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**'I HAVE GROWN AS AN
ACTOR BUT EVOLVED
AS A PERSON'**

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**BACK HOME FROM DRUG REHAB; MAN
KILLS PARENTS, GRANDMOTHER, SISTER**

Days after returning from a rehabilitation centre, a 25-year-old drug-addict allegedly stabbed his parents, sister and grandmother to death in southwest Delhi's Palam, police said on Wednesday. Keshav killed his entire family Tuesday night following a quarrel, officials said, adding their bodies were found in separate rooms at their home with blood all over. The deceased have been identified as Keshav's grandmother Deewana Devi (75), father Dinesh (50), mother Darshana and sister Urvarshi (18). As Keshav went on the stabbing spree, the screams of his family members alerted some of their relatives, who live in the same building, and neighbours.

**AIIMS-DELHI SERVER DOWN; AFFECTS
OPD, IN PATIENT AND SERVICES**

The server for National Informatics Centre's eHospital used at AIIMS-New Delhi has been down since 7 am, affecting the healthcare centre's outpatient department (OPD) and sample collection services. All these services are running on manual mode at present, AIIMS authorities said. A team from the National Informatics Centre (NIC) working at AIIMS has informed that this may be a ransomware attack, which is being reported to and will be investigated by appropriate law enforcement authorities, AIIMS said. "With the server being down, the outpatient and inpatient digital hospital services, including smart lab have been affected," an AIIMS official said.

**MAN FLEEING TO VARANASI AFTER
KILLING WIFE NABBED FROM TRAIN**

A 32-year-old man was arrested from a train while he was fleeing to Varanasi after allegedly killing his wife at Nalasopara in Palghar district of Maharashtra four days back, police said on Wednesday. The accused and the victim used to quarrel frequently and the latest provocation was the woman refusing to hand over her gold earrings to raise funds for the post-cremation rituals of the mother of the accused, an official said. The accused allegedly strangled his wife to death at their house on November 19 and fled, as per the investigation. On a tip-off that the accused was fleeing to his hometown Varanasi, a team of Mira Bhayandar Vasai Virar (MBVV) Police rushed to Lalitpur and nabbed him in a train, the official added.

**POONAWALA DOWN WITH FEVER, POLYGRAPH
TEST COULD NOT BE COMPLETED**

The polygraph test on Mehrauli murder accused Aaftab Amin Poonawala could not be conducted on Wednesday since he is down with fever and cold, police said as a 2020 complaint surfaced in which victim Shraddha Walkar alleged her partner tried to kill her and she feared he would cut her into pieces. The delay in completion of the polygraph test also means that the narco test on Poonawala, cannot be conducted on Thursday. A senior official at Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL), Rohini said that investigators informed them that Poonawala is down with fever and cold and so he could be brought for the polygraph test. The test will continue only after he gets well, the official added.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Set a deadline for Governor

TRS govt writes to Law CommissionNAVEENA GHANATE
■ HYDERABAD

The Telangana Rashtra Samiti government has written to the Law Commission seeking to modify the Constitution for setting a deadline for the Governor to approve bills.

In this connection, it wanted the Law Commission to change the operative words "as soon as possible" to "as soon as possible within 30 days".

According to Article 200 of the Constitution of India, the Governor has the right to assent or reject a bill.

The TRS government urged the Law Commission to make Article 200 more accountable by studying these lapses and recommend to the Government of India to amend the Constitution.

"The term 'as soon as possible'

seems very vague and lacks a specific timeframe in Article 200. The framers of the Constitution would



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never have envisaged that such a situation would arise where a Governor openly contradicts the policy/ bills of the elected state government by indefinitely delaying assent. I strongly urge you to look into this matter and request you to recommend to the Government of India to amend the term in the Article 200 of the Constitution from "as soon as possible" to "within 30 days". This change will bring a lot more accountability in the system at the highest level", said Planning Commission Vice Chairman B Vinod Kumar.

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**India carries out
successful launch
of Agni-3 missile**

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

India on Wednesday successfully carried out the training launch of Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile, Agni-3, from APJ Abdul Kalam Island, off the Odisha coast, DRDO sources said.

The successful test was part of routine user training launches carried out under the aegis of the Strategic Forces Command, an official statement said, adding that the launch was carried out for a predetermined range and validated all operational parameters of the system.

TRS MLAS 'POACHING' CASE

Send notices via WhatsApp & email

■ TS HC directs SIT on Santhosh issue

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

The Telangana High Court on Wednesday directed the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the alleged attempt to poach TRS MLAs to again serve notice on BJP leader B L Santhosh, who is yet to appear before the SIT. The bench said that notices should be sent through e-mail and WhatsApp.

The Additional Advocate-General asked the court to lift the non-arrest order. However, the High Court rejected the request of the Additional A-G.

Earlier, the Telangana SIT had issued notices to BJP national general secretary (Organisation) Santhosh and others to appear before it for questioning on November 21. However, they did not turn up before the probe panel.

**Case against Ram
Chandra Bharati
for possessing two
passports**

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

The SIT-led investigation in the poaching of 4 TRS MLAs case has taken a new turn with another case being registered in the Banjara Hills PS against key accused Ramachandra Bharati.

The Banjara Hills police have registered a case under various sections following a complaint filed by the Rajendranagar ACP and SIT member that Ramachandra Bharati was in possession of two passports. When the SIT officials examined the laptop of Ramachandra Bharati, they found that there were two passports in it.

Goel's appointment as EC comes under Supreme scanner

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The appointment of election commissioner Arun Goel Wednesday came under scrutiny by the Supreme Court which sought from the Centre the original records pertaining to his appointment for perusal, saying it wanted to know whether there was any "hanky panky".

The top court, which rejected the Centre's objections to its order for producing the original file, said it wants to know whether everything was "hunky dory" in the appointment process as claimed by the government.

A five-judge Constitution bench headed by Justice K M Joseph said it wants to know whether there was any "hanky panky" in Goel's appointment as election commissioner on November 19, as he was only recently given voluntary retirement from service.

The bench rejected the objections

**Malla Reddy
under lens for
6 months**

- IT officials came disguised as realty brokers
- Minister's son hospitalised with complaint of chest pain
- Minister claims CRPF beat his son

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Raids by sleuths of the IT Department on TS Minister Malla Reddy's residences continued on Wednesday and may spill over on Thursday too. The execution of the investigation is not something that happened overnight. The probe agencies reportedly had conducted a recce for six months. Based on a perfect plan, the raids started.

IT officials reportedly disguised themselves as real estate brokers and then secured key information on Malla Reddy's treasures.

Raids focused on TRS leaders with bad image?

**Bangaru Telangana batch
leaders in the dock**

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Although there is hullabaloo over central investigative agencies' raids on Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS) leaders, a close look at those already in the dock suggests that they are the ones who

hardly have any sympathy among the public for various reasons. These leaders do not have a good public image. In fact, most of these TRS leaders are those who had switched their allegiances from other parties.

Ministers Ch Malla Reddy, Gangula Kamalakar, Talasani Srinivas Yadav, MP Nama Nageshwar Rao, MLA



Manchireddy Kishan Reddy had switched to TRS from TDP.

**ED seizes Rs16 cr
from Alphageo**

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Sleuths of the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) have seized Rs. 16 crore belonging to M/s Alphageo (India) Limited in the form of fixed deposits under certain provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA, 1999).

An investigation against M/s Alphageo India Limited (M/s Alphageo) was initiated by ED on the basis of information received that M/s Alphageo had transferred and parked certain funds in the United Arab Emirates in contravention of the provisions of FEMA, 1999.

During preliminary investigations, it was revealed that M/s Alphageo,

AP CM tears into TDP, calls Chandrababu 'Ravana'

Usurping party, power is like land grabbing

PNS ■ VIJAYAWADA

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, on Wednesday, launched a bolstering attack on TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu and called him 'today's Ravana'. He made the comment while addressing a public event in Srikakulam. Without mincing his words, the AP CM berated the TDP supreme and said that the time had come to say 'bye-bye to Babu'. "Chandrababu Naidu seized power by backstabbing NTR," the CM said.

"Those who come to power by their sheer hard work and commitment are known as NTR, MGR and

Jagan, while on the other hand, those who come to power by betrayal are called Chandrababu," CM Jagan said, once again highlighting how the TDP chief had tricked and deceived TDP founder NTR and took over the party's control. While the earlier set of people are termed land owners, the latter can be described as land grabbers, the Chief Minister said. The people supporting Ravana, who set his eye on Sita, should be called demons and the friendly media of Chandrababu and Pawan Kalyan, are like dushta chathustayam (Gang of Four).

Extending the attack on Jana Sena



Chief Pawan Kalyan, CM slammed him for misleading the people against the YSRCP government.

**Water board looks
at tech to control
stench from STPs****SC DIRECTS ALL STATE ELECTRICITY
REGULATORY PANELS**

Frame norms for fixing tariff

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday directed all state electricity regulatory commissions to frame regulations under the law prescribing terms and conditions for determination of power tariff within a period of three months.

The important direction from the top court came in a verdict by which it dismissed the appeal of TATA Power Company Limited Transmission (TPC-T) against a judgement of the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity (APTEL) which had upheld the grant of electricity transmission license to Adani Electricity Mumbai Infra Limited (AEMIL).

"We direct all State Regulatory Commissions to frame Regulations under Section 181 of the (Electricity) Act on the terms and conditions for determination of tariff within three months from the date of this judgment,"



the court said.

While framing these guidelines on determination of tariff, the Appropriate Commission shall be guided by the principles prescribed in Section 61, which also includes the NEP (National Electricity Policy) and NTP (National Tariff Policy 2006), it said.

Fake edn certificates racket busted

Certificates forged in the names 10 Universities seizedDEEPIKA PASHAM
■ HYDERABAD

Sleuths of the Special Operations Team (SOT), LB Nagar Zone along with Chaitanyapuri Police personnel, have busted a racket involved in forging educational certificates.

The police apprehended Miryala Anand Kumar, Mallepaka Hemanth, and Shaik Shaheen for making and supplying fake educational certificates using the names of various reputed universities. They were selling the fake certificates to persons seeking visas to go abroad (the UK/US) or secure jobs in the private sector.

The police filed cases under



The accused, Anand Kumar, having completed Bachelor of Fine Arts from JNTU - Hyderabad, has been running a flex designing unit at Chaitanyapuri styled as Art Line Arts under the limits of Chaitanyapuri PS.

C R . N o . 8 6 5 / 2 0 2 2 U/Sec.420,468,471,120 (B)/r/w 34IPC in PS Chaitanyapuri, under the Rachakonda Police Commissionerate. They seized fake educational certificates prepared in the names of

reputed universities such as Osmania University (10), Jawaharlal Nehru University (14), Andhra University (08), Acharya Nagarjuna University (06), Kakatiya University (03), SRM University (04),

Telangana State Board of Intermediate (05), SSC (06), GITAM University (12), Gulbarga University (06).

TODAY**ALMANAC**

Month & Paksham: Agrayana & Sukla Paksha
Tithi: Pratipada: 24 04:27 AM to Nov 25 01:37 AM

Nakshatram: Anuradha: Nov 23 09:37 PM to Nov 24 07:37 PM

Jyeshtha: Nov 24 07:37 PM to Nov 25 05:21 PM

Rahukalam: 1:25 PM to 2:49 PM

Yamagandam: 6:29 AM to 7:52 AM

Varjyam: 12:41 AM to 02:08 AM

Gulika: 9:16 AM to 10:39 AM

Amritakalam: 10:05 AM to 11:33 AM

Abhijit Muhurtham: 11:40 AM to 12:24 PM

HYDERABAD WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy
Temp: 30°
Humidity: 65%
Sunrise: 6:29 AM
Sunset: 5:35 PM
Updated: NOVEMBER 23, 2022 5:00 PM

ED seizes...

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a Hyderabad-based company engaged in providing seismic survey services to various oil exploration and production companies in India and abroad, had been improperly importing various items of equipment for seismic data acquisition from suppliers based in France, Singapore, the Netherlands, etc. Further investigation revealed that equipment for seismic data acquisition was directly received from various suppliers by M/s Alphageo. However, payment for the same was routed through an entity M/s Matrix Group DMCC, maintained and controlled by Rajiv Saxena, a Chartered Accountant based in Dubai and a hawala operator for these imports. Further investigations revealed that by way of over-invoicing import bills for these imports M/s Alphageo had parked funds into the account of M/s Matrix Group DMCC for the personal benefit of Dinesh Alla, Chairman and Managing Director of M/s Alphageo (India) Limited in contravention of provisions of FEMA Act, 1999.

Set a deadline for...

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He said, "I am hurt by the lack-adaisical attitude of the Governors in not acting upon Bills passed by the State Assemblies. What is stopping the Governors from exercising his/her powers to either accept or reject a bill? The Legislative Assemblies of Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, etc. have enacted several important Bills and sent the same to their State Governors for assent (annexure attached for your reference). He said that Governors are unduly delaying to act upon bills passed by the State Legislatures. This attitude of the Constitutional head is causing irreparable loss to the people of the nation". He said The Telangana Universities Common Recruitment Board Bill 2022 was submitted to the Governor

Malla Reddy under lens...

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They identified his relatives' houses, kept an eye on his benamis. Sources said that the officers took the avatar of real estate traders and reached Mallareddy's house and proposed that they would sell land that they have at a low price. In the process, they collected details of Mallareddy's benamis, relatives' ledgers and bank accounts. IT teams are scrutinizing records with about 200 officers and 50 teams. Besides, dozens of CRPF policemen have been engaged. More central forces are reportedly in reserve just in case the reactionary protests cross the line. The IT officials started the search only after preparing the CPRF personnel to protect them from retaliatory possible attacks. The IT officials had made these arrangements reportedly based on information that ranks of the TRS party were prepared to

Wrong to assume having judge in EC appointment panel will ensure transparency: Centre to SC

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre told the Supreme Court on Wednesday it was a wrong presupposition that the mere presence of someone from the judiciary in the panel for appointment of Election Commissioners and the Chief Election Commissioner would ensure transparency and independence.

CHICKEN RATES ₹/kg	
Dressed/With Skin	₹180
Without Skin	₹190
Broiler at Farm	₹140

EGG RATES ₹/100	
VIJAYAWADA	529
HYDERABAD	527
VISAKHAPATNAM	525
RETAIL PRICE (IN VIJAYAWADA)	₹5.29

Water board looks at tech to control stench from STPs

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

HMWSSB is working to prevent foul smell from the newly constructed sewage treatment plants (STP) in the city. For this, steps are being taken to utilise the available advanced technology developed by various organisations in the country. It may be recalled that the construction of 31 STPs undertaken by the Water Board at a cost of approximately Rs 3,800 crore is going on at a fast pace with the aim of 100 per cent sewage treatment in the city. Water Board is constructing a total of 31 sewage treatment centres (STPs) in Greater Hyderabad with the aim of treating 1257.50 mlds (million liters per day) of sewage under all three packages. These STPs are almost close to human settlements. Municipal



Minister K Tarakarama Rao ordered the Water Board to ensure that the people living around the STPs do not face any problem and that foul smell does not emanate from the STPs. As per the directives of the minister, the Water Board is studying the technology available to curb the stench emanating

from the STPs. For this, organisations working in this field have been contacted. Representatives of various organisations from Delhi, Mumbai, Pune and Hospet (Karnataka) came to the Jalmandali headquarters in Khairatabad on Wednesday. Along with MD Danakishore, other higher

Fake edn certificates racket...

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Annamalai University (04), GRE (10), Aadhaar cards (05), Diploma certificates-(04), Driving Licence-(04), Letter of recommendations (11), Offer letters(08), Bank certificates(13), Pay slips(03), and Loan sanction letters(14), among others. The accused, Anand Kumar, having completed Bachelor of Fine Arts from JNTU - Hyderabad, has been running a flex designing unit at Chaitanyapuri styled as Art Line Arts under the limits of Chaitanyapuri PS. To supplement his income, Anand Kumar had hatched a plan to make and supply fake educational certificates to students. He came in contact with Mallepaka Hemanth and Kalyan who had been running educational consultancies at Malakpet and Saroor Nagar. The accused

officials viewed a power-point presentation about the technology available in the respective companies and the technology imported from abroad to control the stench from STPs. However, in order to report more comprehensively, HMWSSB MD Danakishore advised the representatives of these organisations to conduct a field inspection of the STPs being constructed in the city. As per his suggestion, they will inspect the STPs being constructed in the city on Thursday. The new STPs are being constructed to utilise the best available technology to efficiently treat more sewage in less time. Danakishore has already ordered to create a pleasant atmosphere in the premises of STPs and to do landscaping for it.

What's the need to hide Minister Malla Reddy's phone: BJP

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

BJP MLA Raghunandana Rao suggested that Minister Malla Reddy, who is in charge, should respect the law. Reacting to the IT attacks on the residences and offices of the minister and his relatives, he told the media that the IT officials have the authority to search anyone's house when they receive a complaint. The minister has to answer why there is a need to hide the cell phone in the dustbin when the investigative agency is

working according to the law and has not committed any wrong-doing. He said that a person who has done wrong has to face the law. "Are you getting headache when giving notices?" Raghunandan Rao asked. He expressed the opinion that only those who are close to Minister Malla Reddy would have given the information to the IT officials. He said that the attacks will be carried out only on those who have illegally acquired power. Minister Malla Reddy's

comments are irresponsible, he said. MLA Raghunandan Rao criticised KCR's regime as being against democracy. He slammed the Telangana government over its alleged discrimination over the allocation of funds in the constituency. Raghunandan said that the CM promised the tribals that they would be issued pattas for the podu lands they have been cultivating for years. A delay in this has led to unrest among them leading to the death of the forest officer, he added.

HRDA seeks action on violating Drugs & Cosmetics ACT

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Healthcare Reforms Doctors Association sent a complaint to Dr Preeti Meena, Director, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, to take action/instructions on pharmacies violating Drugs & Cosmetics ACT rules keeping in view of World Anti-Microbial Resistance Awareness Week. "Quacks and quackery became a big menace in the state of Telangana jeopardising public health by prescribing unnecessary steroids. Unfortunately pharma distribution companies and pharmacies are collaborating

with such quacks, supplying scheduled drugs to their illegal establishments and dispensing drugs on their prescriptions," the HRDA wrote. "While our association is collecting prescriptions of quacks, we noticed pharmacies collaborating with quacks by printing their outlet names on their prescriptions and dispensing drugs on their prescriptions, which is against Drugs & Cosmetics ACT rules," the association said. HRDA requested to take necessary legal action on pharmacies which have printed their names on quacks' prescriptions.

Goel's appointment as...

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Venkataramani told the bench, also comprising Justices Ajay Rastogi, Aniruddha Bose, Hrishikesh Roy and C T Ravikumar, that the court is dealing with the larger issue of appointment of ECs and the CEC, and it cannot look at an individual case flagged by advocate Prashant Bhushan. "I take serious objection to this and have my reservation to the court seeing the file amidst the hearing of a Constitution bench," he contended. The bench said it started hearing a batch of pleas seeking a collegium-like system for the appointment of ECs and the CEC last Thursday and Goel was appointed as an EC on November 19. "We want to see what prompted the step. We want to see what the mechanism is. We

will not treat it as an adversarial (move) and keep it for our record, but we want to know as you claim that everything is hunky dory. Since we were hearing the matter and appointment was made amidst, this may be interlinked. You have time till tomorrow. Produce the documents," the court told the AG. It said Bhushan had told the court last Thursday that an interlocutory application has been filed seeking filling of one vacancy in the election commission and the next day the appointment was made. At the outset, Bhushan, who appeared on behalf of petitioner Anoop Baranwal and made his rejoinder submission, said after the court started hearing the matter, the government hurriedly appointed an election commissioner. "This election commission-

er was, till Thursday, working as a secretary-level officer in the government. Suddenly, he was given VRS on Friday and appointed as an election commissioner," Bhushan said. He added, they (government) appointed someone in a single day and no one knows what process was followed and what safeguards were taken. Justice Joseph said, as far he recalls, it takes three months for a person to get voluntary retirement. "You need to produce before us the original file regarding the appointment of this officer. If there is no illegality, then you should not be afraid," Justice Joseph said. Venkataramani protested the way Bhushan flagged the issue of Goel's appointment amid the hearing of a larger matter and wanted the court to look into it.

Raids focused on TRS leaders...

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That is, they belong to the so-called 'Bangaru Telangana' batch (those who joined after formation of state) of politicians and not the 'Udhyama Telangana' batch. The Bharatiya Janata Party is strategically targeting these leaders, knowing attacks on them would not evoke public sympathy. Investigative agencies have been on the prowl for quite some time. But this has not

made any impact or created any emotion among the general public. When Malla Reddy's institutions were targeted, there was apparent rejoicing among activists and parents. Maybe this explains why the party does not seem to stand united. It was for the first time that MLA KP Vivekanand went to Malla Reddy's house on Friday. Ch Malla Reddy's son Mahender Reddy got admitted to hospital, after complaining of chest pain.

Malla Reddy staged a dharna in front of the hospital, demanding that the I-T Department stop the raids immediately. TRS workers also burnt the effigies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in protest against the selective targeting of their party leaders. But, there is no support from the public. Even in the case of Gangula Kamalakhar, his community-related leaders burnt an effigy, but it did not provoke many of the Kapu community.

Frame norms for fixing tariff

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Granting relief to the Adani group firm, a bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices A S Bopanna and J B Pardiwala said, "The threshold limit not having been notified by MERC, it was open to

MERC to allot the HVDC project either under the RTM (Regulated Tariff Mechanism) or the TBCB (Tariff Based Competitive Bidding) route." "The MERC and APTEL have arrived at concurrent findings that the 1000 MW HVDC (High Voltage Direct Current)

Aarey-Kudus project is an existing project' for the purpose of the applicability of the GoM's GR (Government of Maharashtra's Government Resolution) 2019. This Court deciding a statutory appeal under Section 125 of the Act cannot interfere with the concurrent findings on a question of fact. Nonetheless, even on an independent assessment of the

GARUDA SHAKTI

Indian, Indonesian troops engage in joint training exercise in Karawang

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A contingent of Indian Special Forces is currently engaged in a bilateral joint training exercise with Indonesian Special Forces in Indonesia, aiming at enhancing military cooperation and interoperability between the two sides. Garuda Shakti, the eighth edition of the series of bilateral exercises under this banner, is being held at Sangga Buana Training Area, Karawang, the defence ministry said in a statement on Wednesday. "As part of military-to-military exchange programmes, a contingent of Indian Special Forces troops is currently engaged in a bilateral joint training exercise Garuda Shakti with Indonesian Special Forces," it said. The exercise, which commenced on November 21, aims at enhancing understanding,



cooperation and interoperability between the special forces of both the armies, the ministry here said. The scope of the joint exercise includes orientation to advance special forces skills, sharing of information on weapon, equipment, innovations, tactics, techniques and procedures, and lessons learnt

facts, the HVDC project is an existing project," Justice Chandrachud, writing the judgement for the bench, said. The APTEL had on February 18, 2022 dismissed the plea of Tata firm TPC-T against the grant of electricity transmission license to AEMIL by the Maharashtra State Electricity Regulatory Commission (MERC) on March 21, 2021.

Send notices via...

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One advocate, who was also summoned by the SIT, had appeared before it. Telangana Advocate-General B S Prasad informed the Court that despite the notice being served, Santhosh did not appear before the SIT and that he had sought time (from the panel) on the ground that he had scheduled tour programmes and that he wanted sufficient time without indicating as to the date for appearance. After hearing the matter, the High Court directed the SIT to again serve fresh notice under Section 41A of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) to Santhosh giving reasonable time to appear before the investigation team. Hearing a petition filed by the Telangana unit of BJP seeking stay of the notice issued by the SIT to Santhosh, the Court on November 19 said the BJP leader shall cooperate with the investigating authorities, while directing that he should not be arrested until further orders. The court posted the matter to November 29. Senior Counsel V Chitambare appeared for BJP and Senior Counsel Mahesh Jethmalani represented the accused. A complaint was lodged by TRS MLA Pilot Rohith Reddy -- among the four legislators lured-- against three persons viz Ramachandra Bharathi alias

Case against Ram Chandra...

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It was found that Ramachandra Bharathi had passports with two different numbers. Earlier, a case was registered against Ramachandra Bharathi as per the complaint given by MLA Pilot Rohith Reddy that he had 3 each of Aadhaar, PAN and driving licence. Meanwhile, the SIT summoned two more people. Nanda Kumar, one of the accused in the MLA poaching case, his wife Chitra and his friend Prathap Goud, an advocate, were served notices. Meanwhile advocate Srinivas approached the High Court alleging that SIT officials are harassing him in the name of investigation. Srinivas' lawyer Ponnamm Ashok Goud informed the Court that the SIT officials told him to come whenever he was called for the investigation.

Satish Sharma, Nanda Kumar and Simhayaji Swamy -- on October 26. As per the FIR copy, Rohith Reddy alleged that the accused offered him Rs 100 crore and in return the legislator had to leave the TRS and contest as a BJP candidate in the next Assembly election.

Slain TS forest official laid to rest

Ministers A Indrakaran Reddy and P Ajay Kumar were among those who offered their last respects to FRO

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

The Forest Range Officer (FRO) who was allegedly killed by two persons from the Guthi Koya (tribal group) was laid to rest at Earlapudi on Wednesday. The police announced the arrest of two in connection with the murder.

Amid chants of 'Srinivasa Rao Amar Rahe', the last rites of FRO Ch Srinivasa Rao were performed with full state honours at Earlapudi in Khammam district.

Telangana Forest Minister A Indrakaran Reddy and erstwhile Khammam District Minister P Ajay Kumar, senior officials were among those, who offered their last respects and attended the funeral. Indrakaran Reddy said migrant tribals were damaging the forests. He said the government will not tolerate attacks on



forest personnel.

Two persons, from the Guthi Koya, who allegedly killed the officer over a 'Podu' land issue in Bhadradi Kothagudem district were taken into custody and weapons have been seized from them, police said.

Srinivasa Rao (42) was bru-

tally attacked near a plantation area of the forest under Chandrugonda mandal on Tuesday.

Following an information that the plantation raised by the Forest Department was being damaged by letting in cattle, the FRO along with another forest

staff went there to stop it. Suddenly two persons from among a group from the Guthi Koya habitation allegedly attacked the FRO with axes and he suffered serious injuries on his neck and head and subsequently succumbed on the way to hospital. The slain officer, a

MP extends Rs 2 L to family of slain FRO

Rajya Sabha member Vaddirajulu Ravichandra on Wednesday announced financial assistance of Rs 2 lakh to the family of slain FRO Ch Srinivasa Rao. Ravichandra, who attended the last rites of the FRO at Earlapudi village in Khammam district, paid tribute to the FRO. He extended financial aid.

native of Earlapudi village in Khammam district, is survived by his wife, son and daughter. He had joined the Forest Department in 2004 and was promoted as FRO in 2017, officials said. Srinivasa Rao was the recipient of KVS Babu state gold medal for forest protection in his range in 2021. Strongly condemning the

brutal killing of Srinivasa Rao, the forest personnel demanded the government to provide weapons to the field staff of the forest department. A large number of Forest personnel were among those who joined the procession of the FRO's last rites. The Forest personnel, who were seen wearing black badges, also raised slogans like 'We want justice' and 'evict Guthi Koyas.' They demanded stern punishment to the culprits at the earliest.

The issue of 'Podu' lands (Podu cultivation is a form of shifting cultivation) is a bone of contention with forest officials trying to enforce law in forest areas and those involved in 'Podu' farming resisting it.

The issue has seen friction between 'Podu' cultivators and forest officials in the state with incidents of attacks on forest personnel taking place.

Trains delayed due to damage to track

PNS ■ STATION GHANPUR

Most of the trains playing on the route were delay following discovery of a broken rail of the railway track at Station Ghanpur of Janagan district. The gangman found the broken rails and reported the matter to higher-ups.

The Railway engineers undertook repairs to rectify the defect.

According to reports, one of the iron rails of the railway track on the Secunderabad-Kazipet downline was found broken near Station Ghanpur. The railway staff at first did not notice it.

Alerted by the locals, who noticed the difference in sound while the train was passing on the track, the railway personnel immediately swung into action and undertook repairs.

This has caused disruption



to movement of railway traffic on the line.

The Telangana Express was halted for nearly half an hour at Station Ghanpur railway station. Similarly, the Krishna Express was halted at Ippaguda for 16 minutes and Rajadhani Express was halted at Janagan for 22 minutes.

Revanth holds govt responsible for FRO's murder

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Blood has been spilled in Telangana, said Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president A Revanth Reddy said on Wednesday, while condemning the murder of the Forest Range Officer (FRO) Ch Srinivas Rao.

In an open letter to Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao, the TPCC president expressed the feeling that the failure on the part of the government to resolve the Podu cultivation issue led to the ghastly murder of the FRO.

He said that "it was the government's murder."

"In the past eight years you have kept saying that you will give rights over Podu lands, while also asking officials to take stringent action on tribals cultivating podu lands," he observed.

He blamed the 'incompetence' on the part of the government, frequent clashes have been occurring between the officials of the Forest Department and the tribal people.

Clashes between the officials and the tribal people have become order of the day during the last two to three years. The tribal people had been putting up stiff resistance to



the Forest officials whenever the latter attempted to clear forest land to plant saplings. Cases had been registered against tribal people as they prevented the officials from

clearing the forest land, he observed. Some people's representatives, too, clashed with the Forest officials, he observed.

Revanth Reddy reminded the Chief Minister that the latter had, during the election campaign in 2018, promised to find a solution to the Podu land issue.

The promise was incorporated in the TRS manifesto, too. But the issue was put on the back burner, he said. The Chief Minister, he recalled, said in the Assembly that the "poor Adivasis should get Rythu Bandhu and Rythu Bheema. They are also our

people." He reiterated his promise to resolve the Podu issue. But, nothing happened though 14 months had elapsed since the Chief Minister made the promise.

He said that clashes were occurring between the Forest officials and the tribal people in Bhadradi Kothagudem, Adilabad, Bhupalapally and Nagarkurnool.

Guthi Koya tribal persons, who killed the FRO, should be punished. A sense of insecurity had been haunting the officials of the Forest Department. The government should wake up at least now, he said.

Control room to monitor paddy procurement opened

PNS ■ SURYAPET

A control room was set up at the Collectorate to monitor the paddy procurement operations at the district, according to a press statement by District Collector Patil Hemanth Keshavn on Wednesday.

The control room was set up to address issues, if any, which may arise during the procurement operations. The Collector appealed to the farmers to dial 6281492368 if there are any issues with the procurement of paddy.

The control room will remain open between 9 am and 7 pm every day. The Collector urged the farmers to make use of the control room.



Collector advised youth to make proper use of PMEGP

PNS ■ KARIMNAGAR

District Collector R V Karnan has expressed the opinion that one should be passionate about his/her venture to become successful. Aptitude would impact overall performance, he pointed out. He participated as the chief guest in an awareness programme for the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) held at Collectorate on Wednesday. Mere desire to gain a foothold in business would not do. Innovative ideas and hard work are essential, he remarked. Stating that there was no dearth of talent and business opportunities in Karimnagar district, he said that there were many who used the State government's financial support to become successful businesspersons. He said that the district was providing many opportunities for entrepreneurs in the realms of rice mills, paddy



Karimnagar Collector R V Karnan speaking at a meeting in Karimnagar on Wednesday

production, seed industries, granite and quarry industries, house building, etc. He quoted the example of a youth from Huzurabad who worked as a worker in an American company in Hyderabad, starting his own shop selling bags in partnership with three others under Dalit Bandhu scheme. The person earns Rs 2 lakh to Rs 3 lakh a month.

In Huzurabad constituency, 500 earthmovers, 2000 cars, 2,000 tractors, 1,000 provisional stores were set up under the Dalit Bandhu scheme, he said. District Industries Center General Manager Naveen Kumar exhort-

ed the unemployed youth to make use of the PMEGP and grow as industrialists. Under the scheme, they can start a production facility with Rs 50 lakh investment and a service unit with Rs 20 lakh investment.

The beneficiaries should be aged 18 years and above. Those who want to start a production facility with Rs 10 lakh investment and service unit with Rs 5 lakh investment should have studied up to Class 8. He made a power-point presentation to explain the prospective entrepreneurs on the salient features of the scheme.

Voter awareness programme held for students in Nizamabad

PNS ■ NIZAMABAD

A special awareness programme was held for students in the city here on Wednesday exhorting them to register as voters during the month-long special voter registration programme which is underway in the district from Nov 9.

District nodal officer for the programme Simhachalam has appealed to students to make use of the programme and register as a voter. He exhorted all the youth who are 18 years and older should register their name as voters.

For the purpose of registering as a voter, they should fill form-6A and attach the proof of Aadhaar card to it, he said.

Youth decide on the direction the country should take. That is why they should register as voters and also exercise their franchise in the elections, he felt.

ACB traps Municipal Commissioner, two others

PNS ■ MEDAK

Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) police on Wednesday trapped Zaheerabad Municipal Commission Subhash Rao Deshmukh, manager Manohar and attendant Rakesh while they were accepting a bribe of Rs 2 lakh, according to ACB officials.

The ACB police said that the officials demanded a bribe of Rs 2 lakh from a person, named Nisaruddin, who had bought a new house and approached the officials for mutation of the property.

Sports meet held for persons with disabilities

PNS ■ SANGAREDDY

Additional Collector Rajarshi Shah said that persons with disabilities can overcome adversity through perseverance.

He inaugurated a sports meet on Wednesday to mark the International Day of Disabled Persons. The sports competitions were organised for the disabled in the district under the auspices of the District Women, Child, Handicapped and Elderly Welfare Department. The sports meet was conducted at the Ambedkar Stadium here. On this occasion, Rajarshi said that sports competitions



Running race for persons with disability being held in Sangareddy on Wednesday

would help instil confidence among people with disabilities. He said that the first winners of various sports organised in the district would be selected for the State-level competitions to be organised in

Hyderabad. Competitions were held for persons in the age group of 10-16 years and 17 to 54 years. A running race, shot put, javelin throw, tricycle race, carom and chess competitions were held in this. District

Women, Child and Handicapped Welfare Department Officer Padmavathi, representatives of voluntary organizations and persons with disabilities participated in this programme.

Attention diversion gang relieves farmer of Rs 4 lakh

PNS ■ KAMAREDDY

In a filmi style, a group of four robbers diverted attention of a farmer on Wednesday and stole Rs 4 lakh from his scooter-dickey and decamped with the money. The incident took place in Durki village of Nasrullahabad mandal of Kamareddy district. The farmer, identified as Bhanot Kishan, was proceeding to his home in Ankali village after withdrawing Rs 4 lakh from a bank in Banswada. En route to his house, he stopped his

scooter near a rice mill and went inside to deliver some papers related to sale of paddy. Meanwhile, four motorcycle-borne thieves accosted him and engaged him in a conversation, while one of them stole the money kept in his scooter dickey. Later, they all left the place. Kishan, who came out of the rice mill, grew suspicious and opened the dickey, but could not find the money there. He lodged a complaint with the police, who are investigating the case.

ED AND IT RAIDS ON MINSTERS

TRS can mount 'swift counterattack', warns Srinivas Goud

PNS ■ MAHABUBNAGAR

"We cannot be cowed down by the raids being conducted by the agency under the control of the BJP-led Central government. If necessary, we can mount a swift counterattack," said Minister for Prohibition and Excise V Srinivas Goud on Wednesday.

Speaking at a media conference here, Srinivas Goud made it clear that the TRS would not remain a mute spectator if the BJP attempted to throttle the opposition voice. He threat-

ened to mount swift counterattacks if the BJP-led Centre persisted with its tactics of intimidation. The BJP leadership was hatching a conspiracy to hinder the progress of Telangana State by hook or crook. The saffron party was rattled as the Telangana State was making rapid progress, the Minister pointed out.

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has failed to take up even a single new project during the last eight years. The BJP became intolerant because the Telangana State under the leadership of Chief Minister K

Chandrashekar Rao made rapid progress on all fronts. Telangana stood top in welfare schemes and developmental activities. He recalled that Prime Minister Narendra

Modi, at a public meeting in Palamaru, promised to accord national status to the Palamaru-Sangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme, but failed to fulfil his promise. The BJP-led Central government unleashed a political vendetta against political opponents and it was using the Enforcement Directorate and Income Tax agencies to harass its political adversaries. Telangana State was witnessing the highest number of Income Tax raids in the country. He described the raids conducted on Minister

for Civil Supplies Gangula Kamalakara and Minister for Labour Malla Reddy as 'shameful.' Srinivas Goud dared the BJP leaders to fight the TRS politically, instead of using the Central agencies, and win the elections democratically, if they have guts. The Central government, led by the BJP, had failed to bring to book the wilful loan defaulters who were leading luxurious lives abroad. The Centre was privatising the public sector undertakings and handing over to corporates like Adani.

'CPI, CPM, TDP, JSP, Cong should work together'

PNS ■ VIJAYAWADA

CPI national secretary Dr K Narayana has emphasised the need for CPI, CPM, TDP, Jana Sena and Congress parties working together to fight the undemocratic policies of the Central and State government led by BJP and YSRCP, respectively. "To save democracy, these parties should be working together whether they like it or not," he said.

The CPI leader addressed the press along with his party State secretariat member and former MLC Jalli Wilson at the Dasari Bhavan in Vijayawada on Wednesday. Speaking on the occasion, he said that if BJP and YSRCP stepped down, democracy would survive. Both the Central and the State governments have been imple-

menting anti-people policies, he alleged. "India has taken over the presidency of G20 and allegedly confirmed a logo, which resembles BJP's election symbol," he said. He demanded that Narendra Modi

change the logo as the representatives of 20 countries were attending the summit. He referred to the Women's Reservation Bill, which had been pending for two decades in Parliament and suggested that Modi take steps to pass the Bill as it would be an honour for him. He said that BJP had majority in Parliament and it was easy to pass the Bill. Meanwhile, he alleged that Modi was pressuring the Opposition leaders with the help of the CBI and the Enforcement Directorate.

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INDIA CORNER

Commotion in school over wearing of saffron scarves by some students

Two groups of students at a state-run school in Howrah district came face to face over the demand by one group to be allowed to don 'namabali' (saffron scarf) during exams as some girls wore Hijab during an exam.

A video of the purported incident showed a small group of few students, along with some people, having assembled outside the school gate donning Namabali even as another group of students stood inside and the co-educational school authorities and police present at the spot to prevent any scuffle between the two sides.

PTI could not independently verify the authenticity of the video shot on Tuesday but a spokesperson of the school, Dhulagor Adarsha Vidyalaya said around five students wanted to enter the school compound donning namabali as the pre-board exam for class 12 on Tuesday.



CV Ananda Bose takes oath as West Bengal Governor

CV Ananda Bose on Wednesday took oath as the new governor of West Bengal. He was administered the oath of office by Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court Prakash Shrivastava in the presence of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and Speaker Biman Banerjee at a programme in Raj Bhavan. Leader of opposition in state assembly Suwendu Adhikari, however, skipped the programme. Bose, a retired Kerala cadre IAS officer of the 1977 batch, was named the new governor of West Bengal on November 17. He replaced La Ganesan as the state's constitutional head. Bose, the 22nd governor of the state, had served as an administrator of the National Museum in Kolkata before superannuation in 2011. He had started his work life as a probationary officer in State Bank of India in Kolkata. Among others who attended the ceremony were city mayor Firhad Hakim, state minister Chandrima Bhattacharya and other dignitaries. The new governor's wife, son and other family members were also present at the event.



NIA set to formally take over Mangaluru blast case

The Mangaluru autorickshaw blast case would be formally handed over to the National Investigation Agency (NIA) soon, Karnataka DGP Praveen Sood said on Wednesday. He said the objective of the prime accused Mohammed Shariq was to create a divide between communities. "What else was the objective? His aim was to create differences between two communities, there is no doubt. Differences between communities be it Hindu, Muslim, or Christian grow when there is a blast. It means destabilising the country. He definitely intended to disturb communal harmony and unity..." the DGP said. Karnataka Home Minister Araga Jnanendra visited the blast site near here, along with Sood, and also the hospital where Shariq and auto-driver Purushottam Poojary were being treated. Jnanendra said Shariq had visited different places like Coimbatore and Kanyakumari and an investigation has been on.



PM Modi: Why Cong did not back tribal woman in Presidential poll?

PNS ■ DAHOD (GUJ)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday asked why the Congress did not support Droupadi Murmu in the presidential election if the opposition party was so concerned about tribals.

He was speaking at an election rally in the tribal-dominated Dahod town of central Gujarat for BJP candidates in the region.

Constituencies in central Gujarat will go to the polls on December 5, in the second phase of the Assembly elections.

Speaking at a rally in tribal-dominated Mahuva village in Surat district on Monday, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had accused the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party of

snatching away the rights of tribals.

Modi referred to Gandhi and his ongoing Bharat Jodo Yatra in the speech.

"A person is conducting a foot-march to get back power. In his speech, he talks about tribals. I want to ask him, why Congress did not support the BJP's woman tribal candidate in the presidential election? Instead, they fielded their own candidate to defeat her," the prime minister said.

'Despite Congress' efforts' Droupadi Murmu became President "with the blessings of tribal people," he added.

"Why did Congress never think of making an Adivasi (tribal) our President? It was the BJP which made a tribal person, that too a woman, our country's President for the first



time and sent a message to the world," Modi said.

He also accused the Congress of not paying attention to the development of the British-era Parel area of Dahod.

"But, as PM, I remembered it, and now investment worth

Rs 20,000 crore has come here for building railway locomotives. These locomotives will be exported to other countries too. This huge investment will ultimately benefit the locals," he said.

Dahod district received a

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Bharat Jodo Yatra is above electoral politics: Digvijaya Singh

PNS ■ BURHANPUR (MP)

Senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh on Wednesday said his party's Kanniyakumari to Kashmir Bharat Jodo Yatra, led by Lok Sabha MP Rahul Gandhi, was not linked to electoral politics and its main objective was to "save" the Constitution and democracy in the country.

Singh is chairman of the organising committee of the 3,570km long foot-march that started on September 7 from Kanniyakumari in Tamil Nadu and is currently passing through Madhya Pradesh after completing the Maharashtra leg.

"We are not seeking votes through this yatra. There are few things that cannot be related to elections," the Rajya Sabha MP told reporters in Burhanpur district, the entry point of the unity march in the state.

Karnataka, Maha border dispute flares up again

PNS ■ BELAGAVI (K'TAKA)

The decades-old boundary dispute between Karnataka and Maharashtra over Belagavi has again flared up as both the State governments are readying for a legal battle.

On Monday, the Eknath Shinde government in Maharashtra appointed two Ministers to coordinate with the legal team regarding the court case on the dispute that is set to come up in the Supreme Court.

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said the State, too, deployed a battery of lawyers, including Mukul Rohatgi and Shyam Diwan, to fight its case.

The dispute dates back to the 1960s after the reorganisation of States on linguistic lines.

Maharashtra laid claim on Belagavi, earlier known as Belgaum, which was part of the Bombay Presidency at the

time of independence, on linguistic grounds.

Belagavi bordering Maharashtra has a significant population of Marathi-speaking people, and has for decades been a bone of contention between the two States.

Karnataka repeatedly maintained that the Mahajan Commission report on the border issue is final, and, "there is no question of letting go even an inch of Karnataka's border".

Bommai reiterated this week that there is no example to show that what had been done under the States Reorganisation Act.

"The border dispute is a political tool used by all parties in Maharashtra. But they will never succeed," he had said, adding that Maharashtra's plea has not found maintainability in all these years and the State is prepared to argue that it is not maintainable.

Ordinance on my removal 'infructuous': Kerala Guv

PNS ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM/ NEW DELHI

Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan on Wednesday said the ordinance issued by the Left government seeking to remove him as the chancellor of universities has become "infructuous" now as the Assembly is summoned.

The government, earlier this month, had issued an ordinance stripping the Governor of the chancellorship of state universities. It also later decided to convene the Assembly session from December 5.

A visibly irritated Khan also criticised the recent news reports of Raj Bhavan seeking extra vehicles from the government for the Governor's guests and asked whether he should ask them to walk.

"If extra guests come to Raj Bhavan, extra vehicles would be sought from the government. What



is special about it? If the guests of the Governor come, should I ask them to walk on foot?" Khan told reporters in New Delhi in reply to a question.

"Once the House has been summoned, any ordinance, which was sent to Raj Bhavan earlier, becomes infructuous...so, there is no such ordinance now," he said.

When asked whether he got any

reply from the Pinarayi Vijayan government regarding the government employees allegedly taking part in the recent protests in front of Raj Bhavan, Khan said he did not seek any reply and it appears as if violation of the law is becoming normal in the state.

"One after the other, the court is giving judgements in the last six months, in the case of just one university. Three or four judgements were ordered by the High Court. So, it appears as if violation of the law is becoming normal..." he said.

The Governor said he would give enough space to rectify and correct the situation. But if the law is not respected, then ultimately at some stage the Governor is under obligation to act, he added.

Khan is at loggerheads with the Left Democratic Front-led government in the state over various issues, including the appointment of Vice Chancellors at various universities.

India hosts youth delegation from Central Asian countries

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Department of Youth Affairs is hosting over 100 members of a youth delegation from Central Asian countries as part of one-of-its-kind international youth exchange programme.

The delegation arrived in India on November 17 and will conclude their tour on Wednesday, according to an official statement.

Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur hosted a dinner for the delegation on Tuesday night, where he interacted with youth from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

Youth Affairs Secretary Meeta R Lochan and other officials of the ministry were also present, the statement said. Thakur said such programmes will go a long way in fostering goodwill and healthy relations.

He also appreciated

performances by the delegates and said they showed how big an impact Indian cinema had on Central Asia. "It shows that we may be in different regions of the world but we have many things common. Youth are the most important stakeholders of a country," the minister said. Videos shared by Thakur on his Twitter handle showed the delegates grooving to the beats of Indian movie songs. One of the videos showed him interacting with the delegation. A member from the delegation was seen talking about climate crisis and urged India to take a lead in promoting clean energy.

"I really hope, one day, we will have a joint company which will produce certain technologies for clean energy. Environment and climate change are among the first things to change... and India has such capacity to be at the forefront," the delegate said.

Significant increase in Yamuna pollution since 2017

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As the Delhi government has promised to clean the Yamuna to bathing standards by 2025, the pollution load in the river has increased substantially over the last five years, according to a report by the environment department.

The report shows that barring Palla, the annual average level of biological oxygen demand (BOD) increased at every location of water sample collection for testing in the national capital.

BOD, an important parameter for assessing water quality, is the amount of oxygen required by aerobic microorganisms to decompose organic material present in a water body. BOD levels less than 3 milligram per litre (mg/l) is considered good.

There was no immediate reaction available from the environment department.

The Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) collects river water samples at Palla, where the Yamuna enters Delhi; Wazirabad, ISBT bridge, ITO bridge, Nizamuddin bridge, Agra Canal at Okhla Barrage, Okhla Barrage and Asgarpur.

The DPCC data showed while there has been no major change in the annual average BOD level at Palla over the last



five years (from 2017 to 2022), it has increased from around 3 mg/l to around 9 mg/l at Wazirabad.

The BOD level has risen from around 30 mg/l to 50 mg/l at the ISBT bridge and from 22 mg/l to 55 mg/l at the ITO bridge during the period.

Similarly, the BOD level worsened from 23 mg/l to around 60 mg/l at Nizamuddin bridge, from 26 mg/l to 63 mg/l at Agra Canal at Okhla Barrage, from 26 mg/l to 69 mg/l at Okhla Barrage and from around 30 mg/l to 73 mg/l at Asgarpur, the data showed.

The Yamuna river can be considered fit for bathing if BOD is less than 3 milligram per litre and dissolved oxygen (DO) is greater than 5 milligram per litre.

Dissolved oxygen (DO) is the amount of oxygen available to living aquatic organisms. Aquatic life is put under stress if DO levels in the water drop below 5 mg/l.

Uneasy calm on Assam-Meghalaya border

PNS ■ MUKROH (MEGHALAYA)

Mukroh village on Wednesday wore an eerie calm, a day after six people were killed in violence there, along the disputed Assam-Meghalaya border.

Shops remained closed and streets were largely empty as most people stayed indoors.

Security personnel, in large numbers, stood guard in the village to prevent any further untoward incident. Two persons, who are undergoing treatment at a local hospital, having received

bullet injuries in the clashes on Tuesday, said they had visited the violence-hit area after learning that some of the fellow villagers were in "danger". Cheini Nartiang (48) was shot in his nose, and Elias Samaiang (36) in the chin.

"I saw five people falling unconscious right in front of me before getting hit myself. I don't remember anything after that," Samaiang told PTI, before the two left for North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health & Medical Sciences in Shillong.

‘Bizarre’ creatures found living in depths of Indian Ocean

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Pancake sea urchins, eels with no eyes, and bat-like fish are among some "stunning" creatures found living in the depths of the Indian Ocean, scientists say.

The expedition led by a team at Museums Victoria Research Institute mapped the seafloor in Australia's Cocos (Keeling) Islands Marine Park in detail for the first time, a statement by the institute said.

They revealed massive flat-topped ancient sea-mountains, flanked by volcanic cones, snarly ridges, and canyons formed from avalanches of sand that have slumped down onto the abyssal

ocean floor.

The research vessel (RV) Investigator, operated by CSIRO, Australia's national science agency, also surveyed previously unknown deep-sea life in the Indian Ocean Territories.

The underwater video from the expedition has revealed diverse fish life hovering over the summits of the seamounts, samples of which have been collected from as deep as five kilometres below the surface.

Some of the most fascinating finds are: a previously unknown blind eel covered in loose, transparent, gelatinous skin. Their eyes are poorly developed and, unusually for a fish, females



give birth to live young, the researchers said. Another interesting creature found is a deep-sea batfish that ambles over the seafloor on their arm-like fins. They have a tiny "fishing lure" in a small hollow on their snout to attract prey, the team said.

The Tribute Spiderfish was

‘FACILITIES AKIN TO A HOLIDAY RESORT’ Fresh videos show Satyendar having raw food in jail

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Fresh videos of jailed minister Satyendar Jain emerged on Wednesday in which he is seen eating uncooked vegetables and fruits in his Tihar jail cell, with Union minister Meenakshi Lekhi alleging he is enjoying facilities akin to a holiday resort.

The videos surfaced days after he moved a city

court alleging he is not being provided raw food according to his religious beliefs. However, the purported videos are dated September 13 and October 1. The AAP is already facing flak over videos of the minister getting massage inside the prison. There was no immediate reaction to the fresh videos by the party. While the party

had said Jain was advised physiotherapy for a spinal injury, sources had claimed on Tuesday that the person, who was seen giving him massage, was a rape accused. The BJP and Congress had assailed the party while AAP state convener Gopal Rai said the BJP was using such issues to tarnish the image of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA REVENUE (LA) DEPARTMENT FORM-VII (See Sub-rule (1) of rule-25 and Section-19 (1) of the Act-38(2013)) OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR, RANGAREDDY DISTRICT DECLARATION													
No. G2/4067/2021 Dated: 18.07.2022													
Gazette No. RR- 38 Dated: 17.11.2022													
Whereas it appears to the Collector, Rangareddy District that a total of Ac.0.04 % gts., of land is required in Premavathipet Village, Rangareddy Mandal, Rangareddy District for public purpose namely, for acquisition of land for expansion of Budweiser Railway station under South Central Railway Project.													
Therefore declaration is made that a piece of land admeasuring, more or less Ac.0.04 % gts., of standard measurement under acquisition for the above said purpose in the Premavathipet Village of Rangareddy Mandal, Rangareddy District, whose detail description is as follows.													
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This declaration is made after hearing of objections of person interested and due enquiry as provided U/a 15 of the Act No.38(2013). The number of families likely to be resettled due to Land Acquisition, is NIL.													
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A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the Collector, Ranga Reddy District / Special Deputy Collector (LA), IAP, Shamshabad, Ranga Reddy District at 3rd Floor, Spoorthy Bhavan, Ranga Reddy District, Collector's, Lakshikopul, Hyderabad on any working day during the working hours.													
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Neutrality needed

The SC has expressed its unhappiness over the appointment of CEC and other commissioners

The Supreme Court's remarks on the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and the specific reference of TN Seshan, the legendary CEC during 1990-96, are allusions to the widespread perception that the poll panel is being managed by the Government. The commission hasn't done much to dispel this perception. It is generally believed that it delayed the announcement of Assembly polls in Gujarat because Prime Minister Narendra Modi had to attend a few functions in the state, and its announcement would have forced their cancellation. Whatever may be the truth, it is undeniable that the apex court's remarks just fell short of calling the incumbent CEC and two commissioners unworthy of the offices they occupy. The five-judge Constitution Bench headed by Justice KM Joseph said that the "situation on the ground is alarming." The Bench included Justices Ajay Rastogi, Aniruddha Bose, Hrishikesh Roy, and CT Ravikumar. It said that the system should be such that the "best man" is selected as the CEC. It also slammed the Government for just paying "lip service" to the independence of Election Commissioners. The court told Attorney General R Venkataramani, "What is important is that we put a fairly good procedure so that apart from competence, someone of strong character is appointed as the CEC." The apex court was responding to four public interest litigations (PILs) urging it to issue directives to the Centre for setting up an impartial and independent selection panel to suggest names to the President for CEC and ECs.



On his part, Venkataramani said the situation has not become such that a judicial interference is required to regulate appointment of CEC and ECs. The court may intervene only if the aberrations in the selection are patently destructive of the independence of the commission or fundamental rights of citizens are impacted, he added. The Bench, however, was far from convinced. "You will have to take some steps," it said. It criticised the political class by saying that successive governments have "completely destroyed" the independence of the commission by ensuring no CEC got the full six-year term. Government supporters may grumble that such remarks are judicial overreach, but then it is the duty of the powers that be to ensure that Constitutional bodies like the EC are not only impartial but also appear to be impartial. If the commission is seen as favouring the party in power, it is the Government's duty to get rid of that impression. Elections are crucial for any democracy, and equally crucial is the neutrality of the people responsible for conducting elections. It is also in the interest of all politicians that institutions like the Election Commission remain neutral and independent. Power being a coquette, it flits around quicker than anyone can imagine. Those who are in power today may not be tomorrow; at that time, they bemoan the undermining of democratic institutions, as many Congress leaders do these days. The commission is one such institution.

PICTALK



Taj Mahal during sunset in Agra,

PTI

Election time Gujarat

The BJP is ignoring AAP and Kejriwal like they don't exist and focusing only on Congress

The Gujarat election is turning out to be quite exciting. The BJP sailed through 2017 even with its low performance though with slim margins. At that time only Congress was its only challenger and it was one to one fight. This time the entry of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has changed the election landscape. Interestingly enough the BJP is factoring in the presence of a third force, either deliberately or oblivious to its growing clout, especially in the cities. Though may not win as many seats as claimed by its leaders but would definitely make a difference especially where the winning margins would be narrow. Even the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has trained his guns on Congress saying it must not be considered a weak opponent, giving the impression that the fight is primarily between Congress and the BJP. AAP is does not figure in its scheme of things. The Prime Minister has served as Gujarat's chief minister for three terms, and knows the state and its people as back of his hand. He is harping upon the development and deliberately underplaying the emergence of Aam Aadmi Party. The prime minister understands that it is not easy this time in Gujarat given the long rule of the BJP in the state and not much to showcase in administration and development, more so after the Morbi bridge disaster so he is skillfully deflecting the attention to the congress misrule and playing victim card with ammunition generously provided by the Congress itself. He lashed out at Congress leader Madhusudan Mistry's recent "aukaat" jab and the old personal attacks on him, including "Maut ka saudagar" -- by Sonia Gandhi -- and "neech aadmi" and "chaiwala" -- by Mani Shankar Aiyar. But then these are rather old and have been used successfully but will they work this time remains to be seen.



But it is rather surprising or an astute move to ignore AAP which has you like it or not emerged as a potent force especially in the cities, the stronghold of the BJP. The BJP is trying to focus on the south Gujarat which has 35 seats. The BJP returned to power in the 2017 election with support from South Gujarat and this is where AAP is also trying to make inroads. Interestingly Congress which the BJP says is its opponent is silent and rather late. AAP, however, has gone all out in south Gujarat. Will the BJP strategy work, we will know soon.

Putin's endgame begins with Kherson

Russia's Ukraine expedition hasn't gone the way Putin wanted it. With the fall of Kherson, it may not be long before Russian soldiers retreat



DEEPAK SINHA

On 30th September of this year, in defiance of International Law, President Putin in a public display of bravado signed treaties absorbing the four occupied regions of Ukraine into Russia; Luhansk, Donetsk, Kherson, and Zaporizhzhia. In his speech at the ceremony, broadcast live, he stated that the people of those Regions were "our citizens forever".

However, it has not quite turned out that way. Just four weeks later we witnessed a rather bizarre event, as General Sergei Surovnikov, Commander of Russian Forces in Ukraine, reported on the ground situation in Kherson to General of the Army and Defence Minister, Sergei Shoigu on live TV. In this, he stated, "that it was impossible to supply the city of Kherson, and that its defense would be futile". He proposed a military retreat "in the near future" to the opposite bank of the Dniro River. Shoigu agreed with his assessment and ordered him to "start with the withdrawal of troops and take all measures to ensure the safe transfer of personnel, weapons, and equipment across the Dniro River."

Without a doubt, this televised event was staged for the domestic audience, especially the repeated emphasis on the saving of lives. Conscripted and the humongous casualties being suffered, one report suggests over a lakh killed and wounded, is not doing much for Putin's popularity. It may also have been an attempt by Putin, noticeably absent, to distance himself and blame the military. That would rattle the rank and file who are paying heavily for his initial miscalculations.

What is truly inexplicable, and militarily questionable, is for a division plus of elite Airborne Forces to abandon their positions without a fight. The adverse impact it must have had on their morale is not difficult to gauge. It is true that Kherson, located on the West Bank of the Dniro River, has been cut off from Russian supply lines due to extensive damage to crossing



sites, but there are ways around that problem. Moreover, no people or government worth their salt, give up their own territory without a fight, especially if it is a vital communication hub. Just because we tend to do so, especially where the Chinese are concerned, does not make it a universal norm!

Defences in built-up areas, if properly organised and planned, can pose all kinds of problems for the attacker, from causing immense casualties to delay and disruption of plans, even allowing own forces to wrest the initiative. After all, Russia's legendary defence of Leningrad for 900 days against the German Army finally put paid for Hitler's ambitions and broke the back of Nazi Germany. More recently, the three months it took the Russians to finally capture Mariupol must have greatly impacted their overall plans and curtailed their ambitions.

There are some suggestions, laughable one may add, that pulling out these troops without getting embroiled in battle has not allowed Ukraine to claim victory. Others have suggested that this was done to make available highly trained forces to reinforce ongoing offensive

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operations in the Donetsk Region. The latter seems unlikely as it would be at the cost of weakening the defensive perimeter, reportedly established east of the Dniro River, guarding one of the major approaches leading into Crimea. There is absolutely no doubt that the loss of Crimea would be the death knell for the Putin Regime.

Then some suggest that while this has indeed been a tactical defeat, Russia is winning strategically. Protests within Western Europe against rising energy prices and inflation, because of the stoppage of Russian gas and oil supplies and sanctions against it, will result in increasing disunity within NATO and the EU. This, in turn, would adversely impact Ukraine as there would be a drastic reduction in the quantum of material and financial support being provided to it.

They are wrong on two counts. Firstly, Western Europe was staring down the barrel of Soviet guns for nearly fifty years following World War II. The feelings of vulnerability and fear have certainly not vanished overnight and the last thing they need is for Russia to sit on their doorstep once again. Such a

possibility would be sufficient motivation to ensure unity. Secondly, Putin's ambitious attempts at reinvigorating the Russian Empire, however unrealistic that may be, has scared off much of Eastern Europe that sees itself in his crosshairs and made it a fickle and untrustworthy neighbour and trading partner for the West. One that most would wish to avoid having dealings with in the future, especially with Putin there. A shift away from Russian energy supplies is almost a given.

Finally, one cannot help but ask the question as to why are we so keen to keep up relations with a receding power that can only hold us back. Of course, the chances are that the recent visit by the External Affairs Minister to Russia was not just about discussing our energy supplies but at the behest of the Americans who are keen to keep back channels open for dialogue with Russia. More so, since their influence and relationship with the Chinese are at quite a low point.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ARMY IS READY TO TAKE POK

Sir — Glad to read that Northern Army Commander Lt General Upendra Dwivedi made a statement on Tuesday, November 22 that the Indian Army is ready to execute orders like taking back Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. He said as far as the Indian Army is concerned, it will carry out any order given by the Government of India. Whenever such orders are given, the army will always be ready for it.

The fact of the matter is that the military is always ready to make sure that ceasefire understanding is never broken as it is in the interest of both nations, but if broken at any time, the Indian army will give Pakistan a fitting reply, on the ceasefire agreement between India and Pakistan. However, it is always the government which does not take a decision but keeps the pot boiling. It is about time that the government took a decision which would end the problem once and for all. In fact it would be in the best interest of the people of PoK that its uncertainty ends. With this, the Indian government must immediately give order to the Indian Army to take back PoK rather than being a mute spectator.

Bhagwan Thadani | Mumbai

KERALA HC DOES THE RIGHT THING

Sir — The Kerala High Court has denied bail to a 31-year-old man who was charged under the POCSO Act for purportedly impregnating a 15-year old girl who he claims to be his wife. It is an explicit criminal offense where he abducted a minor girl from West Bengal and sexually assaulted her.

The main intent of the POCSO Act is to protect children's safety, and modesty and shield them from any kind of physical, psychological, and mental abuse and clearly states that a child is any individual below the age of 18 years. If this case was child sexual abuse on the cover of marriage, it should not be absolved as it ruins all forms of child rights. It is also terrible to hear that marriage is acting as

Koshiyari has lost his hoshiyari



It seems Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari has lost his "hoshiyari". The Maharashtra Governor is often making controversial statements that are hurting not only Maharashtrians but all Indians. Now his excellency Governor of Maharashtra state talked indiscriminately about Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. Shivaji is not the only idol of Maharashtra and is not only known as a hero of Maharashtra but known as a hero across the country. Koshiyari has said that Shivaji was an icon of "older days" and referred to Baba saheb Ambedkar and Union minister Nitin Gadkari as new "icons" of the country. Earlier Koshiyari invited ire over a remark about reformist icon Savitri Bai Phule and also

said that Mumbai wouldn't be the country's financial capital if the Rajasthanis and Gujaratis communities were not in Mumbai. People in reputed positions should not talk loosely about the Great son of the soils. The person holding honourable positions should be cautious while speaking in public. The Governor of Maharashtra should understand that the ideals of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj never age and cannot be compared to any other great person in the world. Another BJP leader Sudhanshu Trivedi has made a controversial statement that Shivaji has written five letters to Aurangzeb and apologized. BJP which is protesting Rahul Gandhi's controversial statements on Savarkar is maintaining a stoic silence on the comments made on Shivaji Maharaj by the Governor of Maharashtra and their parties spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi. BJP should spell out its stand on the comments made by his party men and the Governor of Maharashtra. The Governor of Maharashtra is constantly making statements that hurt the feelings of not only Maharashtrians but all Indians, and it is surprising why BJP is silent.

Zakir Hussain | Kazipet

a 'license' to indulge in these kinds of offences. Given the sharp increase in crimes against the children the government should take a serious note of this and come up with some concrete measures to curb this. Hence, we need more robust and unerring legislation to keep up with the pace of social crimes.

Ramala Divya | Hyderabad

A THRILLER OF A MATCH

Sir — It was a great thrill to watch the match between Argentina and Saudi Arabia in the FIFA World Cup tournament. Though Messi scored one goal within 10 minutes through a penalty and hoped to score many more, Saudi Arabia shattered his hopes by scoring two goals in less than ten minutes of the second half, much to the shock and disbelief of his team and everyone in the

football arena.

The last 30 minutes of the game was a fierce and terrific battle. Though Argentina strived hard and created many opportunities, it could not succeed, as the defence and goalkeeper of Saudi Arabia stood like a rock and effectively resisted every effort of the former. Nobody would have ever thought that Messi had to face such a crushing defeat, against Saudi Arabia, which is far behind in the FIFA ranking. While the game was a sumptuous feast for viewers all over the world, it will persist forever as a painful and shameful experience for Messi and his team, which remained unbeaten in the previous 36 matches.

TT Sarkaria | Delhi

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SOUND BITE

Swami Vivekananda was the golden representative of India's youth potential and talent... his message is always relevant for society.

Vice president
— Jagdeep Dhankhar

We must reiterate always that we stand with you in defence of rules and norms, (in the South China Sea).

US Vice President
— Kamala Harris

It's not just that audiences have seen much more content during the pandemic, it's also the way production technology has changed.

Actor
— Ajay Devgn

It's a very heavy blow, a defeat that hurts, but we must continue to have confidence in ourselves.

Argentina Soccer Player
— Lionel Messi

The people of Gujarat expect much from Arvind Kejriwal and that will propel the Aam Aadmi Party to victory in the state.

AAP Gujarat leader
— Gopal Italia

MONEY MATTERS

Refund portal to be not accessible to PACL investors for 5 days

A high-powered Sebi committee, which is looking into the refund process of PACL investors, on Wednesday said the refund portal will not be accessible to those investors for five days due to technical issues. The committee, headed by retired Justice of India RM Lodha, is overseeing the process of disposing of properties to refund investors after verifying their genuineness. It has already initiated the process of refund in phases. The panel was set up by Sebi in 2016 following a Supreme Court order. The panel in October provided a facility for investors with claims up to Rs 15,000, whose applications were found deficient, to correct the errors, if any, by logging in on the refund portal -- sebiacrefund.co.in -- and resubmit the applications for further processing. The facility has been made available from November 1, 2022, to January 31, 2023. "However, due to technical issues, the refund portal will not be accessible for re-submission for 5 days," according to a statement on Sebi's website.



Rupee falls 18 paise to close at 81.85 against US dollar

The rupee depreciated 18 paise to close at 81.85 (provisional) against the US dollar on Wednesday on dollar demand from importers and recovery in crude oil prices. Forex traders said sustained foreign fund outflows and concerns over rising COVID-19 cases in China also weighed on investor sentiments. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 81.81 and later witnessed an intraday high of 81.74 and a low of 81.87 during the session. The domestic unit finally settled at 81.85 against the American currency, registering a fall of 18 paise over its last close of 81.67. "Indian Rupee depreciated on Dollar demand from importers and recovery in crude oil prices. FI outflows also weighed on Rupee," said Anuj Choudhary - Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas. However, the soft US Dollar and positive domestic markets cushioned the downside.



Meesho joins govt's Open Network for Digital Commerce

E-commerce platform Meesho on Wednesday said it has integrated with the government's Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) to help connect buyers with hyperlocal sellers. The government is running a pilot of ONDC where all e-commerce ecosystem players will facilitate online purchase of goods and services at competitive prices, thereby reducing cost burden on sellers and consumers. The pilot with Meesho will be launched in Bengaluru and gradually rolled out in other locations in coming months. With this, registered buyers on ONDC will be able to access a list of products available on ONDC through Meesho. "With a shared goal to empower small sellers and give a fillip to hyperlocal businesses, the integration will boost our efforts to democratize internet commerce for everyone. We have been working closely with ONDC to ensure that the integration is smooth and the user experience remains seamless," Meesho Founder and CEO Vinit Aatrey said in a statement.



FDI equity inflows dip 14% to US\$ 26.9 billion

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Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) equity inflows into India contracted by 14 per cent to USD 26.9 billion during the April-September this fiscal, according to the data of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

The inflows had stood at USD 31.15 billion during the corresponding period of the previous year. The total FDI inflows (which includes equity inflows, re-invested earnings and other capital) too declined to USD 39 billion during the first six months of the current fiscal year as against USD



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42.86 billion in the year-ago period.

During the first half of this fiscal, Singapore emerged as the top investor with USD 10 billion FDI. It was followed by Mauritius (USD 3.32 billion), UAE (USD 2.95 billion), USA

(USD 2.6 billion), the Netherlands (USD 1.76 billion), and Japan (USD 1.18 billion), the data showed. The computer software and hardware sector attracted the highest inflows of USD 6.3 billion during the six-month period of

this fiscal. It was followed by services (USD 4.16 billion), trading (USD 3.28 billion), chemicals (USD 1.3 billion), automobile industry (USD 932 million) and construction (infrastructure) activities (USD 990 million).

Inox Green shares make tepid market debut; settle 9 % lower

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New Delhi, Nov 23 (PTI) Shares of Inox Green Energy Services, a subsidiary of Inox Wind, made a tepid market debut on Wednesday and ended with a discount of 9 per cent against the issue price of Rs 65.

The stock listed at Rs 60.50, a fall of 6.92 per cent from the issue price on the BSE. During the day, it tumbled 10 per cent to Rs 58.50. Shares of the firm ended at Rs 59.10, a decline of 9 per cent.

On the NSE, the stock of the firm made its debut at Rs 60, a discount of 7.69 per cent. It closed at Rs 59.25, lower by 8.84 per cent. The company commanded a market valuation of Rs 1,725.36 crore on the BSE. In traded volume terms, 34 lakh shares of the company were traded at the BSE and 4 crore shares at the NSE during the day.

India, GCC to launch free trade pact negotiations today

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India and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) will announce the launch of negotiations for a free trade agreement on Thursday, which aims at promoting two-way commerce and investments between the regions, an official said. GCC is a union of six countries in the Gulf region - Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman and Bahrain.

India's exports to the GCC member countries grew by 58.26 per cent to about USD 44 billion in 2021-22, as against USD 27.8 billion in 2020-21, according to data from the commerce ministry.

The share of GCC members in India's total imports rose to 18 per cent in 2021-22, from 15.5 per cent in 2020-21. Bilateral trade has increased

to USD 154.73 billion in 2021-22, from USD 87.4 billion in 2020-21.

"GCC officials will be here for the announcement," the official said.

India has already implemented a free trade pact with the UAE in May this year.

This would be a kind of resumption of FTA talks as earlier two rounds of negotiations had been held in 2006 and 2008 between India and GCC. Third round did not happen as GCC deferred its negotiations with all countries and economic groups.

India imports predominantly crude oil and natural gas from the Gulf nations like Saudi Arabia and Qatar, and exports pearls, precious and semi-precious stones; metals; imitation jewellery; electrical machinery; iron and steel; and

chemicals to these countries.

Besides trade, Gulf nations are host to a sizeable Indian population. Out of about 32 million non-resident Indians (NRIs), nearly half are estimated to be working in Gulf countries. These NRIs send a significant amount of money back home. According to a November 2021 report of the World Bank, India got USD 87 billion in foreign remittances in 2021. Of this, a sizeable portion came from the GCC nations.

Bangalore-based Indian Institute of Plantation Management (IIPM) Director Rakesh Mohan Joshi said that the Gulf region holds enormous potential for Indian exporters. "India needs to have a long-term strategy to capture this market and FTA will definitely help in that," Joshi said.

Air India to launch new flights to New York, Paris & Frankfurt

PNS ■ MUMBAI

Tata Group-owned Air India on Wednesday announced the launch of new flights connecting Mumbai with New York, Paris and Frankfurt, starting February next year.

Besides, the full-service carrier also announced the resumption of non-stop flights connecting Delhi with Copenhagen, Milan and Vienna. The Mumbai-New York (JFK International Airport) daily service will commence from February 14 next year, Air India said. Air India said it continues to make progress in augmenting its fleet with newly-leased aircraft, and the return of existing aircraft to active service.

The international expansion comes at a time when Air India is grappling with the shortage of both cockpit and cabin



crew. Amid this shortage, the airline is looking to hire expat pilots and has also offered its cabin crew, who have opted to retire following the company's Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) scheme for its permanent employees earlier this year, to extend their service tenure by two months to January 31, 2023. "A key element of our five-year transformation plan,

Vihaan.AI, is to strengthen India's global network, connecting India's major cities with even more destinations. The introduction of these new non-stop flights to New York, Milan, Vienna, Copenhagen, Paris and Frankfurt, is another step in that journey, which will accelerate as our aircraft fleet expands," said Campbell Wilson, CEO and MD, Air India.

ATM maker Diebold Nixdorf to expand presence in India with new plant in Bengaluru

PNS ■ BENGALURU

US-headquartered ATM manufacturer Diebold Nixdorf on Wednesday said it is set to expand its presence in India through a new manufacturing facility. The New York Stock Exchange-listed company said it has started manufacturing its DN Series cash dispensing and cash recycling machines in a manufacturing facility here. The dedicated plant has been set up with its contract manufacturing partner in India, NASH Industries, the company said in a statement. The state-of-the-art manufacturing establishment covers an area of approximately 27,000 square feet with an inbuilt capacity of manufacturing more than 18,000 machines per year, it said.

DGCA enhances monitoring of flying training organisations

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Aviation regulator DGCA has put in place various measures to enhance the monitoring of flying training organisations, including the installation of high-resolution cameras in their premises to keep track of the training activities.

Besides, the watchdog has directed that the Flying Training Organisations (FTOs) should monitor and record data of training flights, and at least 25 per cent of the flight data should be analysed on a daily basis. The move also comes against the backdrop of incidents involving training flights as well as instances of certain individuals not following the authorised flight plan during training. There were 35 FTOs at the end of August this year.

In a circular, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said the objective is to enhance oversight over flying and ground training activities of FTOs for improving the safety of operations as well as the training quality. All the FTOs should install cameras of high resolution on their premises to ensure proper visibility of flying training activities. The cameras should cover the apron area, hangar, taxiway and runway, classrooms, examination room and areas where the flights are authorised in the flight authorisation register, as per the circular issued on November 22.

FTOs have to ensure that the cameras are operational within 90 days. With respect to flight data monitoring in a training aircraft, DGCA said the safety manager concerned should "carry out flight data analysis of at least 25 per cent of the FTO on daily basis

and maintain a record of analysis".

Many planes available for flying training are equipped with a glass cockpit that has a provision for recording flight and/or fitted with ADS (B), which can also monitor the path followed by the aircraft. "FTOs operating with aircraft equipped with glass cockpit or ADS (B) shall monitor, analyse and maintain the data...", the circular said. ADS (B) refers to Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast. The regulator noted that FTOs operating with planes that are not pre-equipped with glass cockpits or ADS (B) should devise a method within 90 days for recording and monitoring the flights to check if the flight path taken by the trainee pilots and instructors are in accordance with the flight authorisation.

Technology firm Continental inaugurates Rs 1,000 crore-campus for TCI

PNS ■ MUMBAI

Technology firm Continental on Wednesday inaugurated its Rs 1,000 crore-new campus for its Technical Center India (TCI).

Spread over 1 million square feet of space, the campus is located at Bengaluru's Electronic City Phase II and can house over 6,500 employees, according to a release.

The new campus houses hi-tech software, hardware, and vehicle test facilities for R&D and a plethora of training centres, with each floor equipped with multiple collaboration areas, it said. It will cater to automotive Research and Development (R&D) requirements for local and global markets.

'Boiler failures cause loss of up to 3% electricity generated

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Boiler tube failures at various industrial plants cause up to 3 per cent loss of electricity generated at such units, according to an industry executive. There are 36 types of boiler failures that result into losses worth crores to the plants, Paresh Harihbakti, Managing Director (MD), TCR Advanced Engineering, said at the launch of 'Failure Investigation of Boiler Tubes' book here. "There are 36 types of boiler failures that occur in the industrial units," Harihbakti told reporters. A boilers is used to produce steam which is further used to generate electricity. The reasons for the failures and



measures to tackle the faults besides ways to maintain the critical part of an industrial unit have been compiled in the book which has been published by US-based American Society for Metals (ASM), he said. The

book is available across 140 countries through both offline and online platforms, the MD, who is one of the authors of the book, said. Corrosion is one of the main reasons for the failure of the boiler tubes and it takes

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around four days from identifying the problem to fixing the same, he said. "The boiler takes at least 12 hours to cool down, then the tube is replaced, and after checking all parameters, it is ready for use. The entire process causes loss aggregating to crores," Harihbakti explained. Big industrial players need to keep a vigil on the boilers as the country has

embarked on capacity addition missions across various industries like steel, energy generation among others, he said.

TCR Advanced Engineering is part of TCR Engineering Services which is into lifetime assessment of boiler tubes, while the parent firm undertakes quality testing of industrial assets used in various projects across sectors.

Markets end higher for 2nd day

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Equity benchmarks ended higher on Wednesday amid buying in banking counters and a firm trend in global markets.

Continuing its previous day rally, the 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 91.62 points or 0.15 per cent to settle at 61,510.58. During the day, it jumped 361.94 points or 0.58 per cent to 61,780.90.

The broader NSE Nifty gained 23.05 points or 0.13 per cent to end at 18,267.25. From the Sensex pack, State Bank of India, Bajaj Finance, Dr Reddy's, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Sun Pharma, Maruti, NTPC, Axis Bank and ICICI Bank were the major winners. Power Grid, Tech Mahindra,

Titan, Bharti Airtel and Bajaj Finserv were among the laggers. Elsewhere in Asia, markets in Seoul, Shanghai and Hong Kong ended higher.

Equity exchanges in Europe were trading mostly in the green in the afternoon trade. Wall Street had ended higher on Tuesday. "Following the global trend, domestic indices continued to cautiously build gains as investors braced for the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting minutes. The declining dollar index and falling bond yield provided short-term relief, while the FIIs' unpredictability kept investors at bay," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial

Services. International oil benchmark Brent crude was trading 1.05 per cent higher at USD 89.29 per barrel. "Markets held on to modest gains in a volatile session ahead of the key FOMC minutes. Investors preferred to stay on the sidelines despite tomorrow being a November F&O series expiry day," said Prashanth Tapse - Research Analyst, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd. In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge climbed 0.54 per cent and midcap index advanced 0.20 per cent. Among sectoral indices, oil & gas climbed 0.68 per cent, metal 0.65 per cent, financial services 0.53 per cent, energy 0.53 per cent, healthcare 0.42 per cent, and utilities 0.32 per cent.

Bank boards can decide on waiving penalty on minimum balance

PNS ■ SRINAGAR

The boards of individual banks can decide on waiving the penalty on accounts, which do not maintain a minimum balance, Union Minister of State for Finance Bhagwant Kishanrao Karad on Wednesday said.

"Banks are independent bodies. They have boards which can take a decision to waive off the penalty," Karad told reporters here.

The minister was responding to a question if the Centre would consider directing banks not to charge any penalty from the accounts where the balance falls below the pre-

scribed minimum levels.

Karad was on a two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir to review the implementation of various financial schemes in the Union Territory.

The minister said the banks in Jammu and Kashmir had done a good job over the years and directed them to improve their performance on those parameters where they are lagging behind the national average.

"I have told the banks in Jammu and Kashmir to hold Saturday camps to bring the percentage of Jan Dhan Yojana accounts closer to the national average. While the national average is 49,135 per lakh



population, the numbers in Jammu and Kashmir are 21,252 per lakh. "The credit-

deposit ratio in Jammu and Kashmir is 58 per cent and I have asked them to raise it,"

Karad said. The minister, however, expressed satisfaction that despite the difficult ter-

'Use HPR to build network for healthcare'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Irdai has asked insurers to leverage the Health Professional Registry to build a network of doctors or other healthcare professionals for providing OPD and other health services.

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An electrophysiology (EP) study is a test that is performed to assess your heart's electrical system or activity and is used to diagnose abnormal heartbeats or arrhythmia. Today, for our weekly edition of the Community Wise, we bring to you the Heart Rhythm Society, which aims to provide leadership in the management of Heart Rhythm disorders in India.

Determined towards promoting a healthy heart

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The Heart Rhythm Society, established in 1979, has been led by some of the most accomplished and distinguished cardiac pacing and electrophysiology professionals. "Recently, the Indian Heart Rhythm Society held a Walkathon from Grand Hyatt, with the aim to raise awareness and promote the concept of a healthy heart to deal with a sudden cardiac arrest," said Dr Vinita Arora, Cardiac Electrophysiologist. Their technological advances have introduced new ways to facilitate care outside clinical settings and support



health monitoring and promotion of wellness in home and community settings. "Telehealth has become much more widely used in recent years because of this, the Heart Rhythm Society

has partnered with the Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association too, in order to develop telehealth resources to advance the use of this type of care. Because a sudden cardiac arrest claims a life every 90 seconds and refers to the abrupt loss of heart function resulting from a problem with the heart's electrical system. It disrupts the heart's pumping action and stops blood flow to the body."

Also, an interventional cardiologist from the society continues, "Sudden cardiac arrest is one of the leading causes of mortality worldwide. And for survival, time is of the essence.

The survival rate could be doubled or tripled if more people take timely required action. 70% of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur at home, so it becomes more important for people around patients to know what needs to be done."

Their recent campaign including The Heart Rhythm Society, through its efforts during Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Month in September and throughout the year, is working to increase public knowledge about atrial fibrillation, including its symptoms, warning signs, and treatments. In October, the Heart Rhythm Society also launched a multi-year, national awareness campaign, Arrest the Risk in an effort to elevate the issue of preventing sudden cardiac arrest, early intervention, and appropriate treatment among the Hispanic populations increasing awareness of disparities at the point of care and reduce mortality and re-hospitalization rates from sudden cardiac arrest.

"The society's award-winning apples and oranges campaign use a

simple analogy to educate people about the difference between a heart attack and sudden cardiac arrest. The campaign targets heart attack survivors, who are at the highest risk for sudden cardiac arrest, and stresses the importance of maintaining a healthy heart lifestyle and learning critical risk markers, especially their ejection fraction, which is the percentage of blood pumped out of the left ventricle with each heartbeat. One of the major distinguishing factors between sudden cardiac arrest and a heart attack is that people who have the former will not have a pulse. A heart attack is caused when blood flow to a part of the heart is blocked, though, at times, a heart attack can trigger a sudden cardiac arrest if it causes an electrical disturbance in the heart."

A case in point was an 18-year-old tennis player, who collapsed after finishing his warm-up match recently! His teammate immediately jumped into action and started giving him CPR while the coach got an automated external defibrillator and simultaneously called for medical support. The player survived. This case reiterates the importance of timely interven-

tion in society.

Talking about the condition, Dr A M Karthigesan, consultant electrophysiologist at Apollo also said, "A majority of these cases will occur in the general population who are not known to have heart disease. Though the peak prevalence of it is in the geriatric group, we have seen the age trend change in the last few years. There is a rise in prevalence from 30 years with peaks at 50 to 70 years. The existence of a large substrate of undiagnosed coronary artery disease in a younger population contributing to it is a major health issue in India that merits focused designing of effective preventive strategies. Therefore, we are focusing on the early diagnosis of cardiac disease and on-time treatment."



SHOULD THE SOCIAL EXPECTATIONS ATTACHED TO MASCULINITY, BE BLAMED?

Deteriorating mental health in men is widely regarded as a silent epidemic. Several factors, including gender stereotypes, mental health stigma, and social expectations attached to masculinity, have contributed to this worsening situation.

Mental health has become one of the most talked-about issues in today's age. This had made a positive impact on people as it encourages them to speak up and seek help! However, even though the stigma surrounding mental health is becoming less prominent each day, people, more commonly men, are still hesitant to admit that they are suffering or require help.



According to research, the rate of male suicide worldwide is two to four times more than that of female suicide. Are the traditional gender roles and social expectations responsible for this silent crisis in men? Read on to find out. It's an extremely common and widespread misconception that men's and women's mental health can be explained and measured based on the same factors. However, the truth is far away

from reality! There are several gender differences, which when taken into consideration, can show the significant dissimilarities between the symptomatology of men and women. While women have higher rates of internalising disorders like anxiety and depression, men are more prone to externalising troubles like substance abuse, aggressive behaviour, ADHD, and oppositional defiant disorder.

• Employment Issues

When it comes to men's mental health, employment issues play a major role. According to research, employment can serve as a chronic stressor for men. Numerous studies show that unemployment can have more effect on men's mental health than women's.

• Family Life

Family provides men with significant meaning and purpose. There is evidence of the fact that romantic breakups and divorce significantly increase the risk of suicide and mental illness in both men and women.

• Childhood Experiences

According to several studies, childhood experience can play a major role in shaping the mental health of both men and women. Men who go through adverse childhood experiences can suffer from short-and long-term psychological consequences.

From birth, men and women are taught to think, emote, and act differently based on their gender. These traditional gender roles and the expectations that come with them date back to the times of industrialisation when men were the ones responsible for doing work that resulted in economic privilege and power. The dominant aspects of masculinity encourage men to be competitive, assertive, and independent.

However, the stress caused by the social expectations for men to always be the breadwinners or the feeling of emasculation that comes from not being able to fulfill this role can have drastic negative effects on men.

The way men are raised makes them less likely to be empathetic towards their intimate partners or prevents them from being emotionally dependent on them. Researchers believe that while this can protect men against depression, it can also lead to various externalising problems like aggression. The social masculine expectations often force men to put up a strong front at all times, preventing them from showing any weakness or vulnerability. This makes men less likely to solve emotional problems, discuss sensitive issues, seek help, or express troubles.

In addition to all this, men are also expected to hide any emotion that could be seen as weak or effeminate, such as showing care, sensitivity, nurturance, and communicativeness. Due to the fear of stigma, men refrain from opening up about experiencing any symptoms of anxiety or depression.

All in all, societal expectations regarding how men should behave to protect their image of masculinity have been fueling the fire of the growing mental health crises in them globally. Not only do these social expectations give birth to a myriad of mental health issues in men but they also make it harder to diagnose said problems. It's time that society stops gender bias and creates a safe space for men to open up about their mental health issues.

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Work is an integral part of our lives, and living in today's age, where the workplace is becoming more dynamic with each passing day, keeping up with the trends, has been the biggest responsibility of any employee.

However, along with many perks of work, one thing that employees have experienced is employee burnout. Employee burnout suggests a feeling of exhaustion and dissatisfaction by the employee. When an employee goes through mental, physical, and emotional fatigue, it impacts the overall well-being and productivity severely.

Eventually, they become addicted to things like caffeine, alcohol, and spend a lot of time on screen unable to control their thoughts and behaviour which has an adverse impact on individuals.

Yash Mukand, a holistic and wellness expert said, "Yoga and meditation are two important and powerful tools that have been fruitful in helping and de-stressing employee burnout. Yoga has always been an

indispensable part of our being since ancient Vedic times. While people have shifted to gyms, heavy lifting, and other forms of exercise, earlier, yoga was the sole way of keeping oneself fit and healthy. Yoga is a form of exercise that aids in the holistic development of one's self. The practice of yoga is easily adapted to be done by anyone between the ages of 6 to 80."

Yoga asanas go beyond physical exercise, which not just improves the physical health of a person. Asana is a state of the body and mind, which is called "Sthira Sukham Asanam," which means Steady, Comfort, and Posture denoting that your body and mind are steady and comfortable in the asana. The movement of the asana penetrates and massages the internal organs of the body and supports increased blood flow throughout the body. Moreover, it aids in the clearing of the lymphatic system and flushes out the toxins from inside to ensure a healthy function of the body.

Yoga asanas and pranayama are the driving forces behind balancing the "Prana," the vital life force in the body. It aids in conserving energy and keeps one feeling enthusiastic most of the time.

Working professionals who are constantly worried about their work and never letting their minds breathe free can engage themselves in short yoga sessions to realize the immense potential it has and the positive influence it can bring into one's life. Yoga will ensure that employees feel motivated and have a positive outlook toward work and life.

Employee burnout is characterised by a lack of concentration and constant distractions at work. Meditation is a way to help employees de-stress themselves, bring back that focus in life, and connect to the true self. The purpose of meditation is to engage at one point for a period without any distractions.

When the mind is completely immersed in self during meditation, it automatically withdraws itself from any other interruption. When practiced regularly, yoga and meditation can transform our thinking, feelings, behaviour, and eating habits and reduce employee burnout. Individuals can feel refreshed, re-energized, and rejuvenated, and handle stressful situations with ease and calm.

De-stressing employee burnout through yoga and meditation





● IshkaRoy



● Preethi



● Urmila



● Nikitha



● Meermal



● Aashwini

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PARTY

Actresses Ishwarya Vullingala, and Sravanthi Chokaropu graced the date announcement event of the Vysya Limelight Awards for Women 2022, in order to recognise and reward the women of Arya Vysya community. The awards will be held on November 26, at JRC Conventions.





Ak Khan (IPS), Advisor, Govt. of Telangana graced the launch of GhiasuddinBabukhan Charitable Trust/HIE's talent search programme, where over 10,000 students will be taking an online qualifying test, in order to get admission for two-year intermediate course, which will purely be based on merit and as per the test norms.



With the Christmas and the New Year season round the corner, chairman of Roots college of Hotel Management and Culinary Arts BP Padala, along with the students and staff participated in the cake-mixing ceremony at their campus in Somajiguda. The event was graced by Suresh Kale, Corporate chef, and Ramakrishna, CDC, Hyatt place.

NIIT UNIVERSITY (NU) HOSTS THE FIRST FOUNDERS GROWTHCAMP

Established with a vision to bring about innovation in higher education and learning in emerging areas of the knowledge society, the University of the Future, NIIT University (NU), hosted the first Founders Growthcamp on its campus in Neemrana. Early stage EdTech founders Videt Jaiswal from Airblack, Arman Ahmed from EdYoda, Jatin Solanki from Expertrons, Manvender Singh from INSAID, Jignesh Talasila from PerspectAI, Pratik Agarwal from School of Accelerated Learning, Simulanis, Raman Talwar from uLektz Learning Solutions and Rashmi Jha from vani.coach, participated in the 3-day Growthcamp. The first-of-its-kind EdTech Growthcamp had a great mix of startups working on solving interesting problems in the higher education and upskilling space.

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IFMR GSB AT KREA UNIVERSITY OPENS ADMISSIONS FOR 2023

IFMR Graduate School of Business (GSB) at Krea University has opened admissions for the intake of the MBA cohort of 2023-25. IFMR GSB brings to the fore IFMR's powerful legacy of 50+ years as Asia's first and foremost Finance training and research institution with a robust history in training 50,000+ professionals across 500+ organisations in 25+ countries worldwide. While also combining it with the fresh thinking and agility of Krea University, steered by eminent leaders from the world of finance and economics. The two-year residential MBA Programme offers electives across Data Science, Finance, Quantitative Finance, Marketing, Operations, Human Resources and Strategy. The teaching is led by faculty members who come with fine academic pedigrees or have been industry leaders in the corporate sector.


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- The sum of all numbers in any row or column must equal 45.

ACROSS

6 Job

8 A sung musical drama

10 A short part of a play

13 Refusing to obey orders

14 To cook vegetables or meat in an oven using fat

17 Listen to music and news on this

19 Somewhere students go

11 Porcelain

12 Fast aeroplane

15 This chemical liquid burns

16 Held by ropes

17 Take a break

18 A fruit from a palm tree

DOWN

1 Painful throb

2 Hawaiian dance

3 Overtake

4 Pleasant

5 A jab with a syringe

7 Marvellous

9 A plant's anchors in the soil

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‘You will always get to see a new me’

AMARTYA SMARAN



Actress Seerat Kapoor is all braced to make her Bollywood debut with *Maarich*, slated for its release on December 9. Written and directed by Dhruv Lather, the film has been bankrolled by Tusshar Kapoor, Narendra Hirawat, and Shreyans Hirawat. *Maarich* starring Tusshar Kapoor, Naseeruddin Shah, Rahul Dev, Anita Hassanandani Reddy, Dipannita Sharma, Seerat Kapoor, et al, is a stylized thriller that received rave reviews for its trailer on YouTube. The ravishing actress made her Tollywood debut with the film *Run Raja Run*, which was one of the year's biggest hits of the time. Later, she cemented her place in the industry by proving her mettle in films like *Tiger*, *Columbus*, *Raju Gari Gadhi 2*, *Okka Kshanam*, *Touch Chesi Chudu*, *Krishna and His Leela*, and *Maa Vintha Gatha Vinuma*. Some films

Actress Seerat Kapoor, who rose to fame with the Telugu film *Run Raja Run*, is all set to make her Bollywood debut in *Maarich*. As the actress is all excited for her Bollywood debut, she gets candid with *The Pioneer* about her character in the film, the kind of brief the director had given her for her character, sharing the screen with legendary actor Naseeruddin Shah, and much more.

might not have worked at the box office, but her performance never failed to impress filmgoers and critics. Interacting with *The Pioneer* ahead of the film's release, Seerat Kapoor discussed sharing screen space with legendary actor Naseeruddin Shah, what excited her the most about *Maarich*, and what she thinks about the love she's been receiving from the audience. If one takes a look at the trailer for *Maarich*, one will notice Seerat playing an intense character. Talking about the nitty gritty of her character in the film, the *Run Raja Run* actress enthused, "I feel ecstatic more so because the film is authentic in its writing, characters, plot, and genre. It's been an honour to begin my journey with veterans like Naseeruddin Shah and Tusshar Kapoor. My character, Reena, is a supermodel. She's quite unlike any other character that I have portrayed on screen. She has a grey side, sharp, selfish, unapologetic, beautiful, and blunt. Hands down, the writing. *Maarich* is very layered, and the characters involved in the story are realistically depicted. Its uniqueness stood out to me." A director is called the captain of the ship because they are responsible for how the film turns out. Legendary comedian and director Jerry Lewis once said, "Directing is more about managing people." Well, more than anything, a director needs to know what he/she wants from the cast and crew. If the leader is clueless, then the entire ship ought to sink. We asked Seerat what kind of brief director Dhruv Lather had given her for her character. She was all praise for the director. Hear it out from her, "Dhruv has this

incredible ability to identify with his actors beyond what meets the eye. I was pleasantly surprised when I noticed my character grow towards a higher potential through the process of filmmaking. We spent a lot of time ideating, discussing, and developing Reena all through our workshops." It could be overwhelming to share screen space with legendary actors like Naseeruddin Shah on one's debut. The sheer presence he carries on screen is commendable. We were eager to learn what the enchanting actress had learned from the great actor. The Tiger actress crisply answered, "Naseer Sir transcends into every scene. His incredible ability to evoke an audience with ease, calm, and composure is truly inspiring." Well! She summed up the whole experience in a few lines, which speaks a tonne about how taken aback she was during the shoot. Since her debut in *Run Raja Run*, the *Maarich* actress has received a lot of love from the audience. For an actor, that love from the audience is everything. In a way, thespians live for the love and adoration they receive from moviegoers. There is a lot of noise on the internet regarding which industry functions best. With the trend of pan-Indian films, a few segments of the audience are split on which industry produces the best product. Putting an end to such discussions, Seerat schmoozed, "I was showered with utmost love and appreciation on my debut film, *Run Raja Run* down south. It's their encouragement and support that's led me to Bollywood. I have had the good fortune to start a new chapter with such a warm and incredible team. I believe that a connection between an artist and their audience is an organic and honest bond built over time. I'd rather let it breathe and unfold to me than force it to do so. The process of filmmaking is almost the same. It's more the team's synergy that sets the atmosphere right." Signing off in style and giving an exclusive update about her future project, the stunning actress quipped, "You will always get to see a new me. I'm shooting a dance musical in my next feature film, produced by Dil Raju."



HIT 2: The Second Case trailer has eerie similarities with recent Delhi horror

Everyone has heard of the recent horror in Delhi, of a woman being murdered and mutilated. The case has captivated the public imagination. In an eerie similarity, the latest trailer of *Major Fame*, Adivi Sesh's latest film, *HIT - The Second Case* depicts the exact same crime! The coincidence of a film that was written a year ago releasing within a week of such a gruesome real life tragedy, is both shocking and incidental. Furthermore, the mention of the name "Shraddha" in the trailer sends shivers and chills down one's spine. One detail might be a coincidence but two is just Serendipity. *HIT 2* is the second instalment from Dr Sailesh Kolanu's *HIT* Verse. The film directed by Sailesh Kolanu is all set to hit the screens on December 2, 2022. As the release date is closing in, on Wednesday the makers delighted movie lovers with the thrilling trailer. The trailer gives us a sneak-peek into the journey of a cool cop, Krishna Dev, who comes across a terrifying case. In the trailer, KD mocks criminals as "bird-brained," and then he finds himself solving the gruesome murder that shook the entire city. KD's life, love, job, and everything else are

all intertwined in this, and the stakes are now sky-high. Will KD be able to solve the case, for example? Will he be able to track down the true perpetrator of this heinous crime? This path-breaking crime thriller, complete with cliffhangers at every turn, is set to captivate audiences on December 2. Adivi Sesh made his Hindi film debut with *Major*. Apart from being critically acclaimed and tasting box office success, the film has been selected at 53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI) as a Hindi language film. With this massive success the anticipation raised on his next projects in Bollywood as well. Netizens and Sesh fans who enjoy his unique content films are requesting that the film be released in Hindi. In response to netizens' requests, the makers are strongly considering a release for a Hindi Version by the end of December. *HIT 2* features Sesh in the role of cool cop KD in the Homicide Intervention Team. The movie has Meenakshii Chaudhary in the female lead role while Rao Ramesh, Srikanth Maganti, Komalee Prasad will be seen in key roles. Prashanti Tipirneni is bankrolling the film while Natural Star Nani is the presenter under Wall Poster Cinema.

NC 22 titled CUSTODY, Naga Chaitanya fighting against all odds in the first look



Akkineni Naga Chaitanya's Telugu-Tamil bilingual project under the direction of leading filmmaker Venkat Prabhu went on the floors a couple of months back. Tentatively titled NC22, the film has Krithi Shetty as the female lead. This project is one of the most expensive films in the career of the Akkineni hero. Srinivasaa Chitturi is

producing the film in a prestigious manner under the Srinivasaa Silver Screen banner. As the coolest and versatile actor celebrating his 36th birthday on November 23, makers unveiled a special surprise for fans and movie lovers. The makers have locked the intriguing title *Custody* and shared the first look poster of Naga Chaitanya in a ferocious avatar. From the poster it is evident that Naga Chaitanya will be seen as an honest and determined police officer "A Shiva," who stands tall against all odds to be the change he wishes to see. It appears that A Shiva must fight his own system for something in which he believes and stands. The passionate filmmaker Venkat Prabhu, presented Chay in an entirely new avatar that is both impressive and exciting. He is also known for giving each of his films a unique tagline. Similarly, the tagline for *Custody* is 'A Venkat Prabhu Hunt'.

The film's ensemble cast and brilliant technical team are currently busy with filming. The film will be made with high production values and technical standards. Arvind Swami playing the antagonist role while Priyamani will be seen in a powerful role. The film also stars Sampath Raj, Sarathkumar, Premji, Vennela Kishore, Premi Vishwanath, among others. The legendary father-son duo Maestro, Isaigani Ilaiyaraaja and Little Maestro Yuvan Shankar Raja are all set to tune the songs for this movie. Pavan Kumar will be presenting this ambitious project. Abburi Ravi penned the dialogues while SR Kathir handled the cinematography. Along with Naga Chaitanya, and Krithi Shetty, the film also stars Aravind Swami, Priyamani, Sharat Kumar, Sampath Raj, Vennela Kishore, Premji Amaren, Premi Vishwanath and many other notable actors.

Nayanthara starrer Gold to hit the theaters on Dec 1

Director Alphonse Puthren became a known name in the industry after his 2015 massive blockbuster Malayalam film *Premam*. The freshness in his narration and taking won numerous accolades for the young director. Since then many have awaited his next project. But, due to health issues and various reasons his new film after *Premam* didn't materialised. Finally in 2021, he announced his new film *Gold* starring Prithviraj Sukumaran and Nayanthara in lead roles. After its teaser release in March this year, the release date has been on hold for sometime due to incompletion of work. Finally, the team has announced that *Gold* will hit the screens on December 1. *Gold* is about inci-

dents that unravel in four days in the lives of mobile shop owner 'Danger' Joshi played by Prithviraj and Sumangali Unnikrishnan played by Nayanthara. The film is Produced by Prithviraj's wife Supriya Menon under Prithviraj Productions along with Listin Stephen of Magic Frames Productions. Rajesh Murugesan who has composed songs for *Premam* is the music director for *Gold* too. Along with Direction Alphonse Puthren has also handled writing, editing, stunts, VFX and animation as well. The film is releasing in Malayalam and Tamil languages in theatres on December 1st. The OTT rights are with Amazon Prime Video.



Santhosham South Indian Film Awards 2022 to be presented on December 26



There are many film awards in Telugu Film Industry, and each Award has a special significance. Among them, Santhosham Film Awards has a special place. Santhosham Awards has been going on for almost two decades which celebrates the best talents in Telugu Film Industry in particular and South Indian Film Industry in general. Suresh Kondeti, head of Santhosham magazine and a movie producer, has been conducting the Awards function ambitiously and uninterrupted-ly. Suresh Kondeti is the most familiar name in Telugu Film Industry. He rose from an ordinary family only to become a film magazine editor. Later, he donned the roles of an actor, producer and distributor and made his mark in Telugu

Film Industry. Suresh Kondeti always thanks Tollywood hero Nagarjuna for suggesting him to launch the awards program. Later, the Awards show became a super success, all with the blessings of Megastar Chiranjeevi, Nataratna Balakrishna, and Victory Venkatesh. Keeping in with the tradition, the 21st Santosham South Indian Film Awards 2022 is slated to be held in Hyderabad on December 26, 2022 under the auspicious of 'Santhosham' weekly, which has been rewarding Telugu films for the last 20 years. Santosham head Suresh Kondeti has announced the date for this year Awards celebrations. The show will be held at the JRC Convention Hall in Hyderabad on December 26, 2022. The show will begin at 3 PM with all grandeur and gaiety. Santosham Awards will be presented in several categories, in four languages in South India i.e., Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, and Kannada. This program will start at 3.30 PM and will continue for twelve hours. Non-stop entertainment will be provided in between the awards presentation ceremony. The function will be held as per international standards providing wholesome entertainment. Several popular stars would perform scintillating dances and rib-ticking comedy skits to entertain the audience.

‘I have grown as an actor but evolved as a person’

Actress Saiyami Kher is gearing up for another streaming series after *Breathe: Into the Shadows 2*. This time, she will be seen playing the character of a poetess in *Faadu*, directed by Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari of *Bareilly Ki Barfi* fame. The role not just helped her grow as an actress but also changed her as a person. Talking about the same, Saiyami said, "Projects like *Faadu* come once in your life and I am grateful that this was offered to me. By trying to capture the essence of Manjiri, not only do I feel I have grown as an actor but also evolved as a person." Over the course of filming, Saiyami became emotionally attached to her character. "I am very attached to this character and found a lot of me in Manjiri. I have felt every dialogue and lived every scene thanks to the brilliant writing and the guidance of our director Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari." *Faadu - A Love Story* tells the story of a man belonging to progressive India who lies in the middle of choices that need validation. He is stuck between the fabric of

economic upgrade and true love. Abhay, an angry poet and dreamer, aspires to reach faster than time from where he can see his rags to riches story. During his journey, he falls in love with Manjiri, a poetess who has a different philosophy about life. Commenting on the show, Pavail Gulati, who plays the lead, said, "Some characters you play in life change you not just as an actor but as a person. My character Abhay is raw and ambitious who is trying to write his own fate while going through emotional turmoil. Abhay has changed me, *Faadu* has changed me. I cannot wait for you guys to meet him!" Produced by StudioNext, *Faadu - A Love Story* is written by Saumya Joshi and music composed by Santhosh Narayanan. The show will drop on the OTT platform on December 9.



