days

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday announced that the project to connect India's over six lakh villages with optical fibre network will be completed in the next 1,000 days. Besides, a high speed internet connectivity via submarine optical fibre cable will be extended to Lakshadweep in this period, he said.

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speech at the ceremony held observing all COVID-19 pro-

tocols amid the presence of a

large number of dignitaries

including foreign diplomats.

His comments came in the midst of India's bitter border

row with China along the

LAC in eastern Ladakh. The

tension escalated manifold

after 20 Indian soldiers were

killed in a violent clash in

He pointed out that only five dozen panchayats in the country were connected with optical fibre cable by 2014, the year his government came to power for the first time. In the last five years, 1.5 lakh village panchayats have been connected with optical fibre cable, Modi said

He also announced that a new policy on cyber security will be unveiled shortly, saying the nation's dependence on the cyber world has increased in the changed circumstances, an apparent reference to the upheavals



brought in by the COVID-19 pandemic, and that this has spawned its own dangers to development and economy. He said the country is witnessing expansion of roads and internet at unprecedented and rapid speed, from the peaks of Himalayas to islands in the Indian Ocean. "In the next 1,000 days, all villages in the country will be connected with optical fibre," he said, adding Lakshadweep too would be connected with submarine optical fibre cable within this period.

### Modi's speech inspirational, reflects resolve for self-reliant India

PNS NEW DELHI

Hailing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Independence Day speech as "inspiring", BJP leaders on Saturday said it reflected his resolve to build an all-inclusive and stronger self-reliant India. In his Independence Day speech from the ramparts of the Red Fort, the prime minister said the call for an 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' has captured the imagination of the people and become a "mantra" for

"A very spirited and inspiring peech by PM Narendra Modi ji on the 74th Independence Day from the ramparts of the Red Fort. PM Modi ji's speech reflects his vision, mission and resolve to build an all-inclusive and stronger Aatmanirbhar Bharat," said BJP president J P Nadda, who posted a series of tweets. Echoing similar sentiments, former BIP president and Union Home Minister Amit

Shah termed the speech exemplary and said "it clearly reflects his unwavering commitment and resolve towards a strong and self-reliant India".

"Today, on the occasion of Independence Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address reinforces the resolve of a self-reliant India. There may be challenges in this resolution, but there is the ability to solve all the problems within this country," senior BJP leader and Defence Minister Rajnath

Singh said in a tweet in Hindi.











DRDOdeveloped anti-drone system deployed near **Red Fort** 

# By 2022, India must be aatmanirbhar in every sense of the word: Vice-Prez

PNS NEW DELHI

On this Independence Day, every Indian, especially the youth, must resolve to be at the forefront to fight attempts by forces that try to create dissensions among the people, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu said on Saturday.

In a Facebook post to mark the 74th Independence Day, he said for India to achieve new heights of development and prosperity, every citizen, including people in public life, must perform their duty.

"As we approach the 75th anniversary of Independence, it is time for an objective introspection. At this juncture, we



must ask ourselves what we aspire to achieve as a nation by 2022," Naidu observed.

"By 2022, India must be aatmanirbhar (self-reliant) in every sense of the word. We all must work with renewed vigour and determination to

eradicate poverty, end social and gender discrimination and eliminate corruption," he said.

The vice president said India needs a cultural renaissance and a refreshing flowering of literature and artistic expression in its national languages.

"As the country moves forward with renewed determination and the tremendous energy of 130 crore people to transform and build a 'new India', we are confident of regaining our past glory and becoming an ideal parliamentary democracy," he said.

"On this Independence Day, let us also remember with gratitude the countless men and women whose sacrifices brought us freedom. We must always be grateful to them for their selfless efforts -- the fruits of which are being reaped by us now as citizens of a sovereign and vibrant parliamentary democracy," Naidu

### Shah unfurls tricolour at home; extends Independence day greetings to countrymen

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah extended his greetings to the countrymen on the occasion of Independence Day on Saturday and said the dream of the freedom fighters of an independent, strong and selfsufficient India has been realised by Prime Minister

Narendra Modi. After unfurling the national flag at his residence here, Shah said on one hand, the Modi government has provided the poor and deprived sections of the society with housing, power and health insurance, while on the other hand, India has emerged as a powerful nation.

"Today we are very proud



that the independent, strong and self-sufficient India our freedom fighters dreamt of, has been realised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi," he said in a tweet.

The home minister said on the occasion of Independence Day, he bows before those

territory, every Indian needs to ask the

government what it is

doing to push China back and protect the country. On this

Independence Day they should ask this.

That is the true sense

of democracy," the Congress leader added

reliant India), he said, was

who contributed to the country's freedom with their valour and sacrifice. He also paid respects to those brave men and women, who made the supreme sacrifice for the cause of India's unity, integrity and

"On this Independence Day, come, let us pledge to fulfil Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dream of an 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and contribute to India achieving newer feats by adopting as much 'Make in Índia' products. Happy Independence Day," he

On Friday, Shah was released from a hospital, where he was undergoing treatment for the coronavirus. Currently, he is in home isolation.

#### **Pranab continues** to be on ventilator support: Hospital

PNS NEW DELHI

The condition of former president Pranab Mukherjee remained unchanged on Saturday and he continued to be on ventilator support, doctors attending on him said. They said his vital and clinical parameters are stable and are being closely monitored by a team of specialists. He was admitted to the Army's Research and Referral Hospital, he was operated upon for the removal of a clot in the brain. He had also tested positive for COVID-19. "The condition of Pranab Mukherjee vital and clinical parameters remain stable and are being closely monitored by a team of specialists," the hospital said in a statement.

# Nepal PM calls up Modi to greet India on Independence Day

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Nepalese counterpart K P Sharma Oli held a telephonic conversation on Saturday during which the two leaders expressed "mutual solidarity" amid efforts being made to minimise the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in the two countries.

Oli called up the Indian prime minister to greet his government and the people of India on the country's 74th Independence Day, and also offered congratulations on its recent election as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council, an official statement said.

Modi offered India's continued support to Nepal in its fight against the pandemic and recalled the civilisational and cultural links that the two countries share, it said.

"The leaders expressed mutu-



al solidarity in the context of the efforts being made to minimise the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in both countries. Prime minister offered India's continued support to Nepal in this regard," the statement said. Modi also thanked Oli for

telephone call. The talk between the two leaders comes amid a strain in ties after the Himalayan nation came up with a new political map in May, claiming some territories that belong to India.

#### Why are people sitting in power scared of naming China, asks Congress PNS ■ NEW DELHI 'At a time when China has entered Indian

The Congress on Saturday asked why those sitting in power are scared of naming China which has entered Indian territory, and said every Congress worker and every Indian is proud of

the armed forces. Talking to reporters after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address, Congress' chief spokesperson Surjewala also said all Indians should ask the government this Independence Day what it was doing to protect the coun-

try and push China back. In his speech from the ramparts of the Red Fort, the prime minister said India's soldiers had given a fitting reply to those who had challenged the country's sovereignty, from "LoC to LAC". Modi, who did not name China, added that the whole country is united in protecting

the sovereignty of the country.

worker and all 130 crore Indians

"Each and every Congress

are proud of our armed forces and have full faith in them. We salute the armed forces for giving China an apt reply every time there has been an attack. But what about those who are sitting in power. Why are they scared of mentioning China's name?' Surjewala asked.

At a time when China has entered Indian territory, every Indian needs to ask the government what it is doing to push China back and protect the country. On this Independence Day they should ask this. That is the true sense of democracy," the Congress leader added. He said it is important to question the government on whether it believes in the mandate of the people and if there is freedom to speak freely in the country.

public opinion. Do we have the freedom to speak, think, to travel, to wear what we like, to earn our livelihood or has that been curbed," Surjewala said.

Does our government believe in democracy? Does our government believe in

The foundation of an 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' (self-

laid by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and our freedom fighters. "But a government which is selling public sector undertak-

ings, handing over railways and airports to private players and attacking everything from LIC to FCI, will that government be able to keep the freedom of this country safe. It is the duty of the government and every citizen to keep the freedom of the country safe," he added.

# Punjab CM says prepared to handle threat from Pak, China

PNS MOHALI

Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh on Saturday called for readiness to combat the border threat from Pakistan and China.

With tensions at the borders continuing, India will have to be prepared to deal with any eventuality, said the CM in his Independence Day address here. Warning of a continued threat from neighbouring countries, Singh said Punjab

will always be at the forefront of fighting the enemy at the borders. While Pakistan continued to resort to firing every day, China, on the other hand, talks about friendship but

remains a danger to the nation, said Singh while recalling the recent attack on Indian soldiers by the Chinese forces in Ladakh.

India has always given Pakistan a befitting response,

which is the only way to deal with them, he said, adding that China also needs to be handled with the same iron hand.

On this occasion, the CM also recalled the contributions of the millions of Indians to the freedom struggle and said Punjabis had always been at the forefront of every battle. The Cellular Jail

referred to as 'Kala Pani' (in Andaman Nicobar Islands) have the names of tens of hundreds of Punjabis etched in immortality, he said according to an official release.

Even though Independence Day celebrations this year were a low-key affair due to the coronavirus pandemic, this was the time to remember the sacrifices of all those who had made freedom possible, said the CM.

It was also the time to salute the defence forces guarding the nation's borders from the enemy, he added.



#### **Gammon India net** loss narrows to Rs 135 cr in March gtr

NEW DELHI: Gammon India on Friday reported narrowing of its consolidated loss to Rs 134.96 crore for the quarter ended March 2020. The company had a consolidated net loss of Rs 526.33 crore for the corresponding quarter of the previous fiscal, it said in a regulatory filing. Its total consolidated income during the quarter under review declined to Rs 115.50 crore as against Rs 218.68 crore in the year-ago period. Total expenses declined to Rs 253.92 crore from Rs 445.43 crore in the year-ago period. For the full fiscal (2019-20), the company saw its consolidated net loss narrowing to Rs 630.79 crore. It had reported a consolidated net loss of Rs 1,296.44 crore in FY 2018-19.



#### **United Breweries** posts Q1 net loss of Rs 114.50 cr

**NEW DELHI:** Beer maker United Breweries Ltd on Friday reported a consolidated net loss of Rs 114.50 crore for the first quarter ended June 30, on account of decline in sales due to the pandemic. The company had posted a net profit of Rs 164.69 crore during the April-June quarter of the previous fiscal, United Breweries Ltd (UBL) said in a regulatory filing. Its revenue from operations slipped 73.17 per cent to Rs 1,262.82 crore during the guarter under review, as against Rs 4,708.42 crore in the corresponding period previous fiscal. UBL's total expenses declined 68.21 per cent to Rs 1,416.43 crore in Q1 FY21, compared to Rs 4,456.25 crore a year ago. According to the company, "its peak season was adversely affected by the pandemic" as the COVID-19 lockdown led to



complete closure of all outlets.

#### Google partners **CWC** for flood forecasting

NEW DELHI: Google in association with the Central Water Commission (CWC) has taken flood forecasting initiative over the past several months, and sent numerous public alerts to people in impacted regions across the country. These alerts provide timely, updated, and critical information that can help users make informed decisions on their safety, and that of their families and friends, Google said. Any user in the affected region having an Android smartphone with location services enabled will receive these alerts, it added. Various parts of the country, including Assam and Bihar, are grappling with floods. "We are currently issuing these notifications in English, Hindi, and Bengali, depending on the device language and location of users," Google said

# **Faceless assessment to start** with I-T Dept restructuring

As The Faceless Assessment Scheme, 2019 kicks off, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has stipulated that all communications from the department to the taxpayer, assessee, third-party will be in the name of the National e-Assessment Center (NeAC) and no communication of any nature such as above will be made by any of the Regional e-Assessment Centres (ReACs) across 20 cities in the country.

The Income Tax Department has embarked on the journey of Faceless Tax Administration. The Faceless Assessment Scheme, 2019 has been announced by the Central Government. Further, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has notified the National e-Assessment Centre (NeAC) in Delhi and various Regional e-Assessment Centres (ReACs) across 20 cities in the country for implementation

The CBDT has now given the detailed guidelines for the implementation of the Scheme and role of residual charges in this regard.

On the functions of the faceless hierarchy, the guide-lines say that the NeAC/ReACs hierarchy will be tasked with management of Faceless Assessment proceedings and will be broadly responsible for

All these functions will be through electronic means for such for all the flow of inforwhich the NeAC will be the mation. The officers and the gateway and will function as

Kolkata, Aug 14 (PTI) Secondary steel makers have

sought Prime Minister

Narendra Modi's intervention

to resolve the issue of their raw

material shortages due to surg-

ing exports of iron ore pellet to

China, which, they term, is against the idea of Atmanirbhar Bharat or self-

India's export of iron-ore to

the neighbouring country dur-

ing the first six months of the

while the domestic secondary

steel producers are facing a

dearth of raw materials and ris-

ing prices of it, officials said on

The West Bengal Sponge

Association had on Thursday

written a letter to the prime

minister to address the issue of

increasing export of the raw

material for the secondary

steel products, an official of the

draw your kind attention

towards a massive increase in

export of iron pellets with the

sole purpose to get benefit

from nil export duty," the let-

Industry leaders on Saturday

said India's self-reliance will

determine how high and strong

the country's flag of freedom

flies, and also welcomed Prime

Minister Narendra Modi's

announcement of National

Digital Health Mission in his

In a tweet, Adani Group

Chairman Gautam Adani said,

Independence Day speech.

"The association would

industry body said.

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reliant India.



#### **FM TO TAX OFFICIALS**

#### **Responsibilities have grown** with faceless approach

 $F_{\text{Sitharaman has told tax}}^{\text{inance Minister Nirmala}}$ officials that the responsibilities of the Income Tax Department have increased with the new faceless approach for appeals and assessments, sources said.

Sitharaman said that the department is setting an example for the world in the use of technology for delivery of better services to the taxpayers.

According to sources, she met IT officials on Friday and thanked them for their tireless efforts during the last two months to make the vision of

Hit by rising iron ore pellet exports,

steel makers seek PM's intervention

current fiscal was at 20 million ter said. "Exporters are taking Ltd had hiked the iron-ore

the government's regulation.

There is a 30 per cent export

duty on iron ore but nothing

is levied for shipment of pel-

ore fines to pellets and deliv-

ering it to China," the official

have shot up after the neigh-

bouring country started

importing the product in a big

The price of iron ore pellet

has increased from Rs 4,600

per tonne in April to Rs 7,600

per tonne in August this year,

Recently, state-run NMDC

the industry sources said.

way, he claimed.

"They are converting iron

The iron ore pellet prices

bringing in the faceless assessment system in a short time. She told them to work with the same zeal and dedication to make the faceless appeal system an equal success. Expressing her apprecia-

the Prime Minister a reality by

tion for the officers and staff of the Income Tax Department, she said that now the department has to serve the taxpayers with much higher standards to meet the commitments made in the taxpayers charter with the motto of "Transparent Taxation - Honouring The Honest".

The secondary steel makers

are facing a double whammy of

sluggish demand in the wake

of the coronavirus pandemic

and shortage of key raw mate-

try is bleeding throughout

India. We, at West Bengal, are

most sufferers as there is no

iron ore at our home state and

have import dependency for

coking coal. We are facing

falling prices of steel and ris-

ing prices of iron ore due to

mine closure for auction and

massive increase in export of

iron pellets," the association's

president Shankarlal Agarwal

"The secondary steel indus-

rials, the official said.

the functions relating to the assessment and verification staff in the ReACs will perform function under the Income

tions from the department to the taxpayer/assessee/thirdparty for the purposes of the Act will be in the name of the NeAC. No communication of any nature such as above will be made by any of the ReACs.

The functions of the NeAC, ReACs [Assessment Unit (AU), Verification Unit (VU), Review Unit (RU) and Technical Unit (TU)] have been delineated in detail separately by the NeAC in consultation with the Board.

The Assessment proceedings u/s 143, 144, 148 read with 143(2)/ 142(1) will be done by the AU, verification related to assessment by the VU, verification related to centralized dissemination of information by the Directorate of Systems, by the VUs, review of draft orders by the RU, technical support by the TU and passing and dispatch of the final orders by the NeAC.

On the functions of the field formations outside the NeAC/ReACs hierarchy, the guidelines state that the Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax will be the cadre controlling authorities for all the officers and staff in their area of jurisdiction in respect of all field formations including ReACs, central charges, international tax and transfer pricing charges, investigation directorate, exemp-

tion charges.
The field formations outside the NeAC/ReACs Hierarchy will perform the functions in faceless manner to the extent

#### **Mahindra** unveils all new Thar, launch on October 2

PNS NEW DELHI

Home-grown auto major Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) on Saturday unveiled the all new version of its iconic SUV Thar, which it plans to launch later this year.

The model, which comes with all new exteriors and interiors, will debut in the country on October 2. The SUV would feature

diesel powertrains mated to manual and auto matic transmissions. The diesel variants would be powered by 2.2 litre engine

while the petrol trims would come with all new 2 litre powertrain.

While the diesel motor will generate 120 HP of power, the petrol Thar will see an output of 150 HP of hauling strength.

"Today, with the unveiling of the all-new Thar, we rewrite history once again. The model is firmly rooted in our rich automotive heritage and upholds the Mahindra DNA in its purest form," M&M Managing Director Pawan Goenka said.

BSVI compliant petrol and

Microsoft is in talks to buy parts of TikTok.

White House press secretary Kayleigh McEnany

defended Trump's earlier

# 3% GST on sale of old gold

PNS NEW DELHI

A panel of state finance ministers on Friday veered around a proposal to levy 3 per cent GST on sale of old gold and jewellery to check tax evasion, Kerala Finance Minister Thomas Isaac said.

The Group of Ministers (GoM) also decided to implement e-way bill for trans-portation of gold within the states, but implementing it for inter-state movement was not considered feasible.

The panel also decided to make it mandatory for gold and jewellery shops to generate e-invoice for every purchase and sale transaction.

Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Modi said the GoM reached a consensus on letting states decide whether to have e-way bill for intra-state movement of gold. "It was decided that if any

state wants to implement eway bill for gold, they can do so for intra- or within the state transportation," he told PTI.

Modi, who also holds the finance portfolio, said while Kerala and Karnataka wanted

e-way bill for inter-state movement of goods, Gujarat and Bihar felt it was not practical and feasible.

GoM veers around levying

The GoM, comprising finance ministers of Kerala, Bihar, Gujarat, Punjab, Karnataka and West Bengal, set up to examine feasibility of implementation of e-way bill for movement of gold and precious stones met via video conferencing.

Isaac said the GoM arrived at a consensus on bringing sale of old gold within the GST ambit under reverse charge mechanism (RCM).

"It was decided that sale of

old gold will attract GST at 3 per cent under RCM. The officers' committee will now work on the modalities," Isaac

Isaac said this would put a check on tax evasion as currently most of the smuggled gold is sold as old jewellery to evade GST.

Under RCM, the buyer would be liable to collect and deposit the GST with the gov-Isaac further said the GoM

has decided to start e-invoicing for jewellery traders which will help track down the end-

### Trump orders TikTok to sell US assets

President Donald Trump on Friday gave the Chinese company ByteDance 90 days to divest itself of any assets used to support the popular TikTok app in the United States. Trump's executive

order said there is "credible evidence that leads me to believe that ByteDance ... might take action that threatens to impair the national security of the United States."

Trump last week ordered sweeping but vague bans on dealings with the Chinese owners of TikTok and the messaging app WeChat, saying they are a threat to US national security, foreign policy and the economy.

It remains unclear what the

TikTok orders mean for the app's 100 million US users, many of them teenagers or young adults who use it to post and watch short-form videos.

ordered ByteDance to divest itself of "any data obtained or derived" from TikTok users in

Thursday, telling reporters he was exercising his emergency authority under a 1977 law enabling the president to regulate international commerce to address unusual threats. "The administration is

TikTok and WeChat orders

committed to protecting the American people from all cyber threats and these apps collect significant amounts of private data on users," said McEnany, adding that the Chinese government can access and use such data. TikTok said it spent nearly

a year trying to engage in "good faith" with the US government to address these concerns.

instead was that the Administration paid no attention to facts, dictated terms of an agreement without going through standard legal processes, and tried to insert itself into negotiations between private businesses," the company's statement said.

#### **ICICI Bank** closes QIP; garners Rs 15,000 cr

PNS NEW DELHI

The country's second largest private sector lender ICICI Bank on Saturday said it has completed the allotment of equity shares under its qualified institutional placement (QIP) and raised approximately Rs 15,000 crore to fund its business growth and meet regulatory capital requirement.

Investors were allocated 41.89 crore shares at an issue price of Rs 358 per equity, the lender said in a statement.

"The issue price represents a 1.9 per cent premium to the floor price determined based on the pricing formula as prescribed under Regulation 176(1) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations and a discount of 1.5 per cent to the closing price of the bank's equity shares on the BŠE/NSE prior to the launch of the issue," it said.

"Pursuant to the allotment of shares, the paid-up ty share capital of the bank stands increased from Rs 12,952,832,416 consisting of 6,476,416,208 equity shares of face value Rs 2 each to Rs 13,790,821,242 consisting of 6,895,410,621 equity shares of face value Rs 2 each,

# Infosys fines independent director for 'inadvertent trade'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Infosys on Friday said there had been an "inadvertent trade" by the portfolio management services of Bela Parikh, spouse of the company's independent director Bobby Parikh.

Following this, a penalty of Rs 2 lakh has been imposed on Bobby Parikh, Infosys said in a regulatory filing.

Detailing out the inadvertent trade by a designated person, Infosys said the portfolio management services of Bela Parikh had bought 2,754 shares during the open trading window period "without the knowledge of Bobby



Parikh and without obtaining pre-clearance of trade". Bobby Parikh is the joint holder of that account.

"Mr Parikh has confirmed that he was not in possession of any Unpublished Price Sensitive Information (UPSI). The Audit Committee of the company was notified of this matter," it added.

Based on Bobby Parikh's

Committee has concluded that this was an inadvertent trade made without intent to violate the company's insider trading policy or the Sebi's Prohibition of Insider Trading Regulations, 2015 (PIT Regulations), the filing said. "However, the Audit Committee has determined that there was a violation of the company's Policy and PIT Regulations and has therefore imposed on Mr Parikh, a penalty of Rs 2,00,000 which amount shall be remitted to Investor Protection Education Fund (IPEF) in line with the PIT Regulations," it said.

#### Stocks drift on Wall Street following latest run at record

PNS NEW DELHI

Wall Street is drifting on Friday after a report showed that sales for US retailers strengthened again last month, but by less than economists

expected.
The S&P 500 was virtually unchanged in afternoon trading after earlier flipping between small gains and losses. The market is taking a pause after nearly erasing the last of the steep losses caused by the coronavirus pandemic. In each of the last two days,

the index made a brief run above its record closing high, which was set in February, only to fade in the afternoon. It's now 0.3 per cent below the record. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 41 points, or 0.1 per cent, at 27,937, as of 12:27 pm Eastern time, while the Nasdaq composite dipped 0.3 per cent.

Consumer spending is the main locomotive for the US economy, and Friday's report on trends for U.S. retailers showed some more improvement, though with caveats.

'Jio-RCom spectrum sharing deal not connected with AGR liability'

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millions of sacrifices that earned us the freedom to be born and raised in a free country full of opportunities. From Atmanirbharta will determine how high and strong the flag of freedom flies. Happy

"Every Independence

Day is a tribute to

#IndependenceDay." Welcoming the National Digital Health Mission, Biocon CMD Kiran Mazumdar Shaw said it gives India's healthcare sector a digital backbone and it is vital to make a difference to India's healthcare sector. Deloitte India Partner and

Industry leaders hail PM's Digital Health Mission

Lifesciences and Healthcare Industry Leader Charu Sehgal said the mission can be a very significant development in moving India's healthcare system to the next level. Most importantly, this will improve access by providing a big boost to consultation through telemedicine with specialist doctors for patients in smaller towns and remote locations," Sehgal stated.

Reliance Jio's four-year-old telecom spectrum sharing deal

Reliance Communications (RCom) is not connected with the latter's past statutory dues that pertain to the period prior to 2016 when Jio wasn't even in operation, sources close to the company said.

A Supreme Court bench had on Friday sought to know why Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd (RJIL) must not pay adjusted gross revenue (AGR) dues of Reliance Communications since it has been using the lat-



ter's spectrum since 2016. A source, refusing to be quoted as the matter is sub-

judice, said RJIL in April 2016 entered into a pact to share a part of the spectrum held by

RCom and its unit Reliance Telecom Ltd (RTL).

The shared spectrum was limited to the 800 MHz band and was strictly in accordance with the Department of Telecom's (DoT) spectrum sharing guidelines. RCom's 2G, 3G and 4G spectrum in 1,800 MHz band are not being shared.

The AGR dues of RCom and RTL are in no manner connected with this shared spectrum, the source said, adding that the AGR has been paid by both RCom/RTL and RJIL on the revenue generated from the shared spectrum.

The AGR dues related to 2G/3G business of RCom/RTL

which it was carrying out prior to 2016, the time when RJIL was not even operational, the source said. Not just RJIL, even Airtel had bought Aircel's 4G airwaves in the 2,300 MHz band and Videocon's 4G spectrum in the 1,800 MHz band through the spectrum trading route in 2016.

The source said the quantum of spectrum used by RJIL is around 38 per cent of the total spectrum currently held by RCom. RCom continues to hold spectrum in 900 MHz band, 1,800 MHz band, and

2100 MHz, which is not being shared with RJIL. Over 85 per cent of the

value of the shared spectrum has been already fully paid and realised by the government. Moreover, the right to use 85

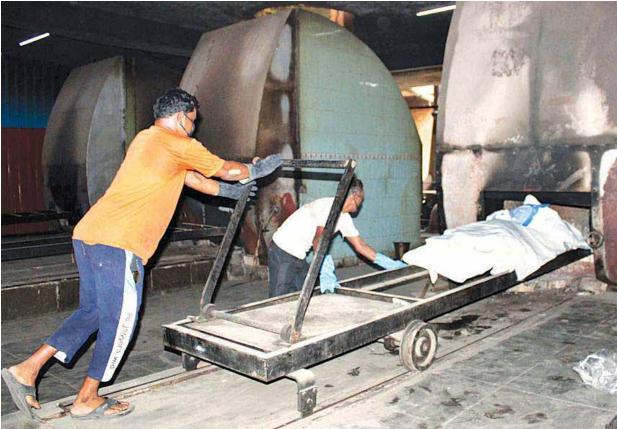
per cent of the shared spectrum value is expiring in July 2021. Both RJIL and RCom con-

tinue to discharge in full their statutory liabilities in respect of revenue from the shared spectrum. Further, both the firms continue to pay additional spectrum usage charges to the government towards the spectrum sharing arrangement, sources added.

# When death is work

Their work is anything but ordinary, ensuring that man is sent on his final journey with dignity and respect. But COVID-19 changed all this and while the rest of the world is scared of this virus, these men continue to work for long hours risking themselves. SHALINI SAKSENA catches up with some of the warriors who face death every day





Mohammad Shamim and his co-worker prepare to lower the body at the Jadid Qabrastan Ahle Islam, ITO as family members wearing PPE kits look on; Pappu and Harendra incinerate a COVID-19 body at the electronic crematorium at Nigambodh Ghat, New Delhi

# Staring at mortality everyday

can be overcome, say the two staffers Harendra and Pappu at the Nigambodh electric crematorium in New Delhi. For the duo, while the last four months have been tough given the risk they take every day when it comes to handling the bodies of the COVID-19 patients that come to the *ghat* but the dead need a proper send off even if the bags in which they come wrapped in can't be opened as per the Government guidelines.

"How will we do our work if we scared and fear the virus? stare at death all the time. Yes, the Coronavirus has put fear in the minds of the people but not in mine. I was a bit apprehensive but then I had to move past that fast. I got rid of it by burning it with the COVId-19 bodies. The dead coming to the ghat needed a proper send-off. How would that have got that if we shirked our work or decided not to do it?" 55-year-old Harendra asks who hails from Balia, in Uttar Pradesh.

He had come to the Capital in 1990 on the behest of his father-inlaw with a promise of a job. For many years he worked making calenders with God and Goddess. But the work took toll on his health and decided to work elsewhere. This is when his brother-in-law told him about working at the crematorium.

"I took this job because it was safer. At the calender making, I was ending up inhaling fumes and it affected my health. I have two sons and had to think about them decided to work elsewhere. That is how I ended up here. I like this job. Yes, some people give us strange looks and think that what we do is weird, but each person on earth has been chosen to do certain kind of work. This is what I have been chosen to do," Harendra says who stays with his family in Rohini and commutes on his bike.

He gets ₹16,000 as salary. "Besides this, sometimes people give us ₹100 or ₹200. But sometimes, there are people who are so poor that they can't afford a proper cremation for their loved one. In



Pappu and Harendra

POSITIVE OR IF THEY that case, a few of us at the crematorium pitch and do the needful. DO? BUT NOW, WE Just because a person is poor does-HAVE LEARNT TO LIVE n't mean that their dead need to be discarded," Harendra tells you. WITH THE VIRUS AND

For a long time, the duo continued to work without PPE kits. We protected ourselves with what we had — a mask. There are some days when we end up with no PPEs. But I don't let that scare. I am doing God's work and I believe that He will protect me. Death is the only thing that is certain when we are born. Why should one fear it? We are born, we will all die. That is the truth," Harendra says.

For thirty-nine-year-old Pappu, fear was very real. "I was scared and didn't want to touch the COVID-19 bodies that came initially. The scare was what if I spread the disease to my family. I have a mother, wife and three small children. What will happen to them if I test positive or if they test posi-

tive? But humans are resilient. We have learnt to live with the virus and the fear that comes with it. I have done the same," Pappu says who is paid ₹12,000 as salary.

There is a silver lining that involves his work, he says. Last week he had got to know that his name had been nominated for an honour for this service during the lockdown period. However, he tells you that he has not got any letter stating the same. "It is good enough for me to know at least my name was nominated," he says, who has kept soap and an antiseptic solution at the ghat. I take a bath here before I leave for home. Once I reach home, I take a bath once again," Pappu says.

'Yes, the work that I do is risky, but how many people are honoured for their work by the President himself? I am lucky that I have been chosen for this honour,"

# 'I had to quarantine myself to protect my family'

back, he had to take a tough call when his father who used to be the caretaker at the Jadid Qabrastan Ahle Islam in ITO, could no longer carry out his duties due to old age — whether he wanted to step into his fathers shoes. Meet Mohammad Shamim, the present caretaker who has till now buried over 550 people in the 50-acres of the graveyard since the outbreak of COVID-19.

His wife was not happy with his decision and did try to persuade him otherwise given that they have four school-going daughters. But Shamim was adamant. "I just felt that this was the right thing to do. We are third generation caretakers. Mere dada karte thhe, phir mere valid aur ab main. When my father became too old to do the work himself I had a choice. But I felt it was my calling. Not everyone gets the opportunity to ensure that man on his final journey is sent with dignity and respect that he deserves. I like the work that I do. It brings me peace. Every person deserves a send-off; I am just glad that I have been chosen to do so," Shamim

He tells you that the *qabrastan* where he works belongs to a private committee and he is paid ₹100 for each body that he helps bury. But for the COVID-19 bodies, he is paid ₹1000 per day. Though the amount his not much, he says but he gets by since there is other work

that he does at the graveyard. While his committee doesn't provide PPE kits, it was much later that some journalists, some hospitals and even actor Vidya Balan after coming to know that Shamim was burying the dead with no PPE kit provided him with the necessary cover. But he tells you that it is not easy to wear the kit from 9 am in the morning till late

"The doctors and staff working in the hospital have better, they work in an air-conditioned environ-



ment. My work entails me to be out the whole day in the blazing sun. It is not easy to wear the kit, the two masks, gloves and a face shield and dig a grave when the temperatures are touching 46° Celsius. First, it is extremely uncomfortable. Second, one can't breath properly. It was very tough. But I had to get used to it," he tells you.

When he didn't have the kit, he had to ensure that he kept his family safe. So he quarantined himself from his family in the house they live given to them by the committee. He shifted in a room that was a few yards away. His meals would be delivered to him and kept out-

side the room. "With no protection, I had to ensure that my family was safe. I was a bit apprehensive to being with but someone has to do this job and that too with dignity and respect for the dead. I did what I had to do for my family and did my work. I ensured that the grave was dug to specification of three feet. I ensured that the body was lowered according to the specifications; I would then place a stone on the body and then the soil to finally cover the grave properly. Sometimes, there are people who don't want to touch the body and don't know what to do. In that case, I do the work for them while the maulvi reads the the 38-year old says.

For the COVID-19 bodies, he tells you there is a different protocol altogether. One can't remove the bag in which they come in, nor can one clothe them or wash them before burying. "In such a scenario, we have to ensure that the other rituals are followed to a T," Shamim tells you.

Though, it has been tough going but now that the deaths have reduced, he is thankful to God for his mercy. But he is unhappy with the way the administration has treated him. "We are a private committee. When I was told that I would be getting bodies from Government hospital, I told them I needed extra benefit. But they declined and said it was the Government's decision. The least they could have done was provide us with health insurance. But no, there is nothing for us. Here we are risking our lives; we are warriors too. Has anyone besides a half a dozen people done anything for those who are giving the dead their due? No. But it will not stop me from doing my work. Now, I just pray to God that I never get to see what I have seen in the last four months ever in my life again,"

### Risky & tough, but work has to be done

hile many of us are still staying indoors in order to protect ourselves from the pandemic that has claimed 6.98 lakh lives globally, there are some people who are putting their lives and theirs families at risk as they ferry COVID-19 patients to hospitals or the dead from the mortuary to the cremation grounds or gravevards. Mohammad Shamim, Harendra and Pappu are not the only ones who are putting their lives at risk.

Abhishek Sharma and his driver partner Anmol Sharma, the two ambulance and hearse drivers have been working for long

hours as well Abhishek who has been driving the

ambulance for the last two years tells you that unlike those working at the crematoriums and graveyards, who didn't have PPEs to begin with, they had it a bit better and were provided the kits by their employers.

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"There was no way that we would have been able to do our job properly and not succumb to the virus if we were not wearing the PPEs. Our employer, Rana Ambulance Services, gives this to us. The only problem is that we have to wear it from the time our duty starts till it ends. Sometimes, we get a breather for an hour or so, and we take it off,

Like Shamim, he too, has quarantined himself from his family. I have a one-year-old



can't risk my family. Once I am home, I retire into one room, away from my family. I don't want to give up my job even though their risks involved. It gives me a sense of pride that I am doing what others may consider too risky. For this I am willing to pay price staying away from my baby and my friends keeping their distance due to the nature of my work — is a very small price that I am willing to pay," the 27-year-old who gets ₹15,000 as salary tells you.

His work, he tells you depends on the calls he gets from his employer who has tiedup with various hospitals in Delhi-NCR "Sometimes, we drive the ambulance, sometimes the hearse. It also, depends on

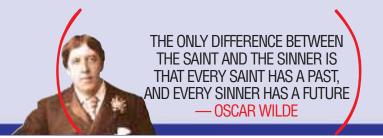
our duty and shift. Our partners keep changing. Most days it is Anmol, Deepak and me. Sometimes, the duty changes," the Class

XII pass out says. Anmol Sharma, a Class XII pass out as well, came to know about this job from a friend who is also an ambulance driver and liked the job profile and applied for the same. He has now been with the company for a vear-and-a-half. While, he has not guarantined himself, he ensures that he takes bath before he meets anyone. He even washes his clothes

himself. "I don't want anyone in my family to wash my clothes. What if I was carrying the virus? I drive COVID-19 positive people and dead bodies of people with the disease. I like my job and don't want to give it up. But that doesn't mean that I won't protect my family, Sharma says.

Unlike Abhishek, his friends have not given up on him and don't have a problem with the work that he does. "My friends and family are fine with my job. They probably feel and think the way I do. This work brings me a sense of peace and joy. I like doing what I do. Yes, the work is tough and there are risks involved. But somebody has to get it done. Imagine what will happen if we refuse to do what we do? What will the families of the

dead or the patients do?," Sharma asks. "This is where I come in," he says.



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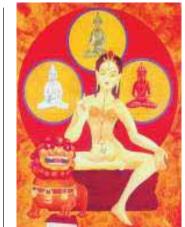




**ARIES** March 21-April 19

This week your stamina and energy will be good. However, if you do face health challenges, then, follow a naturopathic or a homeopathic approach in your health regime. Childbirth for those who are due is on the cards. On the work front, things may not happen as per your expectations. If you are not happy with your job or are facing problems at work, know that there is a lot that you can do to improve your current environment. For one, try to adopt a positive mindset before making any decision. Others may oppose you, but that should not deter you from moving forward, as you have choices available. It's a loving time for you in your relationship. You and your partner will connect

Lucky number 20 Lucký colour Mauve Lucký day Monday



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

You might face some health challenges. Worrying unnecessarily is not going to help. Even in the face of serious problems, you need to hold your ground. A positive attitude will give you the motivation to do the right thing for your health. If the situation requires you to take medical tests, then go out and get them done from a trusted practitioner. Money is likely to come your way. Some of you may get surprised with an increase in your current pay or getting a promotion. This may be due to all the hard work you have put in, winning over all the challenges faced and accomplishing your goals. It's love for you this week. Positive emotional energy will be created between you and your partner, which will leave you feeling good about yourself and life in general.

Lucky number 3 Lucky colour Pink Lucky day Sunday



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

On the health front, the period has negatives in store for you. Those suffering from heart ailments and Blood Pressure may experience a major upheaval in health, which will shake you up. This has the potential to affect you spiritually, mentally and physically. So pay attention to what you are doing for your body. Stay positive and calm about the situation. Stress and anxiety with something relating to work are likely to affect you now. You tend to fear about the outcome of your career in the future. Crisis of employment, finances could be faced by some of you. Stay as adaptable and flexible to deal with it. This may be an emotional time in your relationship. Things are not what they appear to be. Take a break if you need it. Treat your partner as your friend.

Lucky number 19 Lucky colour White Lucky day Tuesday



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

You will be required to balance your health efforts with your personal and professional responsibilities. You are moving into a phase wherein you need to be patient and alert as you need to juggle between all aspects of your life. Be sure you are taking time out for your healing and relaxation. This is a very promising time for you in your career. Your mental abilities and intelligence is your great strength. You will finally be acknowledged for your efforts by others and be successful in achieving your goals. The success will instil immense confidence in your abilities. Ensure that you don't become arrogant due to this. The great time of love and solidarity is on the cards. Your relationship will strengthen more and some of you are likely to get into a stage of future commitment.

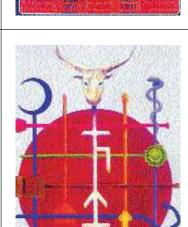
Lucky number 18 Lucky colour Silver Lucky day Wednesday



#### VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

An increase in your health and vitality is seen. Those dealing with serious illness, a new and improved healing modality will come into your life. You are generous and have concern for others, but don't compromise on the health front. Nourish your body and mind. This is a good time to gather information on nutrition and exercise Challenges and opposition might be faced this week, especially on the financial front. If you are not keeping track of your finances, and expenditures, it is likely that your budget may cross the limit. This is a time when you will feel that your long-term committed relationship has come a full circle. As a result, there is a sense of closure and fulfilment of what you desired. More love and gratitude will keep your good fortune going.

Lucky number 14 Lucky colour Green Lucky day Thursday



#### CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

On the health front, you need to pay close attention to  $% \left( x\right) =\left( x\right) +\left( x\right)$ your emotions. There are chances that you are not at best when dealing with challenges. If you have found out that you have an ailment or are just awaiting test results then, instead of becoming negative get help by talking to someone. There may be information that you don't know about. On the work front, some of you have accomplished a lot of your goals and have attained great material wealth in the process. You may be financially stable at the moment. Some of you may have a hard time at your workplace. This may due to your inflexible attitude wherein you are resistant to change your way of working. In your relationships, you should be clear about what you want and what your hopes and dreams are.

Lucky number 8 Lucky colour Magenta Lucky day Friday



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

Your health is good this week. You are in a stronger position now and can control what happens around you. Any efforts that you put towards the improvement of your health right now will bear fruit. The only thing that you need to be careful about is to attempt to try alternative ways to treat and deal with health challenges, if any. You need to pull up your sleeves on the career front. Some of you are going to experience a new beginning. Those looking for employment will be hired into a new position, which will test yours. Be on your toes and keep working hard. This can be a period of chaos and uncertainty in terms of a relationship. Believe in making a solid foundation, whether it is love or marital life

Lucky number 17 Lucky colour Green Lucký day Saturday



#### LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

When it comes to health, patience is the key. The expensive tests and diagnose system that have to undertake may cause a big hole in the pocket, If your health has been out of balance, then you need to act with greater foresight and wisdom. If you are awaiting test results, don't jump to conclusions and panic. Wait it out with courage. On the career front, a raise in your pay or a better position may come to you at this time. Some of you also feel a sense of accomplishment as you have been able to attain your goals after setbacks. You may find that others look up to you for guidance even before you are called upon to head a project or oversee a particular activity. If you are committed, you will move to the next

Lucky number 6 Lucky colour Purple Lucky day Friday



#### AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

Your vitality is quite strong. This is an excellent time to make changes in your fitness plan as you will make more progress than imagined. You need to take care of channelising this energy in the right manner. Acting on an impulse of any sort may create health problems for you. Professionally, you are filled with analytical energies, how you speak your mind and conduct yourself is important at your workplace. You may find yourself in conflict and disagreeing with others. Choose your battles wisely rather than picking upon every disagreement. Don't let any emotional hurt of the past affect your relationship with your beloved. Know that there is a lot of love in your life and you must appreciate it otherwise it will slip away.

Lucky number 13 Lucky colour Brown Lucky day Saturday



opportunities. Accordingly, we need to

intelligently combat the challenges and

emotional, habits and attitudes - and

keep pace with the ongoing change -

try to grab opportunities arising.

#### **CANCER** June 21-July 22

You need to keep your balance in every way. Those facing health challenges, know that things will get better. You are in a strong and stable frame of mind, wherein you know what you should do at this time. You may be faced with a dilemma or a situation at your workplace which requires immediate action or decision. It may be of importance and many options are available to you. However, you should analyse all the available information first before you finally come to a conclusion. Emotional as you are, you are filled with forceful energy which some people find abrasive. Beware the impulse to be too forceful. Your mother or a mother-like figure may interfere in your relationship, whether she means to or not.

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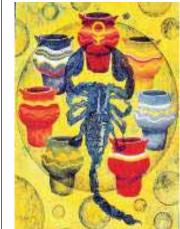
was communicative abilities and flair for

language. He immediately retorted: "Sir,

you have read me wrong. My language

three months, the young man realised

Lucky number 12 Lucky colour Peach **Lucky day** Tuesday



#### SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

If you feel that something is amiss with your body, then you need to pay attention to your concerns. This is not the time to panic and to feel that you can't do anything about it. Trust your intuition and look for other ways for help. Take care of yourself with proper diet, rest and exercise. On the career front, the end of one thing to begin with new is indicated. Things may not be going as per your expectations at this time. Some of you may have faced or are facing challenges with something related to your work. You need to take a breather from the chaos around you because challenges will return as soon as you are ready to face them. This is a phase wherein you have an opportunity to improve your relationship with your partner.

Change for a better future

Lucky number 15 Lucky colour Sky Blue Lucky day Thursday



#### PISCES Feb 19-March 20

On the health front, your efforts are likely to bear fruit. You are in a position to control what happens around you. Another plus point is that you can take a long term view of things and look into the future. This will not only help you to improve your present health situation but also lay a strong foundation for it to be robust in the future as well. What you do at your workplace has consequences. You might be faced with a dilemma and a decision to make Try to behave as reasonable as you can and consider what others want before you make a choice. It is a time of change on the relationship front. If you are committed and are experiencing problems with your partner then have an honest discussion so that each of you can work on changing certain aspects to keep it going.

Lucky number 11 Lucky colour Beine **Lucky day** Sunday

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#### **ASTROTURF** BHARAT BHUSHAN PADMADEO

→ he world is subject to continued address them through fresh educative inputs. Also identify our indwelling change. Every moment, energy dynamics of the cosmos keeps potential, hone it and then make the most varying widely, and with related bearing on life cycle on earth. The callings of Many a times, we remain unaware of every moment, thus, keeps changing. We our inlaid potential, and so it remains are witness to continued change in the untapped. A couple of years back a young societal dynamics, confronting us with lad came seeking guidance on his career prospects. He was advised to take up fresh challenges, also unfolding fresh

Otherwise, we may be left behind in the skill is not good and I wish to go for a run of time. The irony, however, is that managerial assignment. So, I am trying to ordinarily, we remain fixated to our get into a business school to acquire the necessary skill set required." I could make dream perceptions, habits and attitudes. So, we try to resist change, carrying out that his preconditioned mind is not able to digest my advice. I then suggested: assumed fear of its future ramifications. We also need to be conscious about "Well, it is your prerogative what profeschanging ourselves at individual level. sion to opt for. But in any discipline, you For, we are born with an inherent urge to will need language skill to conduct well. evolve, expand our vision in order to Together with your preparations for next visualise things in the right perspective. entrance test for admission into a busi-Accordingly, articulate ways and means ness school, why not work on your language skills also." That got registered in to work towards a better tomorrow. This, however, would not be forthcoming his mind. He immediately joined a media unless we identify and acknowledge our organisation as an intern, with the intent to improve his language skill. Within individualistic limitations — mental and



that he could write well, and soon after

A couple of years back, a gentleman in his early forties came seeking guidance on two issues: "Sir, my domestic atmosphere is not good. Suggest me some puja so that our family life improves. What is my growth potential in the present job?"

In so far as your wish to improve domestic atmosphere is concerned, you need to work upon your attitude, playing spoil sport with you so far. Pujas conducted by pundits can't bring about any change. "Is it possible to change my inborn nature?" He asked. "Remember, human beings enjoy the exclusive privilege to guide their actions by choice and discrimination. Your discriminatory ability helps you identify and acknowledge inherent infirmities. Following which, you can make a conscientious choice to bring about the desired change through fresh educative inputs." I responded.

About your career prospect, I see a change coming around 2019-20 under unforeseen circumstances. Better be on the lookout for alternative options available so that you land up in the right place. Otherwise, you may have to leave your job in a state of desperation. He again countered: "I am very comfortable in my present organisation. My seniors appreciate my work, and I have been growing. Why should I think of moving away from such a comfortable work atmosphere?" "Well, time ahead will prove. The problem with you is your stubbornness and the wish to live on own exclusive terms. But the world doesn't always move to anybody's asking." I responded. No wonder, during the ongoing pandemic, his company became bankrupt, and he is without job. Having thus been proven right, he has again sought guidance.

Let us now look at the man's astrological pointers to his personality trends. Both the luminaries the Sun and Moon are in fixed signs making him stubborn. Mars in the 4th house conjunct Moon makes him irritable, in fact, 'My way or high way' is his attitude. Mercury placed adverse to Neptune holds the key to his insensible judgment. The result is there to see. The man's indwelling potential too is immense. It is still not late to address his inherent infirmities. Following which, his life may turn into a pleasant experience.

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The COVID-19 pandemic has completely transformed how businesses carry out their day-to-day tasks, writes DINESH SHARMA, as he explains how digital transformation in corporate firms can support the work culture and team collaboration during this period



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# IF WAY FORW

everyone had exciting plans for their personal and professional endeavour. Came March 2020, Covid-19 changed life for everyone starting with a sudden complete lockdown forcing everyone stay at home but ensuring that they work from home and deliver the best despite pandemic and challenges of operating from home.

While every business had a "so called" Business Continuity or Disaster Recovery plan in place but Covid-19 lockdown was the father of all. A situation never happened, never thought about in 100 years. Everyone was sitting at home trying to figure out how to maintain sanity of working while at home connecting with colleagues, vendors, suppliers, employees, manager etc.

In the current pandemic scenario, it means every business process of an organisation requires immediate conversion to digital mode to stay in business. Say for example, if banking transaction were done through visiting banks, in Covid-19 situation banking transactions needs to be done using net-banking. Or if the business was preparing invoices physically and sending it by courier to clients, during covid lockdown all invoices required to be prepared using digital solution, digital signature and sending it through emails. Take another example, if business meetings with clients, vendors, internal team which were happening physically, come pandemic, physical meetings are no more an option, so use of digital meeting options is only way out.

#### **HOW TO GO ABOUT DIGITISATION**

That's an interesting topic. Struggling with lockdown, the CEO gives target to all business heads and CIO to digitise everything. That can be really disastrous. I would also like to caution here that digitisation has to be done in very systematic and gradual way. It is just not possible to digitise everything by approving a financial budget and giving mandate to all functions. Many companies burn their fingers losing lot of money, efforts and drive due to failed digitisation attempts. One must start with non-critical processes, function and implementation also to be done only for one or two division to start with instead of going across. Companies also make the mistake of building software inhouse. Now, that's a terrible mistake. Now-a-days there are many good Enterprise Product SaaS companies having products very much in line of specific business need which comes at almost at 5% of cost of building in-house. In addition, Enterprise Product companies are very focussed and come with best practices, innovative solutions, state-of-art technology, seamless product support and feature upgrades which is not possible for in building in-house or making tailor made product. It's important to be very careful while selecting technology partner so one can do a reference check from existing client and ensure security certification (like ISO). It definitely helps in building trust.

While it is always good to subscribe to readily available SaaS solutions in the market, however, just to test the waters, there are free tools available for basic digital solutions which allow users to get a feel of the solution and whether it would really solve the problem. Many a times, a lot of businesses purchase a technology solution or build solutions, however, they end up not using the solution



THE WHOLE CONCEPT OF DIGITISATION HAS TO BE IMBIBED INTO THE DNA OF THE ORGANISATION AND SHOULD BE EMBRACED ACROSS. IF SENIOR MANAGEMENT DOES NOT GET ACCUSTOMED TO **DIGITAL PLATFORMS** AND EXPECTS THE **WHOLE** ORGANISATION TO ADOPT DIGITAL PLATFORMS TO PERFORM OFFICE WORK, IT WILL BE HIGHLY INEFFICIENT AND INEFFECTIVE



been able to spend enough time in scoping the technology solution or clear intent issue which means resistance to change.

#### **WHY TECHNOLOGY FAILS**

Some businesses use technology firms to build customised solutions like Invoicing Solution, CRM Solutions, Contract Management Solution which comes with its own perils like you end up spending 20 times money and ultimately realising the product which got build has taken into consideration an idealistic scenario with advance level of digitisation. Life does not really move that way. It is critical that a strategic initiative group should be formed for digitisation purposes with clear agenda, roadmap and responsibilities fixed. At times it happens that Strategy and Innovation along with CIO decides on one technology for a business function which do not take into account real life situation resulting in complete waste of money

#### **MANAGING STAKEHOLDERS INTERNALLY**

Digitisation & Technology deployment in business can not be done by one person. Taking all stakeholders on-board and ensuring the product meets expectation makes a lot of difference. In any business, normally CIO, CFO, Business Head and Strategy & Innovation Head are relevant stakeholders for a high level decision making process. Once the business decides to go for technology solution, the real stakeholders are business users, technology team to ensure that the product is in line with business expectation and it gets installed within the organisation without any major change management. The whole process has to be coordinated and require acceptance from all stakeholder.

Another important thing is digitisation should also be done based on level of readiness. Say for example, if you plan for digitisation of invoicing function, it's ideal and simple to remove print, sign and despatch steps. So you can make invoice as per normal process, use any of digital signing functionality using Digital Signature (Dongle) or Aadhar Sign feature to sign and email the Invoice from your official email ID. This is very basic process but will help the organisation reduce at least five days of time and cost of despatch and invoice printing to zero and improve collection time.

#### **GLOBAL TRENDS**

Globally, digitisation and using technology solution has been a way of life. For example, while in India many businesses still do not use technology for invoicing, contract management, CRM and business operations work-flow, in countries like US, UK, Europe and Australia, the level of digitisation has been very high. The reason for this is high cost labour, availability of

term business vision. Globally, businesses go for ready SaaS products for CRM, Contract Management Software, HRM Software and ERP unless the business is fairly big and has complex processes, which require specialised technology solution. Even for those companies, they first start with basic level of technology solution and gradually move to moderate and advance level

#### **COVID PANDEMIC ACCELERATED THE DIGITAL** TRANSFORMATION JOURNEY

The COVID-19 pandemic has completely transformed how businesses carry out their dayto-day tasks. Every aspect of business is getting digitised and digital channels have become the sole media of communication for some. Every business was seemingly forced to accelerate itself as the digital strategy was still a part of the corporate world that had the potential to become a primary in the future. Businesses that were already thriving seemed to have seamlessly converted their channels of communication online after a point of time, yet most businesses are still struggling to keep up with the pace. Digital workplace has become the new normal.

This digital transformation in the coronial era caused businesses in almost all industries to leap over several hurdles in a short time. It demanded business owners familiarise themselves with the digital world as quickly as possible and forced them and their employees to learn new skills on an alien medium. This ongoing process has led to several changes in the work culture and team collaboration of busi-

#### **QUICK DIGITISATION FOR MAXIMUM** INSTANT GAINS

It is important for businesses to make sure that the working of the business can continue smoothly. So certain ready solution which are useful for key business function and easy to deploy can work really wonders. For example, board meeting management software having video-conference facility in-built, provide several benefits to the company and help it to flawlessly communicating amongst one another. Using these services could prove useful to companies in these uncertain times and can also allow people to support other upcoming businesses. Same solution can be used to conduct senior management meeting or collaborative meeting with stakeholders from multiple businesses across geographies. These solutions can be customised according to the company's specific needs, which can further improve the efficiency of the business.

Similarly, concerning the issue of physical documents and digital documents, digitising the paperwork is unavoidable. Replacing physical documents has been an issue for a while now,

to shift to electronic documents. Using digital documents also help reduce the spread of covid and ensure a safer working environment.

To improve efficiency in this aspect as well, companies can use solutions such as Contract Lifecycle Management (CLM) as they can be customised to fit the business and can greatly improve the working of the business by alerting the business for any risks in the contract. A CLM software allows an organisation to manage all its contracts on cloud and easily communicate with all its stakeholders in one place. Such software are not only necessary in this coronial era, but can improve productivity and profitability of a business.

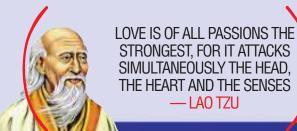
Digitisation of businesses has significant positive outcomes for businesses. Digital businesses empower employees through transparency, learning opportunities, and open communication. If the communication channels are well organised and are familiarised with the workforce, it can allow everyone involved in the company to be informed about the decision with just one click.

Unlike the usage of emails as we did precorona, a communication channel allow information to be without any disruption. Employees can be anywhere in terms of location but they can collaborate and discuss using meeting tools like Zoom, Microsoft Team or Google Meet. The concept of office is slowly fading away. The cost elements have changed and spending is more into digital assets like software solution for business function, cloud storage, cyber security, data protection insurance cost is being replaced for earlier cost elements such as infrastructure costs, rental, office maintenance cost, travel cost

Usage of the previously mentioned services involving board meeting management can also ensure that all members are kept up to date with the workings of the business. Moreover, to replace the informal interactions that took place in the workplace, workers can virtually talk in the middle of meetings to discuss their achievements and how they have been adjusting to the world after the pandemic. Since they are not in the physical workplace, they can also take breaks to interact with their family, which could ease their mental stress in between meetings.

The whole concept of digitisation has to be imbibed into the DNA of the organisation and should be embraced across. If senior management does not get accustomed to digital platforms and expects the whole organisation to adopt digital platforms to perform office work, it will be highly inefficient and ineffective. If businesses are successfully able to implement these changes and utilise this digital transformation, it can help them improve team collaboration and support the work culture.

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# MEDITATIVE STILLNESS

We are all spiritual seekers, and we all have our own definition of meditative stillness that resonates with us, writes SUMIRAN ANNAMARIA KASHYAP



editation allows us to think of our past with peace, our present with passion, and our future with prayerfulness. It's a daily sanctuary, wherein we can make sincere efforts, to allow the most authentic version of our Self to unravel. It's the authenticity of this Self that makes its strength and ingenuity effortless. Beyond the Self, it's not just about coming home to the Cosmos, the Source, but about making the journey inspirational for others around us,

#### UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF MEDITATIVE STILLNESS

It helps with a significant aspect of daily practice — that of being able to assimilate a thought, idea, and/or memory without an emotional 'charge' attached to it. This is easier said than done. But, it is doable, one step at a time. Then, one day, we find that we're able to adopt meditative stillness as a way of being, when the situation calls for it, quite effortlessly.

#### PERSPECTIVES ON MEDITATIVE **STILLNESS**

World Within is a tranquil fountainhead of guided meditation practices entwined with skills-based learning. Founder-enabler Shikha Puri's endeavour is to bring awareness to one's own journey, that one decides to embark

upon. She says, "Stillness is a moment that can last a few seconds, minutes or even longer. It's a moment of realisation, and we can call it our oneness with the power of the Universe. It helps us realise that there is so much more than us and

there's so much more over us. All of this - Nature's abundance, and its own powers — humbles us. That way, even in nothingness, there is something."

Shikha describes meditation not as the end, but the journey, the process, leading us. She elaborates: "In a moment, even for a second, when we can feel the oneness with the Source, meditation happens itself and there is

The approach: Assimilating a thought, experience, and/or related memory, without the emotional 'charge,' is not about forceful detachment. Rather, it entails reconciling with the emotional 'charge'. Here's a brief anecdote to explain: I drew Tarot cards for a friend recently. He called me wise for the manner in which I interpreted them. I said, "wisdom comes from having been a fool for a very long time."

It's the same with meditative stillness! Attempting it is easier, when we accept, and embrace, the high-octane able to segregate what we need as a lifelesson, from what we need to let go of, because it may have run its course.

The process at work: As is the case with all authentic forms of spiritual selfwork, we find self-introspection at the

STRIVING TO ATTAIN **MEDITATIVE** STILLNESS IS **ABOUT WORKING TOWARDS AND CREATING A CORRECT INNER ENVIRONMENT, TO** ENTER INTERNAL PRACTICES FOR THE MIND (ANTARANGA SADHNA) THAT ARE MORE HELPFUL TO MEDITATION, SO

OUR MIND/BODY LENDS ITSELF

**NATURALLY TO** MAKE MEDITATION SPONTANEOUS AND **JOYOUS** 

with Asana." Practice that focuses on the power

Pranayama than it takes to still the body

of meditative stillness: Mini Shastri, founder of Om Yoga Shala Delhi, with a teaching experience of over two decades, is also a wellness consultant and columnist. Her teachings are shaped by her vast travel and study with Masters from Kerala, Bengaluru, Mysuru, Chennai, and U.S.A. You can study and teach with Mini on her retreats. The focus is on living techniques — with daily Yoga, Pranayam, Meditation, cleansing Kriyas, along with curated diets.

She explains the daily strength and nourishment we can derive from sincere practice succinctly, and so beautifully. "Your mat, your sadhna, and your tapas will be your guru always," she always reminds, gently.

On the subject of recommended methods she says, "Some easy meditation practices like *So Ham* breath mantra, *Tratak*, *Om Japa* meditation, and *Kaya Stairam* (cultivating stillness with presence in the body) are a great way to pull in a fragmented mind (vikshepa) or distractions towards meditative stillness."

Mini shares that striving to attain meditative stillness is about working towards and creating a correct inner environment, to enter internal practices for the mind (Antaranga Sadhna) that are more helpful to meditation, so our mind/body lends itself naturally to make meditation more spontaneous and joyous.

ness. The subsequent mental chatter, though potentially excruciating, helps

us familiarise ourselves with the potency of the emotional 'charge.' And,

while this 'charge' is going through us,

it teaches us many things about who we

are, who we thought we were, and who

we can be. This combination of aware-

ness and remembrance that makes

at meditative stillness: Żorian Cross

(the 'modern Merlin,' as I call him) is

a tarot reader, astrologer, numerologist,

and psychic channel. He's also a certi-

fied ashtanga/vinyasa yoga instructor. Zorian asserts that stillness isn't for

the unethical anarchists of chaos, and

he further explains union with the Self,

through the practice of Asanas and Pranayama: "The body is constantly

abuzz with trillions of cells and sub-

atomic particles that are beaming with

life, while the mind is bombarded by

infinite thoughts on a conscious and

subconscious level. Perhaps that's why to achieve stillness, Patanjali laid out the

eight limbs — Ashtanga — the first two being Yamas and Niyamas that contain

five personal ethics to follow strictly, along with five societal rules to abide

by. To get the body to be seated in still-

ness, a regular Asana practice is a must.

Only once that's achieved, can we

practice the art of *Pranayama* to still the

mind. Some say that it takes five times

longer to still the mind through

The ease or difficulty in arriving

meditation personal, and sacred.

Choosing a suitable time to practice stillness in meditation: Mini advises, "It's best to take advantage of the shifting qualities of the mornings or sunsets. According to Ayurveda and our body's clock, we need to adjust our actions to counteract the innate qualities of this time. Dawn and dusk are a natural time of change - transformational, with shifting energies, resulting in fruitful meditation. The quiet stability of a meditation practice may also serve to counteract the potentially anxiety-producing aspect of change, of this time of day."

#### **HUMBLE WISH AND PRAYER**

We are all spiritual seekers in our own ways, and no doubt, we all have our own definition of meditative stillness that resonates with us. Whatever this definition is, based on my personal experience, I'd like to say: In our spenace of meditative stillness we all reunite with, resurrect, and reinvigorate who we truly are. May our new 'once upon a time,' begin now.

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**HIDDEN**SOULS PRAMOD PATHAK

# Symbolism of Lord Ram



ord Ram is not only a religious symbol. He today epitomises a cultural renaissance that was long overdue. The ✓ Indian subcontinent, the Aaryavrat, has been one of the most invaded lands in the history of the world. The result was a civilisation battered, a culture desecrated and a psyche bruised. Ancient India was a prosperous society and an acclaimed seat of learning. But the many onslaughts by foreign invaders impoverished the rich Indian land and culture. The continued subjugation of the country at the hands of Mongols and Moguls and subsequently the Europeans, particularly the British ingrained a deep rooted inferiority complex in the Indian minds. Centuries of alien rule destroyed the richness of the civilisation to such an extent that most Indians considered themselves to be a second rate citizenry born only to be ruled. There was a deliberate design in the plundering and destruction of the places of religious worship by the alien Islamic invaders. They wanted to establish the superiority of their own religion over that of the Indians and demoralise the people. The temples of India not only possessed huge wealth, they also stood for the civilisational and cultural pride. The later British conquest of India, the purchase the property of the prope though largely for economic and commercial purposes, further accentuated this trend, even if it was perpetrated far more systematically and cleverly. They wanted a thoroughly demoralised India for tightening the British strangle hold and continued hegemony. All these alien rules left a lasting impact on the Indian psyche. For those who have reasons to agree, the elaborate account given by American Historian Will Durant as early as 1930 may suffice. The Case for India is an eye opener in which he describes the cruel and scheming British rule as a conscious and deliberate bleeding of India. Freedom from the colonial yolk did mark the birth of an independent nation but it did not heal the wounded psyche which continued to carry the baggage of centuries old alien rule. Certain sections of the western press were also adding to this psychological loading with their myopic stories. The indelible mark of inferiority in their minds needed a strong cultural symbol to wipe this and boost the morale. After mental struggle of several decades post independence, the Indian pride could find a succor in Lord Ram. Restoring the national pride is what leads to a cultural renaissance and Ram symbolises that. Ram and Ram Temple signify many things today. It is not about a Hindu God, it is a sustaining force, a means to strengthen the Indian psyche that was awaiting a realisation for a long time. However, it is important to understand that Ram stood for universal values that are relevant not only to all generations but also to people across ethnic, social and economic backgrounds. Ram's life was an example of ethics in practice. Truth, compassion and love, and most importantly, values driven leadership. Ram was an embodiment of Rai Dharma, a virtue that is ilmost non existent today. I is important to understand what was Dharma in the eyes of Ram. Succinctly stated in Ram Charit Manas by Goswami Tulsidas, it is — par hit sarasi dharam nahi bhai. Which means the greatest religion is to serve others.

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# Happiness is a state of mind Classification of pleasures

It is in our mind that we live our lives. A good mind is the only way to a "good life" and this mind needs careful cultivation, says PARTHO DHANG

t is possibly right that "the happiest peo-ple we find today live on Facebook". The pleasure-filled acts, and the smiles on every face, had made this social media plat-form a place to take shelter when every-thing around seems to be crumbling. True or not, humans seek happiness and pursue it all the time. It's a state when one fulfills one's expectations, and craving is satisfied. Humans have linked happiness to pleasure and all efforts are being directed toward deriving pleasure to achieve this elusive

Unfortunately, this happiness never lasts. Probably because "perpetual bliss would completely undermine our will to accomplish anything at all — that's why perfect contentment has probably been evolved out of us". Maybe, we are programmed to be dissatisfied all the time, and this may be true as even after thousands of discourses and hundreds of books with the goal of increasing well-being, we aren't happier.

Does this mean we do not have truly happy people or communities around us? Take the example Amish people. A community living in parts of the United States and Canada and following a traditional Christian church which dictates all aspects of their day-to-day living, including prohibitions or limitations on the use of powerline electricity, television, telephones and automobiles, as well as regulations on clothing. The Amish value rural life, manual labour, and humility, all under the auspices of living what they interpret to be their God's word. This group, by sheer will power, has resisted the global culture. They marry in their own community and continue to have six to seven children. Between 1992 and 2017, the Amish population increased by 149 percent, a figure not recorded in any society in modern history. While the population of indigenous tribes in all continents are on a drastic decline.



Amish children are found to be "obedient, content and remarkably happy", and the reason was solely the way these children were brought up holding on to certain values. It seems simple life cues, just like in the good old days, seemed to work in their communities. They are taught to practice forgiveness by understanding that "making a mistake is not the end of the world", and to use their own creativity to amuse themselves to avoid boredom.

Probably withdrawing membership from the modern world is one good way to open a path toward happiness. Talks on giving it all up and heading to the mountains seem a way out. It is true modernity has sent us into a depressive state, but why blame modernity? In fact, modernity has also opened countless routes to happiness. It has laid more choices in front of us than ever before. Though the drive to attain material wealth and physical pleasure remain a predominant activity for the masses as a way to happiness, a growing list of individuals are giving up their fortune and future to take to alternative living, new

careers, and expressing alternative behavior to seek happiness.

Choosing to travel in car pools, living in communes, in remoteness, living as a virtual being, expressing homosexual preferences, accepting a pet as family, using cryp-to-currency, and thinking of life on another planet are a growing trend. Modernity provides such possibilities and opportunities with reversibility, a point toward an alternative way to happiness. In fact, individuals or communities can be happy and free from tussle if they set a boundary to their desires and guard it mindfully. Modernity is never a stumbling block in this.

Our natural state may not be mere seeking of happiness. Our natural state is possibly "being awake, aware, and feeling our feelings in their fullness". To be in this state, it requires the willingness to feel everything, at maximum intensity. This they call it "joy

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Pleasure is defined in several ways, but only one, that is the state of feeling, must be felt by us to be truly happy, writes AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

Thether we admit or not, we live mainly to get pleasures. Pleasures are classified mainly in two ways. These are in the three modes or beyond and whether gross or subtle or superior. I will begin with the classification according to the three modes. These are: goodness passion and darkness. Examples of pleasures under these modes will clarify their differences and advisability quite adequately. Beginning with the mode of goodness, these are my favourite activities? I love to appreciate others, especially my grandchildren; I look for any good excuse. Eating tasty foods and listening to good music comes next. In these days of forced isolation, I enjoy the rich green the nature has blessed us with due to reduced pollution levels. Playing sports was my favourite activity. I found the experience very satisfying.

The mode of passion allows us some pleasures. Creatively is high on my list. As I spend a lot of time alone with only God for my company, I try to manage my life with small innovations. Reading literature is next on my list. In my case, I love The Gita. Good sleep makes me feel very good. Feeding birds in my balcony by leaving biscuit pieces in an earthen pot makes me feel very

good. I enjoy the company of the birds.

The pleasures, which are in the mode of darkness, should be kept away from self; I will not go anywhere near them. Illicit sex destroys families; the momentary pleasure exacts a very heavy price. Eating meats, which is very much in news because of the possibil-ity of some meat being the origin of the Coronavirus pandemic, should be restricted in any case if we wish to save our forests. Growing grains in order to obtain one fifth its weight in meat makes



zero sense to me. Gambling is a pleasure best avoided. Are we not trying to grab someone's money? Cruelty is a behaviour not fit for human beings. And the last example is drinking, which ruins family finances and health; covers the conscience temporarily.

Now let me turn to examples of gross and subtle pleasures. Starting with gross ones, preaching to devotees pleases the Lord greatly. (The Gita 18.68-69) Doing 'satsang' in the company of spiritually-minded people is highly beneficial. Lots of what I have learned is in the company of my learned friend Mr. Jha. Making sacrifice like parents do all the time; don't they put the needs of their children about theirs? Similarly, 'paropakar', which is doing good deeds keeps the world going. The last example is personal, that is selling our book in World Book-Fairs. I have picked out five examples of subtle pleasures. These are: the feeling of purity, pride in being dutiful/useful, control over the mind and the senses, love from others and

trust of others.

Let me end the article with five

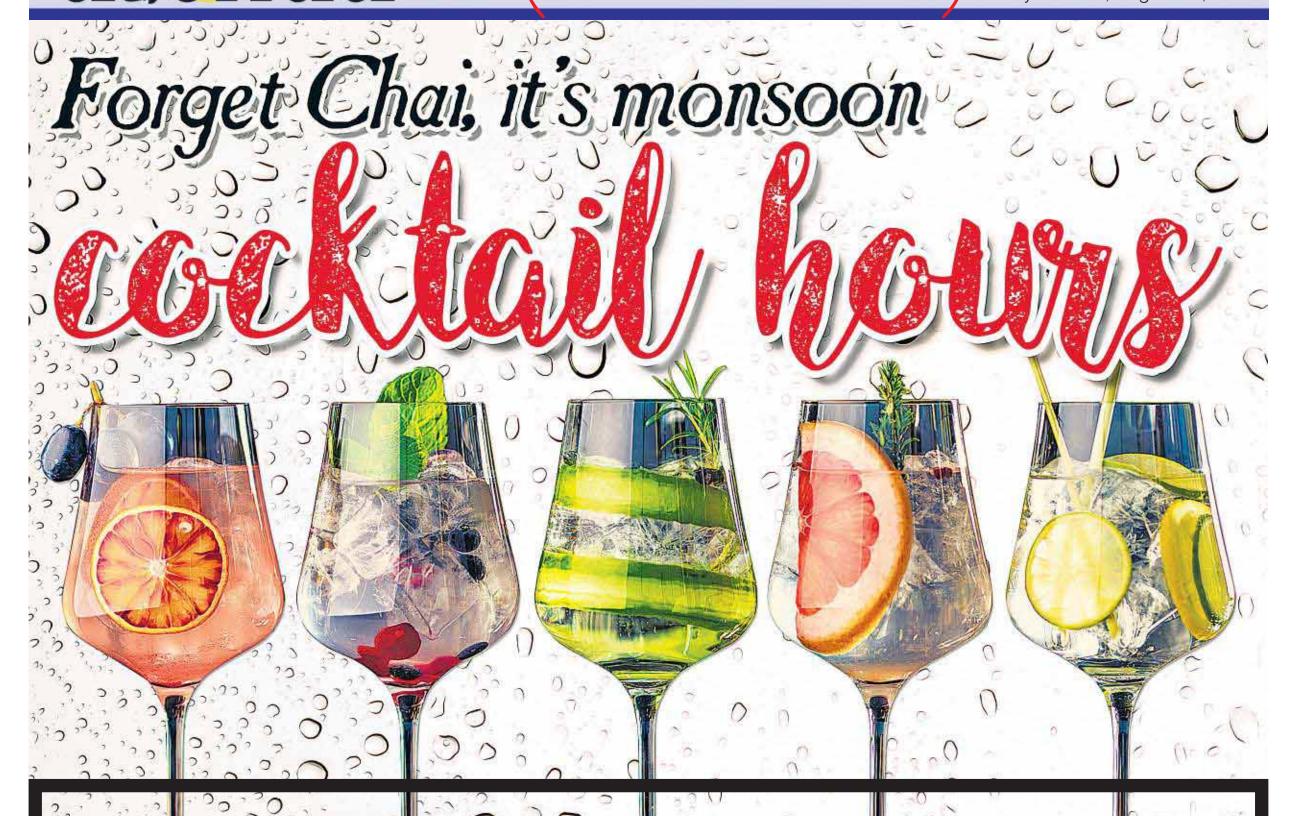
examples of beyond the modes or superior pleasures. At the top of the list are responses from God, which devotees receive. It will be almost impossible to go on the 'tapasya' path without adequate encouragement from God. He is extremely kind to me; invariably, I get daily communication from my master. Similar is my Lord's mercy in empowering me to write spiritual texts; I frequently get surprised by what has been written after I finish. Peacefulness must be part of the superior pleasures, because without peace there is no bliss — the ultimate 'sukha' (pleasures). (2.66) The last example is of making progress of the spiritual kind, which continues in future lives. (6.43-45)

I hope this covering of wide spectrum of pleasures will bring clarity about them, and the false nation that sense pleasures are the only ones can be given up. Superior pleasures are available and of many kinds. Then, why seek lower ones, many of them whom bring negative results?

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With Unlock 3.0 gaining momentum, gatherings with friends and socialising in limited numbers is a welcome relief. After months of sheltering, keep spirits high with these refreshing cocktails to top the list of hosts amongst your crew.

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### **Lime Mojito**



#### WHAT YOU NEED:

- 1 Parts Absolut Lime Lime Juice
- Simple SyrupSoda Water1 Mint LeafCrushed Ice
- HOW TO MIX
- Fill a highball glass with crushed ice. Add Absolut Lime, lime juice and simple syrup. Muddle. Top up with soda water.
- Garnish with a mint leaf and a lime wedge.

#### **Jameson Spicy Hot Toddy**



#### WHAT YOU NEED:

- □ 1 part Jameson Irish Whiskey □ 3 parts water
- 0.25 parts Honey0.5 parts Lemon
- □ 0.5 parts Sriracha □ Ginger, sliced HOW TO MIX
- Add water, honey, sriracha, and sliced ginger pieces to a small saucepan and bring to a low simmer and stir to combine. Let simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add Jameson and lemon juice and simmer for an additional 3 minutes. Pour into mugs and add a lemon slice and garnish with a thin ginger slice.

#### Monkey 47 Gin Julep



#### WHAT YOU NEED:

- □ 5 cl Monkey 47 Schwarzwald Dry Gin
- $\hfill \Box$  1 cl simple syrup  $\hfill \Box$  5 mint leaves  $\hfill HOW$  TO MIX
- Muddle all ingredients, shake it with ice cubes and double-strain into a silver mug filled with crushed ice.
- Garnish it with a mint leave.

#### **DELECTABLE FOODSCAPES:**

# GET FAMILIAR WITH SOUTH AFRICA'S INDIGENOUS CUISINE



ood is invariably a universal connector — however, experiencing and sharing-in the food of a different land is a very personal experience.

As early merchants and travellers navigated the globe, they not only bought back home goods and ideas, but also recipes, spices and edible ingredients, which they then customized and further cultivated.

Interestingly, South
Africa's delicious signature
dish — the Bunny Chow
(also simply known as the
'bunny'), has Indian origins.
The dish consists of a hollowed-out loaf of white
bread filled with meat or
vegetable curry. This dish,
though rare in India, is
extremely popular with the
locals of the Rainbow
Nation. In fact, each year in
September the 'Bunny Chow

Barometer', which attracts numerous entrants from across the Durban Metro region to compete for the title of top bunny maker, is held in Durban.

Other delicacies include, traditional African food cooked over an open fire or in a three-legged pot (or potjie), morogo (type of wild spinach), chakalaka (a spicy relish served alongside a main course), and the ubiquitous boerewors roll (a variety of spicy sausage).

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Vegetarians will find a wide range of appetizing food options such as veg bobotie (a national dish of South Africa, which is a delicious mixture of curried vegetables, spices, fruits and nuts with a creamy golden topping, that add to its complex flavor), pampoenkoekie (light, fluffy and literally melt in your mouth pumpkin fritters) and pap tart (Pap, also known as





mieliepap, is the Afrikaans word for porridge, typically prepared with corn-maize).

Before the coronavirus pandemic resulted in shutting down of borders, South African food trails were hugely popular among visitors. In South Africa, a typical food trail would include a few must-have experiences like wine tasting, Bunny Chow sampling, coffee tasting at a local roaster, walking

tours of food gardens, visits to ethical butcheries, spice shops and quaint chocolate factories.

Since a significant number of Indian travellers are vegetarian, South Africa offers a vegetarian adaption/variation to nearly every local South African dish, whether it is Bunny Chow or the traditional braai — this resonates well with Indian travellers on food trails.

With the rise of halal consciousness, the destination has also increased efforts to make restaurants across the food trail halal friendly. Wine, and wine trails in particular, have also become an enormous part of the South African experience

We can't wait for borders to open, and for us to have an authentic South African dining experience!



# Bold, beautifuls and decisive!



Jeevitha and Rajashekhar on their wedding day in 1991

Her roles in *Thalambralu*, *Ahuthi*, Ankusham and other films endeared her to audiences in the Telugu states and made her a household name. Jeevitha Rajasekhar soon became known for her homely look. But behind the homely appearance is a person with nerves of steel, as the world soon realised. Her involvement with Dr Rajasekhar

was the talk of the town during the 1980s, especially in the Telugu and Tamil film fraternities. In a free-wheeling conversation with THE PIONEER.

she speaks to K RAMYA SREE about her childhood, her dream of becoming a doctor, marriage, movies, parenting, and

more.

#### Born in AP, brought up in Chennai...

was born in Tadepalligudem of West Godavari district. My father, Ramanadham, was a health inspector working with the government of undivided Andhra Pradesh. Because of his work he had to move around different districts, hence, all the four siblings along with my mom, Shakuntala Devi, shifted to Chennai for our education to live with our grandparents. My grandfather used to work with the late NT Rama Rao garu, so they lived in Chennai. Later, my father too shifted to Chennai and got into film production and my elder sister too started acting in

#### I used to feel I'm not beautiful...

I was not passionate about acting in my childhood. I always used to feel that my elder and younger sisters were the good looking ones and that I wasn't beautiful or attractive. I was more into education.

#### When I was stopped by T Rajendar garu...

When I was in Class 8 or 9, filmmaker T Rajendar garu saw me while I was walking to my friend's place near Vani Mahal. He stopped me on the road and asked about my whereabouts, interests, and where I lived. He asked me if I was interested in acting. I didn't respond then.
The next day when I told this in my school, my teachers got excited and asked me why I didn't say yes. I didn't know how successful a filmmaker T Rajendar garu was then. After I finished my +1, I was surprised with his assistant. He told my parents it would be nice if I act in his upcoming film. My parents left the choice to me. That's how I ended up in films. It was a shocker to me. I never

thought I

#### Wanted to be a doctor...

I always wanted to be a doctor as a child. I took up BiPC in my 11th standard. Five days into the course, we were taken to the lab for our practicals. We were asked to pin a cockroach for dissection. I ran from the lab and landed in my principal's room and started crying. I told her I couldn't dissect the cockroach and pleaded with her to shift my group. I ended up doing commerce. But as a child, I was very passionate about becoming a doctor. God is great I got married to a doctor.

#### Signed 10 films before 1st one-hit screens...

There were other reasons for me to choose acting as my fulltime career. My father produced a film and we lost a lot of money on it. We were going through a rough patch then. Funding our education too became difficult for my father. I

Three days later, he was replaced by another actor. Thalambralu happened right after this film. When I met him on the sets, I asked why he quit the other film. The director and producer of the Tamil film asked Rajasekhar *garu* how he found me. He said, she is homely and might not suit the character. So the director replaced him instead of me in the film (laughs). Rajasekhar garu and I became good friends during the making of Thalambralu, later our friendship grew and we fell in love.

#### Living with in-laws before marriage...

We had a lot of issues from Rajasekhar garu's family. His mom didn't approve of our marriage. She agreed to him acting on one condition that he shouldn't get married to an actress. He comes from a wellread family of doctors, lawyers, and engineers at home. Since Rajasekhar garu didn't want to go against his mother, we waited for quite a long time before

moment in my life.

#### Our relationship was the talk of the town...

Our relationship was quite open. It was a shocker for the entire industry back then as we would roam together and I would accompany Rajasekhar garu on all his trips. During interviews when people asked him if he would marry me, he would say that he would marry somebody his parents approved. That shocked everybody. My mother was a little apprehensive then because of Rajasekhar's answers, I convinced my mom that even if I don't marry him, we would end up remaining good friends and I have thought over it and taken the decision. Now, when I think about it, I feel I was quite bold.

#### I believe in friendly parenting...

I am a very friendly mother. I don't believe in strict parenting. We should compare our mindset with our children



used to be the last person to pay my fee in the class. To make some money to help my family, I took up acting. Since I was introduced by T Rajendar, forget about my acting skills, I was signed by other production houses for 10 other films before his movie was even released.

#### **Meeting** Rajasekhar garu...

In one of my Tamil films, Rajasekhar garu was one of the heroes. That's when I first saw him. I heard he was a doctor and that naturally carried a kind of respect towards him. We shot for one day and the next day he disappeared.

we tied the knot. He struggled a lot to convince his mother. He even met some other girls as his mother wanted. During such a phase, he met with a major accident during the making of Magadu. His parents were out of town then. I stayed with him in the hospital. By the time his parents got back, the surgery was done. Everything changed within this one month and his parents started liking me. They took me to their house directly from the hospital and I started living with my in-laws even before my marriage. At the same time, I lost my father. After staying with his parents for almost a year, we got mar-

ried in 1991. My marriage

remains the most emotional

when you are at their age. Right from education to clothing to food, you have to think about them from their point of view. Unless they experience, they will not learn. Of course there are some things they should not experience. One should build a friendly relationship with one's children to make them understand that some things are wrong and are better avoided. If you build a vacuum where they feel your parents don't understand you, they start hiding stuff from you. I strongly believe we should create a friendly space where they can discuss and share anything and everything with us. I would love to give this advice to all the parents out there.

#### Debut in Telugu...

After one year or so of my debut in Tamil, I got an offer for Thalambralu in Telugu. MS Reddy After one year or so of my debut in Tamil, I got an offer for *Thalambralu* in Telugu. MS Reddy garu and Shyam Prasad garu saw my photograph on a magazine cover in Tamil and called me for an audition. MS *Reddy* garu gave me full-page dialogue and asked me if I can read and write Telugu. He was very happy and excited that I could. He was passionate about the Telugu language. Later, I signed *Thalambralu* and it was a big hit back then. Many films came my way in Telugu after that one after the other. I worked with Rajasekhar *garu* in Thalambralu and also in the next 10 to 15 films. Of these, eight movies ran for over 100 days. Two or three years before my wedding in 1991, I stopped acting.

I was a studious child. I was the topper in my school and the head girl as well. I also played cricket and represented my school. I used to participate in everything. was quite eloquent as well and would give speeches in my school on all occasions. We used to live in a rented house and I and my siblings used to steal mangoes from the tree in

my house owner's

mango tree, I always

remember those days.

garden. Whenever I see a

fter a very long time, I put on some makeup again for Bathuku Jatka Bandi in Zee Telugu. I did that show for a year and never thought it would gain so much popularity not only in the Telugu states but abroad as well. Even after quitting the show, I got a lot of calls from viewers seeking my counsel. When we went to the US while I was doing the show, I had people telling me to do the show there. Also, I took up this show as a challenge to share with at least a fraction of the people what life is. Of late, trolling has increased for these shows after similar shows started on other channels. It became a big joke then and that's one of the reasons I quit. I read a lot of comments where people call the show fake or we are paying people to sit and share a scripted story. NO! That's not true. Whosoever is passing such comments, through this medium, I request them all to come to the shoot, watch the entire episode to understand that it is real. I'm ready to face any challenge to prove what we are doing is right and there is nothing called fake or a created story.



With daughters Shivani, mother-in-law, Shivatmika, and husband Rajashekhar