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LOK ADALAT REUNITES COUPLE AFTER 50 YEARS, SETTLES 7.65 LAKH CASES

record 7,65,077 cases were settled in the Lok Adalats held across courts in the state, the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority (KSLSA) has said in a statement. The National Lok Adalat was conducted on June 25 in 20 benches of the High Court and 964 benches of the District Judiciary. These include the disposal of 2,64,464 pending cases and 5,00,613 pre-litigation cases. The highest single day disposal of cases by Lok Adalate was cases. The highest single day disposal of cases by Lok Adalats was 6,16,715 on October 8, 2016. Among the success stories in the recent Lok Adalats was the the reconciliation of a couple who were living separately for 50 years.

G-7 PLEDGES \$4.5BN TO TACKLE FOOD INSECURITY

roup of Seven leaders have agreed to spend 4.5 billion on Gaddressing food security issues around the globe exacerbated by rising grain and food costs following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The White House said Tuesday that the United States is pitching in 2.76 billion toward the effort. The funding will be used to assist 47 countries and regional organizations dealing with food insecurity and malnutrition. The White House says the most immediate needs are in the Horn of Africa, where the Russian blockade of grain from Ukraine has worsened an already desperate situation.

DOG ENTERS HOSPITAL IN PANIPAT, KILLS NEWBORN

stray dog entered a private hospital in Haryana's Panipat and mauled to death a newborn after dragging him out, police said on Tuesday. The incident took place on the intervening night of Monday and Tuesday when the two-day-old boy was sleeping next to his grandmother on the floor, they said. According to police, no one noticed the dog entering the hospital. Station House Officer (SHO), Sector 13-17 police station, Inspector Vijay Kumar said, "The dog entered the hospital, picked up the newborn sleeping on the floor with his grandmother with his mouth and took him out

SHOWING MORE EMOTIONS AT WORK BOOSTS PRODUCTIVITY: REPORT

ajority of employees feel that showing more emotions at work makes them more productive and boosts their sense of belonging, according to a report by professional networking site LinkedIn. More than 3 in 4 (76 per cent) professionals in India feel more comfortable expressing their emotions at work post-pandemic, the report, based on a survey conducted among 2,188 professionals in India between May 25-31, said. As per the report, almost 9 in 10 (87 per cent) of the employees interviewed agreed that showing more emotions at work makes them more productive and boosts feelings of



Girls outshine boys

- 67.16% students pass Inter exams
- TSWREIS students record 93.23 per cent pass

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In all, 67.16% of students cleared the second year Intermediate Public Examination, results of which were declared on Tuesday. Out of the 4,42,895 students who appeared for the second year examinations in general and vocational streams, 2,97,458 were successful.

5 SUICIDES IN TS, 3 FROM CITY

In just a few hours after the Intermediate Public Examination results were declared in Telangana, three students from Hyderabad and two from other districts died by suicide for either scoring low marks or failing in the exam. From Hyderabad, M Gautham Kumar (18), resident of Saifabad, committed suicide after scoring less marks in the exam. Another student, Tagore Hari (17) from Meerpet, ended life as he had failed. Kethavath Praveen (17) from Kadthal also ended life as he had failed in the exams. All the three students hanged themselves.



'Next big thing from TS'

O Innovation in start-up culture will come from Hyd: KCR

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vation will come from Hyderabad, said Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao while inaugurating the world's largest innovation center, T-Hub in Hyderabad on Tuesday. The chief minister said "The journey of T-Hub started as an idea 8 years ago when Telangana became the youngest state in India. At that time, we took a conscious decision that our state would consistently encourage innovation and entrepreneurship in a big way. We launched T-Hub in 2015, as a commitment to the decision. Today, 7 years later we are here to start our second phase of expansion, to build a resilient start-up ecosystem in India. We are only weeks away from celebrating the 75th anniversary of our country's independence, a major milestone in our history. At this junc-

The day is not far when the next

big breakthrough in start-up inno-



roadmap for our country about its future, especially to our youth."
CM KCR addressed that young India is an aspirational India. It wants to be challanged and seeks to compete globally. The start-up policy of Telangana has impacted over 2000 entrepreneurs and seen 1.19 Billion USD raised in funding by start-ups from T-Hub. Phase-1 of T-Hub showed that there is a huge appetite for entrepreneurship among the youth in India. Three years ago, the government decided to invest in the 2nd phase of T-Hub. The new facility is five times

bigger compared to the predeces-

sor.
"We want Telangans to be known as the start-up state of India. Our state's start-up ecosystem is valued as among the top 10 global ecosystems in affordable talent. It is among the top 15 startup ecosystems across Asia in attracting funds. In 2021, the startup ecosystem of Telangana was valued at 4.8 billion USD. Among cities in India, Hyderabad offeres the best standard of living and we want Hyderabad to be known as the start-up capital of India" the chief

"The journey of T-Hub started as an idea 8 years ago when Telangana became the youngest state in India.

A CREDIBLE ICON FOR INNOVATION: KTR

T-Hub, which leads India's innovation ecosystem, on Tuesday announced the inauguration of world's largest innovation campus in Hyderabad. Celebrating the spirit of entrepreneurship with the launch of new campus, the inauguration witnessed the presence of eminent dignitaries such as Chief Minister of the state, K Chandrashekar Rao, Principal Secretary of Industries and Commerce, Jayesh Ranjan and Minister of IT, Industries KT Rama Rao. KT Rama Rao said "over six years, T-Hub has become a credible icon from India across the world for entrepreneurship and innovation.



ONGC chopper crashes into sea, 4 dead

PNS NEW DELHI

A brand new Pawan Hans' Sikorsky chopper with 9 people on board crashed into the Arabian Sea, about 50 nautical miles from the Mumbai coast on Tuesday, killing four people -- including three ONGC employees. The helicopter, which was part of the six Sikorsky S-76D helicopters that Pawan Hans had recently leased from Milestone Aviation Group, was about 4-5 minutes away from its destination - ONGC's Sagar Kiran rig - when the incident took place, company officials with direct knowledge of the matter said. The chopper went down around 1145 hrs, just 1 nautical mile away from Sagar Kiran, but managed to stay afloat with the help of the attached floaters, helping rescuers pull out all the nine, including two pilots, after ONGC and Navy/Coast Guard scrambled in one of the fastest rescue missions in the western offshore.





Top Maoist Vanthala Ramakrishna held

In a prized catch, Vizag police arrested top gun Maoist, Pedabayalu-Korukonda Area Committee Secretary (ACS) Vanthala Ramakrishna alias Prabhakar was arrested by Pedabayalu police while he was proceeding from Kondrum to Injari of Pedabayalu, in Alluri Sitharamaraju district on Tuesday. He was involved in the sensational killing of the then Araku MLA, Kidari Sarveswara Rao and former MLA Siviri Soma. He was also involved in more than 124 different incidents from the exchange of fire, land mine blasts and also killings both in Odisha and Andhra Odisha Border (AOB) region.

the arrest of After Ramakrishna's supporters who worked under his supervision, 33 party members and 27 militia members including eight women, surrendered before Vizag range DIG S Harikrishna, and district SP S Sathish Kumar.



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HYDERABAD WEATHER

Forecast: Scattered showers **Temp:** 34° **Humidity:** 74% Sunrise: 5:38 AM Sunset: 6:44 PM

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KCR at Raj Bhavan after 9 months

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SNCN ACHARYULU HYDERABAD

In a significant development, Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao went to the Raj Bhavan on Tuesday after around nine KCR visited the Raj Bhavan was on October 11, 2021, to attend the

swearing-in ceremony of the High Court Chief Justice. Now, KCR visited the Raj Bhavan to attend the swearing-in ceremony of High Court Chief Justice Ujjal Bhuyan. In the last nine months between the swearing-in of Chief Justices Satish Chandra and Ujjal Bhuyan there were conflicts between the Raj Bhavan and



Pragathi Bhavan. Due to this, the public was interested in knowing whether KCR will attend the swearing-in of the Chief Justice or not. Finally, KCR attended the swearing-in of the Chief Justice respecting conventions.

KCR HOLDS THE KEY IN RELATIONS WITH RAJ BHAVAN Will the swearing-in ceremony of the

High Court Chief Justice help to revive cordial relations between the Raj Bhavan and Pragathi Bhavan? The visit of Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao to the Rai Bhavan on Tuesdav created about this in TRS circles, particularly TRS MLAs. After differences cropped up between the Raj Bhavan and Pragathi Bhavan KCR had stopped visiting the Governor. TRS MLAs know that due to the tussle between Raj Bhavan and Pragathi Bhavan, KCR had postponed his Cabinet reshuffle.



Tight security for Modi in Hyd **Curd**, paneer and

O Police to deploy 5,000 personnel

PNS HYDERABAD

The Hyderabad police have been making huge security arrangements for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's July 3 public meeting and for the BJP National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting.

The police department is going to deploy around 5,000 personnel to ensure the PM's security. The PM is staying in Hyderabad on July 2 and 3. The police are making three-phase security arrangements at the HICC Novotel Hotel and

Parade Grounds. Central forces will provide security to the PM along with SPG commandos. Two DCP rank officials from Cvberabad and Hyderabad would communicate with the SPG on security matters. Already, PMO officials

and senior SPG officials have spoken to the police and have been enquiring about security details. SPG teams would take over HICC, Parade Grounds and Raj Bhavan 48 hours before the PM's arrival.

honey to attract GST

PNS CHANDIGARH

Pre-packed and labelled food items like meat, fish, curd, paneer and honey will now attract GST, a tax that will also be levied on the fee that banks charge for the issue of cheques. This after the GST Council - the highest decision-making body on the levy of goods and services tax - accepted most of the recommendations of a group of ministers from states on withdrawing exemptions with a view to rationalising the levy, officials said. The panel headed by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and comprising representatives of all states and UTs, on the first day of the two-day meeting accepted the GoM's recommendation for reviewing the exemption from GST that packed and labelled food items currently get.



31 pc of RS MPs have criminal cases

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About 31 per cent of sitting Rajya Sabha MPs have declared criminal cases against themselves while the average assets of the Upper House members are Rs 79.54 crore, according to a report released by ADR-National Election Watch.

Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) and National Election Watch have analyzed the criminal, financial and other background details of 226 out of 233 sitting MPs.

In the current Rajya Sabha, one seat is vacant. Two MPs have not been analysed as their affidavits were unavailable and four seats of Jammu and Kashmir are undefined, the report

Of the 226 sitting Rajya Sabha MPs,



197 (87 per cent) are crorepatis' and the average assets per Rajya Sabha MP are

Rs 79.54 crore, the report said. Of 226 Rajya Sabha members, 71 (31 per cent) have declared criminal cases against themselves and 37 (16 per cent) have declared serious criminal

According to the report, two Rajya Sabha MPs have declared cases related to murder (IPC Section 302) and four MPs have declared cases related to attempt to murder (IPC Section

Four Rajya Sabha MPs have declared cases related to crimes against women and out of these four MPs, one namely K C Venugopal (Congress) from Rajasthan has declared case related to rape (IPC Section 376), the report said. According to the report, 20 (24 per cent) out of 85 Rajya Sabha MPs from BJP, 12 (39 per cent) out of 31 MPs from Congress, three (23 per cent) out of 13 from AITC, five (83 per cent) out of six from RJD, four (80 per cent) out of five from CPI(M), three (30 per cent) out of 10 from AAP, three (33 per cent) out of nine from YSRCP and two (50 per cent) out of four Rajya Sabha MPs from NCP have declared criminal cases against themselves in their affidavits



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Results of by-polls do not mirror real mood of people

hatever be the reason necessitating bypolls, the ruling party will usually have the last laugh. If the ruling party gets one lakh plus majority of votes over its nearest rival, it might be POINT seen as a comfortable

The case of the Atmakur Assembly segment that went to by-poll following the sudden death of the sitting legislator and a Minister in the Andhra Pradesh government is a bit peculiar. These days, widows of deceased legislators are deemed to be political heirs. There have been many instances of opportunity being provided to the wives of deceased members in the Telugu states. On some occasions, sons and daughters are considered to be successors of departed leaders. After the sudden death of Mekapati Goutam Reddy (son of former MP M. Rajamohan Reddy),

Jaganmohan Reddy, during his visit to the deceased member's house, offered YSRC party ticket to the wife of Gowtham Reddy and assured

her of a thumping victory. Both Jagan and his wife Bharati Reddy had jointly made this offer. But the family members of Gowtham Ŕeddy had their way and chose to make the younger brother of Gowtham Reddy as YSRC candidate for the Atmakur by-poll. The family members showed their aversion to the party falling back on their daughter-in-law for taking forward the legacy of the family. Normally, the Chief Minister's word is final in such matters. The Mekapati family succeeded in having their way in the selection of candidate for the Atmakur by-poll. All went well and the candidate emerged victorious

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with a majority of 82,000 votes, though party leaders and cadre had been confident of getting a majority of one lakh votes. The Atmakur bypoll was held without the participation of the principal opposition party on the understanding that, in the case of death of a Member of Legislative Assembly, the resultant by-polls should be held unopposed as per the 'custom' followed by political parties. Some say this practice only helps destroy the spirit of

democracy. The Telugu Desam Party showed its reluctance to participate in the Atmakur by-polls. But the Bharatiya Janata Party came forward to try its luck and lost its deposit. Losing deposit in any election is considered as the most humiliating defeat. Still, the BJP is crowing that it got a better tally of votes this time! The larger question is: What would have happened had TDP participated? In fact, the ruling YSRC did not get votes like on



was peaceful and completed by 5.00 pm sharp. The outcome of this by-poll would have been seen as a precursor to YSRCP retaining power in the 2024 General Election had the party won the seat by a majority of one lakh plus votes. The absence of TDP did not come in handy for the ruling party. Naturally the results of by-polls come in favour of the family of

some rare occasions, there could be a tilt towards the Opposition. In March 1997, during the regime of N. Chandrababu Naidu in the combined state of Andhra Pradesh, Naidu's cabinet colleague Gottipati Hanumanta Rao, holding the Civil Supplies portfolio, died of illness. His son, G. Narasaiah, got elected from the Martur Asssembly segment of Prakasam district, achieving one lakh plus majority. This victory had sent positive signals for the then government headed by Naidu.

The YSRC government is feeling the heat of its pro-

gramme of bringing its achievements to every doorstep, with legislators being cornered by people over many grievances. Few members are exempted from this mass contact programme. This is causing a lot of uneasiness among leaders of the ruling party, some of whom are losing their

deceased member. But on cool while facing irate members of the public. For example, a former minister (since dropped from the cabinet) recently reacted very seriously towards a youth for questioning him about the loans obtained by the AP government to the tune of Rs 8 lakh crores of rupees. The MLA issued a strong warning to that young man stating that it was unnecessary for the latter. He ordered the local inspector to file a criminal case against that youth for levelling corruption charges on him, after conducting an enquiry. This incident drew much criticism as questioning of the local MLA attracted such 'punishment' for a commoner. Pruning the list of beneficiaries of welfare schemes is also causing unrest among people. Continuous rise in prices of essential commodities is becoming unbearable for the poor and the middle class people. The by-polls for two Assembly segments of

and Kovur(Nellore district) in 1993 had created a sensation in the politics of AP in those days with the Congress as the ruling party. These by-polls had given signals to possible 'Tsumami' to be created by Telugu Desam Party in subsequent elections of 1994 in which then ruling Congress could not even get the status of principal opposition in the

The ruling YSRC, having expressed its resolve to be in power for 30 years, should power for 30 years, should have focused on getting major-ity of one lakh votes in Atmakur for sending positive signals to people. Now people excluded from the lists of lists of heneficiaries of various of beneficiaries of various schemes are sore. About 51,000 mothers are unhappy at being excluded from the prestigious 'Amma Vodi' scheme. Such incidents will have a negative impact on the government in the days to come.

Chiru gets invitation for PM's function in AP

PNS HYDERABAD

The Union Minister of Culture, Tourism and Development of North Eastern Region, G. Kishan Reddy, invited Chiranjeevi to Prime Minister Modi's programme on July 4 in Andhra Pradesh.

Kishan said in invite that on July 4 the country will be commemorating the 125th birth anniversary of revolutionary freedom fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju.

Alluri is revered across Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha and Karnataka as 'Manyam Veerudu' or 'Hero of Jungle' and is a household name in these states.

As part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, we have the opportunity to recognise the contributions of Alluri Sitarama Raju in uniting and training tribal communities of



the Madras Presidency to fight

against colonial powers. On July 4, Prime Minister Modi will be in Bhimavaram. The PM's schedule includes a public meeting at Pedamiram and unveiling the statue of Alluri Sitarama Raju in ASR

Nagar, Bhimavaram. requested Chiranjeevi to attend the programme at Bhimavaram on July 4.

Sanjay lashes out at KCR for ignoring PVN

BJP leader Bandi Sanjay lashed out at Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao for ignoring former Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao after using the latter's legacy for political gains.

Speaking to reporters on Tuesday after paying tributes to PVN on his 101th birth anniversary, Sanjay said that KCR was known for his use and throw policy.

Describing PVN as a polyglot, Sanjay said that it is a matter of pride that PV Narasimha Rao belongs to Telangana. He also said that PVN introduced economic reforms and always thought of the poor.

Reminding how KCR sang praises to the former prime minister, Sanjay said that he wouldn't pay respects on the leader's birth anniversary as there were no elections now. KCR even



promised Rs 100 crore for PV Ghat but nothing has been done, he added.

KCR has even forgot about the development of PVN's birthplace Vangara and the construction of a memorial, the MP said. He said that it is an insult to PV Narasimha Rao and his family to use his legacy for politi-

'PV gave lands to poor but TRS taking back'

PNS HYDERABAD

Former Prime Minister, the late PV Narasimha Rao, introduced land reforms and the Land Ceiling Act and gave land to the poor, TPCC President Revanth Reddy

He said that PVN is the reason why India is strong economically today. PVN's liberal policies enabled Indians to secure employment worldwide. PVN is a person who must be remembered by everyone,

He said that works on the PVN memorial in Vangara village have not reached the expected phase and demanded that the government should complete them fast. He said that the Congress always respected PVN's

Senior Congress leader V. Hanumantha Rao said that PVN distributed lands to the poor, but the TRS government is taking back the lands from the poor.

BJP committees going slow

K VENKATESHWARLU

The BJP has been getting ready for its National Executive Committee meeting being held on July 2 and 3. As part of it, the party has appointed 34 committees. But the committees have not yet acquired momentum in executing their allotted jobs. Many committees are still confused about what to do.

A media committee member told 'The Pioneer' on condition of anonymity that they do not know what was happening to the 34 committees. There is no coordination between the committees, he

"I have to know as to what was happening in the committees as a media committee member but I do not know what I have to do. I am not in

a position to give any information to the media although things will start from Wednesday onwards. The Vistaraks are coming to Hyderabad on June 29 evening and June 30 morning and they will go to their allotted Assembly constituency," he said. In fact, the BJP office staff has been doing the job of the media committee as usual.

Another leader said that the committees have been doing their allotted work perfectly but the only problem is that there is no coordination between them.

That is because the party and the steering committee have been giving directions to the committees separately, he said. The arrangements will not be affected as the committees are doing their work as directed by the party,

Refer Jubilee Hills rape to the CBI O KCR's niece urges Guv

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rs 45,000 crore from liquor Rao's niece and former Congress which indicates how high liquor requested Governor Dr Tamilisai Sounderarajan to refer the Jubilee Hills rape case to the CBI. Ramya met the Governor on Tuesday at the Raj Bhavan and submitted a memorandum. In her memorandum, Ramya said that rapes have become common in the state as Telangana has become a hub of the drug and liquor mafia. She said that Telangana's income is about Rs 1,35,000 crore during the last eight years, while the income from the Telangana region in united Andhra Pradesh was just Rs 10,000 crore per annum. In the

latest budget the TS government has estimated an income of sales are going to be in the cur rent fiscal, she said. The increasing pub culture in the city has been a big concern since 2014. In Hyderabad, there were only 30 pubs before 2014, but now the number has reached 100, she said. The number of liquor stores increased substantially after the formation of TS. Before 2014, in united AP there were 2,216 liquor stores in the Telangana region, but now there were 2,620 liquor stores, catering to the public in Telangana opening as early as 9 am and selling up to 11 pm officially and beyond unofficially, she added.

Tight security...

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The police have already discussed with PMO about the PM's minute-by-minute programme. The ÍMD has ed over its report for July 2 and 3 to the security team.

The police will also provide security to the 18 Chief Ministers and Union Ministers coming to Hyderabad to attend the NEC meeting. The police have kept additional forces ready for security.

It is learnt that the police have informed the BJP and the SPG that Raj Bhavan is not secure for the PM. It is also learnt that the police have asked the SPG to make the PM stay at the five-star Hotel Novotel.

TO MEET 5 MN TON GREEN HYDROGEN TARGET

'India needs 115 GW RE power, 50 bn litre water

PNS NEW DELHI

India will need 115 GW of renewable power generation capacity and 50 billion litres of demineralised water supply to achieve the goal of five million tonnes of green hydrogen by 2030, as per the EY India-SED Fund report.

In this decade, industrial feedstock-based applications will drive the demand for green hydrogen, a statement

Price parity between green and grey hydrogen production will determine the speed and scale of transition, said the EY-

Curd, paneer and honey...

KCR at Raj Bhavan...

Chief

SED Fund report titled Economy', released at the CII's conference on 'Green New Energy for a Net Zero India' in Bengaluru.

The report highlights that India's ambition to produce 5 million tonnes of green hydrogen by 2030 will need 115 GW of renewable power genera-tion capacity and 50 billion litres of demineralised water supply.

To get a sense of this scale, the current all-India installed capacity of renewable power generation is 113 GW as of May 2022.

Tailor murdered over 'insult to Islam', tension in Udaipur

Monday, saying in a video post on social media that they are avenging an insult to Islam and triggering communal tension in the Rajasthan city.

Additional police force was deployed in the city as Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot appealed for calm.

In a video clip posted online, one of the purported assailants declared that they had beheaded the man and then threatened Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying their knife will get

Indirectly, the assailants Two men slit the throat of a referred to Nupur Sharma, from the party over a remark on Prophet Mohammad. The tailor was recently

arrested by the local police over some remarks made on social media by him.

The assailants entered his shop in the city's Dhan Mandi area posing as customers. As the tailor took the measurements of one of them -- who later identified himself as Riaz - attacked him with a cleaver. The other man shot the brutal murder with his mobile

TS launches 'Rythu Bandhu'

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

The Telangana government on Tuesday launched support scheme for farmers, an official release said.

State Agriculture Minister S Niranjan Reddy said on the first day Rs 586.65 crore was deposited in the bank accounts of as many as 19.98 farmers across Telangana covering 11.73 lakh acres.

Telangana is the only state in the country that provides investment assistance to farmers while none of the national parties such as the BJP and Congress ever implemented it in states ruled by them, Reddy said.

Girls outshine...

This year's Telangana Intermediate examinations results were declared by Education Minister Sabita Indra Reddy. The results have hosted https://tsbie.cgg.gov.in, results.cgg.gov.in and examresults.ts.nic.in.

At 75.28, girls' pass percentage was far ahead of boys' pass percentage of 59.21. The pass percentage of first year students stood at 63.32, including the general and vocational

Minister for SCDD Koppula Eshwar and Ronald Rose, Secretary of the Social Residential Welfare Educational Institutions Society (TSWREIS), congratulated TSWREIS students for achieving outstanding results in the junior and senior Intermediate public exams. He also hailed the efforts put in by teachers.

CHICKEN RATES ₹/KG

RETAIL PRICE

₹225 Dressed/With Skin Without Skin ₹235 Broiler at Farm ₹200



₹4.84

A credible...

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Telangana government's progressive start-up policies and ease of business environment have flourished into strong partnerships with global corporations and academics. The idea of T-Hub started as an incubation center is now the world's largest innovation hub that has scaled up over 1000 start-ups and aims to further impact thousand more startups in the near future"

curd, paneer, honey, dried leguminous vegetables, dried makhana, wheat and other cereals, wheat or meslin flour, jaggery, puffed rice (muri), all goods and organic manure and coir pith compost will not be exempted from GST and will now attract a 5 per cent

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The Governor, Dr

Tamilisai Soundararajan,

administered the oath of

office to Ujjal Bhuyan as the

Chief Justice of the High

Court. KCR was seated to the

left of the Governor on the

Before the swearing-in, the

Governor, Dr Tamilisai

Soundararajan, Minister K. Chandrasekhar

So pre-packed and labelled

meat (except frozen), fish,

Similarly, an 18 per cent GST will be levied on fee charged by banks for the issue of cheques (loose or in book form). Maps and charts including atlases will attract a 12 per cent levy. Goods that are unpacked, unlabelled and unbranded will continue to remain exempt from GST.

Besides, a 12 per cent tax on hotel rooms below Rs 1,000/day will be levied, as against a tax exemption cur-

Rao and the Chief Justice

designate, Ujjal Bhuyan, had

a chit-chat for a few minutes

in the Raj Bhavan durbar

hall. The picture released by

the Raj Bhavan and the CMO

shows Governor Dr Tamilisai

Soundararajan and the Chief

justice désignate, Ujjal

Bhuyan, sitting close to each

other and Chief Minister K.

Chandrasekhar Rao sitting a

little away from the

Governor.

GST rate rationalisation is important to boost the weighted average GST rate that has fallen to 11.6 per cent, against 14.4 per cent at the time of launch. The GST Council also recommended a correction in the inverted duty structure for a host of items, including edible oil, coal, LED lamps, printing/ drawing ink, finished leather and solar water heater.

KCR HOLDS THE KEY...

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The TRS MLAs who are hoping for Cabinet berths now hope that the gulf between the Raj Bhavan and Pragathi Bhavan may end and KCR will reshuffle his Cabinet. While those hoping for a Cabinet berth are happy with the latest development, the Ministers who may lose Cabinet berths are unhappy.

5 suicides... Continued from page 1

The three cases were reported from the three Commissionerates in the city.In Khammam district, two Intermediate first year students died by suicide soon after the results were released on Tuesday. Srikonda Sai (17) of Kusumanch, Khammam was a student at JVR Junior College. Seeing that he had failed in three subjects, Sai jumped into an open well near the village and died. In a similar incident, K Sathi Babu of Kothagudem district hanged himself at his home after failing in the exam.

ONGC chopper... Continued from page 1

Four of the nine pulled out were unconscious and airlifted in a Navy chopper to a hospital in Mumbai, where they were declared dead, an official said. Three of the dead are employees of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), the state-owned firm.

Top Maoist Vanthala... Committee Secretary.

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Vanthala Ramakrishna, 35, a PTG was the resident of Kondrum village, Injari Panchayath, Pedabayalu mandal of Alluri Sitharamaraju District. With the inspiration of CPI

(Maoist) Party leader Bhupathi, he joined as a militia member for Kondrum village and since then he has worked as Dalam member, party member, Area Committee Member and Area

He moved along with the Maoist party in Malkangiri, Koraput, East Godavari and Alluri Sitharamaraju districts

which lie in the Andhra-Odisha Special Zonal Committee area (AOBSZC) and recruited many militia members. He conducted meetings in the name of 'Praja Courts' and frightened the local people by killing innocent tribals, branding them as police informers, said DIG

60 Maoist Dalam members give up

Harikrishna.

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After the arrest of Pedabayalu-Korukonda Area Committee Secretary (ACS) Vanthala Ramakrishna alias Prabhakar, his supporters who had worked under his supervision, 33 party members and 27 militia members, including eight women, sur-

DIG S Harikrishna, and district SP S Sathish Kumar on Tuesday.

They belonged to the interior and Maoist-affected tribal villages Kondrum, Thagupadu, Jumadam, Nanubari and Jadiguda. All of them joined the ultras and worked as party members and militia members.

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HMDA bid to preserve 3,532 tanks in 7 districts





People wade through the water-logged roads due to heavy rain in Hydreabad on Tuesday

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Hereafter encroachment of tank beds is not going to be easy. Even if someone picks up courage and builds houses in tank beds, the house-owner should live under tension not knowing when the authorities will pull down the structure. The HMDA efforts to preserve the tanks for posterity have reached the final stage. It has identified a total of 3,532 tanks in seven districts and undertook a gigantic task of surveying them fully. After surveying, the boundaries of the tanks and their full-tank levels (FTL) are going to be fixed soon. So far,

FTL has been fixed for 3,114 tanks. Foolproof measures are being implemented giving no room for tampering with the FTL. A notification has been issued identifying the FTL of these tanks. In respect of 2,436 tanks, preliminary notification has been issued, and for 230 tanks final notification has been issued. Objections if any are not entertained for the 230 tanks for which the final notification has been issued. The HMDA officials said that final notification for all tanks would be issued in the next six months. Many tanks have been shrunk with the encroachment of tank beds. The FTL of

the tanks has been marked taking into consideration the National Remote Sensing Agency maps for 1992, 2002 and 2012. The Survey of India toposheets and revenue maps have been consulted. The FTL has been fixed as the officials adopted an aggressive and comprehensive approach giving no room for omissions and commissions. Survey by the authorities indicated that the surrounding area of Bathuka mma Kunta has been encroa ched on a large scale. All arou nd Bandaraviryala tank, there are illegal constructions taken up by the VIPs from political and tollywood circles.

Corporate bodies, NGOs to develop 82 lakes

he Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) is giving top priority for the preservation and beautification of lakes in the city. Under Mission Kakatiya, the GHMC undertook the preservation and beautification of lakes and diversion of sewerage thereby taking steps in providing pollution-free water bodies. GHMC officials said that there are about 185 lakes and tanks in Hyderabad, It is developing these water bodies on a priority basis. Corporate bodies and non-governmental organizations are coming forward to adopt lakes for the purpose. So far 25 lakes have been adopted for development under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) by people or organizations concerned to develop the lakes. The beautification work is going on in 10 lakes under CSR and is in different stages. It would be completed very shortly. Under Mission Kakativa, works were undertaken for 19 lakes, out of 63 lakes under the beautification programme, 43 lakes works were completed, and the remaining are under different stages of progress.

Syllabus reduction has no impact on Inter results

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After two years of successfully avoiding board exams due to Covid, the second year batch and immediate first year batch of Intermediate had appeared for examinations. It clearly indicates drop percentage compared to 100 per cent last year; the board registered an overall pass percentage of 63.32 per cent in Intermediate first year and 67.16 per cent in Intermediate second year.

However, the reasons attributed by both the lecturers and students get the spotlight because teachers expected the results of virtual classes. They opined that online classes were not worthy for main course subjects.

One of the teachers, Devender said, "It was and will be a tough task to understand the status of the students while taking online classes, I could personally see only 10 to 15 students in my class initially when we had virtual classes due to the third wave. These classes can help in the revision but the complete syllabus or half of it online was a doubt for all of us."

Since there was a break and closure of colleges announced due to Covid, the syllabus was reduced to 70 per cent and the government also introduced more choice-based questions.

Another teacher Sunitha says, "It is obvious that students did not study.



Top State rankers felicitated

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The students of Resonance Junior Colleges, Hyderabad have created history by an unprecedented performance the Telangana Intermediate results. The state rankers were felicitated by the director, Resonance Centres, Hyderabad Purnachandra Rao. In all, 102 students are ranked among the top five State ranks, 344 students ranked within 10 State ranks and 96 per cent of the students cleared the Intermediate

The list of Top rankers from Resonance Junior Colleges, Hyderabad is Senior MPC toppers-2022 are Navya Vatturi, Kukatpally Branch (988 marks), Kanchireddy Sriya, Kukatpally Branch (986 marks), Senior BiPC t6oppers are Pokala Bhavana Srilaxmi, Chanakya Branch (984 marks) and Gaikwad Kushitha, Chanakya Branch (980 marks), Junior MPC toppers are Abhinav Ram Chinta, Kukatpally Branch (467 marks) Mohammad Abdus Sami, Kukatpally Branch (467 marks), Junior BiPC toppers are E. Raja Kumar, Chanakya Campus (436 marks), Saridevi Sai Amrutha Varshini, Chanakya campus (436 marks), Thodem Sree Vighna, Chanakya campus (436 marks), Nagulapally Srikar Reddy, Chanakya campus (436 marks), Chlamakuri Praneeth Sai, Chanakya campus (436 marks).

TET results to be out on July 1



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Telangana State Teachers Eligibility Test (TET) results-2022 were earlier expected to be declared on June 27, 2022. However, Minister for Education Sabitha Indra Reddy has instructed officials to release the results on July 1. They can be checked on tstet.cgg.gov.in. The qual-ifying marks for candidates in the general category is about 60 per cent and above. Backward Classes need to score at least 50 per cent and above, whereas for candidates from the SC, ST and differently-abled categories, the qualifying marks is 40 per cent.

Conjoined twins in Telangana pass Intermediate exam

In a laudable achievement, conjoined twins from the city, Veena and Vani, on Tuesday passed the two-year Intermediate (11th and 12th standard) examination.

The results of the exam held last month by the Telangana State Board of Intermediate Education were announced today. The conjoined twins, who stay at a state-run children's home here, passed the exam with 'B' Grade, official sources said.

They studied Economics, Commerce and Political Science (Civics), besides English and Telugu in

Examination was specially conducted for them at the children's home where they stay, the sources said, adding that they are tutored at the home itself. They had complet-



Women and Child Welfare Minister Satyavati Rathod appreciated the conjoined twins for their feat and assured them of government help in the future as well. Veena and

their heads conjoined, to poor parents. Efforts by different doctors to perform a surgery to separate them have been unsuccessful due to various

Focus on healthcare sector for future

Medtech is transforming the healthcare sector for the future. The healthcare sector in India as well as the world is not technology driven, but the use of technology helps in providing better services to the people.

Founder and CEO, Nephroplus, Vikram Vuppala, said, "We are a hardcore healthcare delivery company with dialysis centres across the country. We use technology in predicting the demand through which we manage our supply chain. We also use technology to work with our supply partners."

In the healthcare sector, the

job at the end of the day is done by a doctor or by a medical professional but with technology in their hands, it becomes an easy

Co-founder of Prystyn Care, medtech companies are changing the face of the health sector. If we look at corporate hospitals, every major hospital in the country is doing a surgery in a very advanced way, through use of



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and hyper-personalised said the founder and CEO of Medplus, Madhukar Gangadi. He said that the issue orf warehousing was where he lacked in the beginning but today because of technology, his organization has

robotics and high-tech machines. moved up. Another medtech " ealthcare is continous, holistic company based in India is Remidio phone- based nephropathy and neuropathy. They created an add-on accessory which can be put up on a smartphone and it can detect health issues in the

Docs protest non-payment of salaries

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Tension prevailed outside the office of the Director of Medical Education (DME) in Hyderabad on Tuesday after senior resident doctors from the state staged a protest over non-payment of salaries. Senior doctors who have been working in Telangana for the last eight months have expressed concern that they have not received salaries. They have been raising their voice since the last few days but on Tuesday, the Telangana Senior Resident Doctors Association (TSRDA) protested outside the DMÉ statement said, "We had already brought to your notice regarding the pending stipend. There was no response in spite of repeated reminders.

Master class on 'Regulation-Boon or Bane?'

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A master class on regulation was conducted on Tuesday, on the occasion of the inauguration of the world's largest innovation campus in Hyderabad. The master class on

'Regulation - Boon or Bane?' was conducted by Avinash Godkhindi, the MD and CEO of Zaggle and Rajiv Gupta, the President of Policy Bazaar. The master class intended to

discuss whether regulation was a boon or bane. Both speakers expressed their ideas about the subject using PowerPoint and examples of companies' successful and failed strategies.

They shared their experiences of working in the industry and spoke about the policies that were implemented in recent times and also discussed the change in the Indian market



and the scope of start-ups. They ended the session with a question-and-answer round. Many entrepreneurs attended the ses

Mr Avinash Godkhindi, the MD and CEO of Zaggle said, "One of the things many people forget is that regulation acts essentially as a tax. There is a cost to regulation and there is a benefit to society from regulations. The way I describe regulation is that it is a 'necessary evil.' The regulation provides roots of engagement and a framework in which an ecosystem can operate. This is true for multiple industries and multiple environments. You have competition commissions,

environmental regulations, and

every place where there is potential to scale up a business; you need regulation. It is a framework for how that particular industry or community will operate. The other significant role of regulation is to protect the weaker sections of society." Mr Rajiv Gupta, the President of Policy Bazaar said, "I was fortunate to be a part of the insurance industry from 2002 when there was only LIC. After the private sector came into the picture there was a lot of miss-selling. People promised double returns. That is when we realised that a regulator had to be in place in the system so that consumers do not get cheated, especially the weaker sections whose money was being looted. I would say insurance regulations have been

1,692 Bandlaguda flats allotted on day 2

PNS ■ HYDERABAD: The Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA), in collaboration with Telangana Rajiv Swagruha Corporation Limited (TRSCL), allotted 1,692 flats out of a total of 1,895 flats on the second day. The allotment was successfully completed in all the 12 categories of first preference 13,756 applicants of Bandlaguda for a total 1,895 flats. Flats confirmed for allotment are 1,692. The allotment was done in a transparent manner by drawl of lots which was streamed online on YouTube and Facebook. Aadhaar was the basis for allotment of flats to the applicants to ensure that multiple flats are not allotted to single Aadhaar. According to HMDA officials, 179 flats of the category of '1BHK 5th & above floor' are left over which will be allotted among second preference applicants in the same manner. The arrangements are underway for allotment of 343 flats in 3BHK Deluxe category from 16,679 applicants of Bandlaguda on Wednesday. The drawal of lots will be conducted in a transparent manner.

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peration Muskaan from July 1 in Telangana

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Operation Muskaan-VIII will be conducted in Telangana from July 1 to July 31, a senior police official said here on Tuesday.

Tracing of missing children, bonded/child labour, rescue of street children, beggars and trafficked children is the duty of those who are going to participate in the operation, Additional Director General of Police, Women Safety Wing, Swati Lakra, said while addressing a virtual convergence meeting on Operation Muskaan-VIII with stakeholders.

Lakra noted that these issues would be handled with care and compassion. The menace of child/bonded labour, child trafficking has many ramifications on the society. The rescued children should be provided good education, working skills to make them self-reliant, she said adding only then, they would be able to lead their lives with dignity and respect in the

While reiterating the importance of the programme, Lakra sought all the stakeholders of Operation Muskaan to work in better coordination with

each other in order to realise

the objectives of the pro-The main objective was to

discuss the strategies for tracing missing children, bonded/child labour, rescue of street children, beg-

gars and child trafficking under month long Operation Muskaan-VIII Programme, a release said.

ages that the rescued children have to be reunited with their families or sent to the Child Care Institutions or other hostels and the rescued children (boys and girls) would be admitted in the specialised schools in coordination Education Department. D Divva, Commissioner and Special Secretary to Women Development and Child Welfare Department, B Sumathi, DIG, Women Safety Wing, were among other officials, who participated in the meeting, the release added

The programme envis-



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TRS, Congress tie-up certain in 2023 TS polls, says Arvind

The BJP Lok Sabha member representing Nizamabad Dharmapuri Arvind has stated that he is waiting for the Bharath Rashtriya Samithi (BRS) to come on the scene as early as possible as that will end the TRS.

He said the presidential election is the first step in the coming alliance between the Congress and the TRS. He said that he was 100 per cent sure that the Congress and the TRS will contest elections together in 2023 and added that the leaders who join the Congress would face problems

He alleged that the TRS



Working President KT Ramarao has been telling lies about Central funds supposed to come to Telangana. He said that the BJP's ideology is 100

per cent dangerous to the TRS and so TRS leaders have been trying to sling mud at the BJP. Reacting to a question about

the ED probe against Rahul

CBI had probed Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Amit Shah too.

Speaking to the media on Tuesday at the BJP state office, Arvind asked KCR to tell about the condition of his BRS. He exuded confidence that the BJP is going to win with a twothirds majority.

He asked TRS leaders, who

have been describing the PM and other BJP leaders as political tourists if they visit Telangana to explain what will they call KCR if he goes to Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and other states. He addressed a letter to KCR asking him to appoint Poorna as the ambassador of Telangana. He said that it will field an ST woman as its presidential candidate but it did so. But KCR did not give a chance to a Dalit to become the Chief Minister although he had promised it.

He said that KCR is supporting non-ST candidates although the BJP has fielded a ST woman in the presidential polls. He said that KCR had gnored the state's SC, ST commission.

Arvind said the Railway Coach Factory would have been completed years ago if the government had allotted land for it. It is shameful on the part of the TRS, which had failed to allot land, to speak about divisive issues, he added.

HC rejects Eshwar's plea to reject Laxman's petition

The Telangana High Court has dismissed the petition filed by the Minister of Welfare, Koppula Eshwar, urging the HC to reject the petition filed by Adluri Laxman challenging his election.

During the 2018 Assembly elections, Koppula Eshwar of the TRS and Adluri Laxman from the Congress contested from Dharmapuri constituency in Jagtial district.

Adluri Laxman approached the High Court in 2019 alleging that the election authorities had announced that Eshwar won the election without counting EVMs and VVPATs and that it is against the Public Representatives Act. Koppula Eshwar approached the High Court urging the HC to reject

Laxman's petition as the petition did not show valid reasons. After listening to the arguments of both sides, the High Court dismissed the petition of Koppula Eshwar. The High

Speaking to the media at the Gandhi Bhavan on Tuesday, Laxman said that the then Collector had announced that he had lost the election by 400 votes without listening to his

Court will take up the trial very

plea that there was a mistake in counting three EVMs.

The Collector did not heed his appeal for recounting, he said. "Then I approached the High Court with the evidence I had," he said and asked Eshwar to explain why he did not

accept the recounting plea. Laxman said that he was hoping that the High Court will order recounting. He asked Eshwar to accept the recounting plea if he had any sincerity.

Two school-going students mowed down by tractor

PNS MEDAK

Two school-going students were killed in a road accident at Rangampet village under Kulcharam mandal in the district on Tuesday. The accident happened when a tractor knocked them down. Another stu-

injuries in the accident. The deceased were identified as Shivaipally Jaswanth (15), a ninth class student, and Turpatla Rajinikanth (13), an eighth-class student. Ram

dent suffered serious

Charan was injured in the accident. A tractor allegedly knocked the students down fatally when they were on

their way to Social Welfare Residential Hostel from the Zilla Parishad High School at Rangampet. While Jaswanth died on the spot, Rajnikanth died

while undergoing treat-ment in Area Hospital Medak an hour later. Meanwhile, Charan was battling for life. The Kulcharam Police have registered a case.

'Punish forest officials who hit Adivasi women'

Bakka Judson alleged that on June 27, forest

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AICC member Bakka Judson has appealed to the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) to take action against the forest guards who attacked Adivasi women and to inspect the podu lands as forest guards are attacking Adivasis when they till the

He also appealed to the NCST to ask the Telangana Government to issue title deeds to the Podu farmers.

In his appeal, Judson said that when Adivasis took out a march to the Chief Minister's Office named 'Chalo Pragathi Bhavan' from Ramannagudem

guards attacked Adivasi women Ravva Bhime, Sode Santhi, Ravva Jogi, Sodi Sukudi in the Bendalapadu village of Chandrugonda Mandal in the Bhadradri Kothagudem district.

village in the Ashwaraopet Mandal of Bhadradri Kothagudem district to get their long-standing problems regarding Podu lands solved, the police lathi-charged and took them into custody on June 27.

In another incident, forest guards rounded up Adivasi women and started beating them while they were tilling the lands. The forest guards assaulted the Adivasi women using belts and they were injured in the attack, Judson

He alleged that on June 27, forest guards attacked Adivasi women Ravva Bhime, Sode Santhi, Ravva Jogi, Sodi Sukudi in the Bendalapadu village of Chandrugonda Mandal in the Bhadradri Kothagudem dis-

He said that in 2006, the then Congress Government had issued title deeds to the Adivasis for podu lands which they had been cultivating for 25 years. After the formation of . Telangana the Adivasis are not being allowed to cultivate the lands.

On October 6, 2021, Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao said the state government will start receiving claims for the assignment of podu lands from October 3, 2021, but that was not done.

The NCST registered the

KCR to provide crop investment subsidy: Harish

PNS HYDERABAD

Finance Minister Harish Rao tweeted on Tuesday that Chief Minister K. Chandra sekhar Rao is determined to provide crop investment subsidy on time even though the Centre has created hurdles in

its path.
"Rs 586.66 crore has been deposited as crop invest-ment subsidy in the bank accounts of 19,98,285 lakh farmers owning an acre on the very first day of the Rythu Bandhu Scheme in Telangana. It is not just num-

bers but a shining example of the CM's commitment to farmers. The TRS Govt will deposit Rs 5,000 in the 68.10 lakh bank accounts of farmers. Rs 7,521 crore will be given as crop investment subsidy. In spite of the Centre creating hurdles, KCR is determined to provide crop investment subsidies on time. The farming community is all praise for us. If rains are nature's gift to farmers, Rythu Bandhu is the farmers' ray of hope from the TRS Govt. This Govt is for farmers and is run by a farmer's son."

Yadadri temple nets Rs 68.55 lakh in a week

PNS YADADRI-BHONGIR

Sri Yadadri Lakshmi narsimha Swamy temple received Rs 68.55 lakh during the last seven days. The hundi counting was taken up by temple staff on the hill shrine on Tuesday. A total of Rs 68,55,927 lakh cash was received through hundi collections for the last seven days, according to the temple Executive Officer N Geetha. In addition to is as much as 96 of gold and 1.2 kilograms of silver were also received. Foreign currency - 426 dollars, six Singapore pounds, 10 Australia dollars and 325 UAE dinars were among the hundi collection.

TS develops educational hub in Gajwel constituency

PNS SANGAREDDY

The Telangana State Education Infrastructure Development Corporation (TSEWIDC) developed the Education Hub in Gajwel constituency. It is all set to emerge as a model project.

Under the State government's kindergarten to PG free education initiative, TSEWIDC has constructed several blocks and established sixth to post graduation institutes on the campus. Apart from government schools, KGBVs, Model School,

ernment degree college and postgraduate college came up on the campus. The government made it very clear that the medium of

the institutes. Such a vast com-

plex has come up only in Telangana State. The State government allocated Rs 146.28 crore to take up these works and TSEWIDC executed the project. Following the success of

Gajwel initiative, the State government is proposing to set up similar hubs in other districts. The various blocks which house classrooms, dining halls, libraries and labs have been constructed on a par with interna-tional standards with a total built-up area of over 4.58 lakh square feet.

A 1,200-student capacity students from different standards can avail themselves of the science labs established in these hubs. In addition to the regular course curriculum, coaching instruction is English and only classes are conducted for stuthe State syllabus is adopted in dents appearing for different competitive examinations.

People urged to celebrate **Bakrid in peace**

PNS NALGONDA

District Collector Rahul Sharma on Tuesday appealed to the people to celebrate Bakrid festival in a peaceful atmosphere. The Collector was speaking at the peace committee meeting here. Speaking on the occasion,, the Collector directed the Revenue and Municipal officials to make all arrangements for the devotees to celebrate the festival. He directed the authorities to provide itation, electricity, and other infrastructure facilities District Superintendent of Police Rema Rajeshwari said that security measures would be tightened to ensure peace. She warned of strong action against troublemakers.

Governor lauds AIIMS for providing quality healthcare Tamilisai Soundararajan visited AIIMS, Bibinagar on Tuesday

PNS ■ BHONGIR

Of all the AIIMS, the AIIMS at Bibinagar, near Hyderabad, has occupied the number one position in providing better healthcare to the rural people, lauded Telangana Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan on Tuesday.

Addressing a meeting at the AIIMS-Bibinagar conference hall here, she felt very happy to have visited the AIIMS and said that she visited the healthcare facility treating it as her responsibility, immediately the college. She praised AIIMS for encouraging normal deliveries on a large scale, without giving importance to delivery through C-section, and giving priority to the Covid-19 vaccination programme. Earlier, she inaugurated a skill lab in



the AIIMS. In connection with her visit, she released Operation Swasthya, the surgical journey and Anusandhaan.

AIIMS director Vikas Bhatia said that AIIMS is ahead of other institutions offering var-

sports complexes, he said the

work on the project should be

undertaken immediately and completed by July 20. Sharat asked the officials to achieve

a 100 per cent target as far as

the Mahatma Gandhi

ious treatment facilities and requisitioning various equipment needed by the institute. He sought the Governor's support for the same. Later, she planted saplings on the premises of the AIIMS and visited

some wards in the institute and expressed satisfaction. Bhongir District Collector Pamela Satpathy, DCP Narayana Reddy, AIIMS PRO Syamala, AIIMS students and staff took part in the event.

Condition of Minority Residential School students stable

PNS ■ SIDDIPET

The condition of Minority Residential School students, who took ill after having lunch on Sunday, remained stable, according to officials here on Tuesday. It is suspected that the students fell ill due to food poisoning.

Siddepet Government Hospital Superintendent Kishore Kumar, District Medical and Health Officer Kasinath and Medical Council member Sairam, told reporters that the food taken by the students was sent to the laboratory for analysis. Kishore Kumar said the condition of all

the students remained stable and they were out of danger. He told the parents of the students that there was nothing to worry. The students would be discharged within 24 hours.

Minister for Health T Harish Rao, who came to know of the incident, directed the hospital doctors to provide the best medical treatment to the students. He has been monitoring the situation, the officials said

State Medical Council member Sairam called for stringent action against those responsible for the incident. An inquiry has been ordered into the incident, he said.

Plant 100 crore saplings: Collector to officials

PNS SANGAREDDY

District Collector A Sharat on Tuesday made it clear that the district administration has set a target of planting one crore saplings during the Haritha Haram programme.

Speaking at a review meeting here, the Collector directed the officials to ensure that the programme would achieve 100 per cent success. He was holding a review meeting with Mandal Parishad Officers, Development Mandal Parishad Officers and the officials concerned. He reviewed the progress of several programmes, including village sport complexes,



Sangareddy Collector A Sharat at a review meeting in Sangareddy on Tuesday

labour achievement and Palle Prakruti. Sharat asked the officials to ensure that green cover is increased in villages during the Haritha Haram programme. More saplings should be planted in villages, he told the officials. The village must flourish with greenery, he observed. Avenue plantations should be at least 8 feet high. He wanted the officials to erect 'welcome' and 'thank you' boards in every village.

the Collector instructed the officials to complete the works by July 28. As for the village

paid Rs 175. Additional On Palle Prakruthi Vanalu, Ellaiah, DRDO Srinivas Rao,

National Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGN-ERGS). He stressed the importance of ensuring that labourers get minimum wages. Each worker engaged in the MGNERGS should be Collector Rajarshi Shah, Zilla Parishad Chief Executive officer

DPO Suresh Mohan and oth-

Meghna secures 3rd rank, Sai Sravani 4th rank in Inter exams

PNS WARANGAL

Gudikandulu Meghna secured third state rank in the intermediate first year examinations, the results of which were announced on Tuesday. She hailed from Koppuru village. She had earlier studi9ed 10th class at Gurukul School. She scored 435 in the first year Intermediate examinations.

Meanwhile, Gunda Sai Sravani secured the state fourth rank in the Intermediate public examination.

1000. In the first year, she



scored 466 marks out of 470 and ranked second at the state level. Sravani worked hard aiming to get the first rank but was disappointed She scored 987 out of upon scoring the fourth

Floral tributes paid to P V Narasimha Rao

PNS JAYASHANKAR **BHUPALAPALLY**

Former minister D Sridhar Babu has lauded P V Narasimha Rao for introducing economic reforms at a time when global economy was on the decline and paved the way for the growth of the country and described him as a great

leader. He paid floral tributes to PV at a meeting held at his camp office in Manthani on Tuesday in connection with the latter's birth anniversary. He garlanded the portrait of PV Narasimha Rao and paid tributes to the great leader.

Globally renowned PV Narasimha Rao, represented



Congress MLA D Sridhar Babu pays tributes to former prime minister P V Narasimha Rao in Manthani, Jayashankar Bhupalapally district on Tuesday

Manthani area in legislative State Cabinet, then as the CM Assembly four times. His of undivided Andhra Pradesh, growth as a minister in the union minister and PM was a great pride to the people of the

PV did not compromise on economic reforms, he said, pointing out how he started special residential school during his stint as Education Minister. He strengthened education system by providing better education to the poor, weaker sections and Backward Classes students of the residential schools. Similarly, PV was responsible for starting

Navodaya Schools. PV Narasimha Rao successfully implemented all aspects included in Rajiv Gandhi's election manifesto as PM of the country. Calling him as a visionary, Sridhar Babu said PV led the country

on the road to development with his economic reforms. In spite of his high status, he was always humble. In spite of a polyglot, he never stopped learning. Another notable achievement of his was introduction of the Land Ceiling Act and distribution of the surplus land among the landless poor and weaker sections. He appealed to the people to strive to implement his ideals and vowed to implement them.

Kisan Congress State coordinator Sasi Bhushan Kaache, Block Congress party president Tirupati Yadav, Manthani Congress party president Seggem Rajesh and others were present.

'PV is modern builder of India'

PNS WARANGAL

ers were present.

Government Chief Whip Dasyam Vinay Bhaskar on Tuesday paid floral tributes to P V Narasimha Rao by garlanding his statue at Hanamkonda bus station junction in connection with PV's birth anniversary.

He described PV as the modern builder of the country and the proud son of Telangana soil for he introduced economic reforms when the country was passing through a difficult situa-

Besides the reforms in the economic sphere, he laid down the atomic policy and foreign policy of the country. He achieved qualitative devel-



Government Chief Whip Dasyam Vinay Bhaskar and TRS leaders paying tributes to former prime minister P V in Hanamkonda on Tuesday

opment in matters of internal security. Further, he was responsible for multiplying the country's wealth.

The action plan for development of Telangana, being implemented by Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao, set an example for the

whole country to emulate, he said. PV proved that the vision of the Telangana leadership will show a path to the nation, he said, adding that he and other TRS leaders will derive inspiration from PV and forge ahead under the leadership of KCR.

Thirty-seven inmates of jail near Patna test Covid positive

early 40 inmates of the Beur Central Prison on the outskirts of the Bihar capital have tested positive for COVID-19, an official said on Tuesday. According to jail superintendent Jitendra Kumar, mass testing was ordered after one of the inmates, a former MLA, tested positive for the infection last week. "Ex-MLA Ranveer Yadav had developed symptoms Rapid antigen test report was positive. Subsequently, mass testing was ordered. More than

800 inmates underwent RT-PCR test on Saturday and Sunday. Reports came out yesterday with 37 of them testing positive", the jail superintendent told PTI-Bhasha. The former MLA has since been shifted to a hospital while the other inmates who have tested positive were kept in an isolation ward inside the jail, Kumar said. The state has been reporting more than 100 cases for the past few days, more than half of these in the capital district. The state's active caseload had on Monday reached 774, according to the health department.



78 pc of institutions to adopt hybrid exam model: Report

here is a high preference for a hybrid test format even after the Covid-19-related disruptions, with about 78 per cent of the institutions surveyed plan to adopt the model, according to a report. A higher number of educators (78 per cent) in India are willing to incorporate digital into their exam preferences in 2022, given that there is a balance between center-based exams and remote online assessments, according to Mercer I Mettl annual 'The State of Online Examinations Report 2022'. The State of Online Examinations Report 2022 is based on data

collected from over 150 deans, HODs, professors, and other important stakeholders across the country. The report further revealed that 75 per cent of the respondents prefer the ease of administration, scheduling and coordination offered by the online mode. According to the report, 72 per cent of respondents believe that online exams have improved their overall exam experience and 60 per cent would prefer the online model for semester exams, certifications and distance learning courses.



Edu Secretary calls for incorporating study of PM Gati Shakti scheme

nion Education Secretary Sanjay Murthy on Tuesday called for incorporating study of PM Gati Shakti scheme in academic programs. "The need of the hour is that academic institutions realise the importance of this Government of India initiative. Academic institutions have the power to play a significant role in bringing change through quality knowledge

dissemination and relevant researches in logistics and infrastructure sectors, Murthy said. He was addressing an online workshop on "Leveraging Satellite communication, Geoinformatics, and Geospatial technology for urban planning and to promote multimodal logistics" organized by NITIE Mumbai in association with the Ministry of Education and Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics (BISAG-N).



Modi meets UAE Prez Sheikh Mohamed in Abu Dhabi

PNS ABU DHABI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday met UAE President and Ruler of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan here and conveyed his personal condolences on the demise of former president of the Gulf nation Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahvan.

"In a special gesture, UAE President and Ruler of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, accompanied by senior members of the Royal Family, was at Abu Dhabi airport for the interaction with PM," Ministry of External Affairs Sokesperson Arindam Bagchi tweeted.

Modi arrived here on a brief visit after attending a productive G7 Summit in Germany where he interacted with several world leaders on the margins of the summit and discussed issues aimed at furthering global well-being and pros-

During his meeting with Sheikh Mohamed, Modi con-

veyed his personal condolences on the passing away of Sheikh Khalifa, who died on May 13 at the age of 73 after a long illness.

This is their first interaction after the UAE leader's election as the new president of the Gulf nation last month.

Modi had expressed grief over Sheikh Khalifa's death, calling him a great statesman and visionary leader under whom India-UAE relations prospered. India had announced one day of state mourning following the demise of Sheikh Khalifa.

Sheikh Khalifa was the eldest

son of UAE's founder President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan. He served as the President of the UAE and ruler of Abu Dhabi from November 3, 2004 till his death.

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu last month visited the UAE and offered condolences to the UAE leadership on the demise of Sheikh Khalifa.

The last visit by Modi to the UAE was in August 2019 during which he received the UAE's highest award, 'Order of Zayed' conferred upon him by the UAE President.

The UAE was India's thirdlargest trading partner for the

year 2019-20 after China and US, according to the Ministry

of External Affairs. The UAE is the third-largest export destination of India (after the US and China) with an amount of nearly USD 16

billion for the year 2020-21. For the UAE, India is the third-largest trading partner for the year 2020 with an amount of around USD 27.93 billion (non-oil trade).

Indian expatriate community of approximately 3.4 million is the largest ethnic community in UAE constituting roughly about 35 per cent of the country's population.

Mumbai Press Club condemns Mohammad Zubair's arrest

PNS MUMBAI

The Mumbai Press Club on Tuesday condemned the arrest of Mohammad Zubair, journalist and co-founder of the fact-checking website Alt News, by the Delhi police.

Zubair was arrested on Monday over a tweet of 2018 for allegedly hurting religious sentiments.

In a statement, the Mumbai Press Club said, "Zubair should be released immediately. We also request Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah's immediate intervention in this matter. Many other journalists' organizations have also condemned Zubair's arrest by the police in the national

Alt News co-founder Pratik Sinha has alleged that Zubair was arrested in a case for which no notice was given by the police, which is mandatory under law for the sections under which he has been held, the Mumbai Press Club noted in

States should ensure jabs for people joining mass gatherings

PNS NEW DELHI

The Centre has asked states and Union territories to ensure that people taking part in mass gatherings and undertaking pilgrimage are asymptomatic and preferably fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

In a letter to states and UTs on Tuesday, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said mass gatherings in context of various festivities as well as yatras are likely to be held in different parts of the country in the coming months, and that such congregations may potentially facilitate transmission of infectious diseases, including COVID-19.

While the trajectory of COVID-19 cases has declined significantly from levels that were observed in earlier part of this year, a few states and UTs across the country are witnessing a sustained upswing in the cases currently.

"During many such events/yatras lakhs of individuals undertake intra- and inter-state journey spanning hundreds of kilometres with halting points arranged by



based social/religious organisations. Such congregations may potentially facilitate transmission of infectious diseases, including COVID-19," Bhushan said.

"All states and UTs where such mass gatherings/yatras are proposed to be held should widely publicise that all individuals planning to participate in such gatherings/events are asymptomatic and preferably fully vaccinated against COVID-19. If need be a special drive for primary vaccina-

tion and precaution dose

administration to all eligible

planning to join," he said in the

The Amarnath pilgrimage begins on June 30 and the Rath Yatra is scheduled for July 1.

Bhushan said it was essential that the gains made so far by collaborative efforts of central and state governments are not lost and timely necessary public health steps are taken to minimise the risk of increased COVID-19 transmission.

Accordingly, there is a need to enhance focus on five-fold strategy of test, track, treat, vaccination and adherence to COVID-19-appropriate behavjour, Bhushan stressed.

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Tech-driven approach, digital university key to enhance NEP

PNS NEW DELHI

technology-driven approach and initiatives such as digital university in line with the new National Education Policy (NEP) will be key to enhance access to

quality educa-Union tion, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said.

"There is a need to adopt innovative and out-of-the-box methods to enhance access to quality and affordable education and to bring our vast

population under the formal education and certified skills structure. Creating robust and resilient mechanisms for making education accessible to all is a priority for the government," Pradhan said in his address at India Today's Education Conclave.

Technology-driven approach and initiatives like Digital University in line with the NEP-2020 will be key to enhance access to quality education. NEP sets the vision and path to cater to the the 21st century," he added.

requirements of every learner right from Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) and also for building a vibrant and equitable knowledge society. We are working to integrate skill education into school and higher education

employability," he said. Speaking about future of jobs skilling, he said

that the nature of jobs is changing, and Industrial Revolution (IR) 4.0 presents us with both challenge and opportunity of

skilling, up-skilling and reskilling the country's vast demography

"We must bring a para-digm shift in skilling and make it more aspirational to harness IR 4.0 as well as make our youth future-ready. NEP charts the course to develop our students and youth as global citizens with new-age ideas and skills and prioritises learning in Indian languages for establishing India as a knowledge economy of

Registry not listing matters despite orders from SC benches

The Supreme Court Tuesday registry not listing matters despite orders from its vacation benches and said that cases will be listed as per the set proce-

A vacation bench of Justices Surya Kant and JB Pardiwala said that it has on Monday directed a matter to be listed for Tuesday but the registry has said that it will not be listed.

We didn't want to say it in open court but it's a fact. Yesterday, we made an exception. We had directed a matter to be listed for today but the registry said that it will not list the case. We don't want to say anything more, the bench told senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, who was seeking urgent listing of a plea filed by Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (Adani) against the Bombay High Court order.

The bench said that there is a set procedure in place for the listing of matters during vacations and asked Singhvi to approach the mentioning registrar for urgent listing and if the request is denied then it could look into it.

Singhvi said that the court's discretion cannot be circumscribed by the registry and it can make an exception for urgent listing of the matter. Significantly, the same vaca-

tion bench on Monday had ordered the listing of the Centre's petition for hearing on Tuesday against the Tripura High Court order passed on a PIL challenging the grant of security cover to industrialist Mukesh Ambani and his family members in Mumbai. Despite the order of the

bench passed after the matter was mentioned by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, the matter was not listed for Tuesday.Singhvi urged the bench to list the matter saying the Bombay High Court order was given to them on Monday in which it had dismissed a plea filed by Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (Adani) challenging the disqualification of its bid in a tender issued by the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) for up-gradation of a container terminal in Navi Mumbai.

He said that counsel for JNPA is in caveat the bench may grant status quo and

restrain the authority from proceedings with the bids. Singhvi said, I am India's

cleared the port trust bid in December 2021 but I was disqualified four months after that. I had challenged the disqualification before the Bombay High Court which passed the order on Monday evening. Now the authority is proceeding ahead with other

The bench asked Singhvi what is the nature of the contract. The senior counsel said that the nature of the contract is the operation and maintenance of the Jawaharlal Nehru Terminal through public bids.

The bench said, We have already told you our difficulty. There is a procedure prescribed. You mention the matter before the mentioning registrar, he will examine the urgency. If the request is not accepted for urgent listing, then you can mention it before us. Let's see what the registrar

has to say on this. The Bombay High Court has on Monday directed Adani to pay a cost of Rs five lakh for bringing to court an "unmeritorious case." Of this, Adani had already deposited Rs 4,24,800 with JNPA at the time of submitting its bid. The high court has asked the JNPA to retain the amount and directed Adani to deposit the remaining amount.

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S/o Dhudaiah This notification is made under the provisions of section 11(1) or the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Lan Acquisition. Rehabilitation & Resettlement Act 2013 Act No.30/2013 to all whom it may concern.

A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the Distri Collector & Special Deputy Collector, L.A. R&R, Irrigation Projects, Unit-II Jangaon on any working day during the workin nours. The Government of Telangana / Collector -cur Appropriate Government is pleased to authorize officer Specia Deputy Collector, L.A. R&R, Irrigation Projects, Unit-II Jangao and his staff LA to enter upon and survey land take levels of any land dig or bore into the sub-soil & do all other acts required fo the proper execution of their work as provided and specified in section 12 of the said Act

Under section 11(4) of the Actino person shall make any transactio or cause any transaction of land i.e sale/purchase etc.

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PREPARING FOR BAN ON SINGLE-USE PLASTIC

Gave enough time to industry, people

PNS NEW DELHI

Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav on Tuesday said the government has given enough time to the industry and the general public to prepare for the ban on single-use plastic (SUP) items and it hopes for everyone's cooperation in implementing it from July 1.

Environment ministry officials said the notification to

issued under the Environment Protection Act (EPA) and any violation will invite punitive action, including a fine or a jail term, detailed under Section 15 of the Act. "The notification to phase

out the 19 identified SUP items by July 1, 2022 was issued in August 2021. We have given enough time (to prepare for the phasing out of SUP items). We gave them (those dealing in SUP items) certainty for the phase out 19 SUP items was future, made them understand



and the majority of them sup- commodities, including polyport it," the minister said in response to a question on some industry representatives saying they are not ready for the ban.

"I have met the industry representatives and the government hopes for their cooperation in phasing out single-use plastic items," he said.

On August 12 last year, the ministry had issued a notification prohibiting manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of identified SUP

for balloons, flags, candy sticks, ice-cream sticks, polystyrene (thermocol), plates, cups, glasses, forks, spoons, knives, straws, trays, wrapping or packaging films around sweets boxes, invitation cards, cigarette packets, plastic or PVC banners of less than 100 micron, and stirrers.

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The identified SUP items

include earbuds, plastic sticks

styrene from July 1, 2022.

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G7 & the war

The grouping must act swiftly and effectively against Russia's barbaric invasion of Ukraine

K Prime Minister Boris Johnson has rightly accused Russia of war crimes after a missile strike on a crowded shopping centre in Ukraine which killed 18 people and wounded over 59. He lashed out at Russian President Vladimir Putin's "cruelty and barbarism". In a joint statement issued on Monday, G7 leaders also remained "steadfast in our solidarity with Ukraine, and reaffirm our unwavering commitment to support the Government and people of Ukraine in their courageous defence of their country's sovereignty and territorial integrity, and in their fight for a peaceful, prosperous and democratic future". This will enthuse Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy who, along with other Ukrainians, has been fighting valiantly against the much bigger and



more powerful Russia. The US-led West's support for the besieged eastern European nation has been admirable; so also is the way they weaponised their financial dominance and used it against Moscow. Besides, their support to Ukraine by way of arming it with the latest arms and armaments is praiseworthy. The same, however, cannot be said about its effectiveness. Despite months of debilitating sanctions against Russia, its war machine is still buzzing. After over a century, Russia has defaulted over a \$100-million payment — not because it doesn't have money but because it is not allowed to pay its creditors. The default is likely to hurt the creditors rather than

Moscow; it won't surely hurt Putin enough to force him to call off the war.

G7 leaders are deploying other means to augment pressure on the Kremlin. They have agreed to study placing global price caps on imports of Russian energy to curb Moscow's ability to fund its invasion of Ukraine and to contribute up to \$5 billion to address global food insecurity, according to a Reuters report. However, they cannot be absolved of their role, though indirect, of enriching and thus emboldening Putin to such an extent that he could dare to attack Ukraine. Rich nations, swayed by the rhetoric of climate activists, became so obsessed with checking the use of fossil fuels that they discouraged production in their own jurisdictions. Under US President Joe Biden, for instance, the US has become a net energy importer, though his predecessor Donald Trump had ensured energy independence. This happened because Biden's Democratic Party has increasingly been influenced by the radical Left. Last year, Biden had also allowed Russia to sell oil to Europe. This is not to say that concerns about the environment should be ignored, but the action should be calibrated, not rash. Developed nations didn't realise that though climate change can end the world in a century, a nuclear war can do that in a day. Yes, that's a possibility! Frustrated that a small nation is not surrendering, Putin may decide to escalate his war. That may have calamitous consequences, not just for Ukraine and Europe but the entire world. G7 must ensure that its actions against Russia are not just effective but also non-escalatory.



A reveller at the annual NYC Pride March, in New York.

Disintegrating?

The power tussle in the AIADMK threatens to break up the party and thrust it into oblivion

odern-day politics in Tamil Nadu is intertwined with its films and cine stars. Starting with first DMK Chief Minister CN Annadurai to AIADMK's J Jayalalithaa and reigning CM MK Stalin, all had their moorings in films. The script and storylines of politics have a lot of similarities with films "assembled" in the studios of Kollywood. The tussle for power in the AIADMK, which is in a state of chaos following the demise of Jayalalithaa in 2016, resembles a comedy film. It has three leaders pulling the party in different directions and all of them are on a State-wide tour to drum up support. Last week's general council meeting in Chennai had a funny end with the participants unanimously shouting down the 23 resolutions introduced by party coordinator O Panneerselvam, who is out to take control of the AIADMK. Edappadi Palaniswami, leader of the Opposition and the party coordinator, wants a



single leader to head the party and end the existing dual leadership system since it has not done the party any good since being introduced in August 2017. The AIADMK has not won any election since 2019, substantiating Palaniswami's reservations on dual leadership.

EPS, who was the CM from 2017 to 2021, has proved his mettle and capability. Panneerselvam's liaising with VK Sasikala, the former interim general secretary who was eased out of the AIADMK along with her family members in 2017 to facilitate unity between EPS and OPS, is being viewed with suspicion by party leaders. Sasikala, a close aide

to late Jayalalithaa who was convicted with four-year imprisonment in a disproportionate assets case, is out to hijack the 50-year-old AIADMK. Sasikala is on a Puratchi Payanam (revolutionary journey) to influence party cadres and bring them over to her side. Chinnamma, as she is called by acolytes, had declared in 2012 that she would never aspire for any position or power in the party. In 2017, she was about to be sworn in as the CM but the Supreme Court verdict upholding her four-year term saved Tamil Nadu from that predicament. If these leaders fail to sail together, the golden jubilee year of the party could see the burial of the AIADMK. The Pioneer had forecast as early as December 11, 2016, that the AIADMK would disintegrate into fragments faster than it was formed. Is the AIADMK leadership reading this?

Stop messing with our military



It is the one institution the nation trusts; any efforts to tinker with its soul & ethos will certainly not go down well with the aspirants, the regulars or even the veterans

hank the Almighty for minor mercies on Agniveer. After five days of avoidable all-India arson and damage (railways alone suffered losses of ₹1,000 crore), the Government has backpedalled. Some concessions have been made to Agnipath Yojana: One-time age waiver (21 to 23 years); unwritten reservation in Government jobs; promises of public and private sector employment for demobilised Agniveers, and skilling and higher education schemes — in short, they've been promised the moon when it is a distant crescent. The anger among youth is understandable as many have passed physical and medical tests. For IAF, aspirants had cleared even written examinations but were not called up. The charade of COVID was used to suspend regular recruitment and replaced with Agnipath. The youth were cheated.

Now that Agnipath has become irreversible, the merit of the scheme as youthful infusion into an aging Army was marked by colossal criticism including masking the real reason for its imposition, ie reduction of salary and pension bills. Hundreds of veterans including Param Vir Chakra winner, Capt Bana Singh, denigrated the project. He tweeted: 'save the country from Agnipath scheme as it would badly damage the youth'. Later, it seems he was forced to delete the tweet. Most former service Chiefs adopted maun vrat. Only former Naval Chief, Adm Arun Prakash, had the temerity to expose its infirmities. These days, it is dangerous to speak out or speak up lest you're targeted by one or the other public/private agencies. Not many veterans detected or objected to forcing down All India All Class (AIAC) recruitment on single class/caste regiments. But those who did made passionate appeals to spare the high-value regimental system in the fighting arms.

Additional Secretary (Department of Military Affairs) Lt Gen Anil Puri and Vice Chief of Army Staff, Lt Gen BS Raju, and NSA Ajit Doval allayed concerns about dismantling the reg-

imental system. This seems to be one more concession by the Government after the uproar. Lt Gen Raju told newspapers that Agnipath is in fact a pilot project and in response to pleas that it should be test-bedded, he said in four years Agniveer would be tweaked. This means the four yearengagement could be increased and the number of re-enlisted could also be increased. The pay package offered to Agniveers is in fact less than what regular soldiers receive after enlistment. There are other anomalies, including severance package, which need to be scrutinised. Listening to youth on social media and TV, it is clear they cannot be duped as they are questioning all aspects of the project, including why not Agniveers for officers also?

In his briefing, Lt Gen Puri let the cat out of the bag. He said: "In the last two years, we got an opportunity and we stopped the recruitment process." So COVID was used as a pretext to stop recruitment when in fact Agnipath was being prepared. He also said: "The AIAC recruitment model will remain unchanged. 75 per cent of the Army is already AIAC except single-class regiments like Sikh, Dogra, Garhwal, Gorkha, Jat and the like. The regimentation (pre-



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Doval said: "The policy on the recruitment will not affect the current regimental system. The concept of regiments, nobody is tinkering with. The regimental system has not ended." Doval insisted there will be no rollback of Agniveer. The good news is that a few single-class regiments which in 2032 will have 50 per cent Agniveer and 50 per cent regulars will continue and be exempt from AIAC. Doval is the highest-ranking Government official to confirm this and put worries of regimental

diehards at rest. In the future, when Agniveers are enlisted to full capacity of 125,000 annually and 100,000 will be demobilised, second careers will have to be found for the latter. Current assurances by all and sundry are unreliable. The problem is: Agniveers will not only be competing among themselves for re-enlistment, they will also be competing with fulltime regulars. Sporting their Agniveer badges (some are calling it a new rank?), singling out this group will create bad blood creating different types of soldiers. This is a bad idea and should be dropped.

As in the British military from whose sinews the Indian system is derived, a military covenant is necessary between soldiers and the nation. The country should commit to taking care of them and their families through thick and thin as they put their lives on the block. Will the Agniveers qualify for this as the regulars do? The biggest challenge for Agniveers is their effective integration into the military system and assimilation into combat units imbued with regimental ethos, tradition and motivation which underline the ultimate test on the

Varun Gandhi is the only parliamentarian who is deriding the new scheme. One has not seen such an enormous upheaval against what is ostensibly a transformative defence reform. Agnipath Yojana requires a transformation to ensure defence of the realm is not compromised. Given the backlash to Agnipath, Government is unlikely to pick a CDS anytime soon. It has turned it into a modern swayamvar with 150 people in

battlefield

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ERS TO THE EDITOR

US APEX COURT'S REGRESSIVE RULING

Sir —The US Supreme Court's ruling that abortion is no longer a constitutional right is a backward step. It represents an infringement of liberty to make personal choices; it strikes a blow against women's reproductive and physical autonomy. No wonder popular opinion in America is overwhelmingly against the ruling. US President Joe Biden has termed it a 'tragic error' and warned that it risks the 'health and life of women. Alas, American women are being denied the basic freedom to end a pregnancy. It is not explicitly stated if pregnancies resulting from rape and incest and detection of life-threatening or incurable deformities put no bar on women to seek an abortion.

Sometimes pregnancy poses a health risk to the mother and abortion is needed to save her life. There is also the danger of abortion going underground. The issue is far more complex and complicated than the six court justices have assumed it to be. Liberals look at the anti-abortion ruling as the beginning of a rightward shift in judicial pronouncements on issues that significantly affect the lives of millions. Laws governing modern societies need not be commensurate with religious fundamentalism or obscurantism.

G David Milton | Kanyakumari

NEXT STEP FOR SHINDE & CO.?

Sir — The question is being asked that why were the Shiv Sena rebels taken away to Assam and not to the BJP-ruled States of Goa, Karnataka or Madhya Pradesh? Why couldn't they stay in the BJP's citadel of Gujarat? And, finally why is Eknath Shinde still reluctant to return and demand a floor test? With parts of Assam reeling under floods, these MLAs in a five-star hotel come across as insensitive. The longer they stay there, the more the distance grows between them and their constituents. With Shinde facing much loss of face and capital, there is also the suspicion that many of the rebel MLAs may actually vote with Uddhav Thackeray in the House.

A bridge to development



ne Padma Bridge inaugurated by Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is the country's biggest development project since the country's birth in 1971. It symbolises the country's transition from a poor country to a progressing one and substantiates Sheik Hasina's commitment to public welfare and the country's development. The bridge, connecting India directly to Dhaka, will definitely boost Bangladesh's development. It is expected to impact the lives of 30 million people. What is so special about the bridge is that it was built entirely with domestic financing. It is a symbol

The political drama enters the second week, possibly a decisive week, with time running out for the rebels. And with Sharad Pawar saying openly that it is his duty to protect his friend Bal Thackeray's son and political heir, emotions on the street are running high, something that the rebels will have to contend with. With this, it is sure that their political career is finished and they have become the enemy of the people of Maharashtra. Seemingly, they

HISTORIC WIN FOR MADHYA PRADESH

have dug their own grave.

of the country's capacity, strength and dignity. Over the years, Bangladesh has made signifi-

cant progress in different sectors.



Industrialisation, less poverty, improvement in human development, measures for gender equality, empowerment of women === all these achievements have changed the country. The opening of the Padma Bridge signifies the country's economic development. Bangladesh is smaller than India. On the other hand, the country is ahead of India in several development domains. India must take a leaf out of Bangladesh and take measures for her overall progress. One may argue that the construction of a bridge is only a small part of progress. However, the country's index of development substantiates the progress it has made. The success of Bangladesh shows that by focusing on infrastructure, education, gender equality, manufacturing and exports, a country can make great

Venu GS I Kollam

Bhagwan Thadani | Mumbai

Sir — History doesn't just happen by itself. The passion and drive of history makers write their own script. June 26, 2022 ... This date has become historic for cricket in Madhya Pradesh. For the first time, the Ranji team of Madhya Pradesh State has won the prestigious Ranji Trophy. The meaning of this achievement is even bigger because this team entered the field

without its five key players. Come to think of it, there was no famous player in the team. The final match was against a much stronger team like Mumbai, who have won the Ranji Trophy multiple

However, as they say, who can stand in front of an indomitable spirit? The passion to play the best, the will to win and the resulting stubbornness make players great. The team of Madhya Pradesh has proved this. Be it bowling or batting, the players proved their superiority on both fronts. The Madhya Pradesh cricket team has made a dream come true by winning the Ranji Trophy, which has been seen in the eyes of our State continuously for many years. After this victory, it is now expected that cricket will be taken more seriously in the State. This victory is historic.

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I would reach out to my former colleagues in the BJP seeking their support (in the presidential poll).



Joint Opposition candidate -Yashwant Sinha



Russia cannot and should not win the war in Ukraine, as its terrible toll is in full

French President -Emmanuel Macron

Nothing has got delayed. No one needs to pick anyone up. I am a woman, not a parcel.



—Alia Bhatt



embarrassing but white makes it so

Canadian tennis player

We are in Shiv Sena... taking it forward. There should not be any doubt

about it.



-Eknath Shinde

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LOT NEEDS TO BE DONE FOR EASE OF LIVING

Challenge of living is a superset of ease of living



VINAYSHIL GAUTAM

ife is in a continuous dynamic mode. Among the more significant elements in the dynamic flow, there is the physical and the cogni-■tive system. The periodic changes inside and outside the body are obvious indicators of change. Simultaneously, the intellectual and the emotional systems undergo a change. As it happens, most communities have little or no formal systems in assisting people to transit through this change.

Thus, the role of an individual in their own growth is a critical aspect of their coping with reality. This they learn through informal processes and from the environment in which they are embedded. This is an important element to keep in mind in studying how formal education through schools and colleges and informal learning from the context and the environment mutually support each other.

Thus, it is that learning that becomes a very important attribute of the act of living. The changes which one goes through physically, intellectually, and emotionally are significant to the very art of survival. This process is embedded in other features.

One grows up and gets married. Children are born out of marriage and the unit of reference changes. Like everything else, this too is a passing phase; children grow up and parents become again a unit of two.

All this is enmeshed in a dynamic social environment. The external governance systems evolve. This raises two important questions in the creation of civil society. One is access to resources and the other is oppor-



If there are too many moving parts then the challenge of living becomes bigger

The challenge of living is a superset of the ease of living. Ease of living has to do, among other things, about forms and formats, screenings and verifications. The challenge of living has to do with the very act of availability of inputs such as energy, water, and security. In all this, the act of healthcare is fundamental.

Once this distinction between the challenge of living and ease of living is recognised, progress becomes simpler and therefore amenable to solutions to a higher degree.

Both the above issues, the challenge and the ease of living, cannot be handled without understanding the unit of reference. The unit of reference is often undefined. It can vary from community to community.

Consider the basic act of garbage collection. It is so basic that most people take it for granted. This is an oversimplification. In an upmarket colony of New Delhi, a little over a decade ago it was found that the sewerage pipe was laid parallel to the water pipe and during the monsoons, contamination of the flow in the water pipe took place from the flow in the sewerage pipe. Illness flowed.

Then proper garbage collection was started. One was the segregation of garbage, between the biomass type and the non-biodegradable type. Disposal of segregated garbage was recommended. This practice is yet to take root in many colonies of even the more evolved cities.

This recognition has to go hand in hand with which agency is charged

with the level of collection of what type of garbage.

Illustrations can be many. The solutions will have to do with the recognition of the unit of reference: How is the agency for garbage collection decided? Who will be responsible for ensuring the fair distribution of energy, say, electricity? How will water supply be ensured? Put simply, there is a need to focus on identifying the basic unit of reference of understanding and operation of all systems at a local level, just as much as at any other level. Some work has begun, much more is needed.

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Control mindset hurts privatisation process



UTTAM GUPTA

The strategic sale of BPCL couldn't be carried out because the Government wants to regulate fuel prices

fter over three years of having initiated the sale of its entire 53.29 per cent shareholding in Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)—a Central public sector undertaking (PSU) in the sector of refining and marketing of petroleum products-the Government has decided to put it on hold. What could be the reason behind this move?

Adopted a big-bang approach to privati-sation (when government sells its majori-ty stake in a PSU and transfers control to a private entity) in the Budget for 2021-22, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had divided Central PSUs in two broad categories—i.e. strategic and non-strategic.

The former is subsumed under four subgroups: atomic energy, space and defense; transport and telecommunications; power, petroleum, coal and other minerals; and banking, insurance and financial services. The non-strategic category includes all other sectors such as hotel and tourist services, industrial and consumer goods,

trading, and marketing.

As per the plan, the government's intent was to privatise all undertakings in non-strategic sectors (all loss-making enterprises in this category will be closed). In the case of CPSUs in the strategic sector, it would undertake privatisation with the caveat that at least one (and a maximum of four) will be retained in the public sector.

BPCL being an undertaking in the subgroup 'power, petroleum, coal and other minerals'—considered vital for maintaining the country's energy security—the Government might be contemplating to retain it in sync with energy security. But this was at variance with the decision of BPCL privatisation in 2019-20, much before the 2021-22 Budget announcement. Perhaps there was a retrospective change of policy.

A second major reason could be the lengthy and cumbersome process of approvals and red tape. Under the extant procedures for granting approval, the Niti Aayog identifies companies for strategic disinvestment which are then considered by the Core Group of Secretaries on Divestment (CGD), a long-drawn process by itself. It then goes to the Alternative Mechanism (AM)—a group of ministers including those of Finance and Road

Transport & Highways—for approval.

After the AM's approval, the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (Dipam) moves a proposal for in-principle approval of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs

In short, strategic divestment involves around 12 steps, which inevitably lead to delays in starting the process. And when the Government enters the market, the conditions may not be favorable.

In a case like BPCL, the challenge is even bigger as it needs bidders with deep pockets. For instance, during 2019-20, it needed a strategic investor who could pay



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The author is a policy analyst. (www.uttamgupta.com) around Rs 60,000 crore (prevailing share price multiplied by the number of shares corresponding to 53.29 per cent holding).

In that year, the market environment was favorable even as the international price of crude oil (fortunes of oil companies move in tandem with it) was hovering around \$70 per barrel. The Government could have got strategic investors willing to put the required sum for buying its entire stake. But the bureaucrats were not

During 2020-21, thanks to the Covid pandemic causing large-scale destruction of demand globally, the average price of crude declined to just about \$40 per barrel (in April 2020, it had plummeted to a low of \$20 per barrel). This made the market environment highly unfavorable.

That apart, the entire Government machinery was too preoccupied with mitigating the consequences of the pandemic— protecting both lives and livelihoods

During 2021-22, the price recovered and ruled above \$70 per barrel, most of the time leading to significant improvement in the market environment. But the officials were not ready yet again, leading to deferment of the sale to 2022-23.

During the current fiscal, the international crude price has zoomed because of the Ukraine war, economic sanctions imposed by the US and the European Union on Russia, and the resulting disruption in supplies of oil and gas. With crude price hovering around \$120 per barrel (at one point, it had even touched \$140 per barrel) and substantially higher valuations of oil companies, this was a propitious time for carrying out the sale. But it was not to be.

The Government's decision to put BPCL sale on hold at this juncture—when market conditions are favorable and all procedures needed to conduct the sale already in place—may sound a bit puzzling. To unravel the puzzle, let us look at the

following:
In theory, petrol and diesel prices were deregulated in June 2010 and November 2014, respectively, as the oil companies were given the freedom to fix their retail price, using a formula that combines their respective import parity price (IPP) and export parity price (EPP) in the ratio of 80:20.

But, in practice, political control over the retail prices of petroleum products is still there. The Government can do this because of the three oil marketing Central PSUs—Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL), and BPCL-which account for around 90 per cent of the domestic fuel retail network. Well, technically HPCL is a subsidiary of the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), but then ONGC is itself a Central PSU.

The managements ONGC/HPCL, IOCL, and BPCL receive tacit instructions from their bosses to maintain the prices at the desired levels—that is, the levels that top politicians desire. These are often unrelated to the market determined-prices. For instance, the current pump price of petrol in Delhi is Rs 97 per liter which corresponds to a crude benchmark of \$90 per barrel—as against the current crude price of \$115 per barrel if it happens, it won't fetch a good for the Indian basket. If these price.

undertakings were really free to fix the price based on the formula (linked to \$115 per barrel), the pump price would have been Rs 110

Against this backdrop, if one of these oil PSUs (that is, BPCL), accounting for about 25 per cent of the retail outlets, goes into private hands, the Government's ability to influence fuel prices will be diminished significantly.

In the current scenario, when the international oil price is projected to remain high, Prime Minister Narendra Modi can't afford to allow an unrestrained hike in the retail prices of fuels—especially in view of a number of impending state elections. He would like to keep the leverage to influence fuel prices. Hence the decision to put the sale of BPCL on the backburner.

But this is a patently unwise move. Already, an artificial cap on retail prices has led to a drastic cut in fuel supplies from private firms such as RIL and Nayara Energy. They can't match the prices offered by HPCL, IOCL, and BPCL. Even the latter won't be able to absorb the under-recoveries beyond a point. which will manifest in reduced supplies from them sooner rather

Besides, it will impact the valuation of BPCL as and when it is taken up for strategic sale in the

A big bottleneck that comes in the way of strategic sales is the desire of the establishment to remain in the driver's seat eternally. Until there is a change in the mindset, privatisation of BPCL or, for that matter, of any other PSU won't happen. And

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THERE'S COMPETITION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RUPEE AS TO WHOSE VALUE IS FALLING FASTER? ATTENTION MUST BE PAID TO GOVERNANCE —CONGRESS LEADER RAHUL GANDHI

Agnipath good for modernisation but needs relook

NARENDRA MODI

The scheme is advantageous for youth and national defence but it should be changed with inputs from armed forces

Government announced on June 14 that all soldiers below the officer ranks of the three wings of the military would be recruited through the Agnipath Scheme. The Government has taken this decision to keep the armed forces young, making the youth disciplined, and rendering them highly skilled after four years of service, besides of course saving money for the modernisation.

The Scheme has been praised by a large number of experts and veterans, but many in the defence community and also the Opposition parties and political observers have expressed their reservations about the scheme, resulting in protests and violent demonstrations all over the



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government property like railways, buses and cars have been burnt by the youth who should be debarred from the recruitment at one and made to pay for the damage to the public property. Nobody can be allowed to indulge in arson whatever the cause.

As opposed to the existing 15 plus years' service, followed by a lifelong pension, the new recruits, Agniveers, will have a four-year tenure, including six months' training. On completion of four years of service, 25 per cent of them will get the permanent cadre, while the rest will be given opportunities in other organisations at the national

and state levels.

country. It is sad that the 11.71 lakh and return to civil ly skilled in the changing techlife. Excellent army training, food, clothing, boarding and lodging, a regimented life of four years, a disciplined lifestyle, and a matured mindset will be the hallmarks for the Agniveers. Over the years, Agniveers would emerge as a strong sec-

ond line of defence in the country. The government has

announced 10 per cent reservation packages for the retiree Agniveers in Police, Central Armed Police Forces (CARF), Ministry of Defence Undertakings, and Railways after the completion of four Overall, the scheme is excel-

lent for nation building. It will They will exit with a tax- help build a younger, healthier, free purse of approximately Rs and fitter defence military, high-

nological environment. It will also inculcate military discipline, ethos and skilling as a value addition, improving the prospects for those who return to civil society. It will encourage youth to become entrepreneurs for the economic growth of the

Yet, it seems that the Centre was not thorough in its homework before launching this scheme. A study known as 'Tour of Duty' (TOD) was carried out about two years ago at the Training Command; all stakeholders gave their inputs.

The scheme needed to be launched as India is emerging as a major pivot in the global order, being a key nation in two security arrangements one in the Indo-Pacific and another with the US, the UAE,

and Israel. The Indian military was bureaucratic in nature, has to adapt to the changing strategic interests keeping in view the threat perception

from across the borders. The presentations were made at the Ministry of Defence (MoD) level; the blueprint of the Agnipath Scheme was drawn out for implementation at a suitable time. The army recruitment methodology of leading military nations was kept in mind while framing it. The main planners of this scheme were Training Command, the late CDS General Bipin Rawat, NSA Ajit Doval, Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh, and Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar, along with the Finance Ministry.

The three service Chiefs had a very limited role to play in formulating the scheme. The committee so constituted

which gave the recommendations for a younger and leaner force with reduced financial liability for modernisation.

The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) approved this Scheme. However, it was not put up in Parliament. The NSA, who is highly capable in security issues may not be well-versed with the nuances of the armed forces, represented the three services and CDS.

The whole scheme needs to be refurbished by an expert committee which must have members from the armed forces too. The government is making amends to the scheme in a piecemeal manner. The youth of the country is completely confused.

Instead of strengthening the armed forces, the scheme

not implemented properly. The committee must go through the pensions of the defence civilians who get onethird of the total defence pensions. They need to be replaced by armed forces personnel.

Politician's pensions have a serious flaw. These also need to be looked into and pruned.

The violent reactions by the youth in the country could have been avoided and a number of lives saved if had been passed by Parliament and discussed at length at the Armed Forces Commanders Conference, before announc-

The interest of the armed forces cannot be compromised at any cost.

ing it piecemeal.

DoT issues norms for captive private network licences

Public Network (CNPN), stipulating a minimum networth of Rs 100 crore for applicants seeking direct assignment of spectrum from the government. The applicant must be an Indian company registered under the Companies Act, Department of Telecom (DoT) said listing out the broad guidelines that would apply for

CNPN licence, including rules for enterprises setting up such networks. The CNPN licencee would not be required to pay any entry fee or licence fee. "For seeking direct assignment of spectrum from the government, the networth of the applicant shall not be less than Rs 100 crore," it said. On the scope of the CNPN licence for enterprises, it said such a licencee may establish indoor/within premise isolated captive non public network for own use within the areas of operation of licence.



Global Surfaces files IPO draft papers with Sebi

lobal Surfaces Ltd, which is engaged in the business of processing natural stones and Gmanufacturing engineered quartz, has filed preliminary papers with Sebi to mop up funds through an initial public offering (IPO). The IPO comprises fresh issuance of 85.20 lakh equity shares and an offer-for-sale (OFS) of up to 25.5 lakh equity shares by promoters --- Mayank Shah and Sweta Shah, according to the draft red herring prospectus

(DRHP). Funds raised through fresh issuance of equity shares will be used for setting up the company's proposed facility -- Global Surfaces FZE-- in Dubai. For FY22, the company posted a profit after tax of Rs 35.63 crore as compared to Rs 33.93 crore in FY21 and its total income was at Rs 198.35 crore as against Rs 179 crore in FY21. Unistone Capital is the sole book running lead manager to the issue. The equity shares of the company will be listed on the BSE and NSE



Digital ads dominate FY22, ASCI takes help of Al-based tracking system

he Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) on Tuesday said the regulator has set up a digital tracking system and is using Artificial Intelligence-based monitoring system to monitor advertisements for misleading content in a digital-first world. ASCI while releasing its Annual Complaints Report for FY 2021-22 said, sectors such as education

healthcare and personal care were found as the top three violative categories, in the digital space. Ads are increasingly being served and consumed on personal screens, making it difficult for regulators to truly understand the scale and impact, ASCI said, adding that "the volume of advertising creative units has exploded, and it is estimated that an average person is exposed to 6,000-10,000 ads per day." Now the digital ecosystem has taken centre stage with crypto and gaming emerging in the top five violative categories in FY22.



Govt will remove barriers in credit flow to MSMEs: Verma

Emphasising the MSME sector's important role in making India a USD 5-trillion economy, Union Minister Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma on Tuesday said the government will remove all the barriers in credit flow to this sector.

The Union Minister of State for MSME also said that the government was also committed to develop a better system of redressal and debt facilities.

Verma was addressing a session - Making Indian MSMEs Globally Competitive through Trade, Finance & Investment Facilitation - on the second day of Uttar Pradesh MSME

Convention 2022.

It was organised by the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) in association with the central government and the MSME min-

The theme of this session was making the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) globally competitive through trade, finance

The minister said the MSME sector is being developed as a new engine of growth in the country and modernised through innovation and will be more compet-

Verma said that the export business from the MSME sec-

tor is continuously increasing with the contribution to the and better investment facilities. country's exports now touching almost 50 per cent. "It also accounts for about 30 per cent of the country's GDP. In such a situation, the role of our MSME sector becomes important in strengthening India's position in the global trade," he said. The industry has to move

adopting new-age technology, including digitising systems, processes and operations in all aspects of the business to save time and expenses, he said.

In his address at the session, Ravi Gupta, Co-Chairman of Assocham National Council WTO Trade and Investment, stressed on MSMEs to keep their products eco-friendly and clean. He added.

Convention 2022. said that the small-scale industries of the state can play an important role in the economic development of the country. Since Uttar Pradesh is renowned for its leather, carpets, handicrafts, milk, and milk products, which are produced on a large scale, the state can play an important role in

making them self-reliant, he

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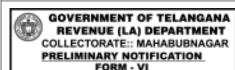
Ambani hands over telecom biz to son Akash



PNS ■ NEW DELHI: In the first clear signs of a succession plan being charted out at India's most valuable company, billionaire Mukesh Ambani resigned from the board of his USD 217 billion group's telecom arm, Reliance Jio, and handed over the firm's reins to elder son Akash. In a stock exchange filing, Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd on Tuesday said the company's board at a meeting on June 27, "approved the appointment of Akash M Ambani, non-executive director, as chairman of the board of directors of the company." This comes after his father resigned with effect from the close of working hours on June 27, it said. Jio is a unit of Reliance Industries Ltd, whose business spans from oil refining and petrochemicals to retail, media and new energy. Ambani, 65, has three children - twins Akash and Isha and youngest son Anant. It is widely anticipated that he may hand over the reins of the retail business to Isha, 30, who is married to Anand Piramal (son of Piramal Group's Ajay

MANDAVIYA REVIEWS PREPARATIONS FOR INDIA-CHEM EVENT

Chemical and Fertiliser Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Tuesday reviewed the preparation for the upcoming 12th edition of India-Chem to be held in October. The three-day event beginning October 6, 2022 will be organised in association with industry body FICCI.



FORM - VI
See Sub-rule(1) of rule-19) and Section-11(1) of the Act-30/2013 No. Rev/G1/LAG/0011/2022-G-Section Whereas it appears to the Government of Telangana / District Collecto hat a total of Ac.4.37Gts., of land is required in the Koukuntla Village of Devarakadra Mandal, Mahabubhagar District for public purpose namely for the purpose of Extention of Left Main Canal to Additions Ayacut of Left Main Canal of D-78 under Kollsagar Lift Irrigation Scheme. The Government vide G.O.Ms. No.50, Irrigation & CAD (LA R8ER(A2) Department dt.25.02.2017 exempted the Koilsaga Lift Irrigation Scheme from the application of the provisions o r-II & III of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparer in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act of 2013 erefore Social Impact Assessment study has not been carried or as required Uis 4 (1) of the said Act. No families are likely to be (Revenue) is appointed as Project Administrator for the purpose of Rehabilitation and Resettlement of the affected families.

Therefore it is notified that for the above said project in the **Koukum** Village of Devarakadra Mandal of Mahabubnagar District a piece of land measuring, more or less Ac.4.37gts of standard measuren vhose detailed description is as following, is under acquisition:

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plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the District Collecto Mahabubnagar & Special Deputy Collector LA R&R, Unit - II, Irrigatio Project, Mahabubhagar on any working day during the working hours The District Collector, Mahabubhagar / Collector - cum -appropriate Government is pleased to authorize the Special Deputy Collector LA R&R, Unit - II, Imigation Project, Mahabubnagar and his staff to enter upon and survey land, take lievels of any land, dig or bore into the sub-soil & do all other acts required for the proper execution of their work as

provided and specified in section (12) of the said Act. Under section 11(4) of the Act, no person shall make any transactions o cause any transactions of land i.e. sale/purchase, etc., or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of such

notification without prior approval of the Collector.

Objections to the acquisition, if any, may be filed by the perso nterested within 60 (sixty days) from the date of publication of this

Collector, Mahabubnagar Sdi-Special Deputy Collector Sdi-Addl. Collector (Rev.) Sdi-Dist. Collecto

DIPR No. 304/LA/PP-Pub/2022-23

Credit card spend crosses Rs 1.13 lakh cr in May: RBI data

PNS MUMBAI

Credit card spending has crossed Rs 1.13 lakh crore in May compared to Rs 1.05 month according to official data. The month-on-month rise in spending through cards indicates a pick-up in economic activity. The latest data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) showed that 7.68 crore credit card holders spent about Rs 71,429 crore for buying online, while the amount was spent through swipes at Point of Sale (PoS) machines stood at Rs 42,266 crore in May. In terms of the number of transactions, credit card payments were marginally lower online at 11.5 crore against 12.2 crore off line or at PoS machines.



Sensex, Nifty end marginally up amid recovery in global markets



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Benchmark stock indices Sensex and Nifty rebounded from early lows to close marginally up on Tuesday following fag-end buying in energy, IT and auto stocks and a recovery in global equities.

Posting gains for a fourth session in a row, the 30-share BSE Sensex settled up 16.17 points or 0.03 per cent at 53,177.45. During the day, it had declined 389.75 points or 0.73 per cent to 52,771.53. The NSE Nifty gained

18.15 points or 0.11 per cent to 15,850.20. In the Sensex pack, Mahindra & Mahindra, Reliance Industries, Dr

Reddy's Laboratories, Tech

Mahindra, Tata Steel and

Larsen & Toubro were among the gainers. Titan, Asian Paints, Bajaj Finserv, Kotak Mahindra Bank and ICICI Bank were among the major laggards. Elsewhere in Asia, markets in Tokyo, Shanghai, Seoul and Hong Kong bounced back after initial decline and ended with gains. European markets were trading in the green in mid-session deals. The US markets had ended lower on Monday. Meanwhile, international oil benchmark Brent crude jumped 1.58 per cent to USD 116.9 per barrel. Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) remained net sellers in the capital market, as they sold shares

worth Rs 1,278.42 crore on

Monday, as per exchange

Rupee tanks 46 paise to close at 78.83 against US dollar

close at record low of 78.83 (provisional) against the US dollar on equities and a surge in crude oil Tuesday, weighed down by persistent prices. Sustained selling by foreign a surge in crude oil prices.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened lower at 78.53 against the greenback and finally settled at 78.83, down 46 paise over its previous close. During the session, the rupee touched an all-

time low of 78.85 against the American currency. "The Indian The rupee plunged by 46 paise to rupee touched an all-time low against the US Dollar amid weak domestic restors also put downs on Rupee," Anuj Choudhary Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas said. The rupee is expected to trade on a negative note on risk aversion in domestic markets and continued selling pressure from foreign institutional investors (FIIs).

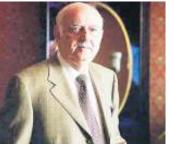


Billionaire Pallonji Mistry dies at 93; PM pays tribute

Billionaire Pallonji Mistry, Chairman of diversified Shapoorji Pallonji (SP) Group, died in the wee hours of Tuesday here, company officials said.

Mistry, whose SP Group is the largest shareholder in the Tata Group with 18.37 per cent holding in the over USD 100 billion conglomerate, was 93.

India-born Mistry died midsleep at 0100 hrs at the family residence in South Mumbai, they said. He had acquired Irish citizenship.



Paying tribute to him, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted that he is saddened by the passing monumental contributions to the world of commerce and industry, Modi said.

Born in 1929, Mistry headed the privately held, over USD 5-billion SP Group having its roots in the construction business, which had diversified into other businesses like real estate, textiles, shipping and home appliances. The reclusive business icon, who was reportedly worth over USD 29 billion, was awarded with the Padma Bhushan, India's third highest civilian award,

HOME TEXTILE MAKERS

Slowing exports, rising cost likely to limit profitability

PNS MUMBAI

Lower export demand and a sharp increase in raw material and transportation costs are likely to result in moderate operating profitability for home textile makers at around 13 per cent in this financial year, according to a report.

Slowing exports growth and high cotton prices will hit the operating margins of home textile exporters by 150-200 bps or around 13 per cent this fiscal. The rupee's depreciation against the dollar and sustenance of the China+1 policy by global buyers will cushion the hit on profitability to some extent," Crisil Ratings Senior Director Mohit Makhija said.



The second half of this fiscal should gradually restore demand momentum and market share for Indian home

textile exporters as freight and raw cotton costs moderate, and ease pressure on profitability, he added. Exports account for 60-70 per cent of the Indian home textile industry's revenue, of which over 58 per cent shipments are sent to

the US, according to the Crisil Ratings report. The report stated that global demand for home textiles is expected to be impacted in the near-term by inflationary headwinds, with big-box retailers pruning inventory and consumers cutting down on discretionary spends. A slowdown in the sales of key US retailers in the past 3-6 months has led to an on-year decline of 5-6 per cent in overall home textile exports from India between January and April 2022, it noted.

Adding to the demand challenge, the price of raw cotton, a key input in home textiles, has more than doubled year-on-year in May to Rs 1,00,000 per candy (about 356 kg), it said. This will

exporters till the new cotton crop arrives starting October, the report said. Supply-chain disruptions leading to volatility in ocean freight rates will also impact profitability, it added. Overall, the report said that the Indian home textile industry's revenue is expected to grow 11-12 per cent this fiscal, primarily because of higher price realisations. Domestic demand (comprising 30-40 per cent of Indian home textile industry's revenue) is expected to grow at a healthy 13 per cent, driven by sharp demand recovery in the domestic hospitality industry and continued focus on health and hygiene,

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Mompreneurs in a battle to make a mark

mompreneur is a A common term used these days to address working mothers and women entrepreneurs. Women entrepreneurs often have the toughest time to create the right work life balance between the workplace, home responsibilities and time with their family, children and importantly themselves.

The couple of variables that help them tide over this smoothly are time management and the art to prioritize between work and family over the course of the day.

"Even though women entrepreneurs as well as mompreneurs are becoming more common, there are still stereotypes circulating about them. These stereotypes of women entrepreneurs, and mompreneurs specifically, are blemishes and doesn't not reflect what it's like actually to be a working mother in the business world. Mompreneurs are repeatedly facing stereotypes such as the men must go out and earn money, while women stay at home and raise the children. While this may have been the way it was in the past, but in today's times, both parents are going out into the work-force. However, it's the moms who gets the criticism," adds Ekta Mohanani Kamra, a mompreneur at Hop and Bop. She highlights that another one of the social stereotypes for mompreneurs is that one has to have complete balance in every aspect of their life. Which means they should spend half their waking hours runni

the household chores and caring for their children, and the other half working.

"Striking a perfect balance between all chores isn't always possible.
Depending on the season
of motherhood one is, one will dedicate different amounts of time to different areas like work, family, and health. It's a harmful assumption that balance exists, and when you are a mother, it does not. Instead of trying to fit everything in and feeling bad if one can't get it all done one must prioritize time and energy based on the season of motherhood," she mentioned.

There is this stereotype too that mompreneurs are just bored housewives who don't have anything better to do with their day, so they run an online business and don't really do much. As more and more successful moms make a living from the internet and other ventures, people are realizing that the stereotype is prov-ing to be extremely wrong.

One of the ways in which mompreneurs can fight back against this gender stereotype is to build successful businesses and get

their names out there. She further ends saying, "If one is a working mom, they enjoy what they do and work a lot, and not put their children's needs first. This stereotype only justi-fies that a mother is the only one responsible for raising the child and places too much emphasis on the mother having to do and be all of the things. It is important to break these stereotypes and not give into what society has to

'Storytelling and technology

TEJAL SINHA

torytelling is an art in itself. With the introduction of film, the form of storytelling evolved, as the use of various visuals and audio began to create a much big-

ger impact than ever before. This is what Kartikye Gupta believes in. Born in India and based in Los Angeles, Kartikye had a strong interest in visual storytelling at an early age. His journey began by exploring foreign cinema with films like Cinema Paradiso and In the Mood for Love. The stylistic visual design of each frame took

the storytelling to another level.

It is generally believed that short-form content films are easier to make. However, he denies this and says, "I started out directing short-form content including films, commercials, and music videos. Short-form content is always more challenging than a longer format in terms of telling your story in the shortest amount of time. Introducing your hero, goals, conflict, and creating a fulfilling journey for a viewer is very hard to achieve in 10-15 minutes, but having two hats, as a director and editor, always helped me keep my films engaging and captivat-ing. One may think it's easier to engage someone for ten to fifteen minutes than to do a two-hour film, but you also have to think that the platform viewer watching short form content is mostly on their home or phone screens where they have easy access to change or quit the programme rather than visiting a theater, buy ing popcorn, and getting yourself ready for two hours of entertainment." He has also directed some high-profile projects like *Dr.* Elevator with major names, and not only getting recognition from major film festivals, including Cannes, but also from Oscar winning actress Viola Davis, made him continue following his



between the

present and the past of its

world. Things like these ended

up scooping the film a qualification in

BAFTA while it received

three other film awards,

including a well-earned nod for Best Film Editing."

Coming from a South Asian

around the immigrant experience

background, his films revolve

of South Asians in the United

States. His upcoming projects

include Time's Studios documentary series, *Right To Offend*, and

Showtime's documentary series,

Supreme Team, premiering at the

upcoming Tribeca film festival. He says, "Stereotypes about

minorities have been prevalent

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He says, "Having a passion for editing, I found it as the magic wand to present much more cinematic stories. Editing is the uttermost end of the filmmaking process and the closest thing to what is presented to the audience. It's almost like you are rewriting a film on the editing table with the video and sound clips you are given. I've seen films that were completely changed on an editing table to achieve success and I've seen films that were compelling in the writing stage, but the pace of the editing ruined them."

He shares an example from a film that he has edited, *Mirage*. He says, "Despite the fact that the film is set in contemporary Los Angeles, as the editor of the film, I took the creative liberty to set the rhythm of the film similar to the 90s, highlighting the intimacy between the characters and underlining the complex world they lived in. With only two words of dialogue in the entire film, it was the pacing that was established editorially that drew the line

but cinematic experience through Dr. Elevator was no easy task."

He further adds, "I'm a film-maker who wants to fully transfer the audience into the story, freeing themselves from their problems, and leave them laughing and able to see things through a different perspective

The **Pioneer** connects with filmmaker Kartikve Gupta, known for his awardwinning productions like Dr. Elevator (2016) and Please Don't Call The Cops (2017), who shares with us some exclusive

details about his debut in

the Metaverse.

wards. Most of the Indians frantically mugged up textbooks. So I trapped an Indian mathematician with Asperger's in an elevator with a strange woman going into labor, and he had to rise to the occasion and deliver the baby. Locking characters in a closed environment like an elevator was very challenging at every level, be it writing, cinematography, or editing. The script had to be so tightly put together with a skosh of humour coming every minute. I was almost rewriting the whole story, characters, and conflict again on the editing table by creating a rhythm and relationship between three unknown charac-

"He believes that storytelling and technology go hand in hand.
A few years ago, films were only entertained on a two-dimensional screen, at a conventional movie theater. But now, there's content specially made for your 32-inch home TV, and there's been progress in curating content on your phone screens directly.

He was instrumental in creating and piecing together the visuals for the trending Metaverse film, which was brought to the world

Talking about the bond between the two ladies with

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name, Rajeev Khandelwal said,

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for the first time by Facebook at the connect. The film highlights the next evolution of social connection that the company is bring-

ing. The event was watched by 15 million people globally.
Telling us more about it,
Kartikye shares, "Back in 2014, I used to follow Google Earth a lot to explore. I learned that Facebook had acquired Oculus. I couldn't wait to buy and try virtual reality myself for the first time when it came out in 2018. Those days, there wasn't much content,

but it was such a gripping experience to come across characters and build such an intimacy between the audience and the story. I had to dive into virtual reality and start exploring the best ways to tell my story on that platform. Until a well-known commercial agency based in Los Angeles was hired to assemble visuals to showcase a futuristic virtual reality experience, We were looking to highlight futuristic themes but also retro,

which people can relate to easily. After a while, I was surprised to know that I was making it to the biggest technological advancement that Facebook was about to make in presenting virtual reality, the so-called *Metaverse*, to the world. The project was heavily based on visual effects to enhance and take the viewer on a futuristic journey that they can experience sitting in their living room."

This year, three of the films he has worked on are premiering at Tribeca. Time Studios' *Right to* Offend: The Black Comedy Revolution explores the progression of black comedy and the comedians who have used pointed humour to expose, challenge, and ridicule society's injustices. The Supreme Team, which takes an indepth look at the notorious Queens, New York gang and tells the real story from the mouths of its two leaders and family mem bers, Kenneth Supreme McGriff and Gerald Prince Miller, And third is a short film, Malleable, where he helped his close friend Mario Fierro with creating and editing visual effects.

"I have edited one of the Arjun Kanungo music videos, which was released and went viral with 3M views in ten days. I'm also working at an Oscar-winning post facility, Rock Paper Scissors, in Los Angeles, on exciting projects there as well. And to further contribute to VR, I've been developing a lot of immersive experiences and

games for various global brands in the so-called Metaverse," signs off the film maker.

and a delusional maid to survive. Can they do it? Or do they fall victim to the madness of the night! Directed by Sunil Manchanda, the series stars Rajeev Khandelwal, Manjari Fadnnis, Rushad Rana, Ashmita Bakshi and Prasad Khandekar in pivotal roles and will premiere on July 1, exclusively on MX Player.

OSTEOARTHRITIS AT A YOUNG AGE? HERE'S ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

steoarthritis is the most common type of arthritis. It strikes when the cartilage at the joint that cushions the bones from both ends begins to wear down.

With the deterioration of the cartilage, the bone begins to rub against the other end. This occurrence causes pain, stiffness, and difficulty in movement.

Although Osteoarthritis is prevalent among the elderly population, it has become common among the 25-40 demographic in the recent past. Patients of Osteoarthritis are commonly found complaining about the pain in joints of the hands, Knees, spine, and hip. According to the Indian Institute of Medical Sciences, Osteoarthritis can be attributed to Vitamin D deficiency. Several factors influence the development of this form of arthritis, such as gender, genetics, and obesity.

Dr. Veerendra Mudnoor, MBBS, MS. Orthopaedic Surgeon, Apollo Spectra Hyderabad-Kondapur says, "Symptoms of Osteoarthritis are identifiable with the onset of pain and stiffness in joints; it causes discomfort upon exertion. Úsually, after rest, the joints may feel stiff, but this may resolve as movement resolves. Other common symptoms may include external swelling indicating inflammation in the joints, clicking sound upon movement, and hard lumps on the joints, which indicate the development of osteo-phytes. The condition also strains daily activities as it causes hindrances in the movement of the muscles freely due to a lack of flexibility."

The most common causes of Osteoarthritis include obesity leading to extra pressure on the weight-bearing joints, a sedentary lifestyle, practicing regular impact sports such as football or hockey, or a job that puts continued strain on the joints and bone injuries. It is also found that women face a greater risk of having the condition. Some patients might have the condition transferred to them genetically as

Mostly the effects of Osteoarthritis can be managed in the case of mild symptoms in the early stage by opting for a healthy lifestyle. But



if the symptoms are prevalent for a long time, then it's advised to visit a doctor soon.

The diagnosis of the condition is done through X-ray, MRI, blood test, and Joint fluid test. These tests are not direct indicators of Osteoarthritis but provide the basis to rule out the possibility of other causes of pain to conclude the condition.

The doctors will prescribe medications and treatments based on the level of the condition. Although it can't be reversed completely in severe cases, the treatments reduce the pain and enhance the movement in the affected

The standard treatment for Osteoarthritis is Physical therapy, Occupational therapy, and Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation

Physical therapy: Exercising and an active lifestyle can go a long way in treating

Osteoarthritis. The physical therapist will suggest exercises to relieve pain and increase flexibility to strengthen the joint muscles. One can also engage in regular activities that increase body move-ment like walking, running, swimming, etc.

Occupational therapy: Occupational therapy can help in doing regular tasks, in a way benefiting the treatment. The therapists will suggest ways to alter the daily tasks to reduce strain on your affected joints. Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS): This treatment is used for hip and knee osteoarthritis patients as a short-term pain-relieving technique. À low voltage electric current is passed

through the affected joint for immediate pain relief. The doctors might also prescribe surgery or other treatments like Cortisone injections, Lubrication injections, Realigning bones, and Joint replacement if the other

Dr. Veerendra Mudnoor MBBS, MS, Orthopaedic Surgeon, Apollo Spectra Hyd Kondapur



Manjari Fadnnis reacts to the rumor of getting married to Rajeev Khandelwal

the promotions of MX
Player's Original Series, Miya,
Biwi Aur Murder, Manjari Fadnnis
revealed a weird rumor that had
left her in shock. She revealed, "Someone randomly congratulated me on my wedding with Rajeev Khandelwal. And I was shocked to hear that. My instant reaction was like who, me, who got married and to who? I realized this much later that our names (mine and his wife is called Manjiri) are almost similar so the

industry people

got con-fused."

would perceived as their names are so similar. But there was no stress. Manjiri is cool with me doing intimate scenes. Also, it was great fun to work with Manjari. It never felt like I met her for

the first time. The intriguing trailer of the show gives a sneak peek into the troubled married life of Priya and Jayesh and the strange events that unfold on one single night. As people are poisoned, shots get fired, and dead bodies keep piling on, the Miya and Biwi will have to stick together to take on devious thieves, dread-ed gangsters, blackmail-

ing police offi-



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RAIN RAIN COME AGAIN!

reative global women queens lounge club hosted a fun gettogether party in Hyderabad, welcoming the season of rains. Many socialites gathered at the venue and enjoyed the feast and the talks.

what's brewing?



Aliya Baig Academy of Makeup has made it big in the field of beauty and makeup. They are now affiliated with International Makeup Association which is situated in London. To celebrate this moment, they held a grand ceremony at De Surya Arena, Shamashabad. ABAM becomes the third makeup academy in Asia to get an IMA accreditation.



asakawa-India Leprosy Foundation (S-ILF), has initiated the creation of alumni networks of the youth from Seprosy backgrounds. One such network has been formed in Delhi. The Youth Leadership Council is a diverse, youth-driven group that stands to uphold leadership, promote change, and will raise awareness about leprosy at local, state, and national levels.

Advance Auto Parts India signs MoU with two prestigious colleges

lobal Capability Center of Center of Advance Auto Parts, a leading automotive aftermarket parts provider and a Fortune 500 company, in Hyderabad has signed a Memorandum of

Photos by SV Chary

Understanding (MoU) with two prestigious universities in Hyderabad, including Vardhman College Of Engineering and VNR Vignana Jyothi Institute of Engineering & Technology, to launch

a comprehensive skills development program with the goal of bridg-ing the talent availability gap between academia and industry and producing workforce-ready graduates. The multi-year collaboration, which

will begin in the second half of 2022, will include the development of a bespoke and innovative curriculum focused on innovative technologies, training programs, guest lectures among other things.

Anant National University invites entries for its entrepreneurs in residence programme 2023

¬he Centre for Sustainability, Anant National University, is inviting entrepreneurs for their one-year, fulltime Entrepreneurs in Residence (EiR) programme. AnantU's EiR programme is envisioned to help chosen entrepreneurs with either a wellfleshed out business idea or an existing business in the field

of sustainability, affordable housing, building construc-tion, real estate, climate change, design and prop-tech. The entrepreneurs will have the unique

opportunity to leverage AnantU's physical infrastructure in its Ahmedabad based campus, expertise and partnerships to scale up their busi-

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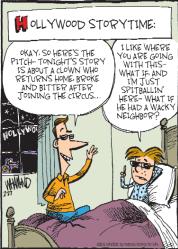




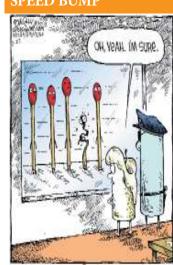




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GINGER MEGGS







'Wanted to make a fun movie'

Gopinath Reddy, who made his directorial debut with Sammathame, talks about his upcoming films, how he's all excited about Sammathame's response and

K. RAMYA SREE



more

bankrolled by Kankanala Praveena under UG Productions banner, starring Kiran Abbavaram and Chandni Chaudhary opened in theatres world-

wide on June 24 to positive

reviews. According to the traders report,
Sammathame has collected Rs 2.10 Cr shares at the Worldwide box office in 3

Gopinath Reddy who made his debut as a director with this film is all excited over the film's success and is already planning his next hit.

In the film, set in the urban backdrop, the director talks about the importance of consent in relationships and the director shares that it was important for him to mention a strong point while telling any story. Although people called it a flat narration because of the concept, the director says that is his style for this particular film to feel the emotions of the

An MBA graduate, Gopinath did a three month film crash course after his intermediate and wrote this story of Sammathame, which he started filming after com-pleting his MBA and he's happy that he took the right decision to get into film-making as his film fared

pretty well at the box office. He says, "It's good if the character says something. Highlighting it forcibly is like rubbing. I already knew that some dialogues would be strong. But casually it has an impact. That is the reason we are talking about it

When asked why he chose this film for his debut, he

said, "Basically, movie stories films too." revolve mostly around money, murders, conspiracies, daydreaming, scams and what not. I wanted to make a fun movie that's like the cool breeze before it rains. Every person has lighter veins and I want to ease them with my story. My story had some strong dialogues, but those too I wanted to say in an easy way instead of rubbing them on the audience."

"Kiran and I are like brothers. We have been travelling with each other for a long time. Kiran was supposed to do this film after Raja Varu, Rani Varu but the script was not completely done then so he went ahead with SR Kalyanamandapam," said the director adding he respects Kiran as a writer.

For this film, a song was made on a huge scale but the director removed it from the film because he felt the song didn't go with the flow of the film and it seemed the song was placed forcefully in the film.

Speaking about the response for the film, Gopinath who is on cloud 9 said, "There is a good response from the youth. There is also an overwhelming response from the family audience that was a surprise. I also received praise from the industry. I got two to three offers for other





Surreal experience working with Rana & Venkatesh: Mukul Chadda

ukul Cha dda, best known for his role of Jagdeep Chadda in the official Indian adaptation of The Office is gearing up for his next big release. The actor recently shot with the reallife nephew and uncle duo, Rana and Venkatesh Daggubati, for the official

Indian adaptation of the popular American TV series Ray Donovan. The crime drama show, named Rana Naidu has been backed by Locomotive Global Inc, and will be directed jointly by Karan Anshuman and Suparn Verma.

Talking about the experience, Mukul said, "I'm really excited about my character in Rana Naidu. Ít's very different from the kind of roles that audiences have seen me in, and I hope this leads to even more diverse roles for me in future. Kudos to Karan and Suparn for trusting me with something so different."

On working with big names like Rana and Venkatesh, Mukul added, "Both Rana and Venkatesh Daggubati are extremely professional and down-toearth stars. It was very relaxed and comfortable to

Hyderabad chapter of Modern Love

work with them. Especially with Venkatesh Sir, whom I had a lot more scenes with -I even went to Hyderabad to rehearse with him before we started shooting. I've grown up watching him in movies over the years. And here we were on set together, bonding over the fact that we both studied in Chennai, and tried our hands at something else before getting involved in cinema. It was surreal. But he was incredi-

bly warm and friendly." Interestingly, Rana Naidu will mark Mukul Chadda's first release on Netflix. The actor has had several shows and films on other leading platforms like Hotstar, Amazon Prime, and Zee5.

Entrepreneurship is a very courageos task: Rana Daggubati

PNS | HYDERABAD

T-Hub on Tuesday announced the inauguration of the world's largest innovation campus in Hyderabad.

Actor, producer and entrepreneur Rana Daggubati gave the keynote address during the inauguration. He said, "Any city is

known sometimes by the political leaders of the state, sometimes by celebrities when their movie becomes a success or sportsmen when they make it big but Hyderabad is exclusively known for its entrepreneurs. The entrepreneurs are the ambassadors of the city."

Rana congratulated Urban Development Minister KT Rama Rao and all the people from

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Prabhas working

T-Hub Phase-1 for bringing in 4 billion dol-

of investment Rana Daggubati dur-ing his address recalled his job where he worked at a desk for about 15 years in the media and entertainment industry.

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thing," Rana added.

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While advising the entrepreneurs, he said, "Keep questioning your-self and keep doubting yourself again and again so that nobody doubts you in the future. Have patience, create great things and put
Hyderabad on the map"

"It's considered as a proud moment when a person keeps working at the same company for 20 years but at the same time when one wants to spend 2-3 years on themselves, they are not given much support. People should know that entrepreneurship is a very courageos task. If

ove has the power to charm, to excite, to hurt, but more than anything, it has the ability to heal. Presenting a beautiful bouquet of love, exploring various emotions and relationships set in the culturally vibrant city of Hyderabad.

The heart-warming trailer for *Modern Love Hyderabad*, the second Indian adaptation in the series of three localised versions of Modern Love. A SIC Productions, produced by Elahe Hiptoola with Nagesh Kukunoor as the showrunner, the new Telugu series brings to life stories of love that are truly unique to the local ethos and essence of the modern-day Hyderabad.

Inspired by the famous New York Times column. Modern Love Hyderabad strings together six heartfelt episodes of love, directed by talented filmmakers from the Telugu industry including Nagesh Kukunoor, Venkatesh Maha, Uday

Gurrala and Devika Buhadhanam and features an eclectic cast including Nithya Menen. Revathy, Aadhi Pinisetty, Ritu Varma, Abijeet

brings six positive stories of love Duddala,

Malavika Nair, Suhasini Maniratnam, Naresh Agastya,

Ulka Gupta, Naresh and Komalee Prasad. Producer and

director Nagesh Kukunoor, who has also directed three episodes said, "Love is an emotion which sions. For Modern Love Hyderabad, I have tried to focus

on how love helps us grow, learn to trust and forgive. Along with

being a love letter to love itself, it is also giving a peek into the extraordinary city of Hyderabad, which is steeped in culture and history yet pulsating with the vibrancy of youth. The city is the omnipotent character in all the stories of love of this incredible series. We have tried to capture the beating heart of Hyderabad through the myriad of people who call it home. I hope audiences relate to these stories and find themselves in the characters

we have created for them."

Swathi Muthyam's first single captures the bliss of first love

Swathi Muthyam, a feel-good family entertainer produced by Suryadevara Naga Vamsi under Sithara Entertainments, marks the acting debut of Ganesh and fea-tures Varsha Bollamma as the female lead. Directed by Lakshman K Krishna, the film has music by Mahathi Swara Sagar. Nee Chaaredu Kalle, the first single from the film, was launched on Monday.

Nee Chaaredu Kalle is a musical journey through the bliss of first love and the many moments that make it a magical experience. Lyricised by Krishna Kanth (KK) and sung by Butta Bomma sensation Armaan Malik and Sanjana Kalmanje, the breezy number captures

how the protagonists Ganesh and Varsha Bollamma are gradually smitten by one another.

The melody is easy on the ears and brims with a universal appeal that could resonate with music buffs across all age groups. Director Lakshman K Krishna says *Nee Chaaredu Kalle* has been the cynosure of all eyes on social media after the

launch and that listeners just can't have enough of

Swathi Muthyam releases in theatres on August 13. The shoot is complete and the post-production formalities are progressing at a brisk pace. The supporting cast includes senior actors Naresh, Rao Ramesh, Subbaraju, Vennela Kishore, Harshavardhan, Pammi Sai, Sapthagiri, Goparaju Ramana, Siva Narayana, Pragathi, Surekha Vani,

Sunaina, Divya Sripada.



media have accused Sobhita of being responsible for the much-publicised breakup between Naga Chaitanya and Samantha Ruth Prabhu, who's herself a popular actress. The video clip of

Sobhita showing her middle finger while on a flight has gone viral on social media. Even though the video footage obscures the target of her gesture, netizens claim it is Sobhita's

response to the rumours of her link-up with Naga Chaitanya. The upload time and date haven't been made

obhita Dhulipala, who was most recently seen in the Adivi Sesh movie *Major*, shows her middle finger in a viral video ostensibly at those who are linking her up with Telugu star Naga Chaitanya.

Her detractors on social

public, though. Incidentally, Sobhita has denied the rumors, calling them 'baseless', whereas Naga Chaitanya has not responded at all. His PR team, however, has blamed the Samantha camp for the

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Prithviraj's Kaduva release postponed

rumour.

≺he release of director Shaji Kailas's upcoming entertainer Kaduva. Prithviraj, Samyuktha Menon, and Vivek Oberoi in the lead roles, has been postponed to July 7. The film was to be released in Tamil, Telugu, Hindi, Kannada and Malayalam.

cinematography by Abhinandhan Ramanujam and music by Jakes Bejoy, was supposed to originally release on June 30. Taking to Instagram, actor Prithviraj, who is on a whirlwind tour to different cities to promote his film, made the announcement Hours before this

announcement,

Maruthi filming will start at the Dasari for end of August or the months. The first week of curiosity September. Despite the has rumours about increased the movie's since genre being Maruthi offered a clari-

fication on the film. It was reported that Maruthi had written a horror comedy just for Prabhas and that regular

recently spoke with the media, insisted that he will reveal the details regarding his movie with

Prabhas, soon. "Please refrain from believing any rumours

untrue, Maruthi, who

have three heroines, Don't among whom is Pelli SandaD fame Sreeleela, believe any while *Uppena* rumours about my movie with

Prabhas:

Maruthi

another female lead opposite Prabhas. Malavika Mohanan is said to be one of the women who will romance the Radhe Shyam

heroine Krithi Shetty

is consid-

about the type of movie

I'll be directing with

Prabhas. The specifics will be revealed by me,

but there is a timing and order involved," explained

Maruthi Dasari. The ten-

tative title for Prabhas-

Maruthi's movie is Raja

Deluxe, and is said to

mass commercial featuring actors

The film, which has Prithviraj had attended a promotional event in Chennai, where he said that his film, Kaduva

will be a refreshing change. The actor had said that the only genre that the Malayalam film industry had slightly forgotten was the mass action entertainer genre and that his upcoming film Kaduva was a step in that direction.

STOKES' ENG SET SIGHTS ON IN

AP LEEDS

ngland captain Ben Stokes has insisted there will be no let-up from his side when they face India just days after whitewashing Test world champions New Żealand.

A first series under the new leadership duo of Stokes and red-ball head coach Brendon McCullum, a former New Zealand captain, ended with an emphatic seven-wicket win in Leeds on Monday that sealed a 3-0 triumph over the Black Caps.

For the third time in as many matches, England made light of a potentially tricky run chase, with Jonny Bairstow ending a pursuit of 296 by smashing a six on his Headingley home

England, however, have just a few days to savour their success before facing India at Edgbaston in a match starting Friday.

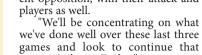
The fifth Test was rescheduled after the fixture was postponed last September following a Covid out-

break in the India camp.
India are currently 2-1 up in a five-match series following a 157-run win at the Oval but are now set to face a revitalised England side likely to feature only four survivors at most from that match — Ollie Pope, Joe Root, Bairstow and James Anderson — later this

"Regardless of the opposition, we're still going to have the same mindset," Stokes told reporters after stumps in Leeds on Monday.

The dynamic all-rounder, on a mental health break from cricket at the time of the fourth Test against India, added: "Obviously, it's

going to be a completely different...



games and look to continue that against India on Friday." England had won just once in 17 Tests prior to the New Zealand series,

ent opposition, with their attack and

albeit many of those matches were played under mentallydraining coronavirus restrictions that no longer

'NEW MENTALITY'

But the shackles have been lifted in an exhilarating start to life under McCullum, one of the most attacking players of his generation.

'I knew that everyone would buy into the new mentality me and Brendon set out, but I didn't think it would go this well to be honest," said kindred spirit Stokes.

In the space of just over a week, Bairstow struck two remarkable Test hundreds, his 136 in a run chase at Trent Bridge was followed by an astounding 162 which rescued England from the depths of 55-6 in the first innings at Headingley.

Monday witnessed more blazing hitting from Bairstow, who struck England's second-quickest Test fifty of all time, off just 30 balls, on his

way to an unbeaten 71. Former England captain played second fiddle while making 86 not out as he shared an unbroken stand of 111 with his Yorkshire team-

Root was named England's player of the series after scoring 396 runs at an average of 99, in a continuation of the form that has taken him top of the Test batting rankings.

McCullum, however, has had a more immediate impact upon Bairstow.

"I've never heard a bloke get 130odd off 90 balls like he did at Trent Bridge and then ask his head coach how to go out and play," said Stokes.

"Baz McCullum basically just said, 'Go and get your Sudoku book, sit next to me and shut up. Whatever you did last week, go out and do it again.'

"With Jonny, it's just about making sure he knows what he's in the

New Zealand arrived in England with questions over how they would replace the retiring Ross Taylor and BJ Watling only for their effective replacements — Daryl Mitchell and Tom Blundell — to share four century partnerships.

But omitting frontline spinner Ajaz Patel — who in December became only the third bowler in Test history to take all 10 wickets in an innings, against India in his birthplace of Mumbai — for the last two matches of this series proved costly, with off-break bowler Michael Bracewell thrashed for 109 runs in 15.2 overs during England's run-chase at Headingley.
"We opted for the balance of the

side to go with three seamers," said New Zealand captain Kane Williamson. "We were curious to whether it would turn but it's just one of those things.'



India to tour NZ for limted overs series after T20 WC

PTI WELLINGTON

India will be touring New Zealand for a white-ball series comprising three T20Is and as many ODIs after the World T20 in Australia, New Zealand Cricket (NZC) said on Tuesday.

The series will be held between November 18 to 30 and New Zealand will return to India for a white-ball series in January next year.

"India will arrive in New Zealand at the conclusion of the world cup to play the Black Caps in three T20s at Wellington, Tauranga and Napier, and three ODIs at Auckland, Hamilton and Christchurch," NZC said in

a release. "The Black Caps will then depart for the sub-continent for a tour of Pakistan and a short form series in India, before returning in early February to prepare for the two Tests against

England — at Tauranga (D/N) and Wellington."

India will be playing a rescheduled one-off fifth Test against England beginning on Friday, besides featuring in three T20Is and as many ODIs at the Old Blighty.

India will then tour the West Indies for a white-ball series comprising three ODIs and five T20Is in July-August in the run-up to the T20 World

Cup.
In a jam-packed international schedule, New Zealand will also play a day-night Test against England, while six teams will be touring the country in the 2022-23 home summer.

Besides India, the other touring teams include Pakistan, Bangladesh, England and Sri Lanka men's teams, and Bangladesh women.

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November 18	1st T20		Sky Stadium, Wellington
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November 22	3rd T20		McLean Park, Napier
November 25	1st ODI	A constant	Eden Park, Auckland
November 27	2nd ODI		Seddon Park, Hamilton
November 30	3rd ODI		Hagley Oval, Christchurch.

Radha Yadav moves up in Women's T20 rankings

PTI DUBAI

On the back of her splendid performance in the just-concluded T20 series against Sri Lanka, India's left-arm spinner Radha Yadav has moved up to the 13th spot in the ICC Women's T20 players rank-

ings.
As per the latest rankings released by the ICC, Yadav has progressed seven bowlers after bagging four wickets in the series against Sri Lanka, which India won

In batting chart, Sri Lanka captain Chamari Athapaththu has moved up one place to a career-best seventh position after aggregating 139 runs in three matches. She had struck a match-winning 80 not out in the final T20I in Dambulla.

Athapaththu has also gained two slots to reach seventh in the all-rounders'

Indian batters Smriti (fourth), Mandhana Jemimah Rodrigues (14th) and captain Harmanpreet Kaur (18th) have retained their places in the batting

The other Indian bowlers who have advanced ings.



in rankings are Pooja Vastrakar, who has moved up 30 places to the 32nd spot, and Renuka Thakur, who has jumped 83 places to reach the 97th spot.

Vastrakar clinched only two wickets in the T20 series, while she also scored 27 runs. Thakur was also able to clinch only two wickets in the three-match T20

Meanwhile, Sri Lanka's Anushka Sanjeewani has moved up four places to 60th among batters.

Sri Lanka spinners Oshadi Ranasinghe (up 11 places to 26th), Sugandika Kumari (up nine places to 40th) and Inoka Ranaweera (up16 places to 47th) have also improved their rank-

Hooda's 105 takes India to 227-7 | England World Cup-winning skipper



PTI MALAHIDE

Deepak Hooda produced a master-class knock, becoming only the fourth Indian to hit a T20 International century, as the visiting side posted a mammoth 227 for 7 against Ireland in the second and final match here on Tuesday.

During his maiden T20I ton (104 off 57 balls), Hooda showed he belonged to the big stage with his scintillating stroke play, both off the front and backfoot.

While Hooda was elegant and at ease on the frontfoot, he was equally good on the backfoot, dispatching the ball over the midwicket boundary for a

Hooda decorated his knock with nine fours and six hits over the fence.

He was ably supported by Sanju Samson, who, opening the batting in place of injured Ruturaj Gaikwad, played second fiddle but grabbed his opportunity with both hands.

Samson made 77 off 42 balls with the help of nine boundaries and four sixes.

Both Hooda and Samson's strokeplay down the ground were a treat for the eyes.

But India did not have the best of starts as they lost Ishan Kishan (3) early. The left-handed opener once again wasted an

Adair delivery to Lorcan Tucker behind the stumps in the third

Hooda and Samson joined hands and the duo batted effortlessly, albeit handing two difficult chances, to share 176 runs off just 85 balls to lay the foundation for India's huge total.

It was a one-way traffic after Kishan's dimissal as Hooda and Samson toyed with the Irish bowlers and did not let them settle down.

Except for a difficult chance which Paul Stirling dropped at extra off in the eight over,

Samson too was handed a life in the ninth over when legspinner Gareth Delany dropped a difficult caught-and-bowled

Samson too played some delightful strokes, particularly off the backfoot during his hallfcentury knock. He, however, was cleaned up by Adair in the 17th

Hooda brought up his maiden T20I century off 55 balls with a single to join the likes of Rohit Sharma, KL Rahul and Suresh Raina in the elite club of only four Indian centurions in

the format. Once Hooda departed at the team score of 212, Surya Kumar Yadav (15) and skipper Hardik Pandya (15) tried to accelerate the scoring but failed as India lost three wickets for the addition of just 14 runs in the last two overs.

Morgan retires from int'l cricket

AP LONDON

Eoin Morgan may be England's all-time leading run scorer in one-day and Twenty20 cricket, but the World Cup's winner game-changing impact on the team was measured in more than just figures.

Morgan, 35, announced his international retirement on Tuesday at Lord's, where he captained England to their memorable World Cup final win against New Zealand in 2019.

That thrilling victory was the culmination of Morgan's white-ball revolution as he oversaw a complete change in attitude towards the limitedover game in his adopted country.

Morgan rose rapidly through the ranks of Ireland cricket, becoming known for his unorthodox shot-making. But with Ireland not then a Test nation, he

made no secret of his desire to qualify for England and made his debut for Middlesex a week after his 19th birthday. The left-hander was equally decisive when he stood down from Test cricket after playing the

last of 16 matches in the longer format in 2012 when he realised there was no chance of a redball recall. By concentrating on limited-overs internationals, Morgan became England's all-time leading scorer in ODI and T20 cricket with 6,957 and

2,458 runs respectively. His tally of 225 ODI appearances and 115 T20Is is another England record, but it was as a ground-breaking captain that Morgan had his

greatest impact. Appointed on the eve of the 2015 World Cup after the selectors dispensed with Alastair Cook, he led England to a miserable first-round exit

sealed with a woeful defeat by Bangladesh. But inspired by the attacking approach of New Zealand captain Brendon McCullum, who



recently became England's red-ball coach, Morgan oversaw a remarkable revival.

Just under three months after being thrashed by New Zealand at the World Cup in a match where McCullum hit 77 from only 25 balls, England turned the tables on the Black Caps by smashing 408-9 in a 210-run win at Edgbaston.

Morgan, with the support of coach Trevor Bayliss — the Australian was drafted into the England set-up after the 2015 debacle — presided over 16 wins from 20 bilateral series during the four years between World Cups.

in the rankings, with the likes of Jos Buttler, Jason Roy, Jonny Bairstow and Ben Stokes buying into Morgan's policy of fearless attacking cricket. Morgan was also adept in the field, his sen-

Éngland in that time climbed to number one

sitive captaincy allowing leg-spinner Adil Rashid to flourish.

The skipper also wisely had a calming word with Jofra Archer after the fast bowler sent down a wide at the start of a Super Over that ended with England beating New Zealand in the World Cup

West Indies win by 10 wickets, seal series 2-0

AP ■ GROS ISLET

West Indies beat Bangladesh by 10 wickets in the second Test and took a one-sided series 2-0 at Daren Sammy Stadium.

Both Tests were won well

inside four days. A wet field washed out the first two sessions on Monday, but when Bangladesh resumed on 132-6, needing 42 more runs to make West Indies bat again, play lasted less than 12 overs.

Bangladesh's second innings extended nine more overs and 54 more runs before it was all over on 186. Nurul Hasan was stranded on 60 not out from 50

Needing 13 runs to win, West Indies openers John Campbell and captain Kraigg

Brathwaite took 17 balls. Bangladesh's 100th Test loss came after it scored 234 and 186 and West Indies 408 and 13 not



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When the day's play got underway, Mehidy Hasan Miraz got off with a mark with a boundary then was out next ball trying to block an Alzarri Joseph bouncer and edging behind.

one over Ebadot Hossain and Shoriful Islam for ducks. Seales, Joseph and Kemar

Roach each took three wickets. Khaled Ahmed was run out for a duck from the nonstriker's end when Nurul wasn't looking for a run.

Nurul resumed from 16 overnight and blasted two sixes and five boundaries for his third Test fifty — all against West Indies — and four runs short of his career best.

They start three T20Is and three ODIs from Saturday.

Oz pick Swepson for Sri Lanka spin battle

A ustralia's Mitchell Swepson will play the opening Test against Sri Lanka, with touring skipper Pat Cummins on Tuesday calling the legspinner an "important cog" in their bowling attack. The 28-year-old Swepson will part-

start of the two-match series on Wednesday in Galle, where the pitch is expected to be a turner. Cummins stopped short of disclosing the full Australian XI, with doubts over batsman Travis Head, who injured his hamstring during the

team's loss in the one-day internation-

ner premier spinner Nathan Lyon at the

al series. "Just want to see how Travis gets through, so we'll give him bit more time. But yes, Mitchell Swepson will be the second spinner in the Test match," Cummins told reporters.

Pakistan earlier this year and was part

of the visiting team's 1-0 Test triumph

Swepson made his debut in

there. He took two wickets in two But Cummins insists the up-andcoming wrist spinner is ready for the Sri Lankan challenge as Australia look to avenge their 3-0 loss to the



hosts in 2016.

"We're really happy with Swepo. I think he is bowling beautifully and really ready for this one," said

"I think his role here might be slightly different as well. Pakistan we knew was going to be a slow grind and I thought he did his job despite not

taking the wickets he would like. He was a really important cog in that bowling engine.'

Sri Lanka skipper Dimuth Karunaratne said leg-spinners were a wicket-taking option and the hosts could hand a Test debut to wrist spin-

ner Jeffrey Vandersay. Wrist spinner has more control

on these tracks," he said.

SPIN TO WIN

Veteran spinner Rangana Herath was the wrecker-in-chief with his 28 wickets in Sri Lanka's series sweep of the Australians six years ago.

Karunaratne insists the team's present spin group of Lasith Embuldeniya, Ramesh Mendis, Praveen Jayawickrama and Vandersay can match Herath's exploits. "There are three spinners who can

play that role, so whoever comes and bowls well he can do the job," said Karunaratne. "Embuldeniya has good experi-

ence on these wickets, Mendis, Praveen and Vandersay also there. I think those are capable of doing Rangana Herath's job" Čummins admitted Sri Lanka are

tough side to beat on home soil. "I think Sri Lanka play really well over here, it's quite different from what we experience in Australia," said

"They are going to pose a challenge but we are up for it. All-rounder Glenn Maxwell could

return to the Test team after a gap of five years since he last played a fiveday game.