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INDIA'S HEAVIEST ROCKET TO MAKE **GLOBAL FORAY ON OCTOBER 22**

ndia's heaviest rocket is getting ready to make its entry into the global commercial launch service market with the milestone expected on October 22. In its first dedicated commercial mission, GSLV-Mk III would launch British startup OneWeb's 36 broadband satellites from Sriharikota spaceport, as per a contract signed by Indian Space Research Organisation's commercial arm, NewSpace India Limited (NSIL). The newest rocket is capable of launching a four tonne class of satellite to Geosynchronous Transfer orbit (GTO). "The launch is slated shortly after October 21

INDIAN-ORIGIN UNIVERSITY STUDENT KILLED IN US, ROOMMATE ARRESTED

20-year-old Indian-origin student has been killed in his dormitory in the US state of Indiana and his Korean roommate was taken Anto custody, according to media reports. Varun Manish Chheda from Indianapolis, who was studying at Purdue University, was found dead in McCutcheon Hall on the western edge of campus, police said on Wednesday. Another university student was arrested on a murder charge Wednesday, NBC News quoted the school's police chief as saying. Ji Min Jimmy Sha, a 22-year-old junior cybersecurity major and international student from Korea, called 911 around 12:45 am on Wednesday to alert police about the death.

GIRL GANG-RAPED IN KVS SCHOOL WASHROOM; ENQUIRY ORDERED

n 11-year-old student was allegedly gang-raped by two seniors inside the washroom of a Kendriya Vidyalaya in the Anational capital following which a case has been registered, police officials said on Thursday. The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan's regional office has also ordered an enquiry into the issue. The alleged incident had taken place in July but the victim approached the police on Tuesday only after the matter was highlighted by the Delhi Commission for Women (DCW). The DCW, which termed the incident as a "serious matter", issued a notice to Delhi Police and the school principal on the issue.

ARMY'S NORTHERN COMMAND ADDS KALYANI M4 TO ITS FLEET

rmy's northern command on Thursday inducted Kalyani M4. an indigenous all-terrain high mobility combat troop carrier with armour and mine protection, in Jammu and Kashmir. The Northern Command shared the information on official Twitter handle with several pictures of its General Officer Commandingin-chief (GOC-in-C) Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi along with the vehicle. #NorthernComd inducts 4x4 Quick Reaction Force Vehicles, an indigenous initiative by @BharatForgeLtd; an all terrain high mobility combat troop carrier with Armour & Mine Protection, the tweet read.

BRS to focus on **Dalits, conclave** soon in Hyd

PNS HYDERABAD

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao's BRS is focussed on Dalits. The Chief Minister said that a Dalit conclave will be held soon in Hyderabad under the BRS banner and Dalits from all over the country will be attending it. Tamil Nadu MP and Dalit leader-cum-VCK Chief Thirumavalavan and Dalit leaders from various states met KCR at the Pragathi Bhavan on Thursday, KCR said many schemes are being implemented for the development of Dalits in Telangana and that it is imperative to implement them all over the country.

The VCK has four MLAs and an MP elected on its own symbol (and another MP on the DMK symbol). Tamil Nadu MP Thirumavalavan honoured KCR with a shawl. Speaking on the occasion, Thirumavalavan said that he came to know about the welfare schemes introduced by the Telangana government for Dalits.



Ball in EC's court

TRS informs the commission about changing its name to BRS

NAVEENA GHANATE

The Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) has informed the Election Commission of India about its decision to change its name to Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS).

A delegation of party leaders led by Planning Commission Vice Chairman B. Vinod Kumar met officials of the Election Commission of India (ECI) in New Delhi on Thursday and handed over a copy of the resolution adopted at the TRS general body meeting on Wednesday. Vinod told reporters that they had informed the Election Commission about the decision taken at the TRS meeting held in Hyderabad. He pointed out that as per the People's Representation Act Section 29A and sub-clause 9, political parties have to inform immediately the Election Commission about any change in name or address.

Without wasting time, we submitted a letter to the Election



Commission informing it about the resolution passed at the meeting," said Kumar, who is the deputy chairperson of the State Planning

Commission. Election Commission officials said they will take action after taking into consideration objections, if any. Replying to a query about the existence of some parties with the name BRS, Vinod said abbreviations may be the same. "Abbreviation is not at an issue. The name is different," he said. A general body meeting of the TRS presided over by party president

Chandrasekhar Rao on Wednesday unanimously passed a resolution changing the name of the party to BRS.



BRS TO OPERATE FROM SARDAR PATEL MARG IN DELHI

PNS HYDERABAD

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao will be directing BRS operations from the party's new office which will be inaugurated on Sardar Patel Marg in New Delhi.





BRS HAS NO PLANS TO CONTEST K'TAKA ASSEMBLY POLLS: KUMARASWAMY

PNS BENGALURU

JD(S) leader H D Kumaraswamy on Thursday said the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), led by Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao, has no intention to contest Assembly polls in Karnataka, but is thinking about fielding candidates in a couple of constituencies in border areas for the next Lok Sabha polls. The former Chief Minister said the BRS may support JD(S) in "15-20 Telugu- speaking" Assembly con-Telugu-speaking" Assembly constituencies in the State bordering Telangana, where they may have influence. "They (BRS) will not contest the Assembly polls, by going with them, we want to join hands in their fight aimed at finding a permanent solution to issues faced by farmers, dalits, and other faced by farmers, dalits and other weaker sections. Rather than building an alternative force against the party in power at the Centre (BJP) it is to find solutions to the issues faced by the nation," Kumaraswamy said.



TRS loses chairmanship of 2 Parliamentary panels

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

The TRS lost the chairmanship of the Parliamentary Committee Industries and Library in the latest rejig on Tuesday.

Keshavarao and Nama Nageswararao lost their Chairman posts. Keshav Rao, who is the Chairman of the Industries Committee, will continue as a member of that committee. TRS

leader Keshavarao has been replaced by DMK leader Tiruchi Siva as the chairperson of the panel on Industry.

Nama Nageshwar Rao, who is the Chairman of the Library Committee, will be recognized as a member of the Committee.

On the other hand, new entrant Vaddiraju Ravichandra has been made a member of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Committee.



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Campaign to highlight KCR, car

KTR and Harish sharpen Munugode strategy

PNS HYDERABAD

Ministers KT Rama Rao and Harish Rao held a meeting on the Munugode by-election on Thursday. This meeting is a follow-up of the meeting held by Chief ter K. Chandrase Dussera.

The TRS considers victory in Munugode as a challenge in view of the Assembly elections next year. The party has not announced the name of its candidate but things point to Kuskuntla Prabhakar Reddy's candidature.

The campaign will focus on 'KCR' and 'Car' to avoid confusing voters with TRS and BRS. The focus is reportedly on reminding people on the situation before 2014 in the erstwhile united AP and after



MLAs Balka Suman, Arekapudi Gandhi, and Sunke Ravishankar shared details on social media with #MunugodeWithKCR.

Meanwhile, Telangana Planning Commission Vice President Vinod Kumar said that he will contest in the Munugode by-poll on a TRS ticket.

Vinod told reporters this after a meet- tions is October 17.

ing with officials of the Election Commission of India. He revealed that it will take some time for the Central Election Commission to recognise the BRS. He said that as nominations for the Munugode by-poll will start from Friday, the election symbol of the party will be the same. There will be no change in that. The name of the party has been changed just like the names of persons are changed. Everything else will be the same. He said the TRS name will continue until the Election Commission recognises BRS. The date of issue of the Gazette noti-

for nominations is October 14. Scrutiny will be done on the next day. The last date for withdrawal of nomina-

fication is October 7, while the last date

French writer Annie gets Nobel Prize in literature

PNS STOCKHOLM

French author Annie Ernaux, who has fearlessly mined her own biography to explore life in France since the 1940s. won this year's Nobel Prize in literaminates murky corners of memory, family and society. Ernaux 's books probe deeply personal experiences and feelings love, sex, abortion, shame within a society split by gender and class divisions. The Swedish Academy said Ernaux, 82, was recognised for the courage and clinical acuity" of books rooted in her background in a working-class family in the Normandy region of northwest France.



SECUNDERABAD LS SEAT

BJP may pick VVS Laxman

PNS HYDERABAD

If all goes well VVS Laxman will contest on a BJP ticket from the Secunderabad Lok Sabha constituency. The BIP has already started the exercise as possible in Telangana.

As part of that, the BJP has committees and have prepared

asked Intelligence agencies to file reports about the ground situation keeping aside the local BJP leadership. Already field reports are being collected from Union Ministers who nion Ministers already met the BJP's booth

field reports. But it is reported that the booth committees are not strong. The caste-religion equations on the ground in all constituencies and the names of leaders who can be influenced are acting as constituency in- in those constituencies have



Rampage in Thai daycare Centre

37, mostly preschoolers dead

TODAY

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Month & Paksham Tithi: Dwadashi:

Chaturdashi:

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Temp: 27°

Humidity: 89%

Sunrise: 6:07 AM

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HYDERABAD WEATHER

Forecast: Scattered thunderstorms

Updated: OCTOBER 6, 2022 5:00 PM

Varjyam:

Purva Bhadrapada

A former policeman burst into a day care centre in northeastern Thailand on Thursday, killing dozens of children and teachers and then firing on more people as he fled in the dead-

and child at home. A witness said staff at the day care locked the door when they saw the assailant approaching with a gun, but he shot his way in. In footage posted online after the attack, frantic family members could be heard weeping outside the day care, and one image showed the floor of one room smeared with blood and



FinMin releases Rs 7,183 cr

grant to 14 states

PNS NEW DELHI

The Finance Ministry on Thursday released the monthly instalment of revenue deficit

grant of Rs 7,183 crore to 14 states. With the release of seventh instalment for the month of October, 2022, the total amount of Revenue Deficit Grants released to the states in current fiscal has gone up to Rs 50,282.92 crore, an official statement said



liest rampage in the nation's history.

The assailant, who authorities said was fired from the force earlier this year because of a drug offense, took his own life after killing his own wife

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Kejriwal asks Saxena to 'chill a bit'

'Even my wife does not scold me as much as LG sahib'

PNS NEW DELHI

With his government at loggerheads with Delhi Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena over multiple issues, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday said even his wife does not "scold" him as much as the LG, and asked him to The AAP supremo, tongue firmly in

as many "love letters" from his wife "in the entire life" as he has from the LG in just six months. "LG sahib, chill a bit!" Kejriwal said in his tweet in Hindi. "And ask your super

cheek, said in a tweet he has not received

boss also to chill a bit. The BJP slammed Kejriwal for using "this puerile language", and said the LĞ "scolds" him only to mend his ways, "stop scams" and pay salaries of sanitation workers before Diwali.



Kejriwal's remarks came days after Saxena in a letter to him alleged he and AAP ministers showed "utter disregard" towards the commemoration of the birth anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and former prime minister Lal Bahadur

Shastri by not attending events at Raj Ghat and Vijay Ghat. Last week, Saxena had also written to Kejriwal to expedite permissions for said it showed his "mental level".

ture projects. 'Even my wife does not scold me as much as the LG sahib. My wife has not written me as many love letters in the

entire life as LG sahib has in the past six months...," Kejriwal said in the tweet. After Saxena took over as the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi in May, he has ordered probes into a host of initia-

ing the now withdrawn excise policy, construction of classrooms, and hospitals. He also recently ordered a probe into Delhi's power subsidy scheme.

The Aam Aadmi Party has been alleging that LG's actions were politically motivated and that he has been working at the behest of the BJP-led central government Soon after the CM's tweet, BJP MP Manoj Tiwari attacked him over his language and

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KCR may focus on TDP leaders in AP

PNS HYDERABAD

If Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao concentrates on strengthening the BRS (Bharat Rashtra Samithi) in Andhra Pradesh which party will it affect?

The people of Andhra Pradesh are very angry at KCR for bifurcating United Andhra Pradesh. How will he convince them and get their support?

Political circles are discussing these questions. At present, the ruling YSR Congress and the Telugu Desam Party are the main political parties in the state. The YSR Congress is indirectly a supporter of the BJP and the TDP is trying to revive its ties with the BJP.

KCR founded BRS to take on the BJP and in his view, both the YSR Congress and the Telugu Desam are political rivals of the BRS. KCR has some ties with Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy of the YSR Congress than with President Chandrababu Naidu.

Chandrababu had worked together in the TDP. During the Telangana movement, Chandrababu became a bitter enemy of KCR. He has some friends in Andhra Pradesh TDP. Recent surveys have revealed that the YŚR Congress will retain power in the next Assembly elections. So in future, Jagan's support may be needed for KCR in national pol-

Moreover, YSR Congress leaders may not show interest to join the BRS.

TDP leaders who had good relations with KCR may join the BRS. But they are worried how the people of Andhra Pradesh will react to the BRS founded by KCR. Some TDP leaders think that if they join the BRS they may get more financial support than from the TDP. Sources said KCR may concentrate on leaders other than from the YSR Congress in AP Operation Aakarsh.

If any YSR Congress leader wants to join the BRS, KCR may not object.

FOR BRS AND ITS LEADER KCR

Challenging days ahead

SNCN ACHARYULU

The name TRS has left a mark on the hearts of Telugus for more than two-and-a-half decades either for or against it.

The TRS (Telangana Rashtra Samithi) was born to create a Telangana state. Later, it changed into a political party and now it has become a national party by changing its

After changing to Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) after two decades, the popular name TRS will disappear from politics. TRS was founded on April 27, 2001, by K. Chandrasekĥar Rao with a single-point agenda of creating a Telangana

Later, the TRS turned into a political party and it came to power in Télangana in the 2014 Assembly elections. In the beginning, the TRS started with one MLA and it came to power in Telangana after it was made a separate state.

In 2014 and 2018, the TRS

aiming for a hat-trick in the next Assembly elections scheduled for 2024, the name of the TRS was changed to BRS and it has grown from a regional party into a national party.

Now, the actual challenge starts for Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao to get recognition as a national party for the BRS Election the Commission.

The TRS was recognised as a regional party and now the

national party. If in future, the BRS does not get recognition as a national party from the Election Commission it will lose some benefits which the TRS is getting now as a recog-

nised regional party.

A senior TRS leader said that it will make no difference whether it is the registered party or the recognised party to people during elections. However, getting recognised as a national party will improve its status in political circles.

the BRS in Telangana to get public support as in the last few months there were discussions

people of other states will react to the BRS. In some states, the BRS may have an alliance with other political parties like with the Janata Dal (Secular) in

PNS HYDERABAD

Minister Chandrasekhar Rao has put an end to speculations on whether he will continue as CM or he will make his son KT Rama Rao the CM once he launches the BRS.

Some sections in TRS speculated that after launching the BRS, KCR make his son the

CM to concentrate on national politics and tour other states to establish the new national party.

KCR ends speculations on handing over TS reins to KTR

But at the TRS general body meeting which was held on Wednesday at the TRS Bhavan, the TRS headquarters, KCR said, "As the CM of Telangana, I will travel all over the country. No one should

have any doubts about this." With this statement, KCR put an end to speculations on making his son KT Rama Rao the Chief Minister. So KTR has to wait for some more time to become the Chief Minister of Telangana. After founding the TRS, KCR became the first Chief

Minister of Telangana.

in political circles and the public that KCR is going to launch a national party and for this, he is going to change the name of TRS to BRS. But the question is how the

He said that KCR floated

Addressing the media at the

KCR & Paul may have an alliance in future: Sanjay

K VENKATESHWARLU

Telangana BJP president Bandi Sanjay Kumar said that as per his information Prapancha Shanti party president KA Paul and BRS president K. Chandrasekhar Rao were the only two who have purchased their own planes and the two may have an alliance in future.

BRS to make his son KT Ramarao the Chief Minister state and to help his daughter Kavitha in the Delhi liquor scam. Sanjay said that KCR launched BRS to divert attention from his corruption during the Munugode by-poll.

BJP state office here on Thursday, Sanjay said that a discussion had been going on about TRS' funds earned illegally from across the nation.

Dissidence had started in the TRS. "KCR is enacting the BRS drama to protect his party and to make Twitter Tillu the CM and protect the liquor queen. KCR is conspiring to wreak havoc in the nation by winning 30 to 40 LS seats by contesting in places



where minorities are more after joining hands with AIMIM. KCR is going to contest after joining hands with small parties apart from AIMIM. He has become an invalid coin and nobody is minding him. KCR's game will get closed after Munugode by-poll results," he said.

"If you put lime on a buffalo, will it become a cow? The renaming of TRS as BRS is like that. KCR once said that he will forge a popular front and it must be probed whether it had any connection with the banned PFI," Sanjay said. The Telangana BJP president said the people of Telangana voted for the TRS, but KCR renamed TRS as BRS against public

'Bifurcation problems can be solved if minds meet'

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya said that the CMs of the two Telugu states did not come this time too to the Alai-Balai programme held on Thursday although he has been inviting them after the division of Andhra Pradesh in 2014. Dattatreya said that there is a need to solve the problems between the two states irrespective of political affiliations. The problems can be solved if minds meet. They cannot be solved through political intervention Dattatreya said that Union Minister Bhagavanth Khuba came from a poor family but became a Union minister. Dattatreya said that he was happy that Kerala Governor Arif Khan attended the pro-

'Anticipatory bail pleas are not money recovery proceedings'

PNS NEW DELHI

The pleas seeking pre-arrest bail are not money recovery proceedings and imposing the condition on the accused of paying interim compensation to the victim for such a relief is unjustified, the Supreme Court has said.

The top court made the observations while hearing the anticipatory bail pleas of an estranged husband and his family members in a matrimonial dispute.

A bench comprising Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and Bela M Trivedi modified the order of the Jharkhand High Court by which it had granted anticipatory bail to three people on furnishing bonds of Rs 25,000 each besides depositing a sum of Rs 7.5 lakh as ad-interim compensation to the woman who had filed the matrimoni-

We are clearly of the view that in essence, the petitions seeking relief of pre-arrest

bail are not money recovery proceedings and, ordinarily, there is no justification for adopting such a course that for the purpose of being given the concession of pre-arrest bail, the person concerned apprehending arrest has to make payment, it said in the order passed on September 29.

The bench said the condition of depositing a sum of Rs 7.5 lakh for the purpose of granting the relief of prearrest bail cannot be approved. For what has been observed

and discussed ..., the order impugned is modified in the manner that while other directions and requirements of the order i.e., of releasing the appellants on bail in the event of arrest on furnishing bond of Rs. 25,000/-, shall remain intact but the other part of the order, requiring the appellants to deposit a sum of Rs. 7,50,000/-, shall stand annulled, it said. Lawyer Amit Kumar appeared in the case for one of the parties.

Threats to Ambani's family: one held

PNS MUMBAI/DARBHANGA Mumbai Police has arrested a

man from Bihar's Darbhanga district in connection with anonymous calls threatening to target industrialist Mukesh Ambani and his family, officials said on Thursday. A police team picked up Rakesh Kumar Mishra from his village on the intervening night of Wednesday and Friday and was bringing him to Mumbai, an official said in the western metr Darbhanga Senior Superintendent of Police Awakash Kumar said, Rakesh Kumar Mishra was arrested by Mumbai Police from his residence in Brahmpura village with the help of the local police. The mobile phone of the accused was seized. Sir H N Reliance Foundation Hospital here had received two calls on Wednesday where the unidentified caller threatened to blow up the hospital along with Ambani's residence 'Antilia' in south Mumbai.

Cong to ensure huge participation of minorities in 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' in TS

Elaborate arrangements have been made to ensure the huge participation of minorities in the Bharat Jodo Yatra of AICC leader Rahul Gandhi, TPCC Minorities Department Chairman Shaik Abdullah Sohail said on Thursday. He was speaking to the media

after conducting a preparatory meeting with the chairman of District Minority Departments and office bearers at the Gandhi Bhavan on Thursday. The meeting was also attended by AICC Minority Department Secretary Farhan Azmi and 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' Coordinator Shakeel Nawaz. Abdullah Sohail said the

Bharat Jodo Yatra would enter Telangana on October 24 and would continue for 14 days.

"While we are making arrangements to ensure the huge participation of minorities on the entire route from Makhtal to Jogipet on all the 14 days, we are also planning to

organise a few stand-alone ipate in the Yatra in large numbers to send a strong message events during the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra.' All district units of the

Congress Minorities Department have been asked to mobilise crowds near the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' route," he said. The

Congress leader said the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' has been receiving tremendous response and it would be a grand success in Telangana. He said people, especially minorities, would partic-

that they are angry with the 'communal politics' of the BJP and its secret allies, the TRS and the AIMIM. "The politics of hatred is posing a huge threat to the very survival of democracy in India. Therefore, it is essential for everyone to join hands to defeat communal forces in the country by supporting the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra'," he said.

Want Cong to be party of young India'

PNS CHENNAI

Congress leader Shashi Tharoor, in the race for the top position in the party, on Thursday said he wanted to change Congress into the party of young India and that support for his presidential candidature is swelling by the day. The Thiruvananthapuram MP, on a brief campaign in Chennai, said how his party

viewed Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra and the presidential poll, mattered most and not what others outside felt. 'It's what the Congress party looks at the Bharat Jodo Yatra and its presidency that matters and not the opposition criticism... It is a challenging election for the delegates because there's only one physical location to hold the election, that's PCC headquarters.

WHO ALERT

DCGA initiates probe; syrup samples sent to Kolkata lab

PNS NEW DELHI

India's drug regulator has initiated a probe and sought further details from the WHO after the global health body issued an alert that cough syrups manufactured by an Indian firm could potentially be linked to the death of children in Gambia. The World Health Organisation (WHO) on Wednesday warned that four "contaminated" and "substandard" cough syrups allegedly produced by Maiden Pharmaceuticals Limited based in Haryana's Sonepat could be the reason for the deaths in the West African nation. Haryana's Health Minister Anil Vij on Thursday said samples of four cough syrups manufactured by the firm have been sent to the Central Drugs Laboratory in Kolkata for examination.

TPCC Senior Vice President Malli Ravi resigns

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Senior Telangana Congress leader Dr Malli Ravi resigned from the post of TPCC senior vice-president on Thursday.

In a statement, Ravi said that he had submitted his resignation to participate in the campaign for Mallikarjuna Kharge in the AICC president

Rampage in Thai...

Pictures of the alphabet and other colourful decorations adorned the walls.

At least 37 people were killed in the attack, according to police spokesman Archayon Kraithong. Another 12 people were wounded. At least 24 of the dead were children, most-

ly preschoolers. The teacher who died, she had a child in her arms, a witness, whose name wasn't given, told Thailand's Kom Chad Luek television at the scene. I didn't think he would kill children, but he shot at the door and shot right through it.

Police identified the suspect as 34-year-old former police

officer Panya Kamrap. Police

Maj Gen Paisal Luesomboon

told PPTV in an interview that

he was fired from the force

earlier this year because of drug-related offenses. In the attack he used multiple weapons, including a handgun, a shotgun and a knife, Paisel said.

Local police chief Damrongsak Kittiprapha told reporters that the suspect was a sergeant on the force before he was fired, and that the main weapon he used was a 9mm pistol that he had purchased

KCR said that the general body had unanimously resolved to change the name of the TRS to BRS to expand its activities nationwide.

regarding this. KCR said the mission of the BRS is to defend weakened sections of society, including women, Dalits, farmers and tribals across the country. The new party is likely to retain the pink flag and its election symbol, the car.

However, the registration of BRS as a national party will depend on the number of votes it secures in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Till then, BRS will continue as a state party.

Meanwhile, Vinod declined to answer queries about the policies and programmes of the BRS. He said KCR will address the media and answer all queries.

A programme is likely to be organised in Maharashtra or

where KCR will formally launch the national party in the presence of leaders of various regional parties.

Former Karnataka Chief Minister Janata Dal (S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy, presi-The meeting also amended the party's Constitution dent of the Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK) Tholkappiyan Thirumavalavan and other leaders had attended Wednesday's meeting in Hyderabad.

KCR had floated TRS in 2002 to revive the Telangana movement demanding statehood for Telangana.

After achieving the goal in 2014 following a 13-year

struggle, he formed the first government in the new state and retained power in 2018. By renaming the TRS and repositioning it as a 'national'

party, KCR is eyeing the pole

position in opposition politics ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha As the main opposition Congress struggles to reverse its slide in the country's politics, major regional parties across the country are trying

take on the BJP. KCR, who has long championed the idea of a non-Congress, non-BJP opposition, wants to play a pivotal role in such an alliance.

to forge a united front that can

BRS TO OPERATE FROM SARDAR PATEL...

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BRS leaders will be meeting prominent leaders, associations and parties here. The Telangana Bhavan in New Delhi is now being constructed. The works were launched in May 2022. Once the construction is completed by the time of the 2024 general elections, the building will be given an official

FinMin releases

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The Post Devolution Revenue Deficit Grant is released based on the recommendation of the 15th Finance Commission to 14 states Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttarakhand and West

"The Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance has on Thursday released the 7th monthly instalment of Post Devolution Revenue Deficit (PDRD) Grant of Rs 7,183.42 crore to 14 states," the min-

istry said. The eligibility of states to receive this grant and the quantum of grant for the period from 2020-21 to 2025-26 was decided by the 15th Finance Commission based on the gap between assessment of revenue and expenditure of the state after taking into account the assessed devolution during this period.

BJP may pick...

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There is a rumour in BJP circles that a Union Minister has submitted a report on the Secunderabad Parliament seat held by the BJP. It is learnt that the name of former Indian cricket captain VVS Laxman has been proposed as the Lok Sabha candidate of the BJP in Secunderabad in the next elections. Laxman's father Dr Santaram had a good image. It is believed that Laxman is the right candidate and was proposed by the Union Minister. It seems that the Union Minister said that if Laxman is the candidate, even the uncommitted will lean

towards the party.
VVS Laxman has received the green signal from the central BJP leadership. The current Secunderabad MP Union Minister Gangapuram Kishan Reddy is likely to contest from the Amberpet Assembly seat which he had earlier represented, BJP sources said.

Kishan Reddy, who is the MP of Secunderabad, is currently not available to BJP

activists and is spending a long time in New Delhi. The grouse of BJP seniors is that he is not devoting much time to city party workers and it is not possible to talk to him personally. Moreover, there is also the local impression that Kishan has not brought even a single new project to Secunderabad.

Seniors recall that although

Bandaru Dattatreya was Union Minister, he used to spend most of his time in the city and was available to BJP workers. Compared to the respect given by Dattatreya to seniors, Kishan Reddy's value is much less. BJP seniors also say that he is encouraging new leaders and ignoring the old ones. Meanwhile, talk about Bandaru Dattatreya's faction staying away from Kishan's programmes and that Kishan has kept Dattatreya's faction away has been going on for a long time in BJP circles. In this background, there is a report that there is no chance of seniors cooperating with Kishan in the next elections, and this information has already gone to the BJP brass.

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BRS has no plans...

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"I like his (Rao) thinking and so both of us together in the days to come will work for the downtrodden sections...we will work together on an issuebased partnership," he told reporters here. Seeking to expand its electoral footprint beyond Telangana, the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) on Wednesday changed its name to Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), in the presence

of Kumaraswamy, with Chief Minister Rao eyeing a national role ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. Kumaraswamy said Telangana Chief Minister has further agreed to support JD(S) and its candidates in the Telugu-speaking areas in Karnataka where his party has influence. "In about 15-20 constituencies, they may influence, in my opinion, in Teluguspeaking belts in the districts of Kolar, (and) Hyderabad Karnataka region," he said.

French writer Annie gets...

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Anders Olsson, chairman of the Nobel literature committee, said Ernaux is an extremely honest writer who is not afraid to confront the hard truths.

She writes about things that no one else writes about, for instance her abortion, her jealousy, her experiences as an abandoned lover and so forth. I mean, really hard experiences, he told The Associated Press after the award announcement

"And she gives words for these experiences that are very simple and striking. They are short books, but they are really moving. One of France's mostgarlanded authors and a prominent feminist voice, Ernaux said she was happy to have won the prize, which carries a cash award of 10 million Swedish kronor (nearly USD 900,000) but not bowled over. I am very happy, I am proud. Voila, that's all, Ernaux said in brief remarks to



journalists outside her home in Cergy, a town west of Paris that she has written about. French President Emmanuel Macron tweeted: Annie Ernaux has been writing for 50 years the novel of the collective and intimate

memory of our country.

BRS to focus on Dalits...

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The MP appreciated the Telangana government for introducing numerous schemes for Dalit empowerment and said that no state is implementing such a large number of programmes for Dalits in the country. The VCK chief commended the TS government for implementing the Dalit Bandhu scheme.

It may be mentioned here that former Karnataka Chief

Minister JD(S) leader HD Kumaraswamy had declared on Wednesday that his party will contest the next Assembly elections in Karnataka, in alliance with the farmers' association. Rakesh Rafiq, Akshay (Odisha), senior journalist Vineet Narayana (New Delhi), Samyukta Kisan Morcha leader Gurnam Singh (Haryana), Maharashtra farmer leader Dasharath Sawant and others also met KCR on the occasion.

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SAFILGUDA-AOC CIRCLE

A long-stretch of road riddled with potholes, puddles

■ HYDERABAD

The road between Safilguda and ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS (AOC) circle has been hit with potholes. They welcome the commuters with deep sharp cuts. The road connects many places, such as Safilguda main road, Lalbazar, Maredpally and Trimulgherry. It is filled with puddles of rainwater, becoming a trouble-some route to the travelling

people.
"It is not a month or two, but almost nearing one year that we are crossing this road but it remains unrepaired until now. As we drive ahead, the whole road is filled with potholes," said a motorist.

Other regular office-going people said, "This area must be recognised by the authorities

The commuters also said that the AOC road which connects many places is not a short route as they want to avoid traffic on the main roads, but this is the road that leads to their houses situated in Safilguda and Malkajgiri

before any other because it has ly dark." no streetlights also it being an Army centre. When it rains heavily the area turns into not less than a jungle.

We stop by in between to cross the road."

A motorist who takes the route often said, "I have witnessed and helped two people who used the route and unknowingly slipped into the potholes. This is leading to accidents as passersby cannot notice if they skid, as it is total-

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Another concern reported was that women experience a severe back and neck pain as the road is filled with deep potholes. Sources asking for anonymity, said that com-



The AOC road filled with potholes

plaints on the road have been made several times, but works can be undertaken only after rains. Though they have been silent on the funds crunch,

even minimum repairs are not being carried out.

Earlier, there were many issues with garbage being thrown into heaps on the road.

Modi hails 'Alai-Balai,' says it unites all sections of people

Showering praises on the 'Alai-Balai' programme organised by Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed a letter to him on the programme.

In his letter, Modi said that programmes like 'Alai-Balai' will help to strengthen relations among people.

Modi also extended greetings to the people of Telangana on the occasion of Bathukamma and Dasara fes-

He said that conducting programmes like Alai-Balai to unite all sections of people during a festival is a great thing.

Modi said in his letter that there is a tradition in India where people from all walks of life celebrate festivals together. It is great that Alai Balai is one of Telangana's traditions, he added. The Prime Minister, in his letter, appreciated that art forms presented by artistes during the Alai-Balai pro-



Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya plays the drums at the 'Alai-Balai' programme organised on Thursday

gramme were impressive.

Dattatreya has been conducting the Alai-Balai programme for many years and suggested continuing it in future as well. Modi expressed the hope that the Alai-Balai programme will contribute to the five principal missions and the country will develop by 2047.In fact, the Alai-Balai programme was held on a grand note at the Nampally Exhibition Grounds on Thursday. Dattatreya started the programme by beating the

Kerala Governor Arif Khan, Union Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy, Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers, New and Renewable Energy Bhagavanth Khuba, former Maharashtra Governor Ch. Vidyasagar Rao, TRS secretary general K. Keshava Rao, senior Congress leader V. Hanumantha Rao, cine actor Chiranjeevi, Rajya Sabha MP Dr K. Laxman, BJP MLA M. Raghunandan Rao, former MLA Chintala Ramachandra Reddy and others attended the programme.

IMD issues yellow alert for next four days

PNS HYDERABAD

Heavy rains lashed parts of Telangana from Wednesday night. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a yellow alert for the next four days. As southwest monsoon was active over Telangana, heavy rainfall occurred at a few places in Wanaparthy district and at isolated places in Siddipet, Mulugu, Vikarabad, Nizamabad and Rangareddy districts of Telangana.

In Hyderabad, for the next 48 hours, there will be generally cloudy sky.

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers are very likely to occur in the city. Surface winds are likely to be easterlies/south-easterlies with wind speed around 6-10 kmph..

Maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be around 30 and 22 degree Celsius respectively.

The IMD notified that heavy rainfall is likely to occur in the districts of Nizamabad, Nalgonda, Vikarabad, Mahabubnagar,

Janagaon, Nagarkurnool, Siddipet, Yadadri Bhuvangiri, Rangareddy, Hyderabad, Medchal Malkajgiri, Sangareddy, Medak, Kamareddy, Wanaparthy, Narayanpet, Jogulamba Gadwal of Telangana on

Man ends life over financial problems

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

A man died by suicide at his house in Uppal reportedly after slipping into depression over financial problems.

According to the police, N Kameswar Rao (39), a businessman lived along with his family at Venkata Reddy Nagar in Uppal. On Thursday, the man hanged himself to the ceiling fan in a room in his house when the family was

After coming home, the family members noticed him hanging and informed the police about it. "The family members told us Kameshwar was facing financial problems and slipped into depression over it. He might have ended his life," said Uppal police.

Rachakonda police seize 1,300 kg of ganja

PNS HYDERABAD

The Rachakonda police has seized 1,300 kg of ganja worth about Rs 2.8 crore, in a major operation against inter-state transport and supply of the contraband.

Two Madhya Pradesh residents, Narendra Harijan (29) and Chandresh Saketh (32), who were transporting drugs in a truck from the Maredumilli in Andhra Pradesh's East Godavari district to parts of Telangana and Madhya Pradesh were arrested, police said. The accused were nabbed by officials of the Hayathnagar police station when they reached the Pedda Amberpet junction on Wednesday.



A truck carrying the contraband seized by Rachakonda police on Thursday

cannabis from the truck. A case is registered under 8 (c) r/w 20 (b) (ii) (c) of NDPS Amendment Act 2001 at the police station.

According to police, the

They seized 40 bags of main two accused Penta Rao alias Bapuji of Andhra Pradesh and Rajesh Kumar of Chhattisgarh, who have been arranging for the consignment are absconding. Narendra Harijan used to

truck. After a trip, Rajesh would pay Rs 1 lakh to Harijan and Rs 50,000 to Saketh, Rachakonda police commissioner Mahesh Bhagwat told the media. The two arrested accused had picked up the consignment of 40 bags of cannabis and were on their way to Hyderabad via Vijayawada

when they were arrested.

transport goods to Raipur till a year ago, when he met Rajesh Kumar, who then

offered huge money for

transporting cannabis. Harijan used to earn Rs

50,000 per trip. Later, he quit his job as a driver and

became a supervisor after employing Chandresh Saketh as a driver in Rajesh Kumar's

Two held for theft of 432 cell phones from showroom

PNS HYDERABAD

The Rachakonda Police of Kushaiguda division arrested two offenders of Alam gang who robbed 432 cell phones Electronics store, ECIL X Roads on September 20 night.

The accused are Sattar Shaik (40), and Md Asidul Shekh (20), residents of Mansingha village, Sahebganj, Narayanapur, Jharkhand state. A case has been registered under Cr No 975/2022 U/s 457,380 IPC.

After receiving information of the crime, Kushaiguda Division police have examined the footage from over 500 cameras by 10 police teams deployed by Kushaiguda division, the route taken by the accused from Jawahar Nagar area along with their facial description was acquired. The autos which they used for conveyance between ECIL and Ambedkar Nagar were identi-

With the fingerprints evidence, it was discovered that the offenders are natives of Iharkhand state and consequently a special police team with DI Kushaiguda Guruva Reddy and CČS Inspector Balu Chauhan and other officers was sent to Jharkhand to apprehend the offenders.

The autos which they used for conveyance between ECIL and Ambedkar Nagar were identified.

The offenders are part of a notorious established gang of offenders called as Alam gang and they usually target large establishments like banks, jewellery shops and mobile phone shops during night hours in a specialised manner. Prior to the offence, they make a recce of the target location to identify possible entry and exit routes. One member hires shelter locations in the mass areas distant from the selected offence zone without revealing their identity to the owners and neighbours.

Then the whole gang arrives at the fixed location with specific instruments and rope and enters into the place of offence by breaking the grill of ventilators or making holes in the walls and roofs. Later, they disperse by dividing into two groups and reach their native place by bus and train to dispose of stolen property, where they keep receivers





MANUU launches fashion and interior designing courses

PNS HYDERABAD

Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) on Thursday launched fashion designing and interior designing courses which would be of two semesters. Both the courses were launched under the Memorandum of Understanding signed by MANUU and Samana College of Design Studies, Hyderabad.

MANUU Vice Chancellor, Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan said as per the guidelines of the new National Education Policy, it was important to develop var-

ious skills like computerized cloth weaving, sewing, embroidery, zari etc. among students. SCDS chairperson Samana Hussaini said confining fashion designing to modeling profession was not coroffered as a certificate of one rect and in fact both were separate field

Training will commence from October 29. Registration can be done for garment construction, textile designing, and surface designing from Monday to Thursday between 2 pm to 3 pm and for interior designing module from 1 pm to 2 pm. For further details, visit the CUSS building at MANUU.

68TH VANYA PRANI SAPTAH AND 59TH ZOO DAY

IMMERSION TIME

A pair of meerkats, marmoset released into Nehru Zoo

PNS HYDERABAD

As 68th Vanya Prani Saptah and 59th Zoo Day was celebrated at Nehru Zoological Park in Hyderabad, a pair of meerkats and a pair of whiteeared marmoset were released into the park. RM Dobriyal, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, opened a new fish pond with variety of fishes.

Conservator of Forests, and Director of Zoo Parks, S Rajashekar, Curator, Nehru Zoological Park, Bucchi Rami Reddy and A Shankaran, OSD, Prl Chief Conservator of

Forests participated.
An Asiatic lioness named
Saina gave birth to a young cub
in April 2022. Dobriyal named her as Adhithi, It is six months old. Drawing, painting, elocu-Dobriyal, along with Vinay tion and photography compe-Kumar, Adl Prl Chief titions were conducted for



An Asiatic Lioness nameed Saina gave birth to a young cub in April 2022. It

occasion of Vanya Prani Saptah celebrations. The winners were given prizes. KVS Babu award for excellent services rendered was given to S Ramchander , Mali, Jeelani Khan, animal keepers and Syed Babu, traffic controller of Nehru Zoological Park. The best enclosure award was awarded to Lion Safari Park,

school students during the last week of September on the also awarded to the zoo staff also awarded to the zoo staff for rendering excellent services in their allotted duties.

Dobrival said that the first week of the October is celebrated as Vanya Prani Saptah every year which also coincides with the Zoo Day), which falls on October 6. Nehru Zoological Park is known as one of the best zoos in Asia in all the aspects of wildlife con-Nagi Reddy and his team. The servation.

distribution PNS HYDERABAD State Civil Supplies Minister Gangula Kamalakar said that another phase of free rice dis-

State spent Rs1,308 cr

as part of free rice

tribution was started on the orders of Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao. He said in a statement released on Thursday that free rice will be distributed at the rate of 10 kg per person. The minister said that there are 90.01 lakh cards and 283.42 lakh beneficiaries in the state, out of which the Centre has only 54.37 lakh cards and only 1.91 crore people are getting free ration at the rate of 5 kg. The remaining 35.64 lakh cards and 91.72 lakh people are being supplied free ration by the state at full

Minister Kamalakar said that since the Central government has extended the PMGKAY scheme for another three months, the government is collecting an additional 19,057 lakh metric tonnes of rice to distribute to the state cardholders. He said that the state will spend an additional Rs 227.25 crore in three months at the rate of Rs 75.75 crore per month.

The minister said that the state government has spent an additional Rs.1,308 crore on rice since the inception of PMGKAY. Apart from this, Rs.500 per card and Rs.1,500 per card for two months have been given to the migrant workers, making the amount Rs 2,454 crore.

Baby saved with HFOV treatment in an ambulance

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Not the first time in the state but for the first time in India, claim the city doctors who have done advanced high frequency ventilation with Nitric Oxide gas in an ambulance. A critically ill newborn with the High Frequency Ventilator (HFOV) was saved by

Rainbow Children's Hospital. Neonates sometimes have to be shifted from one hospital to a higher centre for advance care. To ensure that babies do not get sick or deteriorate during_transport, Newborn Emergency Transport service - ICU on Wheels is needed, so that babies have access to doctors, nurses and all ICU equipment, including ventilators in the ambulance.

In one such case, baby Mehreen Fatima was a healthy 2.7 kg when she was born at a district hospital, but she developed trouble breathing just a few hours after birth. The doctors suspected a heart problem in the baby and sent her right away to a Cardiac

Centre in Hyderabad. There, the cardiologists found that the right side of the baby's heart was poorly functioning, which caused a drop in the baby's oxygen levels. The baby was then found to have a serious condition called Persistent Pulmonary Hypertension of the Newborn (PPHN). Adding to it, doctors found holes in both of



in drains to release the extra air. PPHN is a common prob-

the new-born baby very sick.

the baby's lungs and had to put lem in neonates which makes er with normal (conventional) ventilators, and need a special Many times, they don't recov- type of ventilator like High

Frequency Ventilator (HFOV) and inhaled Nitric Oxide. Her health was getting worse and she needed HFOV, along with Nitric Oxide gas to help her

oxygen levels.

body get more oxygen.
As we received calls around 9 pm, air transport options were tried for. However, it couldn't be arranged due to logistics issues. A road transport ambulance facility with

HFOV and Nitric Oxide was initiated. Her condition was very critical (oxygen levels were very low). So, Nitric oxide gas was started at the referring hospital and the baby was transferred to Rainbow Children's Hospital.

There, the cardiologists found that

the right side of the baby's heart

was poorly functioning, which

caused a drop in the baby's

The baby girl started improving with surfactant and Nitric oxide along with HFOV ventilator.



BRS, Left parties plan no-holds-barred campaign for Munnugode by-election

Soon-to-be registered Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) is leaving no stone unturned to win in the Munugode by-poll. Its leaders are set to launch a noholds-barred campaign in the constituency. The by-poll was necessitated by the resignation of MLA Komatireddy Rajgopal Reddy who was elected on the Congress ticket. He is now the BJP candidate in the by-poll

date in the by-poll.

As part of the campaign,
Minister for Energy G Jagadish Reddy held a coordination meeting with the representatives of the Left parties here on Thursday. The Left parties, both the CPI and the CPI-M, pledge their support to the BRS, formerly the TRS, to 'defeat the communal BJP.' The Left parties said the BJP, RSS and their allies are the real enemies of the people.

Speaking at the meeting, Jagadish Reddy accused the BJP government at the Centre of imposing an 'undeclared emergency' in the country.



Minister for Energy G Jagadish Reddy holding a coordination meeting with the representatives of Left parties in Nalgonda on Thursday

The Centre was 'misusing' the in the way of the progress of Central agencies to suppress dissent and gag the media.

Addressing a media conference later, the Minister, along with the leaders of the Left parties, stressed the need to prevent the BJP from grabbing the opportunity.'

The Narendra Modi government, the Minister and the leaders of the Left parties said, has been creating hurdles the states.

The Minister said the BJP leaders were feeling panicky with the people in the BJPruled State started demanding that their government, too, implement welfare schemes which have benefited the poor. He felt that Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao was determined to fight the BJP tooth

The representatives of the Left parties said that they had decided to pledge their support to the ruling party can-didate to defeat the 'nefarious designs' of the saffron party. Jagadish Reddy said that the Chief Minister had sought the support of the Left party to defeat the communal forces.

CPI-M former MLC Cherupalli Sitaramulu, former MLA Julakanti Julakanti Modi government, the Minister and the leaders of the Left parties said, has been creating hurdles in the progress of the

Rangareddy, CPI former MLAs Palla Venkat Reddy, Ujjini Yadagiri Rao, along with CPI-M Nallagonda district unit secretary Mudireddy Sudhakar Reddy, Bhongiri Yadadri district secretary Jehangir, CPI Nalgonda, and Yadadri district secretaries Nellikanti Satyam and Goda Sriramulu, ruling party undi-vided Nalgonda district elecin-charge, MLC Thakkellapalli Ravinder Rao, Nalgonda MLA Kancharla Bhupal Reddy, and others

Minister promises permanent solution to floods in town

PNS MAHABUB NAGAR

Minister for Prohibition and Excise V Srinivas Goud on Thursday directed the district administration to provide foodand drinking water to the people who suffered heavy losses due to incessant rains. People from low-lying areas, such as Ramaiah Bowli, B K Reddy Colony and Saktinagar, were shifted to relief camps as water entered into some houses. The Minister was inspected the relief works being undertaken by the district administration in the rain-affected areas

Interacting with the people in the low-lying areas, Srinivas Goud said the district administration had set up relief camps in function halls for those hit by the rain.

He assured them that the administration would provide food and clean drinking water for them. He appealed to the people

to make good use of the facilities provided for them. The administration, he said, has been exploring ways to find a permanent solution to the flood. He suggested that the existing drains be widened to ensure free flow of water. He advised those who encroached on drains to construct structures to come forhe warned. ward and cooperate with the authorities to remove such

Minister for Excise V Srinivas Goud inspecting flood relief work in

tures on drains would get the government's help. Some vested interests, he pointed out, had encroached

unauthorised constructions.

He promised to see that those

who voluntarily agreed to

remove unauthorised struc-

Mahabubnagar on Thursday

upon the drains and raised structure. It led to blockage of drains and rain water entering into houses. Such structures would be demolished,

District Collector S Venkata Rao, District Superintendent of Police R Venkateswarlu, Revenue Additional Collector K Seetharama Rao, Municipal Chairman K C Narasimhulu, Municipal Commission Pradeep Kumar and councillors were present.

Underground Maoist's parents presented new clothes

PALA PALLY

Deputy Superintendent of Police G Rammohan Reddy Thursday visited the family of a Communist Party of India-Maoist (CPI-Maoist), who is underground, on the occasion of Dasara festival. The police described it as a goodwill gesture.

The DSP called upon the parents of Maoists leaders, who hailed from Ankushapur village under Kataram mandal. Maoist leader Santosh has been underground for many

The DSP was accompanied by Kataram Circle Inspector Ranjit Rao and Sub-Inspector

The DSP presented new clothes and sweets to the parents of the Maoist leader. He appealed to the extremists to



Kataram DSP G Rammohan Reddy calling on the parents of an underground Maoist leader at Ankushapur village in Javashnakar Bhupalapally district on Wednesday

The DSP called upon the parents of Maoists leaders, who hailed from Ankushapur village under Kataram mandal. Maoist leader Santosh has been underground for many years.

join the mainstream of the good on their part to abandon society. He felt that it was not their parents in their old age.

BRS to operate from Sardar Patel Marg in Delhi

PNS VISAKHAPATNAM

Chief Minister Chandrashekhar Rao will be carrying out operations from

the party office.

The office will be inaugurated at Sardar Patel Marg in Delhi. The BRS leaders will be meeting several prominent leaders of associations and parties here.

The Telangana Bhavan in Delhi is under construction. The works were launched in May 2022. Once the construction is completed by 2024 general elections, the building will be given an



NATIONAL HERALD CASE

ED questions Geetha Reddy, Anil Kumar

K VENKATESHWARLU

Telangana Congress leaders, TPCC working president and former Minister J Geetha Reddy and Gali Anil Kumar, who unsuccessfully contested from Medak Parliament, appeared before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday in Delhi in regard to the National Herald newspaper case.

The ED officials questioned them separately. The ED offi-cials questioned Geetha Reddy for three hours and Anil Kumar for five hours.

The officials asked him about the details of the donations given by them to the Young India Limited.

Later speaking to the media, Geetha Reddy said that she had appeared before the ED as she was given a notice. The ED official did not ask her to appear once agan before the offials.



Gali Anil Kumar said that he extended full cooperation to ED officials. The ED officials took his signatures on several papers and informed him that they would call him once again for a probe. Anil Kumar made it clear that he gave Rs 20 lakh donation to Young India Company. It may be recalled that the ED served notices to



Sudarshan Reddy, M Anjan Kumar Yadav in regard to donations to Young India Company. Shabbir Ali appeared before ED on October 3.

It may also be recalled that the ED officials questioned AICC interim president Sonia Gandhi and former president Rahul Gandhi for nearly 50

'BRS will usher in revolutionary changes'

PNS ADILABAD

Minister for Endowments A Indrakaran Reddy on Thursday expressed the opin-ion that Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) would usher in revolutionary changes in the country. Speaking at a meeting, shortly after laying the foundation for the bitumen road, taken up at a cost of Rs 6.52 lakh at Dhannur village under Boath manda, the Minister said that there was overwhelming response to the BRS party from all corners of the country.

Indrakaran Reddy, along with the party leaders, anointed the portrait of the Chief Minister, K Chandrashekar Rao, with

The Rythu Bandhu, Rythu Bheema, Aasara pensins, Dalit Bandhu, Kalayna Lakshmi and other welfare schemes stood as an example for the nation.

Three youths fatally struck by lightning

PNS WARANGAOL

In a horrifying incident, three youngsters in the age group of 25-30 were killed when lightning struck them while they were having a party on a hillock near Sagaram village under Zaffergadh mandal in Jangaon district on Wednesday. The deceased were identified as Sambaraju, Sai and Shivakrishna.

The deceased belonged to Bandauthapur village under Wardhannapet mandal. The injured were shifted to the Government Hospital. According to the police, all the youngsters were working in Hyderabad and went to Jangaon on the occasion of the Dasara festival.

YADADRI POWER PLANT

State to challenge NGT stay order in Supreme Court

PNS ■ SURYAPET

Minister for Energy G Jagadish Reddy on Thursday revealed that the government would file a review petition in the Supreme Court to challenge the orders of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) stalling the works on the Yadadri Thermal Power Station. Speaking to the media here,

the Minister suspected that a conspiracy was hatched to obstruct the works on Yadadri power station. The State government has started to construct the power plant at Damaracherla in Nalgonda district. The work on the plan began only after the State government took environmental clearance. He wondered how far it was justified on the part of the NGT to issue stay order. The government had already spent huge money on the plant, he The State government has started to construct the power plant at Damaracherla in Nalgonda district.

He recalled that the Mumbaibased organisation had earlier filed a case in NGT. But, the NGT struck down the case. Now, NGT has issued orders in response to a complaint made by the same company. Making it clear that the State government would overcome all hurdles and commence generation of power at the Damaracherla power plant at the targeted time, the Minister said the State government would wage a legal fight against the NGT order.

Jagga fails to make 'sensational statement' on Dasara

PNS HYDERABAD

Everyone expected that TPCC Working President Sangareddy MLA T. Jagga Reddy would make a sensational statement on Dasara Day as he had been saying that he would make a sensational statement on that day for the last three months.

However, T Jagga Reddy made no sensational statement regarding politics on that day.Instead of sensational statements, Jagga Reddy stated that Ravanasura was also great and that he did not touch Seethamma even though

he took her to Lanka. "Rama was number one great and Ravanasura was number two great. Ravanasura was a Shiva Bhakta. We hail only those who win wars and hit those who lose the war. We hit the losers with arrows. No one must underestimate Ravanasura. Ravanasura is Ravana Brahma," he said.



Dasara, Jagga Reddy said that he has been celebrating Dasara, Srirama Navami, Maha Shivaratri, Bonalu, and Vinayaka Chavithi for the last 40 years. He said that he will continue celebrating festivals like this for another 40 years and that he has been spending huge money for celebrating festivals after becoming an MLA.He said that he does not believe in caste or religionbased discrimination and said that he is an heir of all castes and religions and a soldier of

KCR going to spend TS people's money in other states: VH

five Telangana Congress leaders, Geetha Reddy, Gali Anil

PNS HYDERABAD

Senior Congress leader V. Hanumantha Rao said that Chief Minister Chandrasekhar Rao is going to spend the money he earned illegally in Telangana across the nation.

VH said that KCR distributed Telangana people's money to the farmers of other states. He added that KCR is purchasing a plane with the money of the people of Telangana.

Addressing the media at the Gandhi Bhavan on Thursday, VH said nobody believes that KCR who did nothing for the state will do something for the country.

He said that KCR floated a national party for his personal political gains. "The claim of TRS leaders that the country is calling on KCR is ridiculous," VH said.

BRS cannot attain national status:Jeevan Reddy

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The Telangana Rashtra Samith (TRS) and Telugu Desam Party (TDP) were launched under certain circumstances, according to Congress MLC T Jeevan Reddy.

Speaking to the media, Jeevan Reddy said the TDP leadership has been trying to attain the national party status. It did so to divert the attention of the people and cover up its 'shortcomings.' The TRS lead-ership, too, followed in the footsteps of the TDP by changing the name of TRS to BRS, he felt. The BRS cannot attain national status, he felt.

He predicted that the people in the State would 'get rid of the BJP.' The TRS government had pushed the State into a debt-trap. He accused Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao of failing to secure its rights on sharing of river

water. Telangana was denied of its share of Krishna river water and wondered whether it was due to failure on the part of the Chief Minister or if it was due to a secret pact AP Chief Minister Y S Jaganamohan Reddy had with the powers that be. He demanded that the government exert pressure on the Centre to transfer the seven mandals which were transferred to AP, be given back to Telangana. The power generation in Sileru power project was hit because of Polávaram backwaters.

The free power supply for farmers had been launched by the Congress government. It was not launched by the TRS government. The TRS government had done with interest subvention on crop loans. The government had withdrawn all subsidies and claimed to have been providing Rythu Bandhu, he pointed out.

Many challenges for BRS foray into AP

Entering Andhra Pradesh politics is not a stroll in the park for Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao. Being the protagonist of the bifurcation, who took his fight to the logical end, he has many challenges to face in AP in convincing

Political pundits have started talking about the KCR's foray into AP politics soon after he announced the renaming of the Telangana Rashtra Samithi as Bharat Rashtra Samithi with national political aspirations, on the auspicious

Rao for it. There are issues between newly-formed Telangana and residuary Andhra Pradesh states, related to the AP Reorganisation Act. project, and some of the cases The Andhra Pradesh people think were filed against the Andhra



that all the assets of the united state were developed in and around Hyderabad and more than 90 percent of them like the Public Sector Undertakings of both the State and Centre, institutions, and all oth-Vijayadasami day.

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on the project. There are many other issues that need to be addressed by KCR.

Welcoming the BRS, YSRCP general secretary Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy said that they would not take it so seriously. He maintained that the YSRCP government, led by Jagan Mohan Reddy, has been providing the best governance in the State for the last three years and the people would favour the party in the ensuing General Elections. He said, "Anybody has the right to float a party, convince the public and contest in the elections. They can come in a constructive manner and fight for any pub-

He further said YSRCP is not afraid of the emergence of a new political party in AP because the Jagan Mohan Reddy government is working for the development of the State and the welfare of the people.

"We are not worried. It is their will Telangana."

Telangana.

Pradesh government in the courts and wish to come and participate in politics. How best we satisfy the public is the only yardstick that will be considered by the voters in the elections. In this regard, we are confident that our government did its best for the welfare and well-being of the people in AP. We are confident of winning the elections again in 2024," Ramakrishna Reddy maintained.

the masses.

Welcoming the BRS, Minister for Education Botsa Satyanarayana said that it would be another opposition political party in the State. He said that they would be in power and the rest of the political parties in opposition in Andhra Pradesh.

BJP AP general secretary Vishnu Vardhan Redddy alleged that KCR had used the Telangana sentiment to become CM and ditched Telugu people for his ambitions to become PM. "A few days ago, he was blaming AP for power issues, irrigation

STAMPS & REGISTRATIONS DEPT

Jagan forms panel to raise revenue

PNS AMARAVATI

Aiming to increase revenue generation in the Stamps and Registrations Department and meet targets successfully, Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy has constituted a special committee with senior IAS officers and directed it to submit a report in two weeks.

The half-yearly revenue collection of Andhra Pradesh was encouraging at 94.47 per-cent of the target, revealed the officials, in a review meeting with revenue-generating departments held here on Thursday.

The Special Committee, consisting of IAS officers MT Krishna Babu, Rajit Bhargava, Nirab Kumar Prasad, and Gulzar, will submit a report on steps to increase revenue gen-

eration while ensuring flexible and transparent policies for the benefit of people.

"Registration procedures should not be cumbersome. Taxpayers should feel that there is transparency and the policies are flexible," he said and told the officials to study the registration policies and methods in vogue in other states.Stressing the need to create an innovative atmosphere on registrations, he asked officials to create awareness through posters at village secretariats and sub-registrar offices to inform the taxpay-

ers of the available services. "Not only lands and other properties, people should also know the details of other services which can be registered," he directed the officials, adding the details of com-

plaints should be made available in the offices of sub-reg-

Making a special mention of the mining activity in the state, the Chief Minister asked the officials to take steps to solve the problems of mining leaseholders. "All mines which are not in operation should become operational for enhancing the state revenues. For this, you need to work to solve their problems," he said.

Reviewing the Transport Department, the Chief Minister asked officials to ensure that more vehicles are sold in the state compared to other states. "There are incidents of dealers not delivering the vehicles after collecting the money. You must initiate all possible legal action against such dealers," he said.

In a first, Kolkata 'Bonedi' Puja immerses idol in artificial tank

n a bid to curb pollution, the idol of a 190-year-old Durga Puja was immersed in an artificial tank instead of a water body, setting a new trend among the 'Bonedi Baris' of Kolkata. The 'Bonedi Baris' or erstwhile elite households in south Kolkata immerse their Durga idols in the Adi Ganga canal, which has been plagued by pollution. Anirban Mukherjee who spearheaded the environment-friendly move by his family home of Girish Bhawan said on Thursday that the idol was immersed in the water tank built in the

portico of the mansion in Bhawanipur on Bijaya Dashami. "We decided to contribute to the Ganga rejuvenation project from this year onwards, that's why we took this initiative," he said. "Water jets were used for dissolving the idol, and the remnants were stored in sacks as those will be re-used next year for making the idol. We followed the vision of reduce, recycle and reuse.



Mumbai-Gandhinagar Vande Bharat train suffers damage after hitting buffaloes

he newly-launched Mumbai Central-Gandhinagar Vande Bharat Express train suffered minor damage after hitting a herd of buffaloes in Gujarat on late Thursday morning, officials said. No passenger was injured in the incident that occurred around 11.15 am near Ahmedabad when the train was on its way to Gandhinagar and it reached the final destination four minutes early, they said, adding three buffaloes perished. "The Vande Bharat express running between Mumbai Central and Gandhinagar Capital stations had left Mumbai this morning. The front portion of the train's engine got damaged after it

hit some buffaloes that came on track around 11.15 am. The incident took place between Vatva and Maninagar areas of Ahmedabad," Western Railway (WR) spokesperson Jitendra Kumar Jayant said. "The damaged portion was repaired and the train left for Gandhinagar. The train departed for Mumbai from Gandhinagar Capital (on return journey) at its scheduled time (in the afternoon). No passenger was injured in the incident," he said in Ahmedabad.



Heroin worth more than Rs 100 crore seized at Mumbai airport

he Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has seized 16 kilograms of heroin worth more than Rs 100 crore at the Mumbai Airport, and arrested a passenger and a woman from Ghana in this connection, an official said on Thursday. The Ghanaian woman was nabbed from a hotel in Delhi as part of the DRI's follow-up action in the case, he said. The Mumbai unit of the DRI had laid a trap on Tuesday at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport on a specific tip-off that a pas-

senger travelling from Malawi, an African country, to Mumbai via Qatar was trying to smuggle narcotic drugs into the country, he said. "As part of the trap, a surveillance and tracking team of DRI officers was positioned at the airport and intercepted a suspected passenger," he said. During the search of his luggage, the DRI officers found 16 kg heroin that was concealed in cavities made in the trolley bags, the official



'Hasten up visa process for Indian students'

■ Jaishankar urges New Zealand counterpart

PNS AUCKLAND

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Thursday urged his New Zealand counterpart to hasten up the visa process for Indian students waiting come to this country for their studies and also sought a "fairer and more sympathetic treatment" towards those who have been impacted by the pandem-

Jaishankar, who is here on his first visit to New Zealand as External Affairs Minister, held "warm and productive" talks with his New Zealand counterpart Nanaia Mahuta.

India is the second largest source of international students in New Zealand pursuing higher education in various disciplines such as information technology, hospitality, science, engineering and architecture.



"I also raised with the minister the concerns that some of our students have faced, students who had to leave New Zealand during the Covid period and who didn't have the opportunity to get their visas

renewed," Jaishankar said. "I urged a fairer and more sympathetic treatment for them, also students who are waiting to come to New Zealand to pursue their studies and whether the visa process for them could be hastened," he said during a joint press interaction with his New Zealand counterpart.

The two ministers also touched upon the issue of skills demand in each society.

"There are perhaps demands in New Zealand which could be met out of India, and we have a mobility understanding with many countries, so the possibility of those could serve as guidance for progress between us," Jaishankar said. "So, all in all, I would say it

has been, Minister, a very good day of discussions and exchange of views and I'm really very pleased today to find some way of contributing to the strengthening of our ties," Jaishankar said.

He also invited his counterpart Mahuta to visit India.

"We would be very honoured if we have the privilege of receiving you, Minister, in India, I hope not in the very distant future," he said.

President Wickremesinghe to visit New Delhi to discuss Sri Lanka's crisis

PNS ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe announced in Parliament on Thursday that he hopes to visit New Delhi to discuss the island nation's worst economic crisis.

Briefing the House on his recent visits to Japan, Singapore, and the Philippines, the President said: We are continuing our talks with India. During my brief meeting with Prime Minister Modi in Japan, I conveyed my wish to visit New Delhi to brief them on our situation.'

The President, who took charge after then president Gotabaya Rajapaksa fled Colombo in the face of the country's worst economic crisis since 1948, said: "Modi has always extended his support to us. I have always appreciated India's assistance in our crisis. India will continue to extend their support in our rebuilding

India since January this year



has extended nearly USD 4 billion worth of assistance to Sri Lanka after the country in April this year announced itself bankrupt and expressed its inability to honour debts.

The island nation has been scrambling for dollars, leading to a shortage of food, medicines as well as essential items. India's credit lines to provide

essential food and fuel proved a lifeline to Sri Lanka in the early stage of the crisis.

India stands as a key player in Sri Lanka's debt restructuring process, a prerequisite to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) facility bailout.

Having agreed to a staff-level agreement for a USD 2.9 billion facility over four years, the IMF has asked Sri Lanka to start debt restructuring with its creditors.

India with 12 per cent is in the third position in the list of Sri Lanka's bilateral creditors

behind China and Japan with 52 and 19 per cent.

The President also said that Sri Lanka hoped to reach a common agreement with creditor nations including Japan, China, and India, adding that Japan was ready to assist the bankrupt nation in the reconciliation process.

Wickremesinghe said that the island nation will only be able to secure an IMF assurance after reaching an agreement with the creditor nations and private lenders.

The President said that Sri Lanka after signing an agreement with creditor nations will be able to access bridging finance with lenders like the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank.

Sri Lanka hopes to access around USD 1 billion through bridging finance.

The President further said that the Asian Development Bank has agreed to provide USD 500 million in loans to Sri

'We will continue to support NPP-led govt in Meghalaya'

Meghalaya minister and BJP leader Sanbor Shullai asserted that his party will continue to AL Hek could not be contactment in the state, amid speculations of the saffron camp withdrawing support to the

Shullai's comments came almost a month after BJP's Meghalaya in-charge M Chuba Ao said the party would soon take a call

on whether to continue its support to the NPP-led government in the state, following allegations of corruption against the Conrad K Sangma dispensation.

The BJP will not withdraw from the alliance, and will complete its stipulated term in the coalition, Shullai told PTI.

The state minister on Wednesday said withdrawing support to the government at this juncture would create a wrong perception among BJP supporters.

Shullai was seconded by the party's Meghalaya president Ernest Mawrie, who claimed that Ao had made the remark without consulting other state leaders.

He (Ao) did not consult the

state leaders. I have informed our central leadership about the matter. Mawrie said. BJP's legislative party leader

The ruling Meghalaya Democratic Alliance has 48 MLAs, including 23 of the NPP, in the 60-member assembly.

The BJP, with two MLAs, is an ally of the National People's Party-led coalition government in the state.

The assembly elections in the northeastern state are expected to be held in the first half of the next year.

Referring to several corrupcharges tion against the coalition government, Ao

had said last month the saffron camp was examining the complaints. Our workers have been instructed to collect evidence.

If required, central agencies will probe the allegations, he had said. Ao had accused the NPP of "running the MDA govern-

ment at the cost of the BJP". The relation between the two parties has recently soured over various issues, including the arrest of BJP Meghalaya unit vice president Bernard N

Lalu slams RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat over self-employment

RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat's pitch for self-employment, as against seeking jobs in public or private sectors, on Thursday received a retort from Sangh Parivar bete noire Lalu Prasad.

to be re-elected as the party's national president in Delhi in a few days, took to Twitter to express his displeasure over Bhagwat's statement at the Dussehra rally of the RSS.

Addressing the rally, Bhagwat had said that "in any society, only 10, 20 or 30 per cent people get jobs (naukri) in



and asked "how many can be accommodated if there is such

a mad scramble for jobs". Bhagwat's statement is being seen as an indirect endorsement of the Narendra Modi government's stance of making a distinction between "naukri" and "rozgar" (employment). Prasad, whose party has

caught the public imagination by the promise of 10 lakh government jobs, slammed Bhagwat with the remark "whenever the BJP-RSS find themselves in trouble, gentlemen (sajjan) engaged in spreading hatred start dissem-

Indirectly referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's electoral promise of 2014, the former Bihar chief minister remarked "RSS imparts training in deceit (thug vidya) at its schools and rhetorician (jumlebaaz) students garner votes with false promises of two crore jobs a year".

BJP to hold mega events, tour programmes of key party leaders

PNS BENGALURU

With an eye on the Karnataka Assembly elections that are just months away, top leaders of the BJP are set to take up statewide tours and hold a series of mega public meetings. While BJP state chief Nalin

Kumar Kateel and party national general secretary and Karnataka in-charge Arun Singh have already started touring the state, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and party stalwart B S Yediyurappa will start their trips from October

11. "These tours will continue till



December covering at least 165 assembly segments," BJP state vice president Nirmal Kumar Surana told PTI on Thursday.

According to him, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP national president J P Nadda, and other senior Union ministers and leaders will also visit the state ahead of the polls. He added that Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will also visit the state on October 16 during 'Kumbh Mela' at a 'Triveni Sangama' or the confluence of three rivers -Lakshman Teertha, Cauvery and Hemavathi -- at Ambigarahalli in K R Pet in Mandya district.

"The Kumbh Mela is a threeday event starting from October 14, which the Adichunchanagiri seer Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji and Suttur Math pontiff Shivarathri Deshikendra Swami will also attend," Surana said.

9 dead in bus accident in Kerala

■ THIRUVANANTHAURAM / PALAKKAD, KOCHI

Nine people, including five students, were killed after a private tourist bus hit a state-run KSRTC bus from behind at Vadakkenchery in Palakkad district, Kerala Road Transport Antony Raju said on Thursday.

The minister said the accident occurred around 11.30 PM on Wednesday when the private bus, which was travelling at a high speed, while attempting to overtake a car, hit the rear end of a Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) bus.

Both the buses went off the road as a result. Nine people, including five students and a teacher, were killed in the accident," he told the media.

The driver of the KSRTC bus told reporters that he was driving at a speed of around 40 km per hour when the private bus suddenly hit them from behind and he barely managed to control the vehicle and prevent it from falling into a ditch.

"The private bus hit us from behind, ripped off a piece of our bus from one side and then went past us at high speed and toppled over," the KSRTC bus driver said. Visuals of the private bus showed a large piece of the state-transport vehicle inside the tourist bus.



Sonia joins Bharat Jodo Yatra in K'taka

PNS PANDAVAPURA

Making a public appearance after a long gap, Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Thursday joined the Bharat Jodo Yatra in Karnataka with her presence at the march being viewed in party circles as a major morale booster.

Amid loud cheers and sloganeering by party workers, Sonia Gandhi, 75, walked besides her son Rahul Gandhi and other senior Congress leaders for a few kilometres in Mandya district of Karnataka on Thursday morning.

The top party brass of pollbound Karnataka led by forchief minister Siddaramaiah and state unit chief D K Shivakumar were also part of the convoy that walked alongside the Gandhis.

The happy images of the mother and son walking together filled social media

'We have sailed through storms in the past and today too we will break the limits of all challenges and will togeth er unite India," Rahul Gandhi tweeted as the Yatra continued to traverse Karnataka, where he will stay for another 15 days before moving into Telangana. "We have weathered many a

storm and will overcome all challenges. Together we will unite India," he said in another tweet in Hindi and posted a photograph of him walking with his mother, his arm around her.

The Congress also posted a picture of the two on Twitter, and said, "Those shielded by love fear nothing! On the road, marching ahead".

Another post from the party simply said Ma with a heart and the photograph of Rahul Gandhi tying Sonia Gandhi's shoelaces.

The picture prompted Congress leader Shashi Tharoor to put out a post in Hindi, which said, "There are blessings even when she breathes, no one can replace a mother as mothers are

hearing a plea filed by former

Union Law Minister Ashwani

Kumar seeking setting up of

old age homes with basic

BJP brass to meet in poll-bound K'taka

PNS ■ BENGALURU

The executive committee meeting of the BJP's Karnataka unit will take place here on Friday with deliberations expected to revolve around the party's strategy for the forthcoming state Assembly elec-

BJP national general secretary and party in-charge for Karnataka Arun Singh, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha members from the state, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, former chief minister B S Yediyurapa and state BJP president Nalin Kumar Kateel are slated to take part.

Secretary C T Ravi on Thursday said a total of 592 people who are the state executive committee members comprising sitting MPs, MLAs, state office-bearers, presidents of various wings of the BJP, secretaries, organisers of various cells, district BJP presidents and general secretaries will attend the meeting.

There will be day-long discussions about various schemes and projects of the state and central governments, and interactions with question and answer sessions on the Palace Grounds here, he said. 'We will prepare an agenda

BJP National General and the roadmap in the executive committee meeting highlighting the role of Karnataka in the light of 'Azadi ka' Amrit Mahotsav and keeping in view the 'Amrit Kaal' for the next 25 years," Ravi said. There will be an exhibition

near the meeting venue, Ravi

said, adding that the Bengaluru

BJP team has themed it around Hindutva ideologue Vinayak Damodar Savarkar. In addition, the achievements of the state government and Centre will also be displayed at the exhibition that would feature a pictorial story showcasing the rise of the

party over the years.

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WELFARE SCHEMES FOR THE ELDERLY

SC directs states, UTs to submit info

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has directed all States and Union Territories to submit information on welfare schemes for the elderly with respect to pension, old age homes in each district and level of geriatric care.

A bench of Justices Anirudhha Bose and Sudhanshu Dhulia said the report of the States shall also disclose the present status as regards implementation of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens

Act.
"We direct that schemes operating for the welfare of the elderly with respect of (i) pension for the elderly, (ii) old age homes in each district and (iii) level of geriatric care ought to

and Union Territories furnish the information on their existing schemes on the aforesaid three heads to the advocate-on-

record of the Union of India. After collecting information from all the respective States and the Union Territories within a period of two months, a revised status report shall be filed one month thereafter by be produced before us. the Union of India," the bench

Let the respective States

The top court was

The apex court will take up the matter for hearing in January,

healthcare facilities across the country. He had also sought effective implementation of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens

Act, 2007. Kumar, in his PIL, had said there was a large number of aged people which has been

increasing, with most of them living in poverty, without any roof over their heads or proper clothes and food.

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-PAPER WITH PASSION-

Hurt & offended

Saffron sentiments have been hurt for the nth time, now over the teaser of Adipurush

n the saffron community, sanctimony scales a new peak every day. Members indulge in a variety of theatrics to score brownie points; the easiest one is to attack the Hindi film industry, its stars, directors, etc., on some pretext or the other. And even if there is no pretext, they create one. The latest one they have found in Adipurush, an upcoming mythological film based on the Ramayana. Directed by Om Raut and shot simultaneously in Hindi and Telugu, it stars Prabhas as Raghava, Kriti Sanon as Janaki, and Saif Ali Khan as Lankesh. In fact, such is the level of tetchiness that even a teaser of the film has incensed Hindutva hotheads, including Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Ministers Kesav Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak and Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Narottam Mishra. Mishra has even warned of legal action if the objectionable scenes are not removed. Satyendra Das, Ram Temple head priest of Ayodhya, has demanded an outright ban on the movie. Das told a newspaper that



the portrayal of Lord Ram, Hanuman and Ravana does not conform with the epic and thus is against their dignity. Pathak is against the movie because saints are opposed to it: "Whatever saints have said needs attention." The other UP Deputy Chief Minister, Keshav Maurya, hasn't even seen the teaser but is against it nonetheless. In this me-too game, nobody wants to be seen as less offended: the claim of hurt sentiments is the claim of being a bona fide Hindutva warrior.

And what, pray, has hurt Hindu sentiments? Bharatiya Janata Party spokesperson Malavika Avinash enlightened us about it: "The Ravana in the photograph that I see floating around is a guy who

looks nothing Indian, has blue eye makeup and is wearing leather jackets. This is our history they are representing; they cannot do it in the guise of creative liberty." MP Minister Mishra is hurt because "Hanumanji is shown wearing leather, whereas the description [in the scriptures] of the deity's costume is different... These are scenes that hurt religious sentiments." That such arguments can be made in this day and age against a work of art speaks volumes about the plight of freedom of expression in our country. To begin with, art is not a Photostat representation of reality. Which implies that an artist or filmmaker need not be accurate in everything they create. The portrayal of deities is always a creative endeavour; the creativity of conventional portrayal cannot be privileged over that of the contemporary one. Besides, if every filmmaker listens to the views of every politician and pontiff, and is forced to adhere to their views, it will become impossible for him or her to direct any movie. But that, unfortunately, has been going on for quite some time. Today the Hindi filmmaker feels so constrained that they seem unwilling to take up interesting subjects. This also explains the staleness of story ideas and resultant flops.



An IAF helicopter in action during the full dress rehearsal for the Indian Air Force Day celebrations, Chandigarh

KCR on national stage

With his eyes set on pan-India presence, the CM relaunches TRS in new avatar

_elangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao who has shown a strong inclination to be a serious player in national politics has taken the first step towards it. He has launched Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) which would be fighting the 2024 general election and catapult KCR onto the national stage. The new party is a rip-off of the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS). But before the TRS aka BRS becomes a 'national party' it must pass the litmus test of the Election Commission which decides upon the credentials of a party for national stature. The 'name-change' of course has been conveyed to the Election Commission. To be a national party, it must be recognized as a state party in at least four states or has to have won six per cent of the votes in any four states and four Lok Sabha seats. Or



the party must win two per cent Lok Sabha seats (11 seats) in at least three states. Right now TRS is one state party. It rules Telangana but has hardly any presence outside the state, though KCR, thanks to his forays to Delhi and presence on the dais in various public meetings is a known name nationwide. He has also established his strong credentials as a strong anti-BJP chief minister who is willing to take on the BJP in his state and elsewhere. This brings him to the national stage and is in line with the opposition parties which are trying to cobble up an anti-BJP alliance.

KCR has made his intentions clear from day

one that he means business and will take on Prime Minister Modi in the 2024 elections. He is also meeting with a lot of opposition leaders and is said to have a good rapport with them. The Chief Minister Rao, before the relaunch of his party, met with several political leaders including his counterparts in other states - Mamata Banerjee, Nitish Kumar, Arvind Kejriwal and MK Stalin. Besides, Former Karnataka Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy attended the BRS launch party. So far KCR is not trying to forge a united front against the BJP but talking to like-minded parties to come together for a common cause. As an astute politician, he knows making a front would not be easy so he seems to be avoiding it and focusing on presenting his Telangana Model of development to the rest of the country, something that Prime Minister did in his run-up to Delhi. Do we have another PM in making? We shall see.

Don't mess with the Russians



The Ukraine-Russia conflict is snowballing into a serious crisis which could have far-reaching ramifications for world peace and economy

rouble was brewing in the Balkans, and yet on Europe's eastern front was gearing up for war.
The partial mobilisation was ordered. The Russian army and reservists were called up, trains began to load soldiers and supplies for imminent war. Diplomatic cables out of St Petersburg claimed that "partial mobilisation" was only wordplay, as the Russian military was deploying on the German and Austro-Hungarian fronts as per the "general mobilisation plan".

With little time left, the Germans ordered the countermobilisation and declared war. What could have been a war between two belligerents Serbia and Austro-Hungarians and a regional local affair escalated into World War I? Serbia took a back seat and the other Great powers - Britain, France, the US, and the minor powers Italy and Ottomans began the bloodiest power play, the world had ever seen. Habsburgs and Ottomans lost empires, the Germans their Kaiser and Russians their Czar. The French were still reeling, as Britain and America emerged as supreme powers. Lord Edward Grey's game worked, all the continental powers fought and bled dry. And as continental empires died, Russia transformed itself into the Fatherland and became the world's first communist nation and a force to reckon with.

Once again there is trouble brewing in the Balkan Kosovo, the NĂTO commanders in Kosovo are on "high alert" and "ready to move more troops". Serbia and Albania both stake claim to Kosovo, while it's under NATO protection currently and an independent country, formed after the breakup of erstwhile Yugoslavia. But a larger game is at play on the Eastern front between NATO, Ukraine, and Russia. The Ukraine crisis is being used to bleed the EU and new Pan-Slavism. But back to Russia dry. And as the war escalates, humanity is again at the precipice of doom. This could very well be the start of another long and embittered conflict that will affect all of us. And has only in the liberated areas, the last



one winner - the US foreign policy pundits and the rising

At this point, it doesn't matter who and why the special military operation (SMO) started. As billions of dollars and 300,000 reservists are added to the mix, the situation is almost nuclear. Russia has been pushed into a corner, and the bear is in the mood to back down. Forget what Modi said. Putin's demeanour during the meeting clearly indicated why he thought of the Indian PM and his advice. Putin understands Indian double-speak and PR stunts knowing fairly well our choke points - Indian dependence on Russian arms and cheaper fossil fuels. So he continues to fight for the Russian motherland and the rights of Russian-speaking people beyond Russian borders. The referendum in the liberated areas of Donbas and FOOD CRISES ARE support for the Serbian claim over Kosovo are both parts of Ukraine, Russia is hell-bent on achieving SMO's goals-demilitarisation, de-Nazification, and liberation of the Donbas region. With voting in progress THAN LATER

SPECULATION IS ALSO GETTING HIGH ON THE STOCK MARKETS AND RUMOURS OF IMMINENT **RECESSION ARE** ALREADY DOING THE ROUNDS. THE **ENERGY AND** GOING TO BURST THE ARTIFICIAL FISCAL BUBBLE **SOONER**

goal is more or less complete. Now the military power comes

Despite Zelensky's optics and broadcasts, there is no way Russia can be defeated militarily. Ukraine has already used its entire military might. The terms of engagement under SMO were quite different from their war or invasion doctrine. EU and NATO both know they cannot have regular troops fighting for Ukraine, and that means Ukraine will be given arms and money, but no muscle to use them. The International legion operating in Ukraine bolsters the tired Ukrainian army, but won't be enough to turn the tide. And the money pouring from the EU will soon begin to dry as winter comes and the gas prices sky rocket. EU will be forced to re-divert money and leave Ukraine in the cold.

Speculation is also getting high on the stock markets and rumours of imminent recession are already doing the rounds. The energy and food crisis is going to burst the artificial fiscal bubble sooner than later. Eventually, the Biden administration would have to make a deal with Putin and put

the matter at rest. One shouldn't be surprised if Zelenskyy becomes the fall guy for the

But if the deal comes late, the EU's economy and Euro would plummet, whereas the Russians will be emboldened and recover faster than Germany, because they have the food and fossil fuels to outlast the EU.

But if the deal is not made, the portents of a European war are visible. There is no stopping the Russian war machine either. An escalation of war from the Ukrainian side will be worse for Europe and their armies. Without nuclear weapons, NATO nor the EU cannot match the Russian army's full strength. Eastern Europe could be devastated, and Ukraine could be reduced to ruins over this winter. And god forbid, nuclear weapons are used, then our planet and humanity at large will risk a nuclear Christmas this year.

(The author writes on culture & environment and is a former Director -Policy & Outreach, National Seed Association of India. The views expressed are personal.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BITTER FIGHT IN MAHARASHTRA

Sir — The battle line between good and evil runs through the heart of every man. Life is neither good nor evil, but only a place for good and evil. It was not just a place for good and evil as the two factions of Shiv Sena battled in open and that too with the war of words. And the big brother BJP is watching the proceedings silently from the sideline. Maharashtra politics turned into turmoil because of the betrayal after the ultimate winner was pushed out for vested interests and MVA was formed as politics for convenience. It is unfortunate how a constitutionally elected government could be nudged by money power and rob people of their mandate.

The pre-poll alliance was mocked despite the posters carrying Balasaheb Thackeray on one side and Narendra Modi on the other side. And the fight is going in a threatening way. A traitor stamp was given to Eknath Shinde at the same time Sena's legacy was sold in haste by the real Sena. Thus, the burning of Ravan ended in a war of words and the action aftermath of all allegations and counter-allegations turned out to be in sour taste and not the original ideology of Babasaheb Thackeray. CK Ramanathan | Ghaziabad

PERFECT TEN FOR PONNIYIN SELVAN

Sir — Lovely narrative and the problem with the writer is the enlarged pre-conceived notions. But comparisons are inevitable and inferences are drawn as per an individual's wealth of knowledge. But calling Kalki a failure as a writer is surprising. We can but limit it to the intrigues, mysteries, rivalries, and rampages and beyond that, well difficult to say and conclude. A marvelous cinematic experience after Bahubali. Supported by a rousing music score by the master AR Rahman. The Chola empire was brought up in all

The ethereal Aishwarya Rai and the beautiful Trisha light up the screen with

Death in the mountains



en climbers were killed after being hit by an avalanche in Uttarakhand This is not the first incident of an avalanche. Even before this people have lost their lives in such incidents in the Himalayan region. Yes, the incidence of avalanches has definitely increased over the years. Incidents of avalanches worry

human life. Unfortunately, no such mechanism has been developed so far, by which these events can be accurately predicted.

The problem is that people's awareness of avalanches is very low compared to other disasters. One reason for this is the occurrence of these disasters in remote, high mountainous areas. Therefore, it is difficult to gather much information about them. At the same time, it has to be understood that the cutting of trees and increasing pollution have increased this problem. Due to climate change, nature keeps showing its fierce form from time to time. Therefore, attention will also have to be paid to stop the felling of trees and controlling pollution.

Divvansha Sharma I Uiiain

their presence and performance. And in the scene where they are together, the screen is so luminous. All in all, it has been worth waiting for the movie and I just cannot wait for the second part which will release in 2023. Just a word of caution: Tamil is not conventional colloquial. It is Tamil spoken in those days. But you will get the gist of it.

CK Dorai Ramani Suresh | Coimbatore

CONG IN DISARRAY IN KARNATAKA

Sir — The Bharat Jodo Yatra is in Karnataka to unite the country, but it is evident that not much of 'Jodo' is happening in the state Congress unit due to constant one-upmanship between former chief minister Siddaramaiah and state party chief DK Shivakumar. The Karnataka Congress is faced with a conundrum with the continuing internal strife between the duo. This may affect their chances in the upcoming state elections. Despite best efforts of Rahul Gandhi the benefits of Bharat Jodo yatra may not translate into votes. The party high command has sent several messages to the state leadership to

ensure that fissures between the two seniors that have often crept up do not implode just ahead of the 2023 polls. Even during the Padyatra, one could see Rahul Gandhi being flanked by both leaders on either side or in deep discussion while walking at a slower pace. The idea is to ensure that the national walkathon undertaken by Gandhi should be a success and not hindered by the friction that the state unit may have.

Even though both the top party leaders have overtly expressed unity in the party and between themselves, their respective loyalists have left no stone unturned to showcase their support for their respective favourites, which has turned the situation even more fragile. That has led many leaders to believe that even if the Congress's chances in the assembly polls turn in their favour, the race to occupy the chief minister's chair could turn out to be a major hurdle.

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Why should good roads, education and health institutions exist only in big cities?



Prime Minister —Narendra Modi



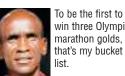
What we're seeing is that if they (N Korea) continue down this road, it will only increase

US Secretary of State —Antony Blinken

A film's characters must appeal to the audience. If the character is from Sri Lanka, they shouldn't look like Mughals.



—Dipika Chikhlia



win three Olympic marathon golds, that's my bucket

Olympic champion -E Kipchoge

Why should we talk to Pakistan? We will talk to the Baramulla, the people of Kashmi



Union Home Minister

FIRST COLUMN

COVID EFFECTS MAY BE RESULTING IN DEATHS

Covid after-effects could be the reason for spurt in sudden cardiac arrests



octors have reported seeing a significant surge in cases of heart attack and heart failure in the post-Covid period. Their incidence has gone up by more than one-fourth in the last one year, according to our experience at Sarvodaya Hospital, Faridabad.

After the pandemic, the incidence of heart attacks and heart failure has increased by 25-30 per cent in people who got infected with Covid. Patients who had to be hospitalized or put on a ventilator due to Covid are now much more vulnerable to heart complications, and we are seeing a considerable surge in such cases.

There are two ways by which Covid affects the heart. First is direct infection of the heart muscle, due to which it gets weakened, leading to heart failure. The second is that after Covid, a mild form of the infection persists in the body for many months. The arteries remain inflamed, leading to the tendency of clotting inside the heart. This results in heart attack and other complications. Many incidents have come to light in recent months of sudden heart attack in people after doing vigorous exercise. In these cases, the heart muscle may still be inflamed due to Long Covid, triggering a heart attack.

The social media platforms are abuzz these days with videos of artists on stage suddenly collapsing and dying, with the spectators watching the incidents with disbelief. Even some of the celebrities have succumbed to this phenomenon of becoming victims of cardiac arrests after exercise in gym or state performance. There are scopes for the people to speculate when incidents of similar nature appear on the social media platforms with short videos. There is a need to understand that we are still in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic.



The people who had a severe form of Covid need to take precautions. It is difficult to predict heart problems in recovered Covid patients. But there are blood tests that measure inflammatory markers like ESR and High-sensitivity C-reactive Protein (hs-CRP). These can tell whether any form of infection still exists in the body, and how much is the risk. It is advisable not to do any vigorous exercise for the next six months after getting Covid infection. Only light exercises in the form of brisk walking or mild jogging are OK. Don't indulge in any kind of strength training exercises like weight-lifting or extreme treadmill because your heart may still be weak.

We have seen an increase of 30 per cent over the last five years in the number of young patients with heart attacks coming to the hospital. They are also showing up with more extensive heart complications, with multiple blockages. Our advice is not to ignore any kind of symptoms, especially pain in the chest or upper part of the stomach. If you do activities like brisk walking or climbing the stairs and feel any kind of stiffness or heaviness in the chest, you should be very mindful. Many people attribute heart-related symptoms to acidity or arthritis, but any gastritis that persists for 2-3 days is unusual.

It is important in these cases to get tests done to rule out heart problems. Diabetes and tobacco are the top two risk factors for heart disease in India. Diabetic people have three times higher chances of having a heart attack than non-diabetic individuals. Smoking is also very dangerous for the heart, due to which we are seeing many young patients with heart attacks.

(The author is a cardiologist at Sarvodaya Hospital, Sector 8, Faridabad)

Pity that women don't understand manpower



From behind the desktop, wife can be seen indulging her pleasure of doing much pointless work

fter I have undertaken my mandatory walk or stint on the treadmill, I do not undertake any wasteful expeditions. My wife is no "mechanical bride". She is as complete a human being as ever there was, and inordinately humane at that, but she is tidying up this, minding that apart from the regular chores all the time. Like planets, she is in a state of perpetual motion. Her living room is her pride, her bedroom her work of art. Having done my quota of physical activity, why should I waste man-power on frivolous move-ments? Parked in front of my desktop or sprawled on the bed, it gives me the vertigo to watch my wife indulging her pleasure of doing such pointless work. But women, I guess, do not understand much about man-power!

I had told my wife very early during our marriage that it takes many to solve a problem and there are various steps to solving it. My job was to reflect on the nature of the problem, so she could do the solving. That is division of labour. My wife gave me that look which she perfected in a short time living with me. The translation would run in volumes but I get it in an instant. Ever since she has gone about doing her things; I have learnt to manage to cope up with my vertigo reasonably well. But now that domestic helps are becoming a little unpredictable she expects me to join her in these mad

I have some rule of thumb excuses to dodge the draft. "Is it necessary, we will be leaving in a couple of days, anyway?" "Is it legal?" I escaped the edict to locate the source of a leak (my version of investigating the source of Oxus) from somewhere behind the geyser. I said the municipality will have to be notified, the power supply company will have to be informed. "So the government has now entered our bathroom? And in the next move they will be sprawled right in our bedroom?" She said facetiously. But she let it pass; she was just testing me. She knew that my intervention would have resulted in flooding the bathroom anyway and a call to the National Disaster Management Authority.

During the course of the same week I was asked to go up to the terrace to see whether the help was malingering or tending to the many plants and pots. I pleaded that I had lost my cap and standing in the sun for long made me feel giddy and nauseated. My Ray Ban aviator glasses were missing. Maybe this was also just a dry run and she let me get away with this one as well. Now I know why; she was laying a perfect ambush, she trapped me on an S-bend!

My books-poor me in my untidy environment of books-are her greatest eyesore. There was a time when we could dedicate one big hall to my books, neatly displayed, easily accessible. Even in the

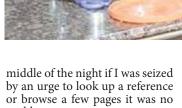


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But gone are days and in the more frugal circumstances, in the brutal struggle for existence my books have lost out to the many shelves and almirahs which according to my wife contain objects of absolute necessity. The rest of my books have been dispatched to a room on the first floor. I argued with my wife that I and my books had co-evolved. It is like my environment for me, you can't destroy my habitat. "Don't you have any concern for the sole member of that rare species called husband." My wife said that you could survive with your thousand books and the rest of it is an indulgence." I said these are not a thousand but only six hundred. She threatened to count each one of them so I climbed down and it was agreed that if I imported some books from upstairs an equal number would have to be deported.

Now my wife has a suspicion that some illegal immigrants from the first floor are hiding in the pile. Of course my children have sent me a few hundred in the last few years, but they are all legal. I told her, "I have papers from Amazon,

husbands have human rights?" "So long as they don't create a pigsty in the bedroom," she said. The clutter and the pile are intruding into alien territory of her nicely curated corner. "Don't you quote all the time "I would rather be an unsatisfied Socrates than a satisfied pig". "So, Mr. Socrates of the slums, don't be a pig."

My wife has served me notice that either I do the needful or she will take things in her own hand. And in matters like these she is an extremist. Either I find a way to somehow accommodate these books on the uppermost shelves by weeding out some for extinction or see them deported en masse. I am a human being not an clutter on the lower reaches and uncaring cruel natural agency like evolution!

I have avoided the task so far by pointing out that the aluminium ladder has become a little unstable and by generally playing on her insecurity that her aging sixty six plus husband might take a bump. This has worked so far, but for how long? Aluminium ladders can be mended! Our departure from Patna has earned me a reprieve but how long can I be an exile?

I had asked my wife, sometime back, to buy me a pair of walking shoes and a couple of track pants. even for the imported ones. Don't Normally I am pressured into unknown women friends!

accompanying her on these missions because of size issues but over the years I have managed to find comprehensive strategies to evade the demand. But this time she did not say a word. I got my pair of shoes and track pants from Decathlon but the inventory included an un-indented trekking backpack, a pair of mountain trekking shoes, a rucksack, trekking gloves, trek zip off pants, a solid looking harness, and water-proof all weather multilayer peel off jacket. She sat down tri-umphantly. "When we get back to Patna you are going to go on your climbing expedition and plant the books in proper order, tidy up the leave no waste on the top. You are equipped for every season and every eventuality, the activity is perfectly legal and does not violate any of your human rights. I checked up with our family lawyer."

It has steeled my resolution. I shall arise and go now and go to the Arctic tundra, report triumphantly for Facebook, wearing all that gear, petting a caribou or riding a sled. Chase the lions chasing antelopes and gazelles for lunch in the Serengeti Savannahs in the darkest Africa. At least I would earn some admiring oohs and aahs from known and

THERE ARE TWO MODELS: ONE OF PM MODI WHICH GIVES EMPLOYMENT AND PEACE; THE OTHER IS THE **GUPKAR MODEL WHICH LED TO PULWAMA.** —UNION HOME MINISTER **AMIT SHAH**





IF THE GUPKAR MODEL GAVE GUNS AND STONES TO KASHMIRI YOUTH, WHY IS THE PM INVITING THESE LEADERS TO MEETINGS IN DELHI? -NATIONAL CONFERENCE VICE-PRESIDENT **OMAR ABDULLAH**

Ukraine war: Grain trade disruption and India's role

Russia and Ukraine were breadbaskets of the world, but they have now created a global shortage of wheat

ince the war broke out in Ukraine, the international order of trading has experienced a severe jolt in terms of grain trade. Food production and export supply have rapidly decreased due to crop failures and supply chain disruptions which have failed to meet the growing global demand, further adding to global food insecurity, particularly in Africa and West

Asia. In recent years, Ukraine, along with Russia, have emerged as major players in the world grain market and are commonly considered the breadbasket of the world. Prior to the war, Ukraine and Russia accounted for 14 per cent of world wheat production and around 25 per cent of world export of wheat.







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of Ukraine on Feb 24, 2022, grain exports rose by 8.5 per cent between 2021 and 2022. Thereafter, grain exports are estimated (as of July 29, 2022) to have decreased by 53.2 per cent for 2022-23.

The ongoing war continues to reshape geo-political relations between nations, exposes fissures in the global supply chain, and the dominance of nations strategically situated to take advantage

of the food crisis. Continuous imposition of new Western sanction packages, blockade of Black Sea ports, loss of human life and destruction of Ukrainian agricultural fields have severely disrupted the global

void in grain trade? India is the second largest producer of wheat in the world economy, with a share of around 13.5 per cent (107.59 MT) of total world wheat supply. Nations in Africa, West

Prior to the Russian invasion Asia and Southeast Asia, it accounts for a very small sourcing their wheat from proportion of total world Ukraine or Russia, are facing exports of wheat (1-2 per dire shortages of grain and are cent) with its share increasing in urgent need of finding from 0.14 per cent in 2016 to alternative sources to meet 0.54 per cent in 2020.

their grain requirements. Nearly the bulk of wheat On the other hand, grain production is either for domestic consumption or for shortages have also led to an increase in the price of storage. More recently, based wheat in the international on a notification dated May market. Given this growing 13, 2022, India imposed a temporary ban on wheat shortage in the world supply export due to the destruction of wheat and rising prices (which further adds to food of wheat crops caused by insecurity in developing unprecedented heat waves in countries), to what extent the country. can India fill the growing

The ban was intended to ward off domestic farmers and consumers from the global grain shortage, enhance food security, and thwart inflationary pressures. This was met with criticisms receive. Thirdly, wheat

contribute to addressing growing food insecurity and fulfil its responsibility as a G20 nation. However, India has sought to maintain its trade ties with neighboring nations as it continues to export wheat to countries such as Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, the United Arab

Emirates and Indonesia.

To export more wheat or not is a dual-edged sword. In terms of benefits, firstly, India can enter new and potential markets by filling the void left by Ukraine and Russia in Africa and West Asia. Secondly, greater wheat exports can potentially increase the prices wheat traders or farmers production in 2020. However, from several advanced exports can help stem the

nations who urged India to massive volume of grain wastage every year.

However, even if the Government seeks to fill the void, it should plan the move in such a way that it does not hamper local consumption but also, more importantly, ensure that wheat farmers are protected from the vagaries of global competition. The extent to which gains from wheat exports will trickle down to farmers in terms of higher MSP or higher prof-

itability remains unclear. Outcomes will significantly vary for farmers from richer agricultural states like Punjab (who benefited from access to large-scale production technologies during the Green Revolution) vis-à-vis those from poorer agricultural states where agricultur-

al networks (in terms of access to markets, input costs, irrigation facilities, or technology) remain disjointed and weak.

The equitable distribution of gains from wheat exports to the farming community will remain a potent challenge moving forward.

Moreover, the role and intervention of FCI (Food Corporation of India) add an additional layer of complication, as an increase in exports might end up drawing out stocks from the FCI (in the absence of a bumper season), which would lead to conflict with other developed nations at the World Trade Oorganisation stage (as FCI stocks are meant for domestic consumption and welfare programs only).

Solar player Orb Energy secures additional US\$ 20 mn loan from DFC

he United States International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) has doubled down its exposure to domestic solar energy player Orb Energy with an additional investment of USD 20 million (about Rs 163.73 crore) in a follow-on loan.Bengalurubased Orb will use the money to support its in-house financing facility for rooftop and ground-mounted solar customers, the company said in a statement on Thursday. Orb Energy

is a vertically integrated provider of solar energy solutions since 2006. It manufactures its own range of solar panels, designs, installs, and services solar systems, and also provides critical finance for up to five years to its commercial and industrial customers. The company had received its first loan of USD 10 million from the DFC to support its in-house finance to SME customers.We will be using the loan from the DFC to finance to our SME customers so as to enable them to gain quick and easy access to rooftop and ground-mounted solar systems from us, Damian Miller, Chief Executive and Co-Founder of Orb Energy, said.



Walkaroo ropes in Ajay Devgn as brand ambassador

ootwear brand Walkaroo International Ltd has roped in Bollywood actor Ajay Devgn as its brand ambassador, the company said on Thursday. The company would unveil a series of television commercials featuring the actor. Havas Creative Group has taken up the marketing campaign which includes three commercial films of the actor on the

brand theme 'Walk with Walkaroo.' We are happy to have India's iconic film star Ajay Devgn as our new brand ambassador. He shares a lot of synergy with the brand and enjoys a high level of popularity and credibility," said managing director of Walkaroo International Pvt Ltd VKC Noushad "We believe that this association will help us connect with consumers across all segments and will further strengthen the brand presence especially in tier-II and tier-III cities in north and west," he said. Walkaroo has over 200-plus designs for the festive season for men, women and kids



Can Fin Homes mulls raising up to Rs 4,000 cr debt capital

anara Bank promoted housing loan provider Can Fin Homes is planning to raise debt capital of up to Rs 4,000 crore and will seek board of directors' approval on this proposal later this month. The board of directors of the company is scheduled to meet on October 17, 2022 to approve financial results for the company's second quarter and first half ended September 2022-23."At the said meeting the proposal is being placed

to the board seeking approval and authorisations for issuance of nonconvertible redeemable debentures up to an amount of Rs 4.000 crore, on private placement basis." Can Fin Homes said in a regulatory filing on Thursday. The company said it will raise the funds in one or more tranches for a period up to the date of the annual general meeting of the current fiscal year. The home loan company said the shareholders approved the debt raise plan at the annual general meeting held on September 7, 2022.



World Bank downgrades India's economic growth forecast to 6.5%

PNS WASHINGTON

The World Bank on Thursday projected a growth rate of 6.5 per cent for the Indian economy for the fiscal year 2022-23, a drop of one per cent from its previous June 2022 projections, citing deteriorating international environment.

In its latest South Asia Economic Focus released ahead of the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, the Bank, however, noted that India is recovering stronger than the rest of the world.

The Indian economy grew by 8.7 per cent in the previous year."The Indian economy has done well compared to the other countries in South Asia, with relatively strong growth performance... bounced back from the sharp contraction during the first phase of

COVID," Hans Timmer, World Bank Chief Economist for South Asia, told PTI in an

India, he said, has done relatively well with the advantage that it doesn't have a large external debt, there are no problems coming from that side, and that there is prudent

monetary policy, he observed. The Indian economy has done especially well in the ser-

vices sector and especially ser-

vice exports. "But we have downgraded the forecast for the fiscal year that just started and that is largely because the international environment is deteriorating for India and for all countries. We see kind of an inflection point in the middle of this year, and first signs of slowing across the

world," he said. The second half of the calentries and will be relatively weak also in India, he said.

Timmer said that's mainly because of two factors. One is the slowing of growth in the real economy of high-income coun-

The other one is the global tightening of monetary policy that tightens financial markets and not just that it leads to capital outflows in many developing countries, but it also increases interest rates and uncertainty in developing countries which has a negative impact on investment.

'So, it (India) has done relatively well. It is not as vulnerable as some of the other countries. But it's still in tough weather. It (India) has to navigate the higher commodity prices and there are more headwinds at the moment," he said in response to a question.

India is doing better than the rest of the world, he said, adding that there are more buffers in India, especially large reserves at the central bank. That's very helpful. "Then the government has very actively reacted to the COVIÓ crisis," he said.

The Indian government has set an example for the rest of the world, like expanding social safety nets, using digital ideas. "I think it's almost up to a million people that they are reaching at the moment. It's a good response also," he said.

At the same time, he said that he does not agree with all the policies of the Indian government."Especially their reaction to the high commodity prices might seem logical in the short run, but might backfire in the long run. For example, the export ban on wheat and the export ban or the very high tariffs on rice exports," he said.

Goyal asks industry to follow global quality standards

Union minister Piyush Goyal on Thursday asked the industry to ensure their products meet international quality standards and help build a 'Brand India' as the country aims to become a developed nation by 2047.

Addressing an event organised by the Quality Council of India (QCI), Commerce and Industry Minister Goyal also called for convergence of various quality certification related organisations whether it is FSSAI, the BIS, the Rail or

Defense establishments. "I would urge the ministry as well as QCI to work to bring in convergence...so that the investment environment that we have created can go from strength to strength and can help India achieve our mission of becoming a developed nation by 2047,"

Goval expressed satisfaction at the global footprint of ICAI with over 168 branches, present in 47 countries with 77 centres in different cities of the world.

he said, and added quality will define 'Brand India'.

Speaking at another event organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) earlier in the day, the minister stressed that more women should take up the profession of chartered accountancy.

He called upon Chartered Accountants of India to strive in making India's Chartered Accountancy firms global

level companies.

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Congratulating ICAI for its efforts to establish 100 centres across the world, the minister asked the institute to expand its presence in the continent of South America

Akasa Air to allow pets in cabin

PNS NEW DELHI

Akasa Air, which took to the skies two months ago, will allow domesticated dogs and cats in cabin as well as cargo from November and will also be starting new routes in the coming weeks.

The airline, which is "well capitalised", plans to start international services in the second half of 2023 once it has a fleet of 20 planes. Currently, the carrier has 6 aircraft and will have of March next year.

Akasa Air Founder and CEO Vinay Dube on Thursday said the airline's performance has been "satisfying" in the first 60 days. "We are very happy, satisfied with... our performance". Currently, the carrier has 30 daily flights, will start services from Delhi on Friday. It started operations on August 7.The airline is progressively expanding its network and



Chief and Officer Prayeen Iyer said.From November, domesticated dogs and cats can travel. The bookings in this regard will start from October 15, its Co-Founder, Chief Marketing & Experience Officer Belson Coutinho said while addressing a press meet here.Each pet will have to be in a cage. The weight limit, including the cage, will be 7 kilograms in the case of cabin and 32 kilograms in check-in. There will be

connecting more cities, its Co- another option for heavier pets. The policy for pets will be a lot of pet lovers asking... we all believe that we need to have an inclusive environment for pets as well. It (the decision) comes out of our love for pets," Coutinho said.

The airline will be leveraging the expertise of an NGO with respect to carrying of pets such as how to be prepared and what all things pet owners should know as well as the dos and

Rupee falls 32 paise to close at all-time low of 81.94 against US\$

PNS MUMBAI

The rupee plunged 32 paise to close at an all-time low of 81.94 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday amid high volatility as firm crude oil prices weighed on the local unit.At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency 81.52, then pared all the gains to settle at an all-time low of 81.94 against the American currency, registering a decline of 32 paise over its previous close. During the day, the local unit witnessed an intra-day high of 81.51 and a low of 81.94 against the greenback. On Tuesday, the rupee appreciated by 20 paise to end at 81.62 against the US dollar.

Vedanta's medical arm ties up with Anuva for cancer research in India

PNS ■ LONDON

Vedanta's BALCO Medical Centre (BMC), one of India's leading cancer hospitals, and Anuva, a genomics biotech company with a centre in India and backed by a UK-based hub, on Thursday jointly announced a strategic collaboration to build a Cancer Genomics Biobank for cancer research in

Anuva and BMC aim to use this cancer bio/data bank for clinical research to identify relevant insights for precision medicine application for cancer

The companies said the collaboration leverages the strengths of both organisations the clinical expertise of BALCO Medical Centre and Anuva's biobanking and genomic exper-



This is another milestone in the journey of BALCO Medical Centre towards becoming India's cancer care destination, said Jyoti Agarwal, Chairperson

of BALCO Medical Centre. "Our collaboration with Anuva will bring together the best of knowledge, technology and research to serve the people of India better, through precision medicine and targeted treatment, she said.

The memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed by Dr Jonathan Picker, CEO of Anuva, and Dr Bhawna Sirohi, Medical Director of BMC, at the BALCO Medical Centre at Naya Raipur in Chhattisgarh.

"I am tremendously excited to embark on this endeavour with BALCO Medical Centre.

CBI books joint DGFT for receiving Rs 1 crore bribe

PNS NEW DELHI

The CBI has booked a joint director general of foreign trade for allegedly receiving a bribe of Rs 1 crore from a businessman in 2018 in a fraud case of Rs 118 crore. officials said Thursday.

Following the registra-ion of the FIR against Joint Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) Sambhaji A Chavan and Deputy DGFT Prakash S Kamble, 2008 and 2013-batch Indian Trade Service officers respectively, and businessman Ramesh Manohar Chavan, among others, the CBI conducted searches at nine locations in Delhi, Daman, Mumbai and Pune,

No loss of interest for EPF subscribers: FinMin

The Finance Ministry has said there is no loss of interest rate for EPFO subscribers and the delay in crediting interest for the last fiscal is due to software upgrade being conducted.

It further said that for all outgoing subscribers seeking settlement and also those withdrawing their deposits, the payments are being done inclusive of the interest.

for any subscriber. The interest is being credited in the visible in the statements in (Employees' Provident Fund



scribers. However, that is not being implemented by EPFO

"There is no loss of interest accounts of all EPF sub- view of a software upgrade

Organisation) to account for change in the tax incidence," the ministry tweeted late on Wednesday night.

The ministry said this on Twitter in reply to a tweet by IT industry veteran TV Mohandas Pai, who raised queries on interest in the Employees' Provident Fund

deposits.
"For all outgoing subscribers seeking settlement and for subscribers seeking withdrawal, the payments are being done inclusive of the interest,"

Axis AMC eyes Rs 100 cr from Nasdag 100 fund of fund

PNS MUMBAI

Axis Mutual Fund is targeting to garner Rs 100 crore from its Nasdaq 100 fund of fund during the primary sales period, a company official said on Thursday. The open-ended fund of fund scheme, open for subscription from Friday through October 21, will invest in the overseas units of exchange traded funds (ETFs) focused on the Nasdaq 100 index, the fund house said on Thursday while announcing the NFO from Friday.

Stock markets rise for 2nd session, Sensex gains

PNS MUMBAI

Benchmark BSE Sensex rose by 156 points while the Nifty closed above the 17,300 level on Thursday after gains in metal, IT and capital goods shares amid foreign capital

Rising for the second straight session, the 30-share BSE benchmark advanced 156.63 points or 0.27 per cent to settle at 58,222.10.

The index opened higher and later jumped 513.29 points or 0.88 per cent to a day's high of 58,578.76 on gains in metal,

FMCG, IT and oil stocks. However, profit booking in select banking and teck stocks in the closing session trimmed the gains.The broader NSE Nifty advanced 57.50 points or 0.33 per cent to end at 17,331.80 as 27 of its shares ended in the green.Among Sensex shares, Tata Steel, Larsen & Toubro, ICICI Bank, HCL Technologies, Infosys and Axis Bank were among the winners. However, Bharti Airtel, Hindustan Unilever, IndusInd Bank, HDFC and Bajaj Finance were among the

Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services said, "The Indian market is maintaining its resilience despite mixed cues from global equities and surging oil prices. Both domestic and foreign investors are sup-porting the rally." The market was also bolstered by expectations on Q2 results session, with improvement in sectors like metal, IT, and realty, Nair added. "Weakness in European indices and SGX Nifty slipping into the red prompted investors to cut their bullish

Ecomm firms clock Rs 40K cr sales in festive season

PNS NEW DELHI

E-commerce firms are estimated to have registered a 27 per cent growth, clocking sales worth Rs 40,000 crore, during the recently concluded sevenday festive season sale, a report

said on Thursday. Flipkart Group, including Myntra, Shopsy etc, maintains its leadership position, while Meesho is the second-largest contributor in order volume. the report by Redseer Strategy

Consulting said.
"With the conclusion of Festive Sale 1, the online retail platforms have seen a robust 27 per cent year-on-year growth, clocking a sale of USD 5.7 billion or Rs 40,000 crore," the

The firm has done an analysis of Festive Sale week 1 including sale events conducted by all online retail platforms between September 22 and 30, and for platforms that did not run a sale during any of these dates, the report considered business as usual order vol-

The growth in sales was driven by sales of mobile phones. "Mobile as a category continued to lead GMV (gross merchandise value) share, contributing to 41 per cent of the GMV, translating to 56,000 mobiles sold per hour. On the other hand, fashion con-

tributed to 20 per cent of

GMV, which grew 48 per cent



Y-o-Y from last festive season," Redseer Strategy Consultants, Associate Partner, Sanjay Kothari said.

When compared to BAU (business as usual), mobile saw the highest growth at around 7 times while electronics and large appliances saw about 5 times growth, fashion at about 3 times growth, and other categories at close to 2 times growth.

Flipkart Group maintains its leadership position, while Meesho is the second largest

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according to Redseer. Flipkart Group (Flipkart, Myntra and Shopsy) continues to maintain its leadership position with 62 per cent market

share in GMV during the Festive Sale Week 1. In terms of order volumes, Meesho, with its low average order value and high penetration in Tier-2 cities, emerged as the second largest player capturing around 21 per cent of the market share while Flipkart Group leads here as well, Kothari said.In terms of transacting shoppers, the number increased by 24 per cent Y-o-Y with around 65 per cent of shoppers coming from Tier 2

"A whopping 7.5-8 crore shoppers placed orders across all platforms in Festive Sale Week 1. Tier 2 and beyond cities witnessed the highest Yo-Y growth in online shoppers.

NHIT files draft prospectus to raise Rs 1,500 crore via NCD

PNS NEW DELHI

National Highways Infrastructure Trust (NHIT) on Thursday said it has filed draft papers with market regulator Sebi to raise up to Rs 1,500 crore by issuing non-convertible debentures.

NHIT currently owns, operates and maintains a portfolio of 5 initial toll roads, spanning 389 km in Gujarat, Rajasthan,

Telangana and Karnataka. Highways "National Infrastructure Trust, a registered infrastructure investment trust under the InvIT Regulations, sponsored by NHAI (an autonomous authority of the GoI) has filed

lic issue of secured, rated, listed, redeemable, non-convertible debentures," it said in a statement.

NHIT added that the issue will be for an amount aggregating up to Rs 1,500 crore.

Non-convertible debenture (NCD) is a financial instrument that is used by companies to raise long-term capital. This is done through a public issue.According to the statement, the lead managers for the issue are JM Financial Limited, AK Capital Services Limited, ICICI Securities Limited, SBI Capital Markets Limited, and Trust Investment

Advisors Private Limited.

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'Labels frustrated me, **BUT NOT ANYMORE'**

One of the most celebrated jewellery designers in India, Maheep Kapoor, is all set to host the private preview of Karan Johar's Tyaani's new collection today in Hyderabad. The Pioneer, just before the event, connects with her, and we must say, she's not only a celebrity wife but also an unstoppable businesswoman and a laudable mother.

SHIKHA DUGGAL

t makes no difference what the online demons have to say about Maheep Kapoor, who's much more than a star wife. All we know from the show, Fabulous Lives of Bollywood Wives, is that she's more of an effective mother, while at the same time lauding her career too.

Talking about her business was our

delightful inclination towards her because guess what? The jewellery designer is landing in the city of pearls in no time! Designed to cater to the modern Indian woman, Tyaani, an exquisite jewellery brand by Karan Johar, will be hosted by Mahaep Kapoor for a private preview of the lat-

est jewellery collection by Tyaani.

Together with celebrated fashion designer Mrunalini Rao, both of them will be bringing glitz, glamour, and style. To know about these out-stepping

qualities of her, we enunciate a chat with Maheep, and she starts saying, "As years passed by, I adroitly realised that years passed by, I adroitly realised that people are going to misjudge you no matter what may come by. But you know what? I have the privilege of seeing a lot of people's characters before they see mine. I have surpassed that age now, where you'll see me bothering about online trolling too much. The labels used to frustrate me, but not any-Maheep are my tribe; they don't care a-hang about others. I am plain sailing this way!"

Calling her 'just' a Bollywood wife is slightly disparaging to her achievements because she's getting down to some real business with this man. She elaborated, "I have always been a working professional all my life — yes, I wasn't out there for the paparazzi to know that I am an out-and-out professional, but does that take away from the illustrious career that I have built for myself despite being a 'star wife'? I beg





ing manner. He opened many doors of opportunity for me! A man like Karan Johar can only pull off a stint like this, and what a stint it is. I never thought I'd be giving an interview to the media. It was an unfulfilled dream. I thought of only my husband as a star and his prolific family. Nevertheless, guess what — even I am a star now (she giggled). I say this with a very emotional perspective. Whenever my kids and I needed Karan, he was always there. Sanjay finds him an immensely good listener, even with such a busy schedule as a bountiful filmmaker. He always took out time for my family."

A perfect amalgamation of diamonds and gold craft, Maheep is all set to open doors to the new collection in Hyderabad, and it can't be more



THINK ABOUT FOOTWEAR FASHION, **AND THE FIRST THING THAT POPS UP IS HIGH HEELS. EVEN THOUGH** THEY LOOK GREAT WHEN WORN, **ONE CANNOT IGNORE THE IMPORTANCE OF BONE HEALTH. TO UNDERSTAND THIS, THE PIONEER SPEAKS TO AN ORTHOPAEDIC EXPERT, WHO EXPLAINS TO US** WHAT CAN BE DONE TO KEEP A **HEALTHY BONE.**

Beyond high heels: DON'T IGNORE BONE HEALTH

SHIKHA DUGGAL

hen it comes to footwear, for some, the higher the heels, the better it is. On the other hand, for some, a pair of flats is much more appealing than some stilettos. But, it's no fun to suffer for the sake of fashion.

Dr. Manan Vora, who is an orthopaedic surgeon, tells the girls certain ways to do so without stumbling with calluses and sore arches. The bones that make up the skeleton appear hard and durable. But while the outer layer is just so, the inner tissue is spongy and rid-dled with small holes, akin to a honeycomb. That sometimes hurts when we wear heels.

"Building healthy bones is extremely important. Minerals are incorporated into your bones during childhood, adolescence, and early adulthood. Once you reach

30 years of age, you have achieved peak bone mass. How likely you are to develop osteoporosis, a condition that causes bones to become weak and brittle, depends on how much bone mass you attain by the time you reach age 30 and how rapidly you lose it after that. The higher your peak bone mass, the more bone you have in the bank and the less likely you are to develop osteoporosis as you age," explains the sports medicine expert.

This is not just it! There are heel fractures that usually result from great force, such as when

people land on their feet after falling from a height. Other causes include car crashes and sports-related injuries. Since heel fractures require great force, the knees or spine are often also injured! So, the interventional orthopaedics says, "If not enough bone mass is created during this time or bone loss occurs later in life, you have an increased risk of developing fragile bones that break easily. As you age, your bones become thinner and lose their density. Over time, you become more prone to injury. Fortunately, you can take steps

to halt the thinning of your bones, called osteopenia." There are a number of factors that can affect bone health. For example, a diet low in calcium contributes to diminished bone density, early bone loss, and an increased risk of fractures. People who are physically inactive have a higher risk of osteoporosis than their more active counterparts. Research suggests that the use of tobacco, also contributes to weak bones. Similarly, having more than one alcoholic drink a day or two reg-

ularly, may increase the risk of osteoporosis.

You are at greater risk of osteoporosis if you are a woman, because women have less bone tissue than men! You are at risk if you are extremely thin or have a small body frame because you might have less bone mass to draw from as you age. Your bones become thinner and weaker as you age. Too much thyroid hormone can cause bone loss. In women, bone loss increases dramatically at menopause due to dropping oestrogen levels. The prolonged absence of menstruation before

menopause also increases the risk of osteoporosis. In men, low testosterone levels can cause a loss of bone mass. Severely restricting food intake and being underweight weakens bones in both men and women. In addition, weight loss surgery and conditions such as celiac disease can affect your body's ability to absorb calcium and cause this too. And then come certain medications. Long-term use of corticosteroid medications, such as

> prednisolone, and dexamethasone, is damaging to bone. Other drugs that might increase the risk osteoporosis include aromatase inhibitors to treat breast cancer, selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors, methotrexate, some anti-seizure medications, such as phenytoin and phenobarbital, and proton pump inhibitors. All these insights were given to us on an exclusive note by the Clinical Associate

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Arogyanidhi Hospital. He also warned, "Early, detectable signs of bone loss are rare. Often, people don't know they have weak bones until they have broken their hip, wrist, or some other bone. However, some signs and symptoms can point toward potential bone loss, such as receding gums and weaker grip strength. Other than changes in bone density, osteo-porosis doesn't usually cause a lot of initial symptoms. Once the bone mass has deteriorated further, you may start to experience more obvious symptoms, such as loss of height, and back or neck pain, because osteoporosis

can cause compression fractures of the spine."

He further adds, "These fractures can be very painful because the collapsed vertebrae may pinch the nerves that radiate out from the spinal cord. The pain symptoms can range from minor tenderness to debilitating pain. Then a stooped posture or fracture. The compression of the vertebrae may also cause a slight curving of the upper back. A stooped back is known as rience a little bit better and safe.

CURVES ARE BACK! in Interior Designing, WOODENSTREET



asic sharp shapes have a classy appeal, and have considerably made their mark on the industry. On the other hand, curved lines are bubbling their way back to the trend, and its soothing magic is what we all need. Studies have proven that our brain finds soft curves more pleasurable to watch over the straight symmetric lines. It takes less cognitive effort to process curved surfaces visually than sharp ones.

"They instigate a gentle flow and ease of aura for the area, helping us lose tension. Curves have an emotional impact on us, and who wouldn't feel good about investing money in creating a space that actually influences your mood for the better?" said Sejal Parikh, Interior Designer, WoodenStreet. The pandemic lockdowns were one reason the curve appeal is back on the trend list. The dullness of those times needed a cozy ambience to feel nested and content. Hence, it is high time to understand why one should invest time in incorporating the curve appeal to the interiors. Here are a few ways to incorporate the curve appeal through furniture and décor, according to Sejal:

Curved platforms with textured décor

If you fear experimenting with your interior, then this tip of infusing the curve appeal would fit you the best. Go for curved platforms like tables and chairs paired with plain textured decor to make the curves stand out. This would bring a unique structural appeal to your space while keeping it subtle. Curves also make the seating more comfortable. Hence, tables and chairs with curves are a big yes!

Right pick of fabric Like shapes, different fabrics also lend different vibes. Textured

fabrics like velvet double the ease and softness of curves. Buying curvy furniture with velvet upholstery would surely double the calming view and impact of the curved lines. A wrong fabric choice can visually affect the softness of curved lines; thereaffect breathing fore, a plush fabric would best fit along the sight of curves. due to the extra pressure on the airway and

> Soft edge statement décor

Using your interior highlight spots to showcase a curved statement decor

bring curves into focus. A mirror or circular wall art would be a fascinating pick to showcase the curve appeal. Embracing such a design would bring more importance to calmness and proportion in the view. Neat curves would keep the view crisp and engaging, and overdoing them will only create too many focal points, resulting in an imbalanced interior.

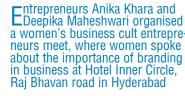
Curvalicious planters

Plants and Curves would be a combination made in heaven because it is one fantastic eye-catcher to remind us about relaxation. Curves boost the relaxing element of the space without making it look sloppy or disorganized. Go for soft rounded planters for your greenery to double the positivity of your ambience. The very sight of this combo can spark a sense of hope in you without a doubt. Straight lines on curved furniture are a way of mixing the mainstream with the uniqueness. With curves, you not only offer a complex yet relaxed view of the interiors but also incorporate an eye-catchy design. Who would t spots to showcase a not like a space that looks unique in a sound manner for it to be understood by all? The curve appeal is one trend that would still be a unique charm to your space even if it falls off the trend list.

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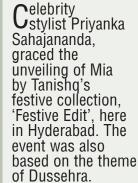


Mahmood Ali, along with Member of Parliament BB Patil, and others graced the wedding ceremony of Mohammed Raziuddin Ali's daughter, and M.A Majeed Khan's son Mohammed Mahboob Khan, at H.F. Convention at Rajendranagar in Hyderabad.





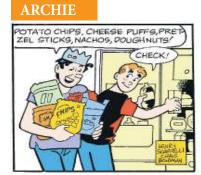




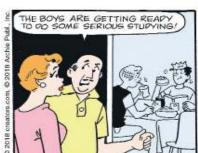




Gudem Mahipal Reddy, Member of the Telangana Legislative Assembly from the Patancheru constituency, along with Dr. Krishna Prasad, Chairman and Managing Director of Granules India Limited (GIL), inaugurated overhead tanks to facilitate dedicated supply of potable water for residents of Bonthapally village in Telangana, as part of its CSR initiative. GIL will be inaugurating another overhead tank at Veeranagudam in the coming week.















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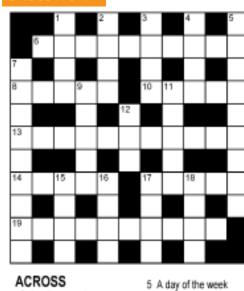


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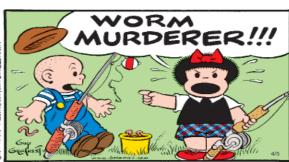
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Rajamouli's RRR begins its Oscar journey

S Rajamouli's *RRR*, starring Jr NTR and Ram Charan, was one of the biggest hits in his career. However, the film was not selected as India's official entry to Oscars 2023. However, the hope for an Oscar nomination is still alive, as the makers are pushing RRR in 14 categories under 'For your consideration' (FYC) cam-

paign.
The film was not only lauded by critics and audiences in India, but even in the West.

According to the latest reports, director SS Rajamouli's RRR has submitted it in all major categories for next year's Oscars. RRR's Oscar campaign was officially launched last Friday with a massive screening at Los Angeles' Chinese Angeles' Theatre.

The makers on Thursday made the announcement and said, "We are honoured that RRR's overwhelming success represented Indian Cinema on the global stage by creating milestones at the worldwide boxoffice and uniting film buffs across the world by transcending linguistic and cultural barriers. We're



grateful to each and every one who loved our film and cheered us over the past few months. You made this

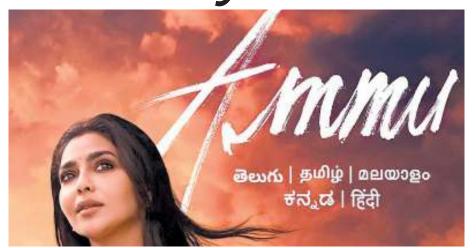
journey possible. We applied to the Academy for Oscars consideration in the general category. We wish our

RRR family the best and thank them from the bottom of our hearts for making this possible. Here's to continuing to win hearts and entertain audiences worldwide."

The categories in which RRR has been submitted are Best Picture (DVV Danayya), Director Best Director (Rajamouli), Best Actor (Jr NTR and Ram Charan), Screenplay, Original Song, Score, E d i t i n g , Cinematography, Sound, Production Design, VFX to list a few. Alia Bhatt will compate in the Best will compete in the Best Actress category, while Ajay Devgn will compete in the Best Supporting Actor category. *Naatu Naatu* has been submitted in the Best Original Song category.

Apart from the above-

mentioned categories, the film will have a go at Best Original Screenplay, Best Cinematography, Best Production Design, Best Costume Design, Best Sound, Best Film Editing and Best Makeup and



Prime Video's first original Ammu to stream from Oct 19

n Thursday, Prime Video announced the global premiere of its first Telugu Original Movie, Ammu, releasing on October With ace filmmaker Karthik

Subbaraj as the Creative Producer, produced by Kalyan Subramanian and Kaarthekeyen Santhanam of Stone Bench Films, and written and directed by Charukesh Sekar, the film is a drama thriller that is an empowering story of a woman who rises like a phoenix in the face of adversity. *Ammu* traces the thrilling transformation of a woman from being a victim of domestic violence to overcoming her internal conflicts, discovering

Aishwarya Lekshmi plays the titular role in the movie alongside Naveen Chandra and

her inner strength and giving the big payback to her abusive

bers in India and over 240 countries and territories can stream Ammu in Telugu along with Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada and Hindi language dubs on the service.

The first look was revealed by top directors such as Karthik Subbaraj, Vineeth Sreenivasan, Kiranraj, Tharun Bhascker and championing Ammu's message of empowerment actors Sai Pallavi, Manju Warrier, Samyuktha Hegde unveiled the launch date

"Ammu is special for us for several reasons. Not only is it our first Telugu original movie, a landmark we are thrilled to have crossed; but it is also an important and a relevant story that focuses on the strength and resilience of women. It also cements our next collaboration with Karthik Subbarai, after Putham Pudhu Kaalai and Mahaan. Ammu features terrific performances by our lead cast, Aishwarya Lekshmi, Naveen Chandra and Simha. We, at Prime Video, are excited and proud to bring this story to our audiences not just India, but across the world," said Aparna Purohit, head of India Originals, Prime Video. "

Kartik Subbaraj, Creative Producer said, "Ammu, as a film, is more than just a revenge thriller. The movie is rooted in drama, laced with the unpredictability of life that will keep the viewers on the edge of their seats. It is fantastically performed by some of the industry's finest with Aishwarya, Naveen and Simha giving it their all. I applaud Charukesh Sekar for bringing this gripping and important narrative while keeping intact its emotional core and I am thrilled that with Prime Video we are able to take this movie to customers around 240 countries and territories.



K Vijaya Bhaskar teams up with Guntur Ramakrishna

Mallishwari, is taking the megaphone after some hiatus. Guntur Ramakrishna is producing this film under the banner of SRK, under his direction. The film stars Shivani Rajasekhar as the female lead in this film, whereas Sri Kamal is being intro-

Vijay Bhaskar, the director of blockbuster films like Swayamvaram, Nuvve Vavalu, Nu Nak Nachhaav, Manmadhudu and Vijayadashami, the launch of this film was held in a grand manner in the presence of film celebrities. Producer Sravanti Ravi Kishore provided the script while Dr. Rajasekhar switched on the camera. Director Trivikram Srinivas gave the clap and the first scene was directed by B Gopal.



D Suresh Babu, and Rana Daggubati to collaborate for two films

Suresh Babu's has been in the filmmaking, distribution, and exhibition business for the last few decades. Asian Group, on the other hand, is the largest multiplex chain in the Telugu states. Handsome hunk Rana Daggubati has floated his own production banner Spirit Media to make films. According to the latest

updates, D Suresh Babu, Rana Daggubati, Suniel Narang, and Puskur Ram Mohan Rao announced their collaboration, on the occasion of Dussehra. They have also announced plans to make two upcoming films together.

"D.Suresh Babu, Rana Suresh Productions Daggubati, Suniel Narang, and Puskur Ram Mohan Rao are excited to announce the collaboration of their respective production houses Suresh Productions Pvt. Ltd.. Spirit Media and Venkateshwara Cinemas LLP (SVCLLP - Asian Group) for the joint production of two upcoming films. Details regarding the films will be announced shortly. See you in the cinemas," read the announcement. The joint production from the leading produc-tion houses is going to be high on content, production values and technicali-

Jetty to hit theatres on Oct 28



andita Shweta and Manyam Krishna, will next be seen playing the lead roles in their upcoming movie *Jetty*. This movie is being made in Telugu, Tamil, Kannada and Malayalam languages. Venu Madhav K is productions banner. Directed Vardhin Productions banner. Directed which is in the final stages of prepara-

by Subramaniam Picchuka. This movie tion, and is getting ready to release on



avya Thapar is not just a terrific dancer but a stunning performer as well. The actress's first film completely blew the audience away, and guess what? According to a close source, the actress would be seen romancing a Telugu superstar in another major production. As per the source, the actress is all set to be seen

opposite Ravi Teja in her next film. Kavya took to her social media and shared a picture of herself where she is seen signing papers with all smiles as her biggest dream has come true. The actress wrote, "#Newbeginnings #dreamcometrue Thankyou God, Jai Ram Ji Ki." The movie is touted to be a romantic thriller and an actionpacked film. Many more exciting details are yet to be released from the makers of the film, so just stay tuned.

We are beyond happy for the actress as we watch her achieve her goals as a result of her unwavering commitment and perseverance. The actress most recently won the audience's hearts when she made her big Bollywood debut in Middle-Class Love, a film produced by Anubhav Sinha's Banaras Media Works and ZEE

Apart from that, on the work front, Kavya Thapar will also be seen alongside Sundeep Kishan in her next Telugu film, *Ooru Peru Bhairavakona*. She also has a Tamil film with Vijay Anthony.

ment press meet was held in Hyderabad.

On this occasion Nandita Shweta said, "My desire to act as a village girl in a village backdrop has been fulfilled with this movie. Talking about this movie doesn't make sense. You have to see it on the screen and feel it. The area has been brilliantly shot by the cinematographer in our film. Producer Venu garu has the same self-confidence from the beginning to the end of the film. The movie was produced in a grand way. All of us believe that we will achieve good success with Jetty."

Shooting of Boyapati RAPO begins?



andsome hunk Ram Pothineni has teamed **⊥**up with maverick director Boyapati Srinu for the first time, in his upcoming film titled *BoyapatiRapo*.

Recently, the makers had announced roping in *Pelli SandaD* beauty Sree Leela, as the leading lady of the film, opposite Ram Pothineni. As the fans are super excited about the film, The Warriorr actor hints of the schedule to begin.

On Thursday, the actor tweeted, "And it begins #BOY-APATIRAPO"

As soon as he shared this tweet along with the picture of the title, fans began tweeting down their excitement to know more details on the same. Hopefully, the makers share more updates soon.

Like Share & Subscribe to release on Nov 4



Wishing everyone, on the occasion of Dussehra, the makers have announced the release date of the movie. Like Share & Subscribe will hit the theatres on November 4.

ly released, and as it promised the movie is going to be an out-the movie is going to be an out-the production designer.

and-out entertainer with romance and suspense as well as crime elements. Nellore Sudarshan played a hilarious role in the movie.

Praveen Lakkaraju scored the The film's teaser was recent- music, while Vassant is the cin-

Behind Someone: Fresh with multiple thrilling elements

ehind Someone (What, Why, Who) is a bilingual film produced by Dr. Behind Someone (Trans.)
is a bilingual film produced by Dr.
Singavaram Sunil Kumar Singh
Coin Earth under the banner of Coin Earth Creations starring Raaj Suriyan and Niviksha Naidu under the direction of Ajay Nali. The film, made in Telugu and Hindi languages, hit the screens on

The plot of the film revolves around how serial murders of young girls gets a city into a panic mode. Ashish (played by Raaj Suriyan), who loses his girlfriend, Siri (played by Niviksha Naidu), to this, starts investigating on his own to find the culprit. During the sequence, Ashish realises that there's a group of people who are behind these murders and manages to find a few clues. Meanwhile, Ajay joins the investigation and intensifies the

investigation process and it is simultaneously taken up by Suman. What happened to the gang? Why is this gang committing to these murders? What did Ashish do to them? Are Suman and Ajay too linked to these murders? forms the crux of the story. Popular actor Ravi Babu plays another interesting role in this film and to know what he does in the film, you must watch Behind Someone.

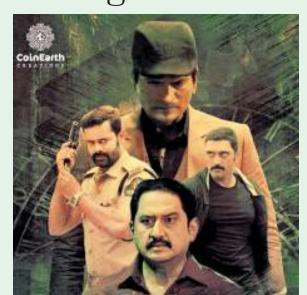
Although the story is a routine, the way it was made by director Ajay, seems fresh and new. A crime subject with thrilling elements makes the film all the more eccentric. High production values by Dr. Singavaram Sunil Kumar makes it a good watch. All the actors impressed with their performances and Ravi Babu's surprise appearance will remain a special moment. Ajay's role is the main plus of the movie and his performance in the episode where he hunts and kills the killers impresses the audience. Suman's role was small, yet remarkable. Cinematography by Venkat Anem and the camera work seemed interesting and locales chosen goes perfectly well with the story. The background music by Vijay Kurav too goes well with the pace of the film. RR has hit well as a crime thriller should. Rambabu Goshala's lyrics are good. Editing of Kranti. RK is neat, shot and cut well without lag. The film which is made on the current atrocities on girls, will make everyone re-think about the society's doings. This is a must watch movie for everyone. Audiences who want something new will definitely like this movie. There are many thrilling elements in this movie that the audience

Venkat Boyanapalli's Niharika

Entertainment.

VERDICT: BEHIND SOMEONE WILL THRILL THE AUDIENCE.

RATING: 3/5







HAALAND NETS BRACE IN CITY'S WIN

¬ rling Haaland continued his remarkable goalscoring form by netting twice as Manchester City thrashed FC Copenhagen 5-0 in the Champions League on Wednesday, while Chelsea saw off AC Milan to revive their hopes of reaching the last 16.

Holders Real Madrid survived a spirited challenge from Ukrainians Shakhtar Donetsk at the Santiago Bernabeu to win 2-1 and extend their advantage in

Lionel Messi scored but Paris Saint-Germain were held to a 1-1 draw by Benfica in Lisbon.

Haaland went into City's game against Copenhagen at the Etihad Stadium having becoming the first player in Premier League history to score three successive home hat-tricks in Sunday's demolition of Manchester United.

The Norwegian slammed in the opening goal on seven minutes with his weaker right foot before prodding in a rebound for his second 25 minutes later.

The 22-year-old has now scored 28 times in his 22 Champions League appearances, already breaking Ruud van Nistelrooy's record for most goals in a player's first 30 games in the

competition.

"I've never witnessed anything like it in my life," City's Jack Grealish told BT Sport.

"For the first and second goals I was just laughing. He is always there.

"The keeper said something to me as I was walking back. He said 'He's not human!' I said 'You're telling me?' Hopefully he can carry on this form and take

Visiting centre-back Davit Khocholava put through his own net, with Haaland waiting behind him, to make it three before half-

Haaland was denied a fourth City treble as he was replaced at the interval, but a Riyad Mahrez penalty and Julian Alvarez's fourth goal for the club completed the



Pep Guardiola's men remain three points clear of secondplaced Borussia Dortmund in Group G and will qualify for the knockout phase with a victory in the Danish capital next week.

Jude Bellingham scored for the third time in as many Champions League outings as Dortmund romped to a 4-1 victory at Sevilla.

The Spanish club responded to the defeat -- and a desperately poor start to the season which has left them 17th in La Liga -- by sacking coach Julen Lopetegui shortly after the final whistle.

CHELSEA EASE TO 1ST WIN

Chelsea ended their wait for win in Group E as goals from Wesley Fofana, Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang and Reece James sealed an impressive 3-0 triumph over Italian champions AC Milan Stamford Bridge.

The Blues made it back-toback victories under new boss Graham Potter to set up a crucial clash at the San Siro in six days'

Chelsea are second in Group E, level on points with third-placed Milan, one point behind leaders Salzburg who edged out Dinamo Zagreb 1-0.

"It's easier when you win games," said Aubameyang. "The mood is very good at the moment. We'll try to keep it up.

Shakhtar put on a battling display in Madrid, with goalkeeper Anatoliy Trubin making 11 saves, but could not overcome a twogoal deficit against Real.

Goals in the first half-hour from Rodrygo and Vinicius Junior put Real in control and the 14time champions made it three wins from three in Group F despite Oleksandr Zubkov's effort for Shakhtar.

Madrid will be sure of a last-16 spot if they can beat secondplaced Shakhtar next time out. RB Leipzig are just a point behind Shakhtar after Joe Hart's

error helped the Germans down

Celtic 3-1 The former England goalkeeper's poor pass led to Andre Silva restoring Leipzig's lead in the second half before the Portugal striker netted again late on.

BENFICA HOLD PSG

Benfica remain level on points with leaders PSG at the Group H summit after a hard-fought draw against one of the tournament favourites.

Messi produced a trademark left-footed finish into the top corner after a neat exchange of passes also involving Neymar and Kylian Mbappe to score his 127th Champions League goal in the 22nd minute. Benfica levelled four min-

utes before the break as Danilo Pereira scored an own goal and both sides spurned chances to win in the second half. Messi only scored 11 goals title.'

AP LEVERKUSEN

Walker in WC fitness race after groin surgery

AP MANCHESTER

England defender Kyle Walker faces a race to be fit for the World Cup after Manchester City revealed he had undergone groin surgery. Walker suffered the injury in the first half of City's

6-3 victory against Manchester United at the Etihad Stadium on Sunday. No timescale has been

put on his return but it is understood City believe he still has a chance of playing at the World Cup, which gets under way for England against Iran in Qatar on November 21.



"Kyle Walker has undergone surgery after suffering a groin injury to his left leg during the first half of our 6-3 win over Manchester United on Sunday," a City statement said on Thursday.

in 34 games in his first season for PSG last term, but already has eight in 13 this time around.

"It's normal, it takes a little time," PSG skipper Marquinhos told Canal Plus. "Now he feels a little more comfortable... I hope Leo Messi has a great season until the end to win this

Kyrgios reaches Japan Open quarter-finals

Nick Kyrgios roared back from a "frustrating" first set on Thursday to reach the quarterfinals of the Japan Open, defeating Polish player Kamil Majchrzak 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.

emerged victorious in typical crowd-pleasing style, ng off with aggressive aces and so geratedly effortless points. The 27-year-old, who was knocked out in the

last eight at the US Open, said that despite Majchrzak breaking his serve, there was "never really doubt in my mind that I was going to win".

Kyrgios, whose lawyer appeared for him at a court hearing in Australia this week for a charge of common assault, will face either third-seeded US player Taylor Fritz or Japan's Hiroki Moriya in the quarter-finals.

Fritz has had a "breakthrough year", fifth-seeded Kyrgios said, while the crowd in Tokyo is bound to get behind home favourite Moriva. "Either way, it's going to be a tough match."

'I wanna win for me Earlier in the day, Frances Tiafoe came through a second set battle to secure a spot in the quarter-finals, saying he wasn't bothered by ris-

The 24-year-old American, who has been in the spotlight since beating Rafael Nadal on the way to a first Grand Slam semi-final at the US Open last month, beat Spaniard Bernabe Zapata Miralles 6-1, 7-6 (9/7).



The American breezed through the first set before Miralles fought back to take the second to a tie-break that saw some of the best rallies of the 1hr 32min encounter.

"Good match today, tough second set," said Tiafoe, who has won his last 13 tie-breaks.

"Sometimes it tips well your way. I'm playing very aggressive, I'm serving well in the tie-breaks, always a couple of aces.'

He will face Miomir Kecmanovic in the last eight, after the Serb beat Britain's Dan Evans 6-

After stunning Nadal at Flushing Meadows, Tiafoe played a starring role at the Laver Cup in London where his Rest of the World Team beat Europe for the first time in the competition's his-

But the fourth-seeded player, currently world

Swiatek wins first match since US Open

AP OSTRAVA

Tga Swiatek won her clinching the US Open title on Wednesday as Ajla Tomljanovic retired injured from their second-round tie in Ostrava.

The world number one was leading 7-5, 2-2

in a tight encounter when the Australian quit, shortly after clutching her knee in

"It was a great match and it's unfortunate that something happened -- I hope she's going to recover quickly," said Swiatek.

attention he is receiving.
"I don't really care about what other people think I should be doing because I've had recent success. "You know: 'Oh, is he going to be the next...?'," he said.

"I've been on tour for seven or eight years now, none of that really moves me. I wanna win for me, I'm not trying to achieve anybody else's goals

number 19, said he was comfortable with all the

Champions League trophy with both Liverpool and Madrid.

as Bayer Leverkusen coach Γ ormer Liverpool and Real Madrid midfielder Xabi

Xabi Alonso replaces Seoane

Alonso has been named as Bayer Leverkusen's new coach. he was dismissed by the Bundesliga club on Wednesday. "Bayer and Gerardo Seoane

go their separate ways. World and European Champion Xabi Alonso becomes new head coach of the Werkself," the club said on their Twitter account.

Leverkusen confirmed the departure of the Swiss coach in the wake of Tuesday's 2-0 loss at Porto in the Champions League.

As a player, Alonso won the 2010 World Cup and two European Championships with Spain. He also lifted the

He managed Real Sociedad's reserve team in his home Basque region for three vears until May, seeing them



before they were relegated at the end of last season.

2ND INNINGS

Jorge Sampaoli is set to begin his second stint as Sevilla's coach after the Spanish club announced his hiring on Thursday.

Sevilla said the 62-year-old Argentine agreed to a contract for the remainder of this season plus one more.

Ŝampaoli already coached Sevilla in 2016-17 before leavpromoted to Spain's second tier ing to take over Argentina.

Reid & Schopman voted FIH coaches of year

ing expectations.

Indian men's and women's hockey team coaches Graham Reid and Janneke Schopman were on Thursday voted as FIH Coaches of the Year in their respective cate-

This is the second consecutive time Reid won the award, while India coach Sjoerd Marijne was the winner of the FIH women's coach of the year award last season.

Under Australian Reid. India has reached many new highs, which includes winning its first Olympic medal (bronze) at the Tokyo Games in 2021, after a gap of 41 years. India also won a silver medal at the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games, climbing back onto the podium after missing out in the previous edition in Australia.

India played its first full season of FİH Hockey Pro League in 2021-22, and earned a well-deserved place on the podium, finishing in the third



position behind Netherlands and Belgium.

Reid's team managed to score 62 goals, the highest tally of goals scored by a team, not ust in this season, but in the history of the Pro League.

Reid, who took charge in April 2019, was also the coach of the Indian men's hockey team that won the inaugural third position.

FIH Hockey5s in Lausanne this year, winning every single game along the way.

He got 31.4 points in the online voting, followed by Netherlands coach Jeroen Delmee (26.9 points) and Belgium coach Michel van den Heuvel (20.2 points). Schopman, on the other hand, got 38.2 points in the voting as she beat Netherlands coach Jamilon Mulders (28.2) and Australia coach Katrina Powell (19.5) in the coveted award.

After India's remarkable run in the Tokyo Olympic Games in 2021, where they missed out on a bronze medal by a whisker, the tough task of replicating similar success fell to Schopman.

The Indian team under Schopman made its debut in the FIH Hockey Pro League in the 2021-22 season and produced incredible results, including wins over Germany, Netherlands, Spain and eventual champions Argentina (in a shoot-out) to finish in the

TT World C'ships: | Indian men's team bows out

PTI ■ CHENGDU

India's campaign at the World Table Tennis Championships ended on Thursday following the men's team's pre-quarterfinal defeat against formidable China, here on Thursday.

The mighty China toyed with the Indian team for an easy 3-0 win that secured their passage into the quarterfinals. Lefthanded Manush Shah replaced Manav Thakkar in India's lineup. Harmeet Desai opened the tie against Fan Zhendong but his challenge fizzled out in just 15 minutes against world number one Chinese, who emerged a 11-2, 11-9, 11-5 winner.

Next on the Chinese firing line was G. Sathiyan, ranked 37th, facing Ma Long. The multiple Olympic and World Championships medallist Chuquin finished the contest rather quickly, allowing just five points in the second and none in the third to post a 14-12, 11-5, 11-0 win. India's misery ended when Wang Chuquin beat Manush Shah 11-4, 11-5,

Verstappen looks for 'perfect weekend' in Japan to retain title

AP ■ TOKYO

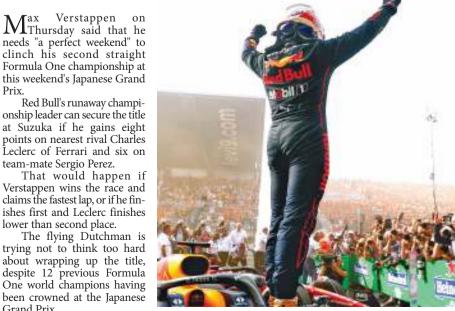
Max Verstappen on Thursday said that he needs "a perfect weekend" to clinch his second straight Formula One championship at this weekend's Japanese Grand

onship leader can secure the title at Suzuka if he gains eight points on nearest rival Charles Leclerc of Ferrari and six on team-mate Sergio Perez. That would happen if

Verstappen wins the race and claims the fastest lap, or if he finishes first and Leclerc finishes lower than second place. The flying Dutchman is trying not to think too hard about wrapping up the title, despite 12 previous Formula

"It would be very nice if it was here, but if it doesn't happen here I will be even more in favour the next race," said the Grand Prix after a seventh-

Grand Prix.



25-year-old, who missed the chance to clinch the championship at last week's Singapore

place finish.

"It doesn't really change anything, you just want to have a good weekend and maximise

be able to clinch the title here but to be honest I'm not really thinking about it too much."

Verstappen would become only the third driver after Michael Schumacher and Sebastian Vettel to clinch the title with four races to spare if he gets

the job done in Suzuka. The Japanese Grand Prix returns after a three-year absence because of Covid and Verstappen is excited to be competing in front of the "crazv" Japanese fans again. "They're very passionate -- crazy but in a good way, and they really dress up," said Verstappen, who has won 11 of 17 races so far this season. "You could see quite a few people walking around with a DRS rear wing on their heads. It shows you how popular motor sport is in Japan." Verstappen's Red Bull car will carry a Ĥonda logo at this weekend's race as part of a "strengthened relationship" with the Japanese compa-