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INDIA TRADE TALKS 'CONTINUE AS BEFORE' AMID CANADA ALLEGATIONS



'Rudram Kota will have scenes that no one has shown

TILL NOW

the pioneer There are certain occasions when we have to rise above politics and stand together on issues that matter in the larger interests of the country. As an Indian citizen, I am proud that our Parliament has taken into consideration the passage of the Women's Reservation Bill. I wholeheartedly compliment the Centre and all political parties who support this landmark legislation - Minister K T Rama Rao

QUOTE OF THE DAY

BVRIT signs MoU with Synopsys...

The B V Raju Institute of Technology (BVRIT), Narsapur Campus in Medak and Synopsys India have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Tuesday to establish a collaborative framework for various initiatives, including training and development programmes, curriculum design, internships for undergraduate and postgraduate students and the promotion of joint...

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Census, delimitation...

The women's reservation bill. introduced in Lok Sabha on Tuesday, will have to cross several hurdles before it becomes a reality, including support cutting across political lines and early census and delimitation exercise The provisions in the Constitution (128th Amendment) Bill make it clear that the women's reservation will come into effect only after the delimitation exercise or the redrawing of constituencies taking

Staff shortage at DGCA delays...

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is taking at least a couple of months to issue licences to trained pilots as the regulator is grappling with the shortage of staff at key positions, training, individuals need to obtain a Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL) to be eligible to fly commercial flights. Sources in the civil aviation ministry said that at present, a pilot has to wait for a couple of months to...

Ashwin back in World Cup...

Seasoned off-spinner R Ashwin on Monday made a comeback to the Indian ODI team for the threematch series against Australia and will be competing for a potential World Cup berth with Washington Sundar if Axar Patel doesn't get fit in time for the global event. Senior players including skipper Rohit Sharma senior hatter Virat Kohli all-rounder Hardik Pandya and inform spinner Kuldeep Yadav were rested from the first two games, giving them a chance..

-SPORTS

A ray of hope for women

Bill to provide 33% quota in LS, state assemblies introduced



PNS NEW DELHI

Meeting a long-pending demand, the government on Tuesday introduced a bill to provide 33 per cent reservation to women in Lok Sabha and state assemblies.

However, its implementation may still take some time and is unlikely to be in force for the next Lok Sabha elections in 2024 as the reservation will come into effect only after a delimitation exercise is completed.

The bill has proposed that the reservation will continue for a period of 15 years and there will be onethird quota for women also within the seats reserved for SC/STs.

Speaking in Lok Sabha ahead of its introduction, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the government wants more and more women to join the development process of the country.

"For that work of giving power to women and for many such noble works, God has chosen me. Once again our government has taken a step in this direction," he asserted.

The Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty Eighth Amendment) Bill, 2023, was listed for introduction in the Lower House through a supplementary list of business.



Present status in Telugu states

Telangana		Andhra Pradesh				
Total MLAs	119	Total MLAs	175			
Women	6	Women	15			
Percentage	5%	Percentage	8.5%			
Lok Sabha seats	17	Lok Sabha - MPs	25			
Women	1	Women	4			
Percentage	5.8%	Percentage	16%			
	women	Rajya Sabha	0 women			

PM to MPs: Pass the Bill unanimously

PNS NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said his government is committed to ensuring that the 'Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam' aimed at expanding women's participation in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies becomes a law, as he urged MPs of both Houses of Parliament to pass the bill unani-

In the first speech in the first session in the new Parliament building, Modi said that the Women's Reservation Bill was given approval in the Cabinet meeting on Monday, and asserted that this will strength-



"For many years, there have been several debates and controversies around women's reservation. On women's reservation, there have been many efforts earlier also in Parliament. In 1996, the first bill related to this was intro-

Congress guarantees' cost exceeds TS budget

Industries Minister KT Rama Rao said that the cost of implementing the Congress guarantees exceeds the Telangana budget.

He was speaking after Koneru Satyanarayana, the BJP President of Bhadradri Kothagudem district, joined the BRS. KTR said that not even a single development project was announced by the Congress. "Take money if the Congress gives as they did A to Z scams, but vote for the BRS," he said.

KTR said that Tummala is trying to portray his agony as people's agony and asked why the Sita Rama Project wasn't completed until KCR came.

Making fun of the six guarantees of the Congress he said, "The Congress gives the power cut guarantee, drinking water crisis guarantee, fertilisers and seed shortage guarantee, Rythu Bandhu and Dalit Bandhu will end guarantee, every year CM will change and political instability guarantee and the Telangana will go to the dogs guar-

He said that apart from screening movies like the 'Kashmir Files,' 'Kerala Story' and 'Razakar,' the BJP has done nothing more in the last nine years. 'They are trying to incite people.

The 'Razakar' has reopened old wounds. The BJP is playing with the emotions," he said. KTR commented that the BJP has



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not kept any promise included in the State Bifurcation Act.

'Modi is looting the country and tying it to Adani. If Kishan is fond of Telangana he should hold a dharna in front of Modi's house to give jobs to the unemployed," he

"Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi come and shamelessly ask for a chance. What did they do when they were given power 11 times? They are giving false promises.

250 units of free

power for Muslim

TDP VOTE BANK IN MIND

TS leaders back Babu

Politicians in Telangana have been expressing solidarity with TDP chief N. Chandrababu Naidu one after the other irrespective of their political affiliations.

condition of anonymity said that it is because of the TDP votes in their Assembly constituencies. He said that Telangana leaders were competing with each other in expressing solidarity keeping the TDP votes in

Khammam MLA Transport Minister Puvvada Ajay reacted to Chandrababu's arrest because there were many TDP voters in Khammam.

Former TDP leader BRS MLA Sandra Venkata

Veeraiah from Sathupally also supported Chandrababu as Sathupally ĥas a considerable TDP vote bank. LB Nagar BRS MLA Devireddy

Sudhir Reddy reacted to the arrest of Chandrababu Naidu. On Tuesday, senior Congress leader Madhu Yashki Goud too reacted to the arrest of Chandrababu as he is trying to contest the Assembly elections from LB Nagar.

A senior TDP leader from Rangareddy district told 'The Pioneer' that the TDP has a vote

hence leaders from the BRS, the BJP and the Congress from LB Nagar reacted in favour of Chandrababu. In the first reaction from

Telangana, Transport Minister Puvvada Ajay on September 14 described the arrest of Chandrababu as illegal.

go, but this is not right. Arresting Chandrababu without the Governor's permission is not right. Chief Ministers make many decisions for public needs. It cannot be done due to vendetta. There is no faction politics in Telangana. Why I am telling this is

there are no such incidents in Telangana. In the last 9 years, despite abuses, even when they said that they would do 'Pinda Pradhanam' to

KCR, not even a minor case was filed. Here opposition leaders are able to survive because of KCR's leadership. That is our leader's attitude."The BRS MLA from Sathupally, Sandra Venkata Veeraiah, also condemned the arrest of Chandrababu Naidu.

The BRS MLA from LB Nagar, Devireddy Sudhir Reddy, went ahead of all by participating in a rally organised by Chandrababu's fans. Chandrababu fans organised the rally on September 17 at Vanasthalipuram from Panama bank in LB Nagar and they can Chowrasta to LB Nagar condemninfluence the election result and ing the arrest of Chandrababu.

TS elections as per schedule

EC officials to visit next month

SNCN ACHARYULU

After getting clarity over simultaneous elections, the Election Commission (EC) is taking steps to conduct Telangana Assembly elections as per schedule.

Hyderabad in the first week of Parliament session has given clari-October to discuss about election process with the State Government officials. There are chances of the EC it is not possible to hold simultaneofficials meeting the political parties ous elections immediately and it will to discuss about Assembly elections. There are chances of holding the Telangana Assembly elections in the

All these days there was confusion over simultaneous elections. While main opposition Congress and other

the BRS working president and IT Minister KT Rama Rao said that the Telangana Assembly elections will be held in the month of May 2024, the BJP Telangana and Union Minister G Kishan Reddy said that the Telangana Assembly elections will be held as per schedule. The Central ty on this issue.

The Central Government felt that take some time to complete the process. So, the Central Government has dropped the idea of introducing third or fourth week of November. a Bill on simultaneous elections in the present Parliament session. The



political parties are also opposing the proposal of simultaneous elec-

The Central Government has appointed a committee to look after the issue and give suggestions.

washermen PNS HYDERABAD The Telangana Government's Backward Classes Welfare Department is implementing a scheme supplying up to 250 units of electricity per month free to BC

in dhobi ghats, laundry shops etc. There are some Muslim dhobis who are engaged in the same profession and need the benefits.

Chief Minister Chandrasekhar Rao ordered officials to extend the same benefit to Muslim dhobis too and their dhobi ghats and laundry shops.

AP HC reserves order on Naidu's quash petition

PNS VIJAYAWADA

The Andhra Pradesh High Court on Tuesday reserved its orders on TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu's quash petition in the Skill Development Corporation scam in which he is currently in judicial custody.

Appearing on behalf of Naidu, Harish

Salve virtually presented his arguments. Siddharth Luthra also argued the case on behalf of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) President.



BRS calculated push to BJP

The BRS is recognising the BJP as its opposition once again. In the last few months, the BRS attacks on the BIP had come down but since a week they have increased it.

First, the BRS government tried to stop G. Kishan Reddy's unemployment 24-hour hunger strike despite having permission. Secondly, Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao attacked Prime Minister Modi for delaying Telangana's Krishna water share during the Palamuru Rangareddy Lift Irrigation scheme's inaugura-

For almost three months, the CM didn't criticise Modi or the BJP in any of his speeches. This was followed by Industries Minister KT Rama Rao raising his voice against the movie 'Razakar.' BRS MLC Kavitha called the ED notice in the liquor scam as the 'Modi notice.'

Interestingly, the BRS ally AIMIM also targeted the BJP and on Monday its leader Asaduddin Owaisi said, "Bandi got punctured" in a reference to Bandi Sanjay.

Sources in the BRS indicated that they are aware of the Congress gaining strength. At the state level, the BRS is intensifying its attack on the BJP while at the Centre they welcomed the Women's Reservation

When it comes to welfare schemes attacking the Congress is difficult as their focus is on rural Telangana. In fact, even Rahul Gandhi warned at the Vijaya Bheri meeting that wherever the Congress is gaining, the BJP strategically ploys the AIMIM and here the BRS to reduce its strength.



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BRS sources agreed that the congress is gaining strength and when the opposition is divided the ruling party gets the upper hand.

Sources in the BRS said that their opponents are both the BJP and the Congress. "It is n issue based. We raised our voice against the 'Razakar' movie. In Mahbubnagar, our opposition is the BJP. In Nalgonda or Khammam it is the Congress," BRS sources said.

A WITNESS TO INDIA STORY SINCE 1927

Old Parl building slips into pages of history

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The grand old Parliament building, witness to the India story as it unfolded since 1927, slipped into pages of history with pro-ceedings shifting to the new building on Tuesday as Prime Minister Narendra announcement to the effect. Modi described it as 'Shree Ganesh' (beginning) of a new future.

From the steps towards self-rule to the dawn of country's emergence as a Sadan', has been a constant in the country's journey for

almost a century. Modi's suggestion to name the old Parliament building as 'Samvidhan Sadan' was accepted by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, who made an official

The Lok Sabha Secretariat also formally notified the new building as the Parliament House of India.

The hallowed precincts of Independence, and the the old Parliament have witnessed lively debates on the nuclear power and beyond, making of Constitution, the



the old Parliament building, poignant scenes after the of Mahatma Gandhi and the then prime minister now called 'Samvidhan announcement of the death the thumping of desks when Indira Gandhi announced

the unconditional surrender rated on January 18, 1927. of Pakistan forces in Bangladesh.

The heartfelt speeches of prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru, the calm but firm resolve of Lal Bahadur Shastri, the eloquence of Indira Gandhi, the poetic brilliance of Atal Bihari Vajpayee and the powerful oratory of Narendra Modi have reverberated through the chambers of Parliament.

The foundation stone of the colonnaded building was laid by Prince Arthur, the Duke of Connaught in 1921, and the building was inaugu-

"Today you meet for the first time in your new and permanent home in Delhi,' Lord Irwin, the Viceroy, told the first session of the third

legislative assembly on

January 24, 1927.

'In this chamber, the Assembly has been provided with a setting worthy of its dignity and importance,

and I can pay its designer no higher compliment than by expressing the wish with that the temper, in which the public affairs of India will be here conducted, may reflect the harmony of his concep-



Big relief for BRS candidates

The Centre's move on 33% reservations for women in the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies had created uncertainty among BRS candidates. But after coming to know about the details in the Women's Reservation Bill which was introduced by the Centre in Parliament on Tuesday they heaved a sigh of

The Centre said in that Bill that the 33% reservations for women in the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies will come into effect only after the next delimitation exercise, which might be conducted after the first census to be taken after 2026. So the coming Telangana Assembly elections will be held as it is.

After the Centre's move on

in the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies BRS candidates had felt uncertainty regarding their candidatures in the

upcoming Assembly elections. The BRS leadership had announced 115 candidates out of a total of 119 for the Assembly elections. Some BRS candidates are even now apprehensive about whether the party leadership will allow them to continue or change as per the latest survey.

In these circumstances, the Centre's decision on women's reservations had created uncertainty among BRS candidates. In a sudden development, the Union Cabinet had approved the Women Reservation Bill on Monday and had decided to introduce the Bill in Parliament.

But details of the Bill were kept secret by the Centre to get the Bill passed in Parliament. There will be no hurdles as the main opposition Congress is also supporting reservations for women in elected bodies.

BRS leaders thought that the 33% reservations will come into effect immediately and if so the BRS leadership will have to change around 30 candidates. In the list of candidates announced by the BRS there are only seven

Going by the 33% reservations norm in Telangana about 35 seats should be given to women. That means the BRS has to change about 30

candidates. The 33% women reservation will apply in SC and ST reserved seats also. In Telangana, there are 19 reserved seats for SCs and 12 reserved seats for STs.

Cong guarantees will help 85% of Old City people: Sameer

PNS HYDERABAD

The six guarantees unveiled by Congress leader Sonia Gandhi will benefit over 85% of the residents of Hyderabad's Old City, Hyderabad DCC President Sameer Waliullah said.

Sameer said in a media statement on Tuesday that the six guarantees, that is, the Mahalakshmi, the Rythu Bharosa, the Gruha Jyothi, the Indiramma Indlu, the Yuva Vikasam and the Cheyutha, would directly benefit lakhs of poor families in the Old City.

Elaborating on how the six guarantees would benefit Old City residents, the Hyderabad DCC President said that the Mahalakshmi scheme promises women Rs 2,500 monthly, an LPG cylinder at Rs 500 and free TSRTC bus travel. This will counter inflation which has reached its peak under the BJP and BRS governments in Telangana. The Rythu Bharosa guarantee offers farmers Rs 15,000 annually, agricultural workers Rs 12,000 and a Rs 500 paddy bonus. This would reduce food and vegetable prices which will reduce the regular expenses of the poor and the middle classes, he said.

The Gruha Jyothi guarantee provides 200 units of free electricity to Telangana households cutting power costs. Almost all households in the Old City will benefit from this. The Indiramma Indlu scheme promises land and Rs 5 lakh for the homeless. With a majority of Old City residents living in rented homes, this scheme would change their lives, he

Cong will not pay GHMC's fines, declares VH PNS HYDERABAD

Criticising the GHMC for imposing fines for displaying flexes during the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting in Hyderabad from September 16 to 18 conjur September 16 to 18, senior Congress leader V. Hanumantha Rao said that it is atrocious on the part of the GHMC to issue notices to the

leaders who put up the flexes. He asked the GHMC to explain whether welcoming former AICC president Sonia Gandhi who gave a separate Telangana State when she came to Hyderabad was wrong.

Speaking to the media on Tuesday, VH said that the act of issuing notices to the leaders is nothing but political vendetta.

"Aren't BRS leaders not displaying flexes when they organise programmes in Hyderabad? The GHMC is behaving in a biased manner towards Congress leaders," he

ARUNA TO CONG

Implement guarantees first in Karnataka

PNS HYDERABAD

BJP Vice-President DK Aruna said that the Congress is trying to deceive the people of Telangana using its so-called six guarantees. She demanded that the Congress should first implement the six guarantees in Karnataka and later think about Telangana.

Speaking to the media at the State BJP office here on Tuesday, Aruna asked whether the Congress is implementing the six guarantees in Karnataka where it is

in power. She said that the condition of the Karnataka RTC has become very bad and the government is trying to privatise it. She asked the Congress to reveal whether the Congress is implementing the promised Rs 4,000 pension scheme in Karnataka.

Aruna demanded that the Congress should give a guarantee that its MLAs after winning on a Congress ticket would not change loyalties, would not engage in scams and would not distort the history of Telangana. She said that the Congress must give these three guarantees first. Aruna said that the Congress has lost ground across the

Targeting the BRS, Aruna said that KCR has no habit of respecting women. She asked whether there were any women in the important committees announced by the BRS. Stating that she worked

for Palamuru–Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Project, Aruna said that BRS leaders were speaking as they liked instead of honouring her for working hard for the project.

Robbers hold bank staff hostage, loot Rs 5.62 cr in cash, gold

PNS RAIGARH

Armed robbers targeted a leading private bank in Raigarh city of Chhattisgarh on Tuesday morning and decamped with cash and gold estimated to be worth more than Rs 5.62 crore after attacking and injuring its manager, police

The incident, during the robbers held the bank staff hostage, occurred at around 9.30 am at Jagatpur branch of Axis Bank located near Dimrapur Chowk under the city Kotwali police sta-tion limits, said Raigarh Superintendent of Police (SP) Sadanand Kumar.

"Around six to seven robbers barged into the bank and held employees hostage in a room," he

er with a sharp weapon on his thigh while demanding keys to the locker room. The miscreants fled after looting cash and gold ornaments, the officer said.

The bank manager was rushed to a nearby hospital where his condition was said to be stable, he

After being alerted, police reached the spot.

Initial investigation found the robbers decamped with Rs 4,19,46,000 in cash and 2.917 kg of mortgaged gold ornaments worth around Rs 1,42,09,170, said the SP.

The value of the looted cash and gold ornaments was estimated to be Rs 5,62,55,170, Kumar said.

A case has been registered and efforts are on to nab the robbers, he added.

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HYDERABAD WEATHER

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A ray of hope...

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The reservation of "as nearly as may be, one-third of the total number of seats to be filled by direct election" will come into effect after a delimitation exercise is undertaken and will continue for 15 years. Seats reserved for women will be rotated after each subsequent delimitation exercise, according to the bill.

Officials said according to provisions of Article 368, the Constitution amendment bill will require ratification by at least 50 per cent of the states. Their consent is needed as it affects their

The then finance minister Pranab Mukherjee had said in Lok Sabha in March 2010 that such bills will have to be ratified by half of the states.

By bringing the bill, which requires amendment to the Constitution, the Modi government has revived the concept of women reservation in Lok Sabha and state assemblies pending for 27 years for want of consensus among

Making it the first bill to be introduced in the new Parliament building, the draft law will be named Narishakti Vandan Adhiniyam".

The government said it will enable greater participation of women in policymaking at the state and national levels and help

achieve the goal of making India a developed country

While several parties had supported the concept, the debate in Parliament may see opposition questioning the pre-requisite of holding census and delimitation before the proposed law comes into force.

Before the bill was listed for introduction, Congress' parliamentary party chief Sonia Gandhi said this morning that the women's reservation bill "is ours". Speaking in Rajya Sabha,

Modi urged members to support the bill unanimously when it comes to the upper house. While the BJP described the bill as historic and a

ership of Modi, parties

including the Congress dubbed it as an election "jumla". As we had pointed out earlier, Modi government has not yet conducted the 2021 Decadal Census making India the only country in G20 that has failed to carry out the Census,"

Congress general secretary

in charge communication

Jairam Řamesh said. He said according to the bill, the reservation will come into effect only after the publication of the next census and the subsequent delimitation exercise. Will

PM to MPs: Pass the Bill...

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During Atal Bihari Vajpayee's tenure, many times Women's Reservation Bill was brought but numbers could not be mustered for it and the dream was left unfulfilled," Modi said.

"For that work of ensuring rights of women and putting their power to use and for many such noble works, God has chosen me. Once again our government has taken a step in this direction. In the Cabinet yesterday, the Women's Reservation Bill was given approval. This date of September 19 is going to be etched in history," the prime minister said.

At a time when women are moving forward in every secnecessary that they have maximum contribution in policy making, Modi said in his remarks in the Lok Sabha chamber of the new Parliament building.

They should not only contribute, but should also play a key role in policy making,

"Taking forward womenled development, the government is presenting an important constitutional amend-

The aim of the bill is to expand the participation of women in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies. Through the 'Nari Shakti ened," Modi said.

Kavitha hogs limelight on Women's Bill

PNS HYDERABAD

Kavitha, a former Member of Parliament (MP) from Nizamabad and current Member of the Legislative Council (MLC) who tirelessly championed the Women's Reservation Bill celebrated the decision to introduce it in

As an MP from 2014 to 2019, Kavitha demanded the tabling and enactment of the Women's Reservation Bill, a crucial manifesto promise of the BJP in both the 2014 and 2019

TS elections...

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It will take some time for

the committee to discuss

to submit the report to the

Sabha elections and Assembly

elections to some states will

visited Hyderabad twice to

discuss about the Telangana

Assembly elections with the

The EC also directed the

State Government officials.

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Central Government.

In 2014, under the leadership of Chief Minister KCR, the Telangana Government passed a unanimous resolution in the Telangana Assembly, urging the BJP-led Central Government to pass the Women's Reservation Bill.

MLC Kavitha's commitment to the cause was on full display earlier this year when she joined hands with opposition parties to galvanize support for the Bill.
In March, she staged a

hunger strike at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi and convened a

round table discussion to build a consensus on the need for this

legislation. In a significant move earlier this month, Kavitha made an appeal to all political parties to unite for the Women's Reservation Bill during the current special session of Parliament.

Her efforts even prompted the Congress to join the chorus for the Women's Reservation Bill, after its absence from Congress Parliamentary Party President Sonia Gandhi's letter to the Prime Minister

Kavitha took to Twitter to express her jubilation after the announcement on Monday night which was later deleted by Union Minister Prahalad Singh Patel, stating, "As the Women's Reservation Bill is set to be tabled in Parliament, it is a significant victory for every woman in our nation. I extend my best wishes to all citizens of our country, both sisters and brothers. With the ruling party holding a clear majority in the Lok Sabha, the passage of this Bill should occur smoothly, without any obstacles.'

13 lakh apply for inclusion, 6.26 lakh for deletion

PNS HYDERABAD

The process of accepting claims and objections during the second Special Summary Revision 2023 for the enrolment of citizens in the electoral rolls (Form 6), deletion of the dead and voters who have moved out from the electoral rolls (Form 7) and modification of details in the electoral rolls (Form 8) was

completed on 19.09.2023. Till September 18, 13.06

lakh applications were received for inclusion in the electoral rolls, 6.26 lakh applications were received for the removal of persons who have died/shifted and 7.77 lakh applications were received

in the electoral rolls. Similarly, in this year from January till date, 14.72 lakh persons have been added to the electoral rolls and the names of 3.39 lakh persons have been deleted and details

for the modification of details

in the electoral roll were mod-

ified for 10.95 lakh people. With these additions and deletions, the total number of electors is now 3.13 crore. Of this, 1.57 crore are males and 1.56 crore are females. 2,226 electors belong to the third gender. The gender ratio of the roll stands at a healthy 994. Similarly, the elector population ratio as per the rolls (and with population projection up to

Vandan Adhiniyam', our the census and delimitation be done before the 2024 democracy will be strengthelections," he asked.

SORE WITH EATALA 250 units...

Continued from Accordingly, Memo No: 3031/D/2022 dated September 16 was issued by the Principal Secretary of the BC Welfare

granting them up to 250 units per month. The government asked all Muslim washermen to apply

Department extend-

ing the benefit of

free electricity to

Muslim dhobis

for this scheme. The details of applications, where to apply and the certificates required will be intimated shortly.

Senior BJP leaders to file plaint with brass

Once again the differences between Telangana BJP leaders came out. Senior BJP leaders are angry with the high command as well as Election Management Committee

high command is giving importance to a few leaders like Eatala Rajender only and ignoring others.

informing them.

Chairman Eatala Rajender. They have been saying that the

It is learnt that they decided to meet the high command and file a complaint on Eatala Rajender's attitude as he has been inducting leaders from other parties without

Due to unhappiness over the

high command's attitude, the lead-

Executive Committee Member Vivek Venkata Swamy's residence, it is learnt.

BJP leaders Komatireddy Rajgopal Reddy, Chada Suresh Reddy, Enugu Ravinder Reddy, Ravindra Naik, Chada Suresh Reddy, Garikapati Mohan Rao and Vijayashanthi had a meeting at Vivék's residence.

They discussed the working style of Eatala Rajender and his unilateral attitude. They were angry with the high command for Union Home Minister Amit Shah discussing matters with only G. Kishan Reddy, Bandi Sanjay Kumar and Eatala Rajender at the Parade Grounds on September 17 at the CRPF ers had a meeting at BJP National Officers' Mess.

AP HC reserves...

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Additional Advocate General P Sudhakar Reddy and Mukul Rohatgi presented the arguments on behalf of the state government.

Naidu's counsel argued that the case against Naidu was politically motivated with an eye on the upcoming elections. They submitted to the court that the CID did not take prior permission from the Governor before arresting Naidu as required under Section 17A of the amended Prevention of Corruption Act. They argued that the section applied to the case as the PC Act was amended in 2018 while FIR was reg-

istered in 2021. They also submitted to the court that there was no scam as six skill development centres set up with the funds released from the government are still functioning. They also argued that there is no truth in the allegation that the Rs 150 crore excess amount was routed to six shell companies.

Naidu's counsel also argued if there was evidence against the former Chief Minister what was

the CID doing for two years? The Additional Advocate General and Rohatgi, howev er, argued that Section 17A of PC Act does not apply as the CID investigation started before the amendment of July 26, 2018. They submitted details of the six companies to the court.

Alleging that he was being targeted by the YSRCP government out of political vendetta Naidu has sought orders to set aside his judicial custody and also quash the FIR registered by

Naidu was arrested in the case by the CID in Nandyal on September 9. The next day, ACB Court in Vijayawada sent him to judicial custody for 14 days and he was subsequently shifted to Rajahmundry Central

The Vijayawada court had also rejected Naidu's plea for house custody instead of judicial custody.

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BVRIT signs MoU with Synopsys India for training and research

The B V Raju Institute of Technology (BVRIT), Narsapur Campus in Medak and Synopsys India have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Tuesday to establish a collaborative framework for various initiatives, including training and development programmes, curriculum design, internships for undergraduate and postgraduate students and the promotion of joint research endeavours.

This strategic partnership between BVRIT Narsapur and Synopsys India Pvt. Ltd. Academic and Research Alliances (SARA) is set to reshape the landscape of electronics education in India. By cultivating a dynamic learning environment and facilitating seamless integration with the industry, both partners are dedicated to nurturing the



MoU exchange between BVRIT-Narsapur Campus and Synopsys

innovators and fostering a culture of excellence.

The MoU was executed by Dr Sanjay Dubey, Principal of BVRIT, and Subramaniam, Head and Vice-President of Synopsys India, in the presence of Narendra Korlepara, Director of Synopsys, Hyderabad.

Dr Sanjay Dubey empha-

next generation of electronics sised that the MoU provides an invaluable platform for both students and faculty members to engage with technical experts from Synopsys, fostering a focused ecosystem spanning VLSI, front-end and back-end Electronic Design Automation (EDA) tools, Internet Protocol (IP) development and semiconductor technology aligned

Narendra Korlepara highlighted BVRIT's unwavering commitment to incorporating the latest industry and technological trends into its teaching and training methodologies, coupled with substantial investments in college infrastructure. Synopsys is thrilled to extend its partnership with BVRIT, further enhancing the VLSIrelated curriculum and collaborating on the training needs of students and facul-

Dr Sankalp Singh, University Programme Specialist at Synopsys India, Dr K Lakshmi Prasad, Director of BVRIT; Dr Satish Chandra, Director of Industry Relations at SVES, Dr Sanjeeva Reddy, HOD of ECE, and U Gnaneshwara Chary, Coordinator for the Centre for VLSI Design participated in the event.

MP Owaisi attends blood donation camp

PNS HYDERABAD

Member of Parliament from Hyderabad, Asaduddin Owaisi on Tuesday participated in a blood donation camp organised by Thalassemia Sickle Cell Society (TSCS).

The camp brought together a diverse community of donors and supporters in an effort to combat the growing challenges of Thalassemia and Sickle Cell diseases. In all, 462 units of blood were donated during the camp.

Owaisi expressed heartfelt gratitude to the volunteers and donors who contributed to the cause. He stressed the significance of collective efforts in raising awareness and providing support to those affected by Thalassemia and Sickle Cell diseases. TSCS president, Dr Chandrakant Agarwal said, Thanks to the donors for their solidarity with individuals suffering from Thalassemia and Sickle Cell disorder.

Green Metro luxury AC buses to run in Hyd

Telangana Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) has announced that new Green Metro Luxury AC buses are being made available for city dwellers. These buses will run in the city from Wednesday. Out of 50 Green Metro luxury AC services, 25 buses are coming as the first install-

ment. These buses will be launched by Transport Minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar near Gachibowli Stadium. Chairman of TSRTC Bajireddy Govardhan, MLA, VC and MD VC Sajjanar will also participate in the programme.

The remaining 25 buses will be available by November, which will provide a better and comfortable travel experience to the passengers along with environmental protection and pollution prevention.

These buses do not emit 100 per cent air pollution. A single



charge gives you the convenience of traveling up to 225 kilometers. Apart from being fully charged within three to four hours, there are security cameras at two places in the cabin, saloon and backup facilities for one month.

There is a reverse parking

assistance camera to enable the bus to reverse. There are LED boards in the front and back of the bus. It contains the details of destinations.

These buses with a capacity of 35 seats have been

equipped with mobile charging facility and reading lamps at each seat. For the safety of the passengers, there is a panic button facility at every seat along with a vehicle tracking system. They will be connected to the TSRTC control room.

Fire Detection Suppression System (FDSS) has been installed in the buses to detect and prevent fire accidents. The buses have a public address system to convey information to the passen-

SCR bags energy efficiency awards for three units

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

South Central Railway (SCR) has bagged three energy efficient unit awards in favour of three administrative units of the zone from Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in the 24th National Awards for Excellence in Energy Management-2023 at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC), on Tuesday.

These awards were declared for the best energy management practices in 2023 and were received by the representatives of the respective units by the Chief Advisor to the Telangana Government during the event. The awards are Lekha

Bhavan (SCR Accounts Building) and Rail Nilayam (SCR headquarters building) at Secunderabad have been awarded with Excellent Energy Efficient Unit in the buildings sector whereas Zonal Railway Training Institute (ZRTI) at Moulali was awarded Energy Efficient unit in the building

SCR has been receiving the State level continuously for



several years. Several administrative units have been selected for energy efficient unit awards from the CII and this year for the first time ZRTI building has secured recognition as an energy efficient

The zone has been instrumental in implementing various energy conservation measures like energy-efficient LED lighting, energy-efficient Inverter Type star rated and precision AC units, heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) control and temperature monitoring, switching off AC units during idling hours, energy savers and occu-pancy sensors, use of solar energy for water heating and electricity generation, timers both at the national level and examination lights, optimisation of lifts, bifurcation of fan

circuits at platforms to switch off 70 per cent of fans during the non-train period, use of energy-efficient pumps and many more. All these measures are being implemented consistently which helps in energy conservation.

Arun Kumar Jain, General Manager, South Central Railway congratulated the Principal Chief Electrical Engineer (PCEE), SCR, Divisional Railway Manager, Hyderabad Division and their teams who were instrumental in achieving this distinction. He stated that the energy management practices implemented by the Zone has earned special recognition both at the national and state level and it is happy to note that this year ZRTI building has received the award for the

SCR undertakes Swachhata Pakhwada cleanliness drive

PNS HYDERABAD

South Central Railway has undertaken the Swachhata (Fortnight) Pakhwada Cleanliness drive as part of the 'Swachh Rail Swachh Bharat' mission from September 16 to October 2, 2023. R. Dhananjayulu, Additional General Manager, administered the Swachhata pledge to officials and staff at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad on Tuesday.
The Swachhata Pakhwada

campaign aims to bring awareness on the importance of the 'Swachh Rail Swachh Bharat' mission among the public, rail users and railway fraternity. Towards this direction, several activities are scheduled to be undertaken during the fortnight drive to bring further improvement in the level of cleanliness at Railway stations, trains and Railway offices. Extensive awareness campaigns will also be carried out to educate people on observing good cleanliness habits.

A signature campaign was also led by the Additional General Manager to further motivate the staff and ensure active participation in the cleanliness drive.

The Swachhata Pakhwada ctivities include Swachh

Cleanliness Dialog with public), Swachh Stations (Clean Railway stations), Swachh Railgaadi (Clean trains), Swachh Patri (Clean Railway tracks), Swachh Karyalaka, Colonies & Parisar (Clean workplace, Colonies & Premises), Swachh Aahar (Clean food), Swachh Neer (Clean water), Swachh Jalashay & Park, Swachh Prasadhan & Paryavaran (Clean toilets and environment), Swachh Competition, Swachh campaign against use of single-use plastic and Swachhata Awareness Rally. The Swachhata Pakhwada campaign will culminate on October 2 and will be celebrated as Sewa Diwas (Community Service Day) to mark the birth anniversary of Mahatma

Dhananjayulu advised the staff to adhere to the Swachhata pledge and actively participate in the Swachhata campaign. He also advised the officers and staff members to encourage their families and neighbours to take part in the Swachh Bharat

He stated that we should always strive to keep our surroundings clean whether it is at home or at the workplace and emphasized that every person must dedicate at least 100 hours towards maintaining cleanliness Sapath and Awareness, Swachh in the surroundings, at the rate Samwad (Awareness and of two hours per week.



Another link road at Durgam Cheruvu

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Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has taken up preparations to make another link road available for traffic control at Durgam Cheruvu Cable

GHMC Commissioner Ronald Rose inspected the site on Tuesday as the NCC company came forward to build this link road using Corporate Social Corporate Responsibility (CSR) method.

A link road will be constructed from the main gate of Durgam Cheruvu to the cable bridge towards TSAT via the footpath. This road will replace the cable bridge

road. Those going to Madhapur and Jubilee Hills Road No. 36 can go through this road without any traffic disruption.
The Commissioner

ordered the officials concerned to complete the land acquisition for the construction of this road quickly and to shift the utility elsewhere immediately. Utility shifting has been ordered to start the works immediately after completing the land acquisition

Zonal Commissioner Srinivas Reddy, SE Shankar Naik, Zonal City Planner ACP Mehra and others participated in the programme.

CM extends 250 units of free power to Muslim washermen

PNS HYDERABAD

The Telangana Backward Classes Welfare Department is implementing the scheme of free electricity supply up to 250 units per month for the BC caste dhobis for the dhobi ghats, laundry shops etc.

It has been represented that there are groups of Muslim dhobis who are engaged in the same profession and need similar benefits. Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao ordered the officials to extend the same benefit to Muslim dhobis for their dhobi ghats and laundry shops.

Accordingly, Memo No.3031/D/2022 dated on September 16 was issued by Principal Secretary to Government, B.C.Welfare Department, extending the benefit of free electricity to Muslim dhobis in the State up to 250 units per month for dhobi ghats and laundry shops.

The Managing Director, Telangana Washermen Cooperative Societies Federation Ltd, Hyderabad, the Commissioner, BC Welfare and the Commissioner, Minorities Welfare requested to take further action

CS launches trust for edn, health

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Telangana Chief Secretary A Santhi Kumari launched the "We Shall brochure Overcome (WSO) Trust" at the Secretariat on Tuesday.

We Shall Overcome is a registered trust formed with the objective of promoting education and health for the downtrodden and creating a liveable environment for both humans and animals, primarily providing instant relief to the needy.

Members of the trust are from a broad spectrum of the society, including government officials, entrepreneurs, professionals and

The programme was attended by the mentors of the trust who include Srinivasulu Vemula, Jt Inspector General. Registration and Stamps Dept, Shashidhar, Joint Commissioner, Commercial Tax, Ravula Giridhar, IPS and office-bearers Mahesh Pasula, President, Aparna Ravula, Secretary, Sunil Kumar, Treasurer, Katta Vikram Aditya, Ch Shyam Sunder, Ravula Venkateshwar Rao, KRN Harshini and

IIID to come up with guidelines for its members

PNS HYDERABAD

The new office-bearers of The Indian Institute of Interior Designers (IIID), the apex body for Interior Designers, Hyderabad Regional Chapter, had launched an investiture ceremony on September 16 at ITC Kakatiya, Greenlands,

Hyderabad. During the ceremony, Pallavi Anchuri took over as Chairperson, Naveen Kumar Chalasani as honourary secretary and CS Rakesh Vasu as honourary treasurer for the term 2023-25.

Sarosh H Wadia, IIID National President was the chief guest and Shamini Shanker Jain, IIID Honourary Secretary, was the guest of honour. Sarosh Wadia administered the newly elected members the oath of their





GHMC's preparations for Ganesh immersion at People's Plaza with Minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav, Special CS Arvind Kumar and Commissioner of Police CV Anand inspect a ramp for ensuring a smooth celebration

Skanda Aerospace inaugurates gear box manufacturing unit

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

City-based Skanda Aerospace Technology on Tuesday inaugurated its state-of-the-art gear and gearbox manufacturing

The facility, the first of its kind in India, is dedicated to crafting aerospace-standard gears, a step forward in aerospace manufacturing in the country. Following the inauguration of the unit, Telangana IT secretary Jayesh Ranjan said, "Skanda's innovative approach to aerospace gear manufacturing aligns harmoniously with India's aspirations in the defence and aviation sectors. The positive impact of this facility on both local and global aerospace industries will be worth witnessing."

Speaking of the unit, Vamsi

Vikas, Managing Director of Raghu Vamsi said," Skanda's inauguration marks a significant step toward reinforcing India's aerospace and defence capabilities, contributing to the nation's self-reliance in crucial sectors. With cuttingedge technology and a steadfast commitment to excellence, this remarkable venture by Skanda symbolises not only a significant milestone for the company but also reflects India's steadfast commitment to advancing its aerospace capabilities. As the nation continues to make progress in the defence and aviation sectors, Skanda's advanced facility holds the promise of playing a pivotal role in shaping the future of aerospace manufacturing, both within India and on the global stage.'

Call to speed up construction of STPs

Rahul Kambampati, among

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) Managing Director (MD) Danakishore ordered the officials to speed up the construction works of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs). He visited Pedda Cheruvu, Nallacheruvu and Fatehnagar STPs on Tuesday and inspected the works.

Dana Kishore said that the STPs which have reached the final stage of construction should be completed soon. It was suggested to double the number of workers and staff according to the work. If necessary, work in two shifts and



After the civil works are completed, they want to start fixing the machines.

It was advised to complete the transformer and cabling work for power supply as soon as possible. Construction of internal roads, CC roads, gardening and landscape work for beautification should be undertaken, he explained. Officials have been directed to take strict protective measures at work places.

GHMC area generates 1,650 MLDs of sewage daily. Already 772 MLDs of sewage is being treated through 25 STPs and to clean the remaining 878 MLDs of sewage, the State Government has undertaken the construction of 31 new sewage treatment plants (STPs) under the auspices of the water board at a cost of Rs 3,866.41 crore. These new STPs are being constructed with advanced sequencing batch reactor technology.

Lake Front Park comes up at Tank Bund

PNS HYDERABAD

The Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) has developed a Lake Front Park at the Tank Bund.

The new park that covers a 10-acre area will be inaugurated soon. A few salient features of the park are as follows, the park has been built at a cost of Rs 26 crore including civil, electrical and landscape development.

It comprises four elevated walkways, each 110m length, with Cantilever Jetty (15m) for viewpoint into the lake, 2m wide Curvilinear (wave) walkway of 240 m length, and 2mtr-wide walkway of 690 m



length connecting all components in the park. The architectural elements includes pavilions, promenade area (this area abutting shore area of Hussain Sagar Lake), Panchatatva walkway, Central pathway, Under-passes etc.

The park is developed with deck over the water body up to 15m length as cantilever, pergolas with seating illuminated

which adds aesthetic view and grabs public attraction. The electrical components

include illumination with Bollards, Decorative LED lighting, High Mast Lighting, Navi column lighting, Neo Flex lighting all along the boardwalk and theme post tops are erected.

It is developed with rich landscape greenery with exotic varieties of four lakh plants as per the architectural design along with bar coding name boards of the plants; 22 trees. The park will be open from 5:30 am -11:30 pm; entry fee for chidren and adults is Rs 10 and Rs 50 respectively.

TENDER NOTICE NO. 13/2023-24

Execution of various works in TSNPDCL vide Bid.No.1-73 to 76 & Bid.No.II-45 to 47/2023-24. for further details visit: www.eprocurement.gov.in (or) www.tsnpdcl.in Sd/- Chief General Manager (Projects TSNPDCL, Waranga

WITH SPECIFICATION No. 01 / 2023-24 Sealed tenders are invited from TSNPDCL registered contractors of Warangal District for the various works in Warangal Division. The details of works can be obtained from our website www.tsnpdcl.in Sdi- Divisional Engineer Elect.

SHORT TENDER NOTICE No. 02 / 2023-24 OF DE/OP/Warangal.

Tender Notice No. T-06/2023-24 of DEE/OP/NIRMAL Sealed Tenders are invited from TSNPDCL register contractors for fixing of agency Estimates for execution of various works at sections in Nirmal Division of Nirmal Circle

The details of the tender can be obtained from our website: www.tsnpdcl.in Sdi- Divisional Engineer, Elect. Operation Division, Nirmal

Tender Notice No. 13/23-24 of DE/OPN/KOTHAGUDEM. With Specification No. 01,02 & 03/ 2023-24

Sealed tenders are invited from TSNPDCL registered Contractors of Bhadradr Kothagudem circle for fixing of agency for Estimate for execution of various works in Gundala, Tekulapally & Paloncha Town-2 sections in Kothagudem Division of Bhadradri Kothagudem Circle. The details of the tender can he Sd/- Divisional Enginee obtained from our website www.tsnpdcl.in.

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Chandrababu Naidu's arrest will have far-reaching effects

former chief minis-ter of Andhra Pradesh and president of Telugu Desam Party N Chandrababu Naidu in the scam related to the Andhra Pradesh Skill D e v e l o p m e n t
Corporation's scheme for youth is bound to have farreaching effects on the polit-

ical situation in Andhra Pradesh, where Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy is seek-ing re-election solely based on his government's welfare benefits while the opposition par-ties are bent upon avoiding a split in the anti-establishment

One of the unintended consequences of Naidu's arrest is the huge attention and widespread sympathy it has already drawn in various parts of the

episode has attracted unusual attention from people belonging to many walks of life, including Telugu NRIs across the

globe. The ruling YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) seems to be mulling how to wriggle out of the unpleasant situation due to its possible negative fallout.

On the face of it, Naidu's arrest is a positive development for the ruling YSRCP as its cadre can highlight the minus points of the administration during the Nandu regime. They can thus temper the 'do or die ' spirit with which the TDP is apparently approaching the electoral bat-

Naidu has been steering the party for 28 years, apart

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from having had stints as try as well as abroad protestchief minister in both combined and residual state of Andhra Pradesh. His questionable role in the scam involving Rs. 371 crore may affect his political life. So, the political atmosphere in AP has changed completely following his arrest. Many rallies have been held across the state, elsewhere in the coun-

ing the arrest of Naidu, with critics dubbing it as "an unde-mocratic act on the part of the Jagan government".

Jagan himself must have felt

the impact of the arrest as, despite being in London on a personal trip at the time of Naidu's arrest, he witnessed protests organised by Naidu's sympathisers' in front of his



camp in England. The protesters might be sympathisers of TDP but they had rallied in the name of 'Telugu people living on foreign soil in different countries across the globe'. Such calibrated protests have The sympathy for Naidu, growing by the day, could negatively impact YSRCP's prospects in the upcoming polls. The salient features of the skill development programme, involving 2.13 lakh students, were appreciated by the state government in 2021. The state government's present claim that Rs. 240 crore out of Rs. 371 crore allocated for the scheme had been misused by the previous government raises questions over how nearly 70% of the total amount could be swindled in a project that involves the operation of thousands of skīlling centres.

Not many will buy the view in some quarters that Naidu's arrest was made by the CID without consulting Jagan. The project had been handed over to the state government in

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Ganesh Chaturthi.

Swatantra TV Channel Managing Director B Krishna Prasad and staff members offered prayers to Lord Ganesh at Swatantra chan-

nel office on Tuesday on the occasion of the

Later, RSS All India Prachara Pramukh

chief spokesman Sunil Ambekar visited the Swatantra TV Channel office. He took part in the puja and prayed for the blessings of Lord Ganesh.

Swatantra TV Channel Managing Director B Krishna Prasad explained to the dignitary that the channel is focusing on two Telugu

The TV channel, true to its name, upholds

Jagan government did not act on this immediately but went ahead with the arrest of Naidu in view of the impending Assembly polls in the state. The state government has ensured maximum publicity to this episode for deriving political mileage.

Amidst all this, the ongoing

protests, even in foreign countries, has altered political equations. Things have come to such a pass that TDP can now withstand the electoral challenges hurled by YSRCP from a position of strength based on new-found sympathy for Naidu.

The alliance between TDP and Jana Sena Party (JSP), announced JSP president Pawan Kalyan after his meeting with Naidu at the Rajahmundry Central Prison,

RSS leader takes part in Ganesh

festival at Swatantra TV office

opposition parties. The power of this alliance will be seen in the Assembly segments that had witnessed a split in the anti-establishment votes in the previous elections. This has sent shock waves to the ruling party, which had been daring the JSP chief to go it alone in the upcoming elec-tions. In any case, YSRCP cadre cannot effectively counter those protesting Naidu's arrest beyond the borders of the state.

Pawan may have faced criticism for being mere flag-bearer for TDP. In the changed political context, however, he could be a pallbearer for Jagan's rule in the forthcoming Assembly elections, considering that he has vowed to unseat Jagan at any

'Cong will make Bengaluru second capital if it comes to power'

Minister for Finance T Harish Rao pointed out that the Congress promised free power to farmer sector, but in reality doubled power tariff in Karnataka

PNS ■ SANGAREDDY

"If Congress is elected to power, Bengaluru will become a second capital for Telangana State and one must go to Delhi from the State through Bengaluru," warned Minister for Finance T Harish Rao.

Speaking at a meeting, held at Thadkal on the occasion of the formation of the Narayakhed Revenue Division, the Minister made fun of "six guarantees" unveiled by All India Congress Committee (AICC) former president Sonia Gandhi at the Tukkuguda meeting.

Harish Rao cautioned the people not to fall into the trap of false promises. "If the Congress comes to power, it will change the six chief ministers. There will be six curfews, too," he said. He



Minister for Finance T Harish Rao speaking at a meeting at Thadkal in Sangareddy district on Tuesday

would impose a two-day industrial holiday.

The Minister came down expressed the opinion that heavily on the Congress lead-

Congress, if came to power, ers for making unrealistic promises to gain political mileage. The Congress party had promised free power to the farm sector in Karnataka.

But in reality, the Congress government in Karnataka has increased the power tariff and thus imposed a backbreaking burden on people, he pointed out. The Congress government in Karnataka promised free bus travel for women, but in reality, it curtailed the city service buses.

Harish Rao promised that the Bharat Rashtra Samithi government would continue the welfare schemes like Aasara and pensions for physically challenged persons. The Congress party, which made big promises, has been paying just Rs 600 pension, he added. Chief Minister K

Chandrashekar Rao would never go back on his promises. He appealed to the people to not fall prey to false

Zilla Parishad Chairperson Manusri Jaipal Reddy said that the Telangana government would always remain committed to fulfilling its promises.

Narayakhed MLA Bhupal Reddy and others spoke.

BVRIT student

gets high package

in Microsoft PNS MEDAK

Principal of the BV Raju Institute of Technology (BVRIT) Sanjay Dube has said that Samhitha, a BTech Computer Science fourth-year the highest salary of Rs 52 lakh a year in Microsoft software company. She hailed from Mudimanikyam village in Sangareddy district and is the daughter of Pushpalata and Vishnuvardhan Reddy.

journalistic values and its programmes vouch for it, the MD told the RSS Pramukh. Hyderabad on Monday **Dubai-based teenager tests positive** for several allergens in Hyd

Swatantra TV Channel Managing Director B Krishna

spokesman Sunil Ambekar at Swatantra Channel office in

Prasad with RSS All India Prachara Pramukh chief

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

A Dubai-based teenager on Tuesday tested positive for several allergens, including Yellow Wasp and House Dust Mite at hyderabad's Aswini

Allergy Centre. The boy suffered from various allergies since childhood. He had shortness of breath, rashes and itching, cold and sneezes, itching of eyes, abdominal pain, diarrhea on and off, for a decade. The boy's father brought him to India in order to get the latter tested.

Chief Allergist and Immunologist Dr Vyakarnam Nageshwar at Aswini analysed the history of the patient's three generations . It was revealed that the child

developed Atopic status since childhood. His mother suffered from nasal allergies and father had skin allergic rash-

In view of the allergies and the patient's future destination, the medical team decided to get the maximum extra Allergen panel which also reflects not only Asian allergens but also typical American allergens.

Hence, a Universal Mega 180 Allergen Panel for Allergen ckin tecting was underta The patient was administered Venom Immunotherapy for Yellow Wasp which keeps the patients from allergic reactions next time when he is accidentally bitten by these deadly Insects.

6 arrested for loan fraud

PNS HYDERABAD

Special operations Team of Balanagar zone, in coordination with KPHB Police, on Tuesday arrested six persons for their involvement in loan fraud.

The accused were identified as Ghanta Ranga Rao (63), a resident of Suraram, who created fake rubber stamps and certifi-Shivannagari cates ; Shivannagari ManikPrabhu, (62), a ressident of KPHB; Panchikarla Naga Malleshwara (37), of Kukatpally; Kothapally Sudhakar Rao (54), a resident of Allwyn Colony, Kukatpally; Kagitha Setharamaraju, a resident of Suraram and Kondeti Chandrashekar (37), a resident of Chinatal.

The police seized 660 fake stamps, 645 fake certificates, a laptop and eight mobile phones, along with printers from the accused.

In housing loan process, the customer loan file with deviations and irregularities is rejected as per the regulations. The customers approached loan agents for housing loans. Ranga Rao, who was previously jailed under charges of fraud by Meerpet and Jideemetla police in 2012 and 2005 respectively fraudulent manner by using fake rubber stamps and documents of various government departments etc.

Prabhu prepared fake rubber stamps as per Rao's requirements. Sudhakar is loan consultant, Naga Malleshwar Rao is loan agent, Seetarramaraju used to create fake proceedings of documents, Chandra Shekhar used to tamper the layout/building plans etc. In this case all the accused persons combined together and started making money in a easy manner.

The customer approached Sudhakar and Malleswar for loan process. They identified the irregularities and approached Rao for creating fake rubber stamps and documents based on the requirement. Rao then approached Prabhu for creation of fake rubber stamps for Rs 1,000 each. Following the creation of stamps, the prime accused approached Raju to access fake government proceedings copies. Chandra Shekar provided fake layout plans for Rs 2,000 each. Rao charged Rs 5,000 to Rs10,000 for each document.

Seven KMC medical students involved in ragging suspended

It may be recalled that the police booked the third-year medical students for ragging and assaulting a first-vear student

PNS WARANGAL

Kakatiya Medical College (KMC) on Tuesday suspended seven third-year students for three months on charge of ragging a second-year student on the hostel premises. Their hostel accommodation too was cancelled for one year.

It may recalled that a first-year student from Rajasthan had complained to the police that he was abused and physically assaulted by his seniors because he refused to give in to their demands. Matwada police booked cases against seven medical students for ragging and assaulting their junior, identified as Manohar Kumar Solanki.

Meanwhile, the anti-ragging committee in the KMC met on Tuesday and recommended the suspension of seven students. The college management accepted the anti-ragging committee



recommendation suspended the students for three months and cancelled their accommodation in the hostel for one year. Apart from it, the college management also served notice on 20 more students and warned them not to indulge in ragging. The accused students were identified as Abhinav, Silva Srihari, Sricharan, Suryaprakash, K Lokesh, J Saikiran and Harikrishna. The anti-ragging committee recommended severe punishment to students to deter other students from indulging in ragging. This was the first time that a raging incident took place on the hostel premises.

Parents of the students also attended the anti-ragging committee meeting presided over by KMC principal Divvel Mohan

TSANB raids actor Navdeep's residence

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

The Telangana State Anti Narcotic Bureau (TSANB) on Tuesday raided actor Navdeep's residence in connection with a drugs case.

Officials of the TSANB said that the actor consumed drugs which were procured from another accused. Navdeep was not present in the house when the search operation was carried out. Officials further claimed to have found solid 'evidence' against the actor which proves that he used to buy narcotic substances from the people caught in the drug bust ear-

Recently, the Telangana High Court ordered the police not to



arrest Navdeep in the Madhapur drug case until September 19. The actor was caught in connection with an NDPS case by Gudimalkapur police. After the actor filed a petition for bail at the Telangana High Court, his legal representative informed the court that the actor learned of his alleged involvement in the crime.

Eight people, including the son of a former MP and a film director, were arrested by TSANB on Thursday. Police seized 50 grams of MDMA, 24 ecstasy pills, and eight grams of cocaine from them.

Hyderabad police commissioner and TSANB director CV Anand said that the arrestpersons included Devarakonda Suresh Rao, son of former MP D Vittal Rao, film director Anugu Sushanth Reddy and Nigerian peddlers Amobi Chukwudi Muonagolu, Igbawre Micheal and Thomas Anaga Kalu.

Navdeep and film producer Ravi Uppalapati were also named in the case but declared absconding.

them in their own style. BRS Working President IT Minister

TELANGANA STATEHOOD

Modi is lying through his teeth, says Gutha

PNS NALGONDA

Telangana State Legislative Council Chairman Gutha Sukender Reddy on Tuesday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of obviously lying through his teeth about the statehood of Telangana

Addressing a media conference here, he said that the youth shed blood for achieving statehood for Telangana. "It seems that Modi did not forget the violence that raged in Gujarat. The Prime Minister should answer why the Vajpayee government did not grant statehood to Telangana while forming three new



Telangana State Legislative Council Chairman Gutha Sukender Reddy speaking at a media conference in Nalgonda on Tuesday

States," he asked. The BJP had not granted statehood to Telangana because of pressures exerted by Andhra lead-

ers, he said.

Telangana was able to secure statehood because Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao Statehood and achieved it. Sukender Reddy said that

Congress was synonymous with scandals. The grand old party was taking the people for a ride by giving unrealistic promises. He questioned as to why the Congress party was not implementing the schemes in the States under its rule. The bloodshed in Gujarat was still fresh in the people's mind, he said. BIP State unit president G Kishan Reddy ran away like a coward and refused to resign to his post at the height of the movement for Telangana statehood, he said.

Miryalaguda MLA Bhaskar Rao was also present.

'Razakar' trailer creates ripples **Producer Gudur finds fault with KTR**

K VENKATESHWARLU

The 'Razakar' movie's trailer has been creating ripples among political parties in Telangana before the movie's release. The 'Razakar' team released a trailer on September 17 coinciding with the Hyderabad 'Liberation Day,' garnering millions of views in no time.

The movie says, "India gained independence on August 15, 1947, but Hyderabad did not." It also tries to highlight the atrocities committed by the Razakars against the people of erstwhile Hyderabad State.

Senior Telangana BJP leader Gudur Narayana Reddy produced the film and Yata

HYDERABAD: BJP senior leader leaders are poking the wounds

and Razakar movie's producer Gudur Narayana Reddy has found fault with the IT Minister KT Rama Rao for criticising the movie. Gudur said that KTR should not worry about the law and order. While addressing a meeting in which Khammam BJP president K China Sathyanarayana joining the

BRS, KTR alleged that the BJP

Bandi Sanjay Kumar, former

MPs AP Jithender Reddy and

Maharashtra

for him to worry about any communal disharmony that is the order of pseudo secular parties who did all this to just change their own party Chief Minister in erstwhile AP state.

which took place 76 years ago

and which are healing slowly.

However, while speaking to The

Pioneer, Gudur said, "KTR is a

gentle man and there is no need

Konda Vishweshwar Reddy Sathyanarayana directed it. The BJP's senior leader, former and others attended the release of the trailer. Governor Chennamaneni Vidyasagar Rao, BJP General Secretary

However, political leaders from the BRS, the Congress and the Left reacted adversely

to the 'Razakar' teaser. But BJP

KT Ramarao re-tweeted on Mubashir.Khurram's tweet Dear@TelanganaCMO @KTRBRS @BRSHarish. I request you to kindly protect the peace of #Hyderabad & #Telangana by stopping the release of the fake propaganda movie #Razakar even though the teaser of that movie is creating hatred between communities. @mahmoodalibrs @TelanganaDGP@CVAnandI

KTR re-tweeted saying, Some intellectually bankrupt jokers of the BJP are doing their best to instigate communal violence and polarise society in Telangana".

Indian-origin Nihar Malaviya named CEO of Penguin Random House

ihar Malaviya, an Indian-origin publishing executive, has been named permanent CEO of New York-based international publishing group Penguin Random House, nine onths after he was appointed the interim chief executive, the publisher's parent company Bertelsmann said on Monday. Malaviya, 48, assumed the role of Interim CEO of Penguin Random House starting January 1, 2023. Malaviya will replace Markus Dohle,

who departed after Penguin Random House's failed bid for Simon & Schuster last year. "Nihar Malaviya will lead Penguin Random House permanently as CEO," Bertelsmann said in a statement. Bertelsmann Chairman and CEO Thomas Rabe said: "In Nihar Malaviya, the right leader is at the helm of Penguin Random House at the right time. Nihar has proven exactly this over the past nine months. and I am delighted that he is now taking over responsibility for Penguin Random House on a permanent basis



Former minister's PA convicted in wealth case in Tamil Nadu

he Madras High Court on Tuesday sentenced R Venkatakrishnan, PA to former AIADMK Minister R Indira Kumari, to three years Rigorous Imprisonment in connection with a disproportionate wealth case. Justice G Jayachandran also imposed a fine of Rs 5 lakh on Venkatakrishnan while allowing the appeals filed by the state government. The judge sentenced Venkatakrishnan's wife Manjula to 18 months RI in the case and also imposed a

fine of Rs 5 lakh. The prosecution case was that Venkatakrishnan had amassed wealth in his name and in the name of his wife, 700 percent disproportionate to his known sources of income during his tenure as PA to Indirakumari during the period between 1991 and 1996. Originally, holding that the prosecution had failed to prove the case beyond reasonable doubt, a special court. which tried the case, had on January 11, 2012 acquitted both accused in the



More than 200 events lined up at 'Yashobhoomi'

ore than 200 exhibitions and conventions have been planned at the India International Convention and Expo Centre (IICC) - Yashobhoomi - at Dwarka here in the next two years, a senior government official said on Tuesday. The focus sectors of these events would be digital innovation, hospitality, entertainment, healthcare, automobile, infrastructure, travel and tourism, and smart manufacturing

Kinexin Convention Management Pvt Ltd, a consortium of Korea International Exhibition Centre (KINTEX) and eSang Networks Company Ltd. are holding marketing initiatives all over the world to attract events at the centre, which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 17 KINTEX has been appointed as the operator for exhibition and convention centre for managing the venue for 20 years. Modi unveiled the Rs 5.400crore Phase 1 of the IICC on Sunday



Nipah under control but threat is not over yet: CM

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said on Tuesday the Nipah outbreak reported from Kozhikode district is under control but the threat of the infectious disease is not over

He said that at present, it is not possible to rule out the chance of a second wave of the Nipah outbreak.

"It cannot be said that the threat of Nipah is completely over," the Chief Minister told a press conference here.

Vijayan said the state health system could effectively prevent the spread of the deadly virus.

"The health system is working cautiously. Early detection of the virus averted a danger ous situation," he said.

Narrating the steps taken by the government to check the

prevention of the disease, ijayan said currently 994 people are under surveillance.

Samples of 304 people were collected, and of this, the test results of 267 people have been received, he added.

He said six people tested positive and nine people are under observation at Kozhikode Medical College.

The Chief Minister said even the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) could not

state health system could effectively prevent the spread of the deadly virus. "The health system is working cautiously. Early detection of the virus averted a dangerous situation"

Vijayan said the

provide a clear answer to why Nipah cases are being reported from Kozhikode district.

Nipah cases were reported from the Kozhikode district on previous occasions in 2018 and

Himachal BJP MLAs donate one month's salary towards SDRF

PNS SHIMLA

BJP MLAs in Himachal Pradesh Tuesday donated their one month's salary towards the Aapada Rahat Kosh and presented a cheque of Rs 13.8 lakh to Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, leader of opposition Jai Ram Thakur

Speaking to media persons outside the Vidhan Sabha, Thakur said, "We had made a commitment to donate one month's salary towards the disaster relief fund," adding that 25 BJP MLAs have donated their one month's salary on Tuesday.

This step by BJP MLAs comes a day after the chief minister had pointed out that the BJP MLAs are yet to donate towards the Aapada Rahat Kosh. During the Assembly session on Monday, Sukhu said that the Congress MLAs have donated one month's salary towards the Aapada Rahat Kosh.

India expels Canadian envoy in tit-for-tat move

Trashes Canada's allegations over Khalistani terrorist's killing

PNS NEW DELHI

India on Tuesday rejected as "absurd" and "motivated" Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegations of a "potential" Indian link to the killing of Khalistani separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, and expelled a senior Canadian diplomat in a tit-for-tat action after Ottawa's expulsion of an Indian official over the case, marking fresh tensions to the already frayed bilateral ties.

Canadian Commissioner to India Cameron MacKay was summoned and he was informed about the decision to expel the senior diplomat with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) saying the move reflects New Delhi's growing concern at the "interference of Canadian diplomats in our internal matters and their involvement in anti-India



activities".

In a strongly-worded statement, the MEA also trashed comments by Trudeau and Foreign Minister Melanie Joly, asserting that "such unsubstantiated allegations seek to shift the focus from Khalistani terrorists and extremists, who have been provided shelter in Canada and continue to threaten India's sovereignty and territorial integrity

Though New Delhi did not divulge the name of the Canadian diplomat who has been asked to leave India within five days, people familiar with the matter said it is Canadian intelligence agency's station chief in New Delhi Olivier Sylvestere.

The Indian action to expel

the Canadian diplomat came hours after Joly announced that a "top Indian diplomat" has been expelled from Canada. Nijjar, a Canadian Khalistani terrorist, was shot dead by two gunmen in Surrey on June 18. Joly's office said the diplo-

mat, who has been ordered to leave Canada, is Pavan Kumar Rai, the head of the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), according to Canadian broadcaster CBC news.

Canada's public announcement of expulsion of the Indian intelligence operative is seen as "rare" as such issues are generally handled in a discreet

'Conspiracy being hatched against Sanatan culture in Chhattisgarh'

PNS RAIPUR

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday alleged that a conspiracy was being hatched against "Sanatan culture" in the Congress-ruled Chhattisgarh.

was speaking at a r Bhatgaon assembly constituency of Chhattisgarh as part of the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) `parivartan yatra' campaign ahead of the state elections.

"A conspiracy is being hatched against Sanatan culture in Chhattisgarh. Since Bhupesh Baghel was elected as chief minister, the influx of Rohingya (refugees from Myanmar) in the state has become a major issue," the BJP leader claimed.

He also accused the Opposition's INDIA alliance of hatching a conspiracy to create "anti-Hindu" atmosphere in the country. The Congress (when it was

in power) allowed Bangladeshis to enter Assam illegally, he alleged, claiming that "lakhs of Bangladeshis are living in Assam."

"In Chhattisgarh, Rohingya have started entering.... Bhupesh Baghel says he worships Gau-mata (cow) but we don't want this. We want you to say that you are a Hindu and devoted to Hinduism," Sarma added. Opposing education at Madrasas (Islamic seminaries) for children, Sarma said he closed Madrasas in Assam.

HC calls for imparting training to newly recruited prosecutors

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court has directed the city government to impart training to the newly appointed public prosecutors in coordination with the Delhi Iudicial Academy as prosecutors are an integral part of criminal court system.

imperative that the appointees are adequately equipped to shoulder the weighty responsibilities which the post of prosecutors carries.

Amicus curiae Rajeev K Virmani, who has been appointed friend of court to assist it in the matter, told a bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Sanjeev Narula that no train-



ing programme has been conducted for the newly appointed public prosecutors.

The high court directed the Delhi government to coordinate with the Delhi Judicial Academy to conduct training of the 60 newly recruited pros-

"It has been brought to the

notice of the court that 60 public prosecutors have been appointed recently, however, alarmingly, no training has been imparted to them," the bench said.

"Delhi government shall also file a status report before next date of hearing regarding (i) the implementation of direcardino trainin grammes and (ii) the latest position of vacancies in respect of public prosecutors," it added and listed the matter for further hearing on November 1.

The high court was hearing a batch of petitions, including a suo motu case (a matter initiated on its own), concerning issues related to recruitment, appointment and working of public prosecutors in the city.

How scribes from across globe worked as 'one family' at G20 media centre

PNS NEW DELHI

For many journalists from across the world who were here to cover the G20 Summit, sharing working space at the International Media Centre from September 8-10 made them experience the spirt of

On these three days, scribes and camerapersons from Italy to Singapore and Turkiye to Brazil worked from the facility at the newly built Bharat Mandapam -- the summit's

In between work, they chatted over cups of coffee and Indian meals, and also learned about cultures of different countries from each other.

"It's interesting here to see that journalists who come from different countries and different cultures work in a similar way," Michael Hoefele, who works with German news agency dts, said on September

The International Media space, was spread over two floors in Hall No. 5 of the sprawling Bharat Mandapam complex. G20 logos were splashed

across huge decorative panels put up in the hall on the theme of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' 'One Earth. One Family.

One Future'. On September 9, on the ground floor of the hall, in a



corner, a TV journalist from Turkiye was doing a live broadcast while, near her desk, a German photographer was busy filing photos after the press conference of German Chancellor Olaf Scholz. On the second day of the

summit, an Indian TV journalist in a saree interacted with

a delegate while a reporter from Italy, sitting at a terminal close by, filed stories on a laptop.
"We all have been working

here for the last three days, from pre-summit briefing on September 8 to the main summit on September 9 and the What I liked about the working space was that it has no walls to segment the space. A person sitting on one corner can see the person sitting at the other end," TV journalist from Istanbul, Asli Bilger Kutludag, said on September

It has been very tiring but a different experience of India,

Govt rolls out mandatory quality norms for solder wires

PNS NEW DELHI

The government has issued mandatory quality norms for solder wires, used in electronics and engineering industry, to curb the import of sub-standard goods and boost domestic manufacturing of these goods.

A notification in this regard was issued by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) on September 18. Îtems under Flux Cored

Solder Wire (Quality Control) Order, 2023 cannot be produced, sold, traded, imported and stocked unless they bear the

Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) mark.

These orders will come into force with effect from six months from the date of publication of this notification, the DPIIT said on Tuesday.

Soldering is a critical process where quality of flux cored solder wire is of paramount importance as any failure will impact quality and safety of the products soldered particularly in electronic and automobile industry.

The implementation of the Quality Control Order (QCO) for this product is crucial not only for the safety of consumers, but will also improve the man-



ufacturing quality standards in the country and curb imports of sub-standard products into India," it added.

Till now, BIS certification rules were not applicable on these products. Violation of the provision of the BIS Act can attract imprisonment of up to two years, or a fine of at least Rs 2 lakh for the first offence.

In case of second and subsequent offences, the fine will increase to a minimum of Rs 5 lakh and extend up to 10 times of the value of goods or articles.

According to the notification, to support domestic micro and small industries, relaxations have been granted in terms of the timeline for implementing the

Various initiatives, including the development of QCO, are being undertaken by the department to develop quality sensiti-

sation among users and manufacturers alike.

These initiatives, coupled with developing quality testing labs and product manuals, would help build a quality ecosystem in the country, it said.

Mandatory QCOs help curb import of sub-standard products, prevent unfair trade practices, and ensure safety and well-being of consumers, as well

as the environment. These initiatives, coupled with development of testing labs, product manuals, accreditation of test labs would aid the development of a quality ecosystem in

MINISTER DURAIMURUGAN URGES CENTRE

Instruct Karnataka to release Cauvery water due to TN

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Tamil Nadu government on Tuesday urged the Centre to instruct the Karnataka government to release Cauvery water due to the state, Water Resources Minister Duraimurugan said.

Also, during the deficient period water could be shared with the lower riparian states on a pro-rata basis as awarded by the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT),

"Karnataka has water but is refusing to release it as per the direction of the Cauvery Water Management Board. The neighbouring state has over 54 TMC water. They have constructed check dams to impound water in the KRS dam," Duraimurugan told reporters in the national capital after meeting Union Jal Sakthi Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.

Though the Board had on September 13 said about 12,500 cusecs water could be given but it directed Karnataka to release 5,000 cusecs. "Till today we have got about 4,000 cusecs of water. Had Karnataka willed, they would have released the water yesterday itself. But they don't have the intention to release water," Duraimurugan who led an all-party delegation demanding the release of 12,500 cusecs Cauvery water from Karnataka, said.

"We are not asking the dam to be opened but want only our share of water," the Minister said and cited the CWDT which asked the parties concerned to share their water deficiency on a pro-rata basis.

During the meeting with the Central Minister, the TN delegation urged the Centre "to issue strong instructions" to the Karnataka government to release the water," he said.



WOMEN'S QUOTA

Census, delimitation, nod by state assemblies essential

PNS NEW DELHI

The women's reservation bill, introduced in Lok Sabha on Tuesday, will have to cross several hurdles before it becomes a reality, including support cutting across political lines and early census and

delimitation exercise. The provisions in the (128th Constitution Amendment) Bill make it clear that the women's reservation will come into effect only after the delimitation exercise or the redrawing of constituencies

bill becomes a law. Constitutional experts said after the passage of the Bill by both Houses of Parliament, it will also have to be approved by at least 50 per cent of state assemblies to become a law.

The nod by state assemblies is necessary as it affects the

rights of the states.
The Bill "...shall come into effect after an exercise of delimitation is undertaken for this purpose after the relevant figures for the first census taken after the commencement of the Constitution (One Hundred taking into account the data of the census conducted once the Amendment), Bill 2023 have





been published, and shall cease to have effect on the expiration of a period of 15 years from the date of such commencement," reads new Article 334A the draft legislation seeks to introduce in the Constitution

According to Article 82 of the Constitution, as amended in 2002, the delimitation process can be carried out based on the first Census taken

after 2026. The first Census after 2026

was to be carried out in 2031, which would be followed by delimitation or redrawing of constituencies.

The 2021 census exercise was postponed by the government in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. It will have to be put on a fast track by the government for the Women's reservation to be turned into reality before the

2029 Lok Sabha elections. In 2011, the census was carried out in February-March and the provisional figures were released on March 31 that

Another concern voiced by

experts is that women may become figureheads with their husbands wielding the real power, as has been witnessed at the panchayat levels.

The purpose of the legislation to uplift women would be defeated if the elected representatives under the quota were from the same families where male members are in politics. said Shilpi Jain, a prominent

"There could be a provision to encourage women who are not from political backgrounds to contest, otherwise the purpose would be defeated by reservation," she said.

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-PAPER WITH PASSION-

Stree Shakti

The women's reservation Bill is set to turn into an Act, ending a long wait for female leaders

fter a long 33 years when it was first tabled in Parliament, the women's reservation Bill is finally likely to secure passage. After Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Cabinet accorded it approval late on Monday, the decks are virtually clear for its approval in the special session of Parliament. The Bill has been tabled by the Union law minister Arjun Ram Meghwal. The women's reservation Bill provides for 33 per cent quota for the fair gender in the Lok Sabha and all State Assemblies. The Prime Minister had informed the House that while more than 7,500 public representatives have served in both Houses, the number of female representatives is a negligible 600 or so. The representation of women in the Indian political system has been abysmally low, and the reservation of seats sets to correct that anomaly. This crucial and overdue legislation seeks to counter the longstanding issue of underrepresentation of women in legislative bodies and encourage their active participation in shaping up the nation with their assis-



tance of vision and strong voice. The central pillar of this Bill revolves around the reservation of 33 per cent of seats in both the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies for female candidates. This reservation will apply to constituencies across the spectrum, including general, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe.

To ensure diversity in the representation of women from various backgrounds, the Bill introduces a rotational system. Under this system, the reserved seats for women will change with each electoral cycle, facilitating broader representation with the passage of time. Within the overarching 33 per cent reservation, sub-reservations will be carved out for women belong-

ing to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. This provision seeks to address the complex issues of gender and caste-based discrimination simultaneously. This legislation is not a run-of-the-mill piece of law but rather a constitutional amendment. Consequently, it necessitates a special majority in both Houses of Parliament (a twothirds majority of members present and voting) and ratification by at least 50 per cent of State legislatures before it can be enacted as law. Parties will be required to provide equal opportunities to women when distributing tickets, thus mitigating biases in the selection process. With enhanced presence of women in legislature bodies, the women's reservation Bill is poised to exert a profound influence on the Government's policy decisions. This may result in the formulation of more inclusive and gender-sensitive laws and policies by empowering women in political leadership roles. When enacted, this Bill has the potential to usher in a more inclusive and representative democracy. So, finally after twenty-seven years wait and 13 years after being passed by the Rajya Sabha, the Women Reservation Bill would become the law. However, the law would be implemented by 2029 Lok Sabha elections and would not affect the 2024 elections. It is indeed a big accomplishment for the Modi government for which it deserves all the praise.



Final blow to the colonial rule



Operation Vijay I was dexterously planned. India employed an overwhelming tri-service force to defeat the Portuguese garrison of 7000 personnel in Goa

he Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government in Goa, unlike its masters in Delhi who rule Bharat that is India, is not running a campaign to cleanse itself of colonial rule: that is why it is peaceful and civilised through recent invasions from the North have disturbed the market. But harmony has prevailed, thanks to leaders like Manohar Parrikar, offshore casinos, heritage fish markets duty liquors and Peoples rice beer. The Portuguese Consulate sits at the base of Altino hill from where Goa is ruled today as it was for 451 years earlier. Portugal, which had occupied Goa, Daman and Diu was the last colonizer to be evicted from Indian soil on 19 December 1961 in the first Op Vijay. Last Sunday, the 76th anniversary of Operation Polo, the defeat of Nizam's forces in Hyderabad, was commemorated but the event was politicised.

India has not eschewed the use of force in national integration. Of the 562 princely states under the suzerainty of the British Crown, all were persuaded to accede to India except three: J&K, a Muslim majority state ruled by a Hindu raja; Junagadh with a Hindu majority ruled by

Muslim Nawab; and Hyderabad, a Hindu majority state ruled by the Muslim Nizam. In July 1946, Mr Nehru said no princely state could stand against independent India's Army. In May 1947 they were told that those who did not integrate would be treated as enemy states. Nawab of Junagadh fled to Pakistan on 26 October 1947 after he acceded to it. It was militarily coerced by 1 Armoured Division and by 9 November India assumed its administration. The J & K ruler signed the Instrument of Accession on 27 October 1947 after tribal raiders from Pakistan had begun the first war over Kashmir which has not ceased to this day. The Hyderabad Nizam insisted on remaining neutral. forcing India to launch Op Polo on 13 September 1948in which my battalion 2/5 Gorkha Rifles (Frontier Force), winner of three Victoria Crosses (equal to PVC) , participated. Hyderabad was liberated on 17 September.



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What remained were French and Portuguese enclaves on the East and West Coasts. While France vacated occupied territories in 1956, Portugal refused, necessitating Op Vijay (Kargil is Op Vijay II). I was fortunate to visit the surrender site last week on Altinho Hill where the 2 Signal Training Centre (STC) of the Army is currently partly located. Vijay Vatika is well marked and indicates the place where Gen Vassalo e Silva surrendered to Lt Col Sucha Singh on 19 December 1961. Op Vijay was meticulously planned by GoC Southern Command, Lt Gen JN Choudhary (also led Op Polo). It was India's first triservice operation involving the 17 Infantry Division and 50 Para Brigade led by Maj Gen KP Candeth and Brig Sagat Singh. Indian Navy's Op Chutney entailed recce and surveillance. On 11 December, the 17 Infantry Division was ordered to advance and capture Panaji and Mormugao. The assault began with artillery bombardment under air cover at 0400 hrs with the Portuguese opting to offer resistance. 50 Para Brigade of 1st Para Punjab and 2nd Para Marathas captured Panaji and Ponda the next day. India employed an over-

whelming tri-service force to defeat a Portuguese garrison of

7000 personnel, one Frigate and three Offshore Patrol boats. Casualties were on both sides – 22 Indian soldiers killed while the Portuguese lost 30 soldiers and 570 wounded with one frigate disabled and the remaining 4668 personnel captured. On 18 December Portugal urged the UNSC for a ceasefire and ending hostilities. The US disapproved of India's military action while the USSR used its veto to ensure surrender. By the evening of 18 December, most of Goa was in Indian hands, even as Portuguese soldiers were ready to defend the port town of Vasco da Gama, according to Op Plano Sentinel. The Portuguese President ordered a scorched earth policy but the Governor General refused to implement it. He ordered a ceasefire and surrender at 2030 hrs on 19 December. The surrender of the garrison marked the end of 451 years of

Portuguese rule of Goa. Just above the Portuguese Consulate is the Army House, the erstwhile residence of the vice campaign at a time when Military Commander, Gen theorisation is on the anvil. Vassalo e Silva It is a 400-vearold Portuguese construction later acquired by the Governor General. It must have commanded a 360-degree view of Panaji. After the Signals Commandantwas allotted the heritage house, many Chief

Ministers who also live on Altinho (anyone who rules Goa lives there)

have had an eye on the houses including Parrikar. 2 STC residents dispersed in the pockets of Panaji. Like the British, the Portuguese chose the best land for cantonments as well as several hill stations, especially in Himachal after the British CinC chose to initially live in Simla. Many of today's popular hill resorts were strategic locations covering Simla.

Many Goans have kept their links with Lisbon. Prime Minister Antonio Costa is half-Goan and has helped rev up India-Portugal amity. People in Goa affectionately call him Baboush (in Konkani, a young loved one). The Signals Army Unit in Goa maintains high standards of pride and decorum, co-habiting with Goans who look up to their Army for liberating Goa. Portuguese surrender should be commemorated befittingly as the first tri-ser-

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Why does India trade with China?

India gains from Chinese imports as it allows for value addition in the country and helps create jobs

t is often asked why despite India's enmity against China, is there still a \$136 billion business between them. It is a fact that India shares quite unpalatable & hostile terms with China as it's one of the closest neighbours in Asia. But despite several border issues & dicey security threats to India flowing from China, the last year's (2022) bilateral trade between them was of \$136 billion. And just because of these high-yielding business figures, people tend to fall in ambiguity about India-China bilateral relations which are still financially affluent despite border disputes & China was being marked as Covid's epi centre

So, the story is, actually India wants to subvert China's economic, diplomatic & geopolitical power and presence across the globe but India's economic stance & stature are not very competitive to send China out of the doors. Even in the contemporary era, no nation can afford to attack its enemy straightaway because the world has already witnessed a situation of stalemate from China, it is still being like the case of China, where



between Russia & Ukraine where not a single solution

has come out. The reason why India still opens its gates customs department to let Chinese products come inside is that, first of all, whatever products China exports to India are tangible items, not services. So, India has a hidden & special foreign trade policy to tackle China's abundance of exports to India, out of all those tangible products imported that India makes from China, a substantial part of it is of those goods that India imports in the form of raw material for shaping & polishing them further into finished goods. For example, the mics that news readers use are majorly manufactured inside Ćhina yet India imports them Even though the metal stick used in eyeglasses is also imported by companies like India remains with a scope of Lenskart to procure just the raw material at a cheap cost from China & further convert that metal stick into stylish eyewear having more at the loss side in trading final value than its raw mate-

rial's cost. Another question the public raises is whose economy is dicer for India, the directly consumed by the USA or China? So, it has already been propounded about the reason for India still being a bilateral trading partner with China. But Indians have less discourse about the nasty effects of the USA's economy on India. India in its bilateral trading ties with the USA is an importer because of the current account deficit. The sorts of goods & services India imports from the USA are unlike of China's which anyhow lead to some value addition in India. Brands like McDonald's & KFC have their genesis in the USA & India buys eatables from such multi-national food chains, but the crux is, that India cannot add any further value addition in a burger or a chicken bucket for selling it to some other party just



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doing 3 times valuation addition in a product imported as a raw material from China.

So, India has been more bilaterally with the USA in comparison to China because products India imports from the USA are final customer, it may be a US Polo shirt, KFC's chicken, McDonald's burger, etc. Thus, there is no value addition in India. In questing about the ideology of India's foreign trade policy, it was found that India restricts itself to importing completely manufactured products from others, it always nods to those products only having a scope of more value addition even when they are imported into India. It is so in the policy because it results in employment & income for Indians while they further process those unfinished products that were imported earlier.

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ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS Sir — "Illegal immigrants" are the main rea-

son behind the resurgence of extreme nationalism in many European countries in the 21st century. In their name, nationalists have won elections in many countries, but the problem of immigrants remains unchanged. For example, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, who won the election in the name of combating illegal immigration, now finds that the number of illegal immigrants coming to her country is increasing day by day. Unfortunately, there seems to be only one reason for these people's plight: illegal smugglers who, driven by greed, transport individuals from Africa and Asia to the borders of wealthy countries. But no one is willing to address the core issue: the poverty, hunger, unemployment, and civil wars that force millions of people to risk their lives and seek refuge in resource-rich countries via dangerous sea routes.

Therefore, if all the world's wealthy nations want to curb this influx, they must seriously consider providing resources to address the root causes. No immigrant leaves their homeland willingly; it is out of sheer desperation. Until a solution to the fundamental causes is found, the influx of immigrants will persist at any cost.

Jang Bahadur Singh | Jamshedpur

MORE DEPUTY CMS FOR KARNATAKA? Sir — A minister in Karnataka's Siddaramaiah government has urged the Congress high command to appoint three more deputy chief ministers (DCMs) for the state, despite already having one in DK Shivakumar. It is ironic that as many as 12 Indian states have DCMs. The DCM post holds no constitutional importance; it serves as a selection post aimed at appeasing certain castes, communities, and indito placate dissenters or competitors with-

The question arises: does a stable state government require one or more DCMs release all original movable and immovwhen the chief minister is firmly in conable property documents within 30 days trol? There are no clear guidelines that after the complete repayment or settlement

India lifts Asia Cup in style



vderabadi Mohammad invaded Sri Lanka. and Mohammad Seeraj delivered a careerbest performance, claiming 6/21 in just 7 overs. His invincible bowling shut down all avenues of escape for Sri Lanka, leading to their collapse with just 50 runs on the board. It was a one-man army act by Seeraj. On September

17, 2023, Sunday, it was all about Mohammad Seeraj. The apt description of the final is 'S vs. S' (Seeraj Vs. Sri Lanka).

The Asia Cup 2023 victory should be termed as a double victory for Seeraj and India. In a single over, he achieved 4 wickets, a first by an Indian in an international cricket match. He took 5 wickets within a span of just 16 balls. equaling the "fastest in ODI" record of Chaminda Vaas (of Sri Lanka). (No Indian has taken more than 6 wickets in an ODI). He made 3 Sri Lankan batsmen duck out. All Indians hope that Seeraj can repeat this spell in the ODI World Cup matches to be held in October-November

PV Madhu Nivriti | Hyderabad

define the role of a DCM. While high commands and chief ministers downplay the position of DCM by presenting it as equal among equals, the reality is that the DCM wields significant power, official or unofficial, second only to the chief minister. Therefore, it makes little sense to maintain the ornamental post of DCM. It should either be abolished or limited to just one DCM in a state.

Ganapathi Bhat | Akola

RBI'S NEW DIRECTIVE

Sir — The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has a consistent practice of issuing notifications that prioritize the interests of the public. In this regard, RBI has issued a significant directive pertaining to the release of movable and immovable property documents upon the full repayment or settlement of personal loans, along with penalties for violations of these instructions. This move aims to streamline practices and prevent vidual egos. Furthermore, it is often used customer grievances related to the release of such documents.

> According to RBI's new guidelines, regulated entities (REs) are mandated to

of a loan account. This provision ensures that borrowers promptly regain ownership of their assets. Borrowers will have the flexibility to collect their original property documents either from the branch where the loan account was serviced. This added convenience enhances the borrower's experience. Transparency is also emphasized in loan sanction letters. RBI requires REs to specify the timeline and location for returning original property documents in loan sanction letters issued on or after the effective date. This clarity ensures that borrowers are aware of the process. In cases of a borrower's demise, RBI mandates that REs have a well-defined procedure for returning property documents to legal heirs. This procedure must be readily available on the REs' website, promoting transparency. In May, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das cautioned banks against aggressive growth strategies and loan evergreening, which leads to a rise in non-performing assets. It is commendable that Das is taking steps to address the gaps in bank governance practices

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FIRST COLUMN SELF-LIBERATION THROUGH FORGIVENESS

The power to forgive comes from compassion; move with what is good



RAJYOGI BRAHMAKUMAR **NIKUNJ JI**

f we want to love, we must learn how to forgive, said Mother Teresa. Like her, many saints, gurus and spiritual teachers have often said to their followers that if anyone misbehaves with you, talks bad about you or indulges in mudslinging and character-assassination, you should forgive such a person and forget about his misdemeanour. They further advise that one should repay such a person with his acts of friendliness and think of improving the self instead of retaliating against such a negative person or person. But the question that most of us would naturally have is that if we forgive such evil-doers and forget about their malicious and maligning campaigns, will we not be letting loose many mad bulls or elephants run amuck? Will we not be encouraging such kinds of people in their nefarious designs and wicked acts? Before we come to any conclusion, one question that we all need to ask ourselves is that - is it as easy to forgive as it sounds to be?

The majority of us would say 'NO' because the ability to forgive others depends on how honest we are with ourselves. Have we journeyed through our life pure, perfect and clean with never a wrong thought, a wrong word or action? If we look at ourselves honestly, then how can we not forgive another person? When we face our shortcomings, then anger against others disappears. In the past, we have all acted wrongly, either because of not knowing what is right, or out of fear or misunderstanding. Looking back on the past, most of us regret many things that we have said or done. With time and knowledge we realize what is right and begin to make amends. Just by having the desire to do this, we begin this process of our forgiveness. If this process is to progress, we have to forgive others. We cannot condemn others and excuse ourselves. This is cheating and the universally applicable Law of Karma will not allow it.



There can be many answers to the questions raised by many individuals regarding forgiveness, however, what we should understand in our capacity as human beings is that, if the tendencies to evil or misbehaviour are within tolerable limits and are not likely to obtain a boost by our action of forgiveness and if the person charged with misconduct expresses sincere regrets and apologies after deep realisation of his evil acts, then we should forgive and forget else we should take such preventive, non-violent, non-aggressive steps that do not downgrade our worth as a human being. And, let us remember that vengeance, vindictiveness, violence, virulent acts, vile and quile or wickedness and wrong-doing are not the ways of a noble-minded person.

Remember! The power to forgive comes from compassion, which means we should compassionately and peacefully move forward with what is good, towards what is better. But before we start to forgive others, we must learn to forgive ourselves, otherwise, the process of releasing the burden would neither begin nor progress. Forgiving ourselves means letting go of the past. But it also means not making the same mistakes again and again; not inventing convenient ways to excuse ourselves. A person who has hardened his own heart against others cannot feel even God's forgiveness and compassion. Hence, if we want to be forgiven, then we must be willing to forgive first because the one who forgives first not only proves his justice but especially proves his love. That is why it is said that 'A life well lived is your best revenge'. So, instead of focusing on your wounded feelings, and thereby giving the person who caused you pain, the power over you, learn to look for the love, beauty and kindness around you. This will make the world a better place to live in.

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How green are the electric vehicles?



Electric vehicles are not the ultimate solution for our environment. The solution lies in adjusting our lifestyles, consumption and mobility patterns

ndia has set an ambitious target of 30 per cent Electric Vehicle (EV) penetration in private cars, 70 per cent in commercial vehicles, and 80 per cent in two and three-wheelers by 2030. To achieve the targets, the Government is giving various incentives to buyers and manufacturers of EVs, including subsidies, tax relief etc. Across the world also, automakers are being prodded by their governments to promote the sale of EVs to fight climate change. But how green, truly, are the EVs? While EVs are more climatefriendly than our traditional cars driven by internal combustion engines (ICE), they are not free from their adverse impacts on the environment. Let me make it clear that this is not an article against EV which is the road to the future, but that road needs to be negotiated with caution, and not craze.

A vehicle's impact on the environment can be judged by the totality of its impact on production, running and scrapping at the end of its useful life. Let us consider these stages one by one. As regards production, to assess the amount of greenhouse gases (GHGs) emitted during EV manufacture, we need to estimate how their components are made and where their raw materials are sourced from. While manufacturing an ICE car based on petrol or diesel or an EV without its battery releases about the same amount of carbon dioxide (CO2) - about 7 to 10 tonnes, it is the EV-battery production that adds significantly

The battery is the heart of an EV, and about 150 kgs of CO2 are released to create every kilo-watt-hour (kWh) of bat-tery capacity. An average EV consumes 0.20 kWh per km, and for an EV to have a decent range (say 300 km) between charges, it needs a battery capacity of 60kWh, which means additional CO2emission of 9 tonnes, which makes an EV almost twice as environmentunfriendly as an ICE-car. Making EVs thus evidently creates more emissions, and improving technology is the only solution. Also, while the EVs don't emit toxic exhaust fumes, their batteries can emit toxic fumes, if damaged.

The raw materials for the have to be mined, and the process of mining, refining and transportation also adds a lot of GHGs. The raw materials include rare earth materials like lithium, and neodymium, besides copper, cobalt, aluminium, nickel and also manganese and graphite. The rare earth materials are available only in a few countries. Lithium, the third element in the periodic table of elements, is lighter compared to other elements used in batteries like lead and has an extra electron in its outermost shell which increases power flow through the cell.

While Australia is currently the largest supplier of lithium, the 'lithium triangle' of Bolivia, Chile and Argentina accounts for half the total global reserves. But it is China that controls 77 per cent of the global lithium-ion battery manufacturing capacity and is home to six of the world's 10 largest manufacturing companies. India currently imports all of its lithium from Australia and Argentina and 70 per cent of its lithiumion cell requirements from China. The recent discovery of large lithium reserves in Rajasthan and Jammu may catapult



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India to become a major producer of the element in future.

Mining lithium is hazardous and leads to the emission of significant amounts of GHGs. Further, extraction of every tonne of lithium requires 500,000 litres of water, and lithium mining can pollute the air and water with chemicals and heavy metals. A 2019 study shows that 40 per cent of the adverse climatic impact from the production of lithiumion batteries comes from the mining process itself. It is indeed a paradox that the clean energy of EVs can come only from dirty mining. Another metal used extensively in EV batteries is cobalt, of which 70 per cent of the world's reserves are in the Democratic Republic of Congo one the poorest countries in the world and a failed state. Its mining is akin to modern-day slavery which is not limited to adult men and women only - children as young as four are often forced to work as slaves to extract cobalt with nothing other than primitive hand-held tools; in fact, they grow as slaves into adulthood while still mining lithium in a never-ending loop through generations. Scarcity of the rare earth elements will limit the transition to EVs across the world unless technology brings a solution. There are also geopolitical issues associated with their extraction. The alternatives suggested like green hydrogen or biofuels are equally unviable – 99 per cent of the world's hydrogen is still produced from fossil fuels and increasing biofuel production may compromise the area available for food production.

But the most important factor is that EVs are only as green as their power sources. Their environmental impact depends on how the electricity that charges them is made, and these are not green, as of now, in most countries. The share of coal in electricity production varies from 20 per cent in the USA to 63 per cent in China and 73 per cent in India. A coal-fired power station emits renewable and non-renewable about 800 grammes of CO2 per sources that will have to be tapped kWh, while renewable sources like solar panels or wind turbines emit only 36 grammes. The solution thus lies in greening the electricity grid, and there is a long way to go for that. Till then, switching to EVs will only add to GHGs in our atmosphere. Emissions will drop only when we make our grids zero-carbon.

At present it is a mix of renewable and non-renewable sources, and this energy mix used to recharge EV batteries strongly impacts their carbon footprint. The net negative impact of EVs today is greater for coal-intensive countries like India, China or Poland compared to the ICE cars. EVs will become an attractive option only with the gradual decarbonisation of electricity. Only six countries - China, the USA, Japan, Canada, Norway, and the UK – now have EV market shares above one per cent of the total vehicle sales. A Thomson-Reuters study projects the best scenario that by 2040, half of the vehicles on

the road will still be powered by fossil fuels, but all new vehicles sold will be EVs only. While it will significantly reduce CO2 emission by almost 40 per cent, it will also lead to much-increased demand for electricity to power these EVs
– an additional electricity generation of 3,000 terawatt hours would be needed by 2050 to meet that demand.

To put that figure in perspective, the EU today generates a total of 3,200 terawatt hours. Imagine the - and their carbon footprints - to power the global fleet of future EVs, not to talk about the huge additional investments needed. Disposal of these batteries also poses a threat to the climate. Though they contain less toxic waste than other batteries and have much longer lives, a study from Australia found that 98 per cent of them end up in landfills, increasing the chances of landfill fires that can burn for years; these are now becoming increasingly more common.

For our environment, EVs are thus not the ultimate solution. The solution lies in adjusting our lifestyles, consumption and mobility patterns. Limiting the production of new EVs means promoting alternatives like walking, cycling, public transport, carpools shared vehicles, etc. with the same urgency that we are today showing towards EVs. We must employ all the levers, technological and non-technological - to shift to sustainable mobility and a sustainable

Reign in coaching centres in the country

Coaching centres have only fostered a fiercely unhealthy competition among students which is taking a heavy toll on their mental health

few weeks ago, a leading daily newspaper carried the account of increasing suicide cases by students undertaking coaching for competitive examinations in Kota, Rajasthan, the prime centre for the coaching industry in India. The following paragraph is extracted from the article Kota: As student suicides soar, ministers blame coaching 'mafia', the burden of education loans, published in Times of India on 29th August

Minister Mahesh Joshi recently said that the burden of educational loans on parents was one of the causes of stress among the students and the Centre must formulate a policy so that the parents do not have to borrow money for education. Food and Civil Supplies



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Minister Pratap Singh Khachariyawas alleged that coaching institutes in Kota were only interested in collecting money. He termed coaching centres as Mafia and said the government would have to take strict action against them. "When we were children, there was no coaching. Were students not becoming IPS then? A mafia has emerged in the name of coaching and the government will have to take strict action against it", Khachariyawas said.

Viewed deeply and analytically, it has become a net drain on national resources. It distorted the already incongruous educational system foisted on the country during India's colonial period in the early 19th century (1835) by the Britisher Thomas Babington

All coaching centres in India should be banned. Here are seven reasons why.

•They do not serve the professed basic purpose of coaching for competitive examinations-selection of best applicants or aspirants. The best students will be selected even if there are no coaching centres. In fact, in the absence of coaching centres selection of the best students will be more genuine because it will be based on self-study

and raw talent. •Coaching centres are partly the product of a nonuniform pattern of education in the country in which different syllabi and text materials are prescribed for different

states.

huge drain on the monetary resources of economically middle and lower-class families who have to educate their children for professional streams. The huge expenditure often breaks the back of poor families who have to run this rate race.

•A limited number of seats in professional institutions and a burgeoning student population make the competition tougher and tougher each year. This stresses the young aspirants physically and mentally. Many of them, unfortunately, failing to cope with this enormous stress, end their precious lives. The current market revenue of the coaching industry in India is Rs 58,088 crore, according to Infinium Global Research, a

Pune. The coaching industry's growth is projected to reach Rs 1,33,995 crore by 2028. This is a colossal waste because this industry is providing no net value addition to our student community and society at

 As mentioned above, we have to gauge the adverse effect of coaching centres on established, formal schools and educational institutions. They suffer because many of their regular teachers neglect their jobs and perform parttime private tuitions which groom the students to make them coaching centre-ready.

Our industry should be productive, creative, innovative and progressive for all sections of society. Industries that run parallel to and are detrimen-•Coaching centres are a consultancy firm based in tal to existing established insti-

tutions are a bane for society and the nation at large. The coaching industry is one such industry that has inflicted incalculable harm to the existing educational institutions and has economically burdened the society by creating unhealthy, morbid competition which is manifesting itself in such symptoms as suicides by frustrated students. Our government should realize this stark truth and come down heavily on the coaching mafia playing havoc with our society. Our society has traditionally maintained an economic environment of cooperation, collaboration and healthy competition but these coaching centres have only fostered a fiercely unhealthy competition which is slowly and surely

and entrepreneurship among the students affected by it in large numbers. Our elite should put pressure on the government to promulgate laws that will put an end to all coaching centres in the coun-

Needless to say, the government must establish more professional institutions of good standard to serve the needs of the burgeoning population. Encouraging startups and entrepreneurship in a bigger way will also bring down the enormous competition generated due to limited seats in academic institutions and limited professional positions in government organizations. The coaching industry is outright non-productive and should be done away with as killing the spirit of creativity early as possible.

Gas price for Reliance to be reduced by 14% from October

likely to be cut by about 14 per cent from next month in line with softening energy prices, sources said. For the six-month period starting October 1, the price of gas from deepsea and high-pressure, high-temperature (HPTP) areas is likely to be cut to around USD 10.4 per million British thermal unit from the current USD 12.12, they said. The

government bi-annually fixes prices of the locally-produced natural gas -- which is converted into CNG for use in automobiles, piped to household kitchens for cooking and used to generate electricity and make fertilisers. Two different formulas govern rates paid for gas produced from legacy or old fields of national oil companies like Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Oil India Ltd (OIL), and for newer fields lying in difficult-to-tap areas, such as deepsea. Rates are fixed on April 1 and October 1 each year.



CBI books Mandhana Industries in Rs 975 crore bank fraud

Global Ltd) for allegedly defrauding a consortium led by Bank of Baroda of Rs 975.08 crore, officials said Tuesday. The CBI action follows a complaint from the bank which alleged that former Managing Director Purushottam Chhaganlal Mandhana, former Executive Director Manish Biharilal Mandhana, and a few others defrauded the consortium in a well-knit

criminal conspiracy to funnel funds. The 39-year-old company controlled by the Mandhana family started availing credit facilities from the Bank of Baroda in 2008, but the account was declared a nonperforming asset on December 31, 2016. The banks ordered a forensic audit which exposed a number of irregularities including diversion of funds to settle inter corporate debts, not using a Trust and Retention Account (TRA) to route Rs 420.39 crore during July 2016-September 30, 2017, and fictitious purchases.



Salasar Techno Engineering gets Rs 75 crore order in Africa

alasar Techno Engineering Ltd (STEL) has bagged an electricity transmission order worth around Rs 75.23 crore in Africa. "The contract worth USD 9.40 million equivalent to Rs 752.38 million by Energy Development Corporation Ltd (EDCL) is for the Rwanda Transmission System Reinforcement and Last Mile Connectivity project," STEL said in a statement on Tuesday. The company is entrusted with the responsibility of providing end-to-

end solution of designing, supplying, and installation of 110kv transmission lines connecting the African regions of Rwinkwavu-Kirehe, Gabiro-Nyagatare, and Rulindo-Gicumbi, the statement said. The engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) order is expected to get completed within 18 months. "This order has enabled us to expand our presence in exports market... Africa, with its vast potential and growing energy demands, remains a region of promising market with enormous growth potential," a company spokesperson said.



Govt to soon tweak PLI schemes for pharma, textiles and drones

PNS NEW DELH

The government may soon tweak the production-linked incentive scheme for pharmaceuticals, drones and textiles sectors to encourage investment and boost manufacturing, an official said.

These sectors have been identified after inter-ministerial consultations on the performance of the scheme for various products.

The official also said that disbursement of productionlinked incentives (PLI) for white goods (AC and LED lights) would start this month and that would push the amount of disbursement, which was only Rs 2,900 crore till March 2023.

The scheme was announced in 2021 for 14 sectors such as telecommunications, white goods, textiles, manufacturing of medical devices, automobiles, speciality steel, food products, high-efficiency solar PV modules, advanced chemistry cell battery, drones and pharma with an outlay of Rs



1.97 lakh crore. "We have identified the sectors. We are going to send the combined note to seek approval of the Union Cabinet. The changes include extending some time (for pharma sector) and adding some additional products in some

"In textiles, we are expanding the definition of certain other products in the technical textiles segment; in drones, we are increasing the amount," the government official, who did

not wish to be named said. The total amount allocated for the PLI scheme for drones and drone components is Rs 120 crore spread over three financial years.

A senior official of the commerce and industry ministry had earlier stated that some course corrections or tweaking were needed in PLI schemes that were not doing well.

PLI schemes for sectors which are not picking up well include high-efficiency solar

PV modules, advanced chemistry cell (ACC) batteries, textile products and speciality

On the other hand, the scheme is doing well in sectors such as electronics, pharma, medical devices, telecom, food processing, and white goods.

The government is trying to sort out issues such as timely processing of claims, visa-related matters where vendors require Chinese professionals' expertise, and delay in getting environmental clearances that have been raised by certain stakeholders of PLI schemes.

The purpose of the scheme is to attract investments in key sectors and cutting-edge technology; ensure efficiency and bring economies of size and scale in the manufacturing sector; and make Indian companies and manufacturers globally competitive.

These schemes for all 14 sectors have been notified by the concerned ministries/ departments after due approval. These schemes are in various stages of implementation.

Google to integrate Bard with other Google apps, results in more languages

PNS NEW DELHI

Search engine Google has said it is opening up access to AI-powered chatbot Bard while integrating it with Google apps such as Maps, Docs and Drive and offering results in more languages and countries.

Touted as Google's answer to open-source GenAI platform ChatGPT, Google said Bard is now available in languages and countries worldwide. Users can collaborate on creative projects, start in one language and continue in up to over 40 languages and countries. Bard will be able to interact with information from Gmail, Docs and Google Drive to find, summarise and answer questions

Google is also integrating real-time info from Maps, YouTube, Hotels and Flights - expanding Bard's capabilities by pulling in information from the Google apps and services. These extensions are enabled by default, and you can disable them any time, Google said.

across personal content.

UK says India trade talks 'continue as before' amid Canada allegations

PNS LONDAON

The UK government said on Tuesday that the "serious allegations" over the murder of a Sikh separatist leader in Canada will not impact its own ongoing trade negotiations with India.

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's spokesperson at 10 Downing Street was asked about the impact the issue may have on India-UK relations after a government spokesperson said the UK remains in "close touch" with the Canadian authorities.

It follows Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's statement in Parliament on Monday that it is pursuing "credible allegations" of "potential" Indian links to the killing of Khalistani separatist leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar, the Chief of Khalistan Tiger Force and a designated terrorist. Canada also expelled an Indian diplo-

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in New Delhi on Tuesday strongly rejected the claims as "absurd and motivated" and dismissed a



"It would be inappropriate to comment further during the ongoing investigation by the Canadian authorities, ' the spokesperson said.

senior Canadian diplomat in a reciprocal move.

'We are in close touch with our Canadian partners about these serious allegations," a UK government spokesperson

"It would be inappropriate to comment further during the ongoing investigation by the Canadian authorities," the spokesperson said.

Later, when Sunak's spokesperson was pressed on the matter, he said work on the trade negotiations with India continue as before".

India and the UK earlier this month agreed to continue to work at pace towards a "landmark" free trade agreement

RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS

IREDA inks MoU with Bank of Maharashtra



PNS NEW DELHI

State-owned Indian Renewable Development Agency (IREDA) on Monday inked an initial pact with Bank of Maharashtra to finance renewable energy projects. The collaboration aims to promote and facilitate co-lending and loan syndication for a diverse spectrum of renewable energy projects across the nation, according to a statement.

"IREDA has signed a significant Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) today, September 18," the statement said.

The MoU comprises several services, including co-lending and co-origination support for all renewable energy projects, facilitating loan syndication and underwriting, management of trust & retention

account for IREDA borrowers, and a commitment to establishing stable fixed interest rates spanning a period of 3-4 years for IREDA borrowings, the statement said.

Under the agreement, BoM can invest in the bonds issued by IREDA in accordance with the specified terms and conditions of the offering. The MoU was signed by

General Manager (Technical Services), IREDA, Bharat Singh Rajput, and General Manager (Retail & MSME Credit), BoM, Rajesh Singh, at IREDA's Business Centre here. To address the substantial

funding requirement of the renewable energy sector, including emerging technologies such as green hydrogen and off-shore wind, IREDA has signed MoUs with public sector banks and financial institutions to collaborate on co-lending for big-ticket-size projects.

Germany's economy battling energy shock now

PNS ■ ESSEN (GERMANY)

For most of this century, Germany racked up one economic success after another, dominating global markets for high-end products like luxury cars and industrial machinery, selling so much to the rest of the world that

Jobs were plentiful, the government's financial coffers grew as other European countries drowned in debt, and books were written about what other countries could learn from Germany. No longer.

The Consumer Affairs Ministry

on Tuesday said it is working on

using artificial intelligence (AI)

to reduce the pendency of cases

in various consumer courts in

The ministry also said the

National Consumer Dispute

Redressal Commission

(NCDRC) has successfully resolved 854 cases during

August, the highest disposal

rate in the current year.

This was possible due to

proactive steps taken by the

the country.

Now, Germany is the world's worst-performing major developed economy, with both the International Monetary Fund and European Union expecting it to shrink this year. It follows Russia's invasion of

Ukraine and the loss of Moscow's cheap natural gas an unprecedented Germany's energy-intensive industries, long the manufacturing powerhouse of Europe.

The sudden underperformance by Europe's largest economy has set off a wave of criticism, handwringing and

Steps for using AI to reduce

pendency of consumer cases

NCDRC, streamlined process-

es and advanced technology like E-daakhil, which helped

resolve cases faster than ever

"In furtherance of keeping

before, it added.



debate about the way forward. Germany risks "deindustrialisation" as high energy costs and government inaction on other chronic problems threat-

the same momentum of dis-

posal of cases, the Department

has made filing of cases

through E-daakhil in con-

sumer commissions compulsory and soon going to launch the feature of VC (video con-

ference) on E-daakhil," the

ministry said in a statement.

As the scope of artificial intelligence is increasing rapid-

ly, the ministry is "also working on using the AI facilities in

reducing the pendency of cases

in the National, State and

Commissions," it added

Consumer

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en to send new factories and high-paying jobs elsewhere, said Christian Kullmann, CEO of major German chemical company Evonik Industries

PNS KOLKATA

The jute industry is concerned

over a threat of a 30-50 per cent

production cut in three months till

November, compared to the same

period last year, because of a low

demand for packaging material for

foodgrains from various states, a

The Indian Jute Mills Association (IJMA) has appealed to the Centre for a

revision in the sixth (revised)

supply plan issued by the Food

& Public Distribution depart-

ment. Foodgrain producers

senior official said on Tuesday.

JUTE PACKAGING

Jute mills foresee 30-50% production

cuts on low procurement plan

AG. From his 21st-floor office in the west German town of Essen, Kullmann points out the symbols of earlier success across the historic Ruhr Valley industrial region: smokestacks from metal plants, giant heaps of waste from now-shuttered coal mines, a massive BP oil inery and Evonik's spray chemical production facility.

These days, the former mining region, where coal dust once blackened hanging laundry, is a symbol of the energy transition, dotted with wind turbines and green space.

have to use jute as a packaging

In the current jute season from

September to November 2023, the

actual demand indent placement

is lower by 30-40 per cent. In September alone, demand indents

are expected to be lower than 2.5

lakh bales against planned 3.21 lakh bales due to slow order plac-

ing by Maharashtra," IJMA

Chairman Raghav Gupta told.

For the months of October

and November, the indents are

likely to be about 1.48 lakh bales

against over 2 lakh bales as per

the August plans, he stated.

material to a certain extent.

Gold rises Rs 150; silver climbs Rs 400

PNS NEW DELHI

Gold prices rose Rs 150 to Rs 60,350 per 10 grams in the national capital on Tuesday amid strong cues from global markets, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the precious metal had settled at

Rs 60,200 per 10 grams. Silver also climbed Rs 400 to Rs 74,800 per kilogram.

In the international markets, both gold and silver were trading higher at USD 1,936 per ounce and USD 23.33 per ounce, respectively. "The Comex spot gold price surpassed resistance of USD 1,935 per ounce, following weakness in the dollar index and expectations that the Federal Reserve will keep interest rates unchanged at its September meeting," Saumil

Gandhi, senior analyst of commodities at HDFC

Securities, said.

Staff shortage at DGCA delays issuance of pilot licences

PNS NEW DELHI

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is taking at least a couple of months to issue licences to trained pilots as the regulator is grappling with the shortage of staff at key positions, according to sources.

After training, individuals need to obtain a Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL) to be eligi-

ble to fly commercial flights. Sources in the civil aviation ministry said that at present, a pilot has to wait for a couple of months to get his or her licence and the pendency time is likely to go up in the coming months. "The Directorate of Training and Licensing (DTL), under the Operations Department which deals with licensing, has a total of 129 sanc-

tioned posts of assistant directors. Of those, 92 posts or almost 72 per cent of the total strength are lying vacant," one of the sources said.

Till July 2022, the DGCA had only 72 sanctioned posts of assistant directors. In August 2022, the ministry created 57 new posts and the sanctioned strength rose to 129 positions.

"However, DGCA has failed to initiate any process to fill the 57 newly created posts. As many as 35 old posts out of the 72 that fell vacant due to retirement or promotions of the employees are also lying vacant," the source said.

When contacted, DGCA Director General Vikram Dev Dutt did not offer any comment on the issues.

However, a senior official on the condition of anonymity



said that the hiring process is tedious and time-consuming, and that is the reason for the

delay in filling crucial posts. As per the DGCA's own 'Standard of Service', after due process, a CPL has to be issued

ithin three days. Further, the source said the regulator published an adver-

tisement through the Union Public Service Commission (PSC) for filling entry-level

posts in airworthiness, legal

and air safety areas. However,

no advertisement for filling the

posts in the operations cadre at

the entry level for assistant

directors that deal with the

licensing process has been

issued, the source added. The sources at the ministry

said that institutes which provide training for drone flying have to get a licence from the DGCA. Over a dozen such institutes have applied for licences but their applications are lying for approval for a considerable amount of time, they added. "Companies that sell drones to trained pilots have to obtain a UIN (Unique Identification Number) from the DGCA for each drone. Similarly, trained drone pilots also have to get a licence from the DGCA to fly drones.

Aviation experts, who are aware of the issue, said that the pendency time in issuing licences to pilots might go up as the operations department under DTL is under the restructuring process due to which the

files are moving among DGCA, the ministry and the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT).

"So far as I know, even the higher positions such as the post of Deputy Director Generals (DDGs) are also facing severe shortage as the DGCA initiated new recruitment rules last year for these posts. "Out of total 18 DDGs posts at DGCA, 9 are vacant. As many as 7 out of these 9 posts were created in August 2022," Captain SS Panesar, Ex-Director of Flight Safety and Training at Indian Airlines, said.

According to him, in the absence of recruitment rules, the feeder cadre, -- directors from legal, airworthiness, operations, flying training aircraft and engineering, among other departments, could not be pro-

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ECHOING THE FILM'S ETHOS THROUGH HIS MELANCHOLIC NOTES

TEJAL SINHA

Encapsulating the essence of a story through his music is none other than the musical maestro Mithoon-one of the busiest musicians we have in the industry. So much so that, every time one thinks of the astonishing B'wood music tracks, he's been the man behind most of the chartbusters. Having been surrounded by musicians all throughout his child-hood and his dad being a renowned expert in the music industry, Naresh Sharma, he never really had a Plan B. He began at an early age of 19, enthusing, "It was my father's dream to see me where I am today, and I have made a lot of sacrifices and practice. I come from a gharana of practice, riyaz, and there was a lot of discipline that went into making me the musician that I am today. I feel that all those efforts have not gone in vain. I feel grateful that among so many people, I've had the privilege to do that, and people want to work with me so much that they come to me, work with me, and my listeners love me so much."

His creations carry a melancholic note that echoes the film's ethos. Though he had created a revolution in itself with the soulful tracks of Aashiqui 2, he also has credit to Woh Lamhe Woh Raatein (Zeher), Maula Mere Maula, Javeda Zindagi (Anwar), and Aye Khuda, Phir Mohabbat (Murder 2), to name a few. That's a blockbuster to date. And now, with the recent Gadar 2, he has once again created a revolution. "Yes, you are right, Aashiqui 2 was quite a revolution in the Indian music industry, and that was a very special phase in my career. After that, I'm very grateful to God that I've never looked back, and Gadar 2 has once again been a revolution for cinema and music, and I just feel grateful. I feel the

best of my career is yet

Just like the movie

to come.

Gadar 2, the iconic tracks Main Nikla Gadi Leke or Udd Jaa Kaale Kava have once again brought the same old feeland ings moments to relive the ardor. This time, even more! With these two iconic tracks. the Ek Villain artist had a very simple feelingkeeping the song, melody, and poetry alive with a lot of respect. "My idea was never to add anything to it or change the beauty of these songs. I have kept it very simple and clean, and I have respected the fabric created by the original creators. So my idea was to just pay respect and trib-ute and allow these melodies to shine by also bringing the original singers, Udit Ji and Alka Ji, so my intention was to let their works shine, and thats what I have done, which has made people love it also." Working on an iconic track is no less than putting immense pressure on oneself. But Mithoon, more than pressure, felt the responsibility that people were so connected to this

song that he could not afford to spoil them in any way. And no doubt, he has respectfully kept the chastity of the songs, the melody, and the poetry intact.

"It was quite an inspiring experience because of the kind of journey that they've had. We have grown up listening to their voices. They've worked so long in the industry that we call our 'house' today, and even to see their enthusiasm and commitment, both of them are such professionals. They rehearsed with me, gave me time in the studio, and would regularly call me up to check if I needed any changes that needed to be made. So this kind of focus and commitment even after

youngsters like us," enthuses the

Darkhaast artist,

who attributes

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tions along with the poetry written by Sayeed Quadri ji, I think

the thoughts, words, and situations—even if you listen to *Khairiyat*— a father's prayer. I feel it's the emotions that people connect with ultimately, beyond the glamour and shimmer; if the emotion connects, then it becomes a success."

Be it Murder 2, Aashiqui 2, or Jism 2, the music he has created for the sequels is astonishingly chart-bustering in its own way. And no doubt, he has been given the tag of 'Part 2 Music Specialist'! He couldn't deny

and Bakshi ji's poetry are why the songs are alive even twenty years later. Similarly in *Gadar 2*, my composiheart and honesty. If there is this tag getting attached to me, and I think as long as it allows me to do good music, I am open to the tag. If they call me the 'Part 2 specialist', I welcome the name."

Classic songs being remade have always been a subject of debate, and in most cases, the recreated versions face criticism from audiences as well as the original singer and composer. Asking him about the same, he says, "If the creative interpretation has no definition, everybody will see the song differently. So at least I don't really have a direct opinion on that.

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On the work front, he is currently working with Mohit Suri for his next

film, with Aditya Dutt for Crakk, and Anil Sharma for his

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But I definitely feel that one should at least take the necessary permission, and the legality of it should be in place before you do any cover or adaptation. A sort of attempt should be made to understand the heart of the original creator, that why did they use, make, and what is the essence of their creation, or the words that are very important, and I tried to do the same thing when I was working with Gadar 2 as well."

He also feels that the statistics are only an indication of how many people we are able to connect with. If one connects with people, the numbers will automatically come. Going ahead, Mithoon has been someone who has not really enjoyed recreating music, and with his songs being recreated, does he feel stressed or bothered? And he gleefully shares, "I don't feel stressed, but I feel that, as an artist, I would not myself want to encourage the trend. I feel there's a lot of talent in the country who can create good original music, and that should be encouraged. I myself have been vocal about not doing recreation in the past. In *Gadar 2*, I made an exception because it was a proper emotional sequence, and

Garadr 2 could not have been made without these iconic songs because this is a part of the story and family of Tara Singh, so that's why I made an exception. I feel that for commercial reasons, the songs should not be recreated rather encouraged to create new talent and a new legacy for

Felipe da Silva Amorim. It's a huge task on his hands to replicate the kind of success that he's been enjoying all these years, over here too. His addition has just further refined the squad Here we are speaking to the 32year-old Brazilian football in an exclusive interview — "So well received by the Hyderabad team. They are used to a winning in the past. So, it's a

SHIKHA DUGGAL

n what comes as a great news

club has completed the signing of versatile Brazilian attacker

to Hyderabad—our football

spree, and have been champions responsibility for me to leave my imprint too, I want to be part of these champions too. Amorim becomes the fourth foreign signing of the club this summer. They also have a new coach, Conor Nestor, after Manolo Marquez shifted camps to join FC Goa this season. He continued his excitement, "The first goal I witnessed was against Corinthians by the phenomenal Ronaldo. It's a wonderful

memory and I will cherish this moment which will stay with me forever. The player that impressed me the most is Cristiano Ronaldo. His mentality and professionalism are top-notch. Even with so many achievements under his belt, he continues to always

Brazilian attacker

Felipe da Silva Amorim,

'I owe a lot of my

life to football'

A Brasilia-born footballer, Amorim started his football career in his hometown, before joining Fluminense in 2016. He moved to Asia with Suphan Buri in Thailand and has spent the last three seasons in the country, amassing close to 100 appearances in all competitions, also winning the Thai FA Cup in 2021. "After God and my family, football is everything to me. It's the sport I love and through it, I have been able to have a better life and I owe a lot of my life to it. Besides, I don't think too much about personal records. But one I would like to achieve is to win as many titles as possible, with this club or wherever I am playing." The versatile attacker who can play on either wing or through the middle, has represented Brazil U20s, has experience of the AFC Champions League, and has finished atop of his league seven different times, in five different leagues to date. Furthermore, in the conversation with us, he spilled, "My idol outside of football is Lebron James, I see the same in him as I see in Cristiano Ronaldo. The most memorable moment of my career was when I had the opportunity to play with

Ronaldinho. It is another moment I will cherish all my life. So, I am trying to take it one step at a time. I still have a few years in football and when the time comes, I believe Jesus will help me in the next step that I must take."

who has recently joined the Hyderabad FC, speaks to The **Pioneer** sharing his of being a part of the squad, his idol, and more.

Empowering sustainable change: biofuel integration in education try professionals for guest lectures, and

amidst rising environmental concerns, biofuels offer a promising alternative to traditional fuels. It stands as a vital player in India's energy mix, addressing around 5% of the nation's energy demands. Promoting biofuels in educational institutions has become crucial, as they play a significant role not just as centres of education but as platforms nurturing awareness, innovation, and sustainable practices among young minds. This is transformative, as students empowered with new perspectives emerge as drivers of extensive biofuel adoption, prompting conversations within homes and communities. The article explores schools' vital role in cultivating an understanding of biofuels and inspiring students to advocate for renewable energy solutions.

NURTURING CRITICAL THOUGHT AND ENVIRONMEN-**TAL AWARENESS**

The integration of biofuel promotion

rndia's quest for greener energy and within education draws inspiration from the effective communication strategies employed in impactful campaigns. Just as these campaigns encourage sustainable behaviours, educational modules dedicated to biofuels nurture critical thinking among students. This empowers them to make informed choices, pon-dering the consequences of their energy consumption.

Incorporating the promotion of biofuels into educational curricula is essential for students to grasp the environmental and economic benefits of sustainable energy. To achieve this, academic institutions can employ various strategies. They can integrate biofuel-related topics across subjects, develop lesson plans with realworld examples, organise hands-on activities for experiential learning, hold inter-active workshops with industry experts, arrange field trips to biofuel facilities, assign projects, invite guest speakers for diverse perspectives, To make the concept more approachable, schools can think about hosting a TED talk, which is a pow-

erful way to share thoughts and create a and utilisation of biofuels in India. Schools real impact. These strategies encourage students to consider the lasting impact of their decisions, fostering a sense of responsibility towards the environment.

A BRIDGE TO REAL-WORLD INSIGHT: COLLABORATIVE AND PRACTICAL LEARNING Understanding the intricacies of biofuel production, distribu-

tion, and utilisation requires collaboration between schools, local biofuel initiatives. and industries. Schools become conduits for fostering partnerships that provide invaluable insights with real-world exposure to the production, distribution,

facilitating internships and apprenticeships with biofuel organisations. Collaborative can adopt various strategies, such as organising visits to production sites and workshops led by experts, inviting indus-

projects, student competitions, and industry mentoring also play pivotal roles. Developing educational resources with local biofuel initiatives, conducting awareness campaigns, offering skill development programmes, and engaging in joint research endeavours further enrich students' practical learning experiences.

Through these efforts, students are prompted to engage in discussions surrounding the ethical dimensions of energy use. By participating in local biofuel initiatives and engaging in practical projects, students bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world application, enriching their understanding.

GUIDING THE PATH FORWARD: A SUSTAINABLE ETHOS

Essentially, schools are driving the biofuel narrative beyond mere concepts to instill an overarching ethos. By nurturing interdisciplinary viewpoints and fostering environmental consciousness, they impart values that transcend classroom boundaries. As students navigate the complexities of biofuels, energy choices, and ethi-cal considerations, schools emerge as beacons of inspiration, guidance, and empowerment. This preparation equips the next generation to passionately advocate for inte-grating biofuels within an ever-evolving energy landscape. In a world where sustainable energy solutions are the need of the hour, schools are sowing the seeds of change. They are nurturing young minds to not only embrace the potential of biofuels but also to lead the charge towards a greener and more sustainable future.

(The author, K. J. Jasmine, is the principal of Orchids The International School, BTM Layout.)

Jain Social Group Hyderabad Charitable Foundation Trust organised a curtain raiser event for its upcoming live music concert for a charitable cause, Rock Starz. The event will be organised on October 1 at Taramati Baradari, which will have Indian Idol sensations Rishi Singh, Deboshmita Roy, and Shanmukha Priya performing for the cause.



Gem Opencube Technologies Private Limited, in partnership with Pranaam Hospitals, announced the forthcoming launch of Pranaam's Any Time Clinic, a ground-breaking digital health ATM poised to revolutionise healthcare accessibility. Scheduled for unveiling in November, this cutting-edge health ATM is currently undergoing a trial phase.



Errabelli Davakar Rao Garu, Telangana Minister of Rural Development and RWS, along with Arekapudi Gandhi Garu, MLA, Serilingampally, and other esteemed guests, graced the inauguration of Country Chicken Co.'s 7th premium outlet at Chandanagar in Hyderabad.



Arvind Kumar, IAS, Telangana Special Chief Secretary, MA&UD, Govt of Telangana, along with the team of Q Mart, graced the inauguration of its third store in the city, at Sattva Knowledge City.

what's brewing?

The 9th edition of TEDxHyderabad 2023 - Ignite creates an unforgettable symposium of ideas and inspiration

ecently, an impressive gathering of over 1200+ eager city residents, their anticipation palpable, gathered for a day that promised to be filled with Recently, an impressive gamening or over 1250 reags. The inspiration, thought-provoking conversations, and pioneering ideas. TEDxHyderabad, now in its 9th edition, curated a remaindable event dial program together individuals from diverse backgrounds, united by their passion for ideas that spark change. The event, themed 'Ignite,' set the stage ablaze with their passions fields. These exceptional individuals left the audience deeply moved with their stories of kindness, humanity, innovation, and resilience in the face of adversity. TEDxHyderabad's 9th edition was more than just a gathering; it was a testament to the indomitable spirit of those who dare to rise above life's challenges.

Wonderla's exclusive offers for teachers and hospitality staffs during Sept

onderla Holidays Ltd., extended a warm invitation to two of society's most essential pillars: educators and hospitality workers. Wonderla Holidays recognizes the immense contributions made by teachers and those in the hospitality industry and is pleased to announce exclusive offers to show gratitude. They can plan a trip to Wonderla between September 1 and September 30. This can be availed at: https://www.wonderla.com/offers/. Wonderla is here to make your Mondays and Tuesdays even better with a fantastic offer: a 20% discount on park entry tickets. This offer is valid for all hospitality workers, including employees of restaurants, bars, pubs, cafes, hotels, and resorts. This offer is valid throughout the month of September.his can be availed at: https://www.wonderla.com/offers/ Wonderla encourages visitors to book their entry tickets in advance through their online portal

EICHER INAUGURATES A NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART DEALERSHIP IN WARANGAL

-icher Trucks & Buses, a business unit of VE Commercial Vehicles inaugurated a new 3S (Service, Spares, and Sales) dealership, VVC Motors. The 1acre facility in the heart of Warangal City, with 2000 square feet display area is fully equipped with a comprehensive inventory of spare parts, and multi-service bays that enhance process efficiency and service productivity. The dealership is well-positioned to offer optimum assistance to local and transiting Eicher customers operating in industries of agriculture, cotton, textile and food processing with provision for 24x7 support and factory-trained technicians. The location of the dealership on the Bhattapally Main Road connecting two major national highways- NH163 (that connects Hyderabad to Chhattisgarh) and NH563 (that connects Jagatiyal, Warangal and Khammam) will enable it to serve in-transit Eicher customers.

Turtle Wax India teams up with HB Autospa

urtle Wax, Inc., an award-winning Chicago-based car care company, announced the launch of its another co-branded car-care studio in Hyderabad, Telangana in partnership with HB Autospa; located at Ground 101 & 102, Ideal park puppalguda, Manikonda, Rangareddy. Equipped with ultra-modern Turtle Wax detailing technologies and a team of

Hindware Tiles forays into

indware Limited, an iconic brand of bathware and tiles, recently announced its foray into Tile Adhesive industry and expansion of its product offerings in the tiles category. The brand has launched 5 different SKUs in adhesives to cater to the entire tile category, ranging from

Novotel Hyderabad Airport celebrates its crystal anniversary

ovotel Hyderabad Airport celebrates the crystal anniversary of its glorious journey. The property organized the 'Heartiest Gratitude Week' to recognize the invaluable contribution of their employees and key stakeholders. In the one-and-a-half decade of its existence, Novotel

Celebrating Korean culture

G Electronics hosted the grand finale of the All India K-Pop Contest 2023 at the Thyagaraj Sports Complex in New Delhi in association with **__**the Korean Cultural Centre. This spectacular event brought together

4-yr-old girl gets new

merican Oncology Institute (AOI) Hyderabad successfully treated a 4year-old girl through a groundbreaking Haploidentical stem cell transplantation, where her mother served as a donor. The young

highly qualified and trained service personnel, this Turtle Wax Car Care Studio offers a wide range of car detailing services and products specifically designed to cater to the personalized taste of car enthusiasts HB Autospa brings years of skill in car care and detailing to Hyderabad. Paired with Turtle Wax's detailing innovation and expertise and aimed at offering superior value through best-in-class quality and customer service, Turtle Wax Car Care Studio caters to consumer demands for professional vehicle maintenance and hygiene. The studio offers a multitude of care packages from Turtle Wax's ceramic and graphene range using the latest technologies to deliver unsurpassed results.

ceramic to elevation tiles. With this strategic move, the brand aims to provide customers with a comprehensive solution for their construction and home improvement needs under one roof. Owing to the rising need for dependable adhesive solutions in the construction sector, the tile adhesive market is anticipated to grow substantially. Recognizing the potential of this market, Hindware Tiles intends to leverage its expertise in the building materials industry to offer tile adhesive solutions that are seamlessly integrated with its existing product portfolio. Through this strategic move, Hindware Tiles aims to provide customers with a one-stop shop for all their

Hvderabad Airport has carved out a niche for itself by offering comfortable, luxurious, exceptional and personalised service to the quests. The property also offers a unique sense of spirit and engagement for patrons and employees. The property has stepped up its innovation and excellence initiatives over the last few years. The installation of Patch and Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations as well as the upgradation of the facilities including the lobby, the Gourmet Bar (GB), and the Food Exchange (FE) were undertaken to enhance customer experience and satisfaction

over 4,000 enthusiastic individuals who share a profound love for K-pop and Korean culture.LG Electronics was proud to sponsor the K-Pop contest and celebrate the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Korea and India. The competition, which commenced as a long-term project in April, saw an astounding 11,000 participants in the initial online round.

patient, named Deepika, initially sought medical help due to bleeding gums and frequent nosebleeds (epistaxis). Her condition was further complicated by a drastically low platelet count (thrombocytopenia), which reached a critical level of 3000. Suspecting immune thrombocytopenia, Dr Ashok Kumar, Haemato-Oncologist & Bone Marrow Transplant Physician at AOI initiated treatment with steroids. Upon further investigation, her bone marrow tests indicated amegakaryocytic thrombocytopenia, a rare congenital disorder where the bone marrow fails to produce sufficient









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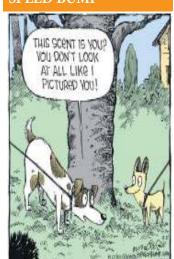
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'Rudram Kota will have scenes that no one has shown till now'



Rudram Kota, starring senior artist Jayalalitha in a pivotal role, produced by Anil Arka Kandavalli, is written and directed by Ramu Kona. Starring Rudhra, Vibhisha and Riya in lead roles, the thriller is going to be released in theatres on September 22 through Screen

Director Ramu Kona, who has previously directed 5000 TV serial episodes, is debuting as a film director with this movie. Speaking about how

he forayed into the entertainment industry, he said, 'I entered the industry industry in 2001. Tried to be an actor. I tried a lot but it didn't work out. At that time, I worked for a TV serial named Padmavyuham for a few days through a make-up man. After that, I stopped doing it due to some issues. I moved to Madras. Through a friend there, I oined director Suresh as an assistant director to work for a serial. I learned a lot of things from him. After that, worked as a

prompter for some TV serials. That's how my career took off. So far, I have directed hit serials for all major TV channels. Till now, I have directed more

than five thousand episodes. I have also done serial production for Zee Telugu and Maa TV. That time I got an opportunity to direct this movie Rudram Kota."

Rudram Kota is a film based on some real incidents which were happened near the place Rudram Kota. This is a coming-of-age love story that grows up in a graveyard. The story takes place in the backdrop of Rudram Kota, a village near Bhadrachalam. According to the director, the film will have scenes that no one has shown till now. The movie has elements that will appeal to all sections of the audience. "It can be said that it is a youthful entertainer with love and lust at its centre. There is also

a message," the director said.
Senior actress Jayalalitha has
played the lead role in this. The
director shared, "Her performance as Kotamma is amazing. Rudhra acted as the hero. Although this is his first film, he acted without any inhibitions. He is convincing in his role. Also, heroines Shakti and Vibhisha both acted so well. Every character is crucial to the story. Javalalitha's role as Kotamma is the biggest highlight of the movie. There are five songs in this movie. Subhash Anand and Niranjan are the two music directors who have worked on the music. Recently, songs have been released via Tips

Audio. The response has been fab."
The movie was entirely shot in 26 days in a village called Rudram

Lastly, the director spoke about his inspiration and said, "Rajamouli is my role model as a director. He also first did a serial called Shanti Nivasam. After that, he directed films and took Telugu cinema to the Oscar level. I find him exemplary and inspi-

Tamil actor Vijay Antony's daughter allegedly dies by suicide

eera Antony, the daugh-ter of Tamil actor-composer Vijay Antony, allegedly died by suicide on Tuesday at her home in Chennai. She was reportedly

Reacting to an old tweet by Meera's mother, film trade analyst Ramesh Bala tweeted, "In March of this year, Fatima Vijay Antony was so happy that her daughter Meera Vijay Antony became the cultural secretary of her school students association. We all congratulated her on Twitter. She was the world to her parents.

Can't imagine the pain."
Meera was

a Class 12 student of a private school in Chennai. According to reports, Meera, who was under

pressure and was

getting treatment for the same, was taken to a private hospital after being found hanging at her Chennai residence. Upon examination by the doctors, she was declared her dead. Meera was found hanging at the

residence around 3.00 a.m. by the house help. The shocked family rushed her to the hospital where she was declared dead.

Meera is survived by her father, mother Fatima and her sister Lara.

Martin Luther King in cinemas from Oct 27, marks Sampoornesh Babu comeback

Sampoornesh Babu, a renowned actor in Tollywood, is known for his distinct parody humor, which can be seen in movies like Kobbari Matta and Hrudaya Kaleyam. Not only were these movies entertaining, but they also were huge box office hits. Sampoornesh Babu, however, participated in a number of Telugu movies after the initial uproar surrounding *Hrudaya Kaleyam*, but he found it difficult to repeat his prior popular-

Sampoornesh Babu is about to make a triumphant return to Tollywood with a political comedv named Martin Luther King after a protracted absence from the big screen.

Recently, the movie's official title and first-look poster were



revealed, sparking much enthusiasm among fans and cinema buffs alike. The first look poster for Martin Luther King is unlike

anything we've seen before.

It features Sampoornesh Babu donning a crown on his head, surrounded by political leaders surrounded by political leaders actively campaigning for votes. The intriguing visual has piqued the curiosity of moviegoers, suggesting that this film promises to deliver something extraordinary.

Actors Naresh and director

Venkatesh Maha, who will both play significant roles in the film, will join Sampoornesh Babu in the cast.

There is excitement for this comeback endeavor because the film's production team has already revealed that Martin Luther King will be released in theaters on October 27.

SS RAJAMOULI ANNOUNCES DADASAHEB PHALKE BI

Pilmmaker SS Rajamouli has announced the biopic on Dadasaheb Phalke titled *Made In India*, which will be directed by National Award-winning filmmaker Nitin Kakkar.

Taking to Instagram and X, where he shared the

teaser of the project, Rajamouli, who will be presenting the movie, said that making the biopic is tough.

When I first heard the narration, it moved me emotionally like nothing else. Making a biopic is tough in itself, but conceiving one about the Father of Indian Cinema is even more challenging. Our boys are ready and up for it...) With immense pride, Presenting Made in India..." Rajamouli captioned the video.

Made In India is said to be based on the 'Father of Indian cinema' Dadasaheb Phalke.

The film will be released in six languages --



Marathi, Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam and

The film will be produced by VarunGupta of MaxStudios and SS Karthikeya of Showing Business. Other details about the film are still under

for today's audience. When the

point is being made that heroes

should win and villains should

win. The film is going to be released on October 6th. In the

meantime, taking your film to the audience is a big challenge. If you can bring people to the theaters

unveils *Dhekho Mumbai* from *Rules Ranjann*

riran Abbayaram, who shot to fame with Raja Vaaru Rani SRKalvana Mandapam, Vinaro Bhagyamu Ýishnu Katha, will be seen alongside DJ Tillu fame Neha Sshetty for the entertainer Rules Ranjann. The film, helmed by Rathinam Krishna, the director behind films like Nee Manasu Naaku Telusu, Oxygen, releases in theatres on October 6. Produced by Divyang Lavania, Murali Krishnaa Vemuri under Star Light Entertainment, the film is presented by noted producer AM Rathnam.

Rules Ranjann struck a right chord with the supremely engaging trailer launched recently. Amrish scores the music for the film and all the three songs - Enduku Ra Babu, Sammohanuda, Naalo Lene Lenu are a hit with listeners. The fourth song from the film - Dhekho

Mumbai - was launched by Mass Maharaja Ravi Teja on Tuesday. He was full of praise for its catchy tune and the appealing picturisation, predicted it would a chartbuster. Adnan Sami and Payal Dev have crooned for the number which has lyrics by Kasarla Shyam and wellknown Hyderabadi rapper Megh-Uh-Watt. Renowned dance choreographer Sireesh has worked on the number. 'Dekho Mumbai..Dosti Mazaa..Peeke Karlo Mazaa..Zindagi Masti Jeevincheddam..Jaaneman..,' the song starts on a jubilant note where the protagonists - Kiran and Neha Sshetty - explore Mumbai together.

The number is delectably shot in among the most iconic spots of the city; there's great energy in the moves and the lead actors portray its celebratory vibe with enthusiasm.

The vibrant lyrics, with the liberal mix of Hindi and Telugu words are easy on the ears and the rapper Megh-Uh-Watt's lines lend it a trendy exterior. It's indeed a pleasant sight to notice the joy with which both Adnan Sami and Payal Dev go love never sleeps Rules Ranjann cen-

about their rendition. By the end of the number, the protagonists gradually fall in love with one another. The video aptly ends with the lines 'The heart is full, the streets are alive, the city of dreams Mumbai, where tres around protagonists who're polar opposites - a traditional boy who goes by rules and traditions in contrast to a freespirited woman who has a voice of her own. The film focuses on the various quirky situations that surface during their relationship, offering a right mix of romance, humour and emotions.

Chiranjeevi blood bank supplies 100 units to state govt aiding poor

Megastar Chiranjeevi has always been at the forefront in serving the people and never backed down to any extent to help them in times of

emergency.
This has been Chiranjeevi's commitment to the people who supported him in the movies and elevated him to a higher nosition Mega f understood his wish and has always stood in his support for the cause. Megafans continue to donate blood regularly as

per Chiranjeevi's blood bank, so no one loses their life due to lack of blood. He has already given lakhs of units of blood free of charge in order to help in times of emergency. Such generosity has once again been done by Chiranjeevi Charitable Trust. 100 units to Osmania Hospital, Hyderabad, 100 units to Gandhi Hospital, 100 units to Niloufer Hospital, 100 units to poor patients being treated in Warangal, 100 units to poor patients being treated in Mahbubnagar, Chiranjeevi donated blood through Red Cross Society for the

needs of poor patients.
In this background, Dr. Madhavi praised the fans and blood donors who supported such a massive program, saving that this blood donation by fans is bringing light to the lives of many poor

Dil Raju: Rakshasa Kavyam is the perfect movie for current generation

bhai Naveen, Anvesh Michael, Pawan Ramesh, Dayanand Kushalini and Rohini are starring in the movie Rakshasa Kavyam. Damu Reddy and Shinganamala Kalyan are producing this film under the banners of Garuda Productions, Pingo Pictures and Cine Valley Movies. Naveen Reddy and Vasundara Devi are coproducers. Umesh Nigg is the executive producer.

The film Rakshasa Kavyam is

directed by Sriman Keerthi. The film is going to hit the screens on October 6. Recently the trailer of this movie was released by ace producer Dil Raju. On the occasion, Producer Dil Raju said, "I watched the trailer of Rakshasa Kavvam. This is an attempt made by the newcomers in the industry for the current generation. After watching the trailer, I understood that the director has so much



good films. If you come with a good story, you will surely succeed. The producer has made a good effort with the newcomers. If the film is good, the audience will surely love it. Content coming with negative characters is becoming successful. I am afraid



and if the movie is good then the media will support and the audience as well. Meanwhile director Shriman Keerthi expressed his gratitude towards Dil Raju, and said, 'The inspiration of watching different concept movies like Dil Raju's Arya and Dil remained

somewhere in my mind. I can say that the inspiration for Rakshasa Kavyam is definitely there. Our movie gives the feeling of watching a different that even if I movie. See you in theaters on October 6." "If Dil Raju garu comes to any movie

event, the buzz will be more. Rakshasa Kavvam movies will remain special in my career. Because I have not acted in such a character till now. Thanks Sriman anna for giving me this opportunity. This is a movie that takes vou to a new world for two hours. As an audience, I have seen this movie, so I am sure that you will

like it. If you like our

trailer, share it with

your friends," shares hero Abhai Naveen.



they decided to start the film with a side plan. And the works related to this movie have almost reached the final

It is known that in 2018, 21 fishermen who went for hunting on the coast from Gujarat were caught by the Pakistan Coast Guard. Director Wendi is going to bring this movie on the screen based on the life of one of them, Rama Rao. Naga Chaitanya had already gone to Srikakulam district and saw the lifestyle of the fishermen there. While various names were under consideration till now, Sai Pallavi seems to have been fixed. It has not been officially announced yet but a special video has been released by the film's unit members in which Sai Pallavi's face is not visible. And if you see those gestures, you will understand that it is Sai Pallavi. It can be said that their combination will definitely be a hot pick.

PA…PA… MOVIE FIRST LOOK OUT

Tamil blockbuster movie *Da...Da...* presented by Olympia Movies and produced by S. Ambeth Kumar is now ready to release in Telugu under Smt. Neeraja Presents, Pan India Movies and JK Entertainments collaboration. Produced by M. S. Reddy Garu and Srikanth Nunepalli and Sashank

Chennuru as Co Producers, Da...Da... is going to be released as Pa...Pa... in Telugu. On this occasion, producer M.S. Reddy said, "Da...Da... is youthful, love and family entertainer movie and it is a blockbuster movie in Tamil collected crores and now I feel proud to say that we are releasing this movie in Telugu as Pa...Pa... We faced a lot of competition and we spent a good amount of money bagging the rights to show it to our Telugu people."

"As of now, we released the first look of the movie and within a short time, we will release the trailer in a grand way. As Telugu audiences always encourage new talent, I am expecting that this movie also will be a huge hit by Telugu audiences," he concluded.

ASHWIN BACK IN WORLD CUP RECKONING

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Sashwin on Monday made a comeback to the Indian ODI team for the three-match series against Australia and will be competing for a potential World Cup berth with Washington Sundar if Axar Patel doesn't get fit in time for the global event.

Senior players including skipper Rohit Sharma, senior batter Virat Kohli, all-rounder Hardik Pandya and in-form spinner Kuldeep Yadav were rested from the first two games, giving them a chance to get mentally fresh for the mega

K L Rahul will lead the side in the first two games against Australia before Rohit returns to lead a full strength squad in the third and final ODI ahead of the World Cup beginning October
5. The squad for the third game is effectively the 15 picked for World Cup and Ashwin and

Washington.
Ashwin, who last played an ODI back in January 2022 in South Africa, could be a last minute addition to the World Cup side if Axar doesn't get fit before the September 28 dead-line set by the International Cricket Council.

Axar had sustained a quadriceps tear during the recently held Asia Cup in Sri Lanka and missed the final against Sri Lanka on Sunday.

Chief selector Ajit Agarkar said both Ashwin and Washington are in contention for the replacement slot if Axar

doesn't recover in time.
"There are couple of guys anyways, him and Washington. Look basically, what is being made known to us about Axar's injury is that he should be okay



and call we will make it once we know that but it leaves us with option to check these guys if they need to go that way," Agarkar told the media during a virtual

"If the need arises, we will look at that way but I don't think there is any need to speculate right now because we are hoping that Axar is fit," he added.

When the Ajit Agarkar-led selection panel had picked the 15-man squad for the World Cup at home earlier this month, questions over non selection of an off-spinner were raised with some of the opposition side's top order having multiple left-handers.

After the squad announce-ment on Monday, captain Rohit

was asked why Ashwin was not part of the Asia Cup squad if he was in the scheme of things. The India skipper responded by saying that a proven performer like Ashwin can be straightaway drafted into the team if the need

Ashwin, who was sidelined from the India ODI set up fol-lowing the Champions 2017 Trophy, made a recall to the side in January last year for the ODI series in South Africa. He made his comeback after four and a half years only to be sidelined

Ashwin's T20 career has also had a similar trajectory with the 37-year-old being left out of the team following the World Cup in Australia last year.
Injury-prone Shreyas Iyer,

who could only play two games in the Asia Cup due to a back spasm, is also available for all three ODIs.

"He got through his batting programme fine and at the moment, he is fit. We hope that

moment, he is fit. We nope that he gets through all these three games," said Agarkar. The first ODI will be played in Mohali on September 22, sec-ond in Indore on September 24 and third in Rajkot on September 27.

Following that, India will their two World Cup warm-up games against England and Netherlands on September 30 and October 3 in Guwahati and Trivandrum before playing their tournament opener against Australia in Chennai on October 8.

Squad for the first two ODIs: KL Rahul (captain), Ravindra Jadeja (vice-captain), Ruturaj Gaikwad, Shubman Gill, Shreyas Iyer, Suryakumar Yadav, Tilak Varma, Ishan Kishan (wicketkeeper), Shardul Thakur, Washington Sundar, R Ashwin, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohd. Shami,

Mohd. Siraj, Prasidh Krishna. Squad for third ODI: Rohit Squad for third ODE Rollin Sharma (captain), Hardik Pandya, (vice-captain), Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, Suryakumar Yadav, KL Rahul (wicketkeeper), Ishan Kishan (wicketkeeper), Ravindra Jadeja, Shardul Thakur, Axar Patel (subject to fitness), Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav, R Ashwin, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohd. Shami, Mohammed Siraj.

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Young star Lakshya Sen said India, the Thomas Cup

champions, are favourites to

win the Asian Games men's

he is also nourishing the dream

Chopra during the quadrenni-

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epic Thomas Cup victory in

any team in the world," Sen told

"I don't think we lack confidence. We have this cama-

raderie, and we know how to

go about it. All the teams are

tough and we have to give our

lective effort to do well there.

The whole team is positive and

we are hoping for a good

Almora, who won a silver at the

2018 Youth Olympic Games

and a gold at the 2022

Commonwealth Games, will be

playing only the team champi-

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The 22-year-old from

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With Ashwin, lack of game time is not much of concern: Rohit

Ravichandran Ashwin finds himself in contention for a World Cup spot despite lack of game time but it doesn't concern skipper Rohit Sharma one bit.

The 37-year-old Ashwin, who last played an ODI in January 2022, was picked for the upcoming three ODIs against Australia alongside Washington Sundar. Both the off-spinners will be fighting for that potential World Cup spot if Axar Patel doesn't get fit in time for the global event beginning October 5.

"With the kind of experi-

ence Ashwin has, close to 100 Tests (94), close to 150 ODIs (113) and yes it is all in the past but he has been consispast but he has been consis-tently playing Test cricket and with guys like Ashwin having game time is not so much of a concern," said Rohit after the squad was announced for Australia series beginning September

"...With guys like him, it's all in the head, more than body and the stuff. We made the decision speaking to him and understanding where he is at with regards to his body and stuff like that.

"It's not like he is not playing any cricket. Yes, he hasn't played the format but he has been playing Test cricket in West Indies, and if I am not wrong, played TNPL as well and although no comparison there but there is still some cricket there, and it gives us chance to look at how he is

bowling," he said.

The selectors have rested in-form Kuldeep Yadav for the first two ODIs.

Asked if that was done to keep an element of surprise in the World Cup, Rohit said, "Kuldeep is a wrist spinner and needs rhythm but we also deliberated that his bowling form is great and as Ajit (chief selector) said we needed to give some of the players chance as they played only one match in Asia Cup and are there in WC squad and we needed to check them as

"Kuldeep, we have seen for last 18 months and we didn't want to expose him. He will be playing in the last match and the best decision to see him is in 3rd match. We have two practice games and he will be back in bowling rhythm," said the skipper. Rest given to senior players in the first two ODIs will provide opportunity for fringe players like Tilak Varma and

Ruturaj Gaikwad. "Our endeavour is to give everyone a chance. If we only play 11 through the year, then you can't create bench strength. You can see that some other teams are facing injury problems because it also involves lot of travelling and we have to play 11 matches and crisscross the country," Rohit said when asked about travelling involved over the course of the World Cup.

"So, we will have a lot of travelling and a lot of matches. We want to make sure that some of the guys sitting out have enough confidence by playing a few games and not like suddenly they are thrown in. Eventually players need to be ready and anyone can be called at any time.



Pujara suspended for one game after Sussex docked 12 pts

PTI ■ HOVE

India international Cheteshwar Pujara has been suspended from one county game after his team Sussex was docked 12 points in the County Championship due to a code of conduct breach during the match against Leicestershire.

Pujara received an automatic suspension after the club reached the threshold of four fixed penalties in the same season and won't be available for this week's game against Derbyshire, according to a report in ESPN Cricinfo.

Sussex have also made the decision to stand down three players - Jack Carson, Tom Haines and Ari Karvelas - for behaviour that in the words of head coach, Paul Farbrace, "tarnished" the dramatic 15-run win over Leicestershire last week, the website reported.

"We have made Jack and Tom unavailable for selection for this game at Derbyshire," Farbrace said. "Following the umpires and match referee's decision to charge both players with on-field level one and level two offences, we needed to take a stance, and show them we will not condone such behaviours.

"Ultimately it has cost us the availability of Cheteshwar and we have been deducted 12

Rajinikanth to be 'distinguished guest' during WC: BCCI

Superstar Rajinikanth will S'grace' next month's ICC World Cup as a "distinguished guest," the BCCI said on Tuesday, while extending him the Golden Ticket that allows unhindered access during the multi-country tournament.

BCCI Honorary Secretar Jay Shah presented the Golden Ticket to the top star, BCCI said on its X handle, sharing

a photo of the two.

"The Phenomenon
Beyond Cinema! The BCCI Honorary Secretary @JavShah presented the golden ticket to Shri @rajinikanth, the true embodiment of charisma and cinematic brilliance. The leg-endary actor has left an indelible mark on the hearts of millions, transcending language and culture," it said.

"We are thrilled to announce that Thalaiva will grace the @ICC @cricketworldcup 2023 as our distinguished guest and will light up the biggest cricketing specta-cle with his presence.



#GoldenTicket," BCCI added. The marquee tournament will kick off in Ahmedabad on October 5, with the 2019 edition finalists-England and New Zealand- facing off in the

The golden tickets are a promotional strategy used by the BCCI for the showpiece event it is hosting, with the recipients granted VIP treatment during World Cup

Davis Cup quarterfinals

Finland vs Canada in

inaugural tie.



Finland's reward for beating the United States of America and Croatia to reach the knockout stage of the Davis Cup is a quarterfinal match against defending champion Canada.

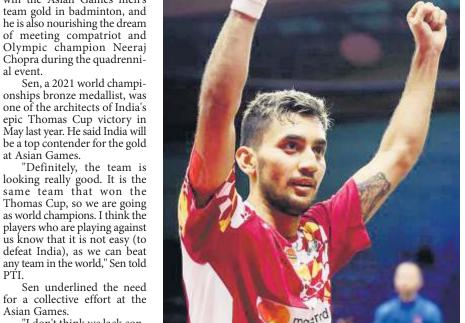
Finland has never reached this stage before in the top team event in men's tennis.

The draw for the Final 8 was made on Tuesday. Serbia will play Britain, the Czech Republic will meet Australia and Italy will take on the Netherlands in the other matches in

awaiting their visas ahead of the race this weekend.

Sources in Repsol Honda Team said that the arrival of its riders Marquez and Joan Mir in India has been delayed due to visa issues.

"The riders are yet to



We are world champions, we will be favourites at Asian Games: Sen

onships at the 19th edition of the showpiece.

"It will be my first experience at the Asian Games. It is a similar kind of atmosphere, like the Commonwealth Games and Youth Olympics.

"So I am looking forward to the event and also I will be getting a chance to meet other

Indian and foreign athletes, and learn about their sports and life," said Sen.

"In the Commonwealth Games last year, we were there with the TT contingent, as only we played from the first to last day of the tournament. Their matches were in next

hall. So, I watched a lot of TT

matches. I didn't have time to see other events," he said.

Sen, who is currently ranked world no. 11, missed the individual event at the Asian Games after he lost to Kidambi Srikanth in the selection trials in May this year.

Sen hoped that it will give im some to meet Chopra will be competing in the javelin throw, in person.

"I'm only playing team event. So, I look forward to meeting Neeraj Chopra. If I get some time, I would love to go and watch him perform and support him. "I have spoken to him

before but never met him in person. So, I am really looking forward to that," he said.

The Indian players, who didn't get time to have a long training session due to busy international schedule, are currently honing their skills in a week-long camp in Hyderabad.

"This time there were some big events like China super and Championships, which were kind of unavoidable.

"But we have been competing very recently and it is the same for everyone. The match preparation is there and it is all about playing well

on the day.

"It is like a big pressure tournament, a lot of people in India give importance to Asian Games. So, I am going (to the Asian Games) with my full intention and expecting good results," he said.

Badminton events will start with the team competition on September 28.

Visa issues hit inaugural MotoGP race in India

PTI ■ GREATER NOIDA

Some of the riders and team officials bound for the inaugural MotoGP round in India, including six-time champion Marc Marquez, are

Both the Spanish drivers were scheduled to attend a promotional event near Delhi on Wednesday but now that visit stands cancelled.

So there was no option but to nical glitch on the part of the cancel tomorrow's event," a source said.

Dorna Sports are the organisers and rights holders of the event. Fairstreet Sports are the local promoters of the

Sources in Fairstreet said that around 1800 visas needed to be applied for personnel in the paddock but a technical glitch in the application system caused the delay. However, sources said, as of Tuesday, most of the visas have been issued barring a few lacking proper documenta-

tion.
"The visa were applied on September 5 but due to a tech-

travel agency, the delay happened. 600 visa applications were pending till yesterday, now most of them have been cleared including the visa to

Marquez. Few individuals who have not filled up the form properly are left. You can't do anything about that as one has to follow law of the land. Majority of the team officials and riders are already here," said a source.

India is hosting an event of this magnitude for the first time since the now defunct Formula 1 Indian Grand Prix. The race was dropped from the calendar following the very last minute.

2013 season due to financial, taxation and bureaucratic Dorna and Fairstreet have

signed a seven-year MoU for the race in India but the event's future hugely depends on how this weekend unfolds.

Earlier this year, India hosted its first FIA World Championship status in 10 years when the Formula E race was held in Hyderabad. It is unlikely that the championships will return next year after not finding a place on the provisional calendar for 2024.

Formula E was not pleased with how the local organisers left the preparations to the

team owners, Parag Sanghvi and Krishan Kumar Chaudhary on different counts of corruption during the 2021 edition of Emirates T10 League.

 $T^{\text{he International Cricket}}_{\text{Council (ICC) has charged}}$ eight people, including players, officials and a couple of Indian

corrupt activities during Emirates T10 league The two Indians were coowners of the team Pune Devils and one of their players in that edition, former Bangladesh Test batter Nasir Hossain has also been charged for breach of

ICC charges 8, including 3 Indians, for

league's anti-corruption code. The third Indian, who is indulged in corrupt activities, is a little-known batting coach named Sunny Dhillon.

2021 Abu Dhabi T10 Cricket League and attempts to corrupt matches in that tournament - these attempts were disrupted. The ICC was appointed by the ECB as the Designated Anti-Corruption Official (DACO) for the purposes of the ECB's Code for this tournament and as such

"The charges relate to the 1 Abu Dhabi T10 Cricket are issuing these charges on the ECB's behalf," ICC said in a statement. Sanghvi has been charged

under Articles 2.2.1 and 2.4.6 of the Anti-Corruption code.
The Article 2.2.1 pertains to "Placing bets on the results, progress, conduct or other

aspect of International and

Domestic Matches.

reach India due to visa issues.