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GDP GROWTH PROJECTION TO 7.2% FOR FY25



Introducing the latest addition to the world *OF SWAG* QUOTE OF THE DAY the pioneer The Congress government should cooperate with the Centre, unlike the BRS government. Development did not take place as expected in Telangana due to the refusal of the BRS government to cooperate with the Centre. The BJP is committed to the development of Telangana as well as the country. There are new governments in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh and the aspirations of the people will be fulfilled if the two governments work together.

Expert opinion sought to...

Telangana State Commission for Backward Classes invited the opinion on caste survey from subject experts to evolve methodology, modalities, questionnaire and other concerned issues related to the caste survey action plan. The State government had already issued GO number 26 to conduct socioeconomic caste survey. On that, the BC Commission commenced deliberations with subject experts, sociologists, caste leaders, public associations, non-governmental organisations (NGO) and other groups in the society...

App may predict depression in...

A mobile app could help predict if a pregnant woman will develop depression in the later stages of pregnancy, according to new research. By asking women to respond to surveys during their first trimester, researchers identified various risk factors, including sleep quality and food insecurity, for developing depression. "We can ask people a small set of questions and get a good sense of whether they'll become depressed," said lead author Tamar Krishnamurti, an associate professor..



Southeast Asian nations top choice...

Southeast Asian countries have emerged as the favourite destinations for Indian travellers planning short vacations abroad while the United States, Europe, and Australia were among the ences for long star according to a survey released on Monday. According to OYO Global Summer Vacations Travelopedia 2024: Southeast Asia has emerged as the top choice of Indian tourists for shorter stays of 5-7 days, making the most of long weekends and holidays after visa relaxation. The final sample..

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Year ago people asked if I am...

Jasprit Bumrah couldn't help but laugh at how the narrative about him has changed in a year's time — from being someone whose career is finished to the one who is at the peak of his prowess.In 2022, Bumrah underwent surgery for a lower back stress fracture and missed the T20 World Cup in Australia. Just before his comeback in a home bilateral series, he developed a strain and was out for more than 10 months. As a result, people became sceptical of his ability to handle the workload...

Modi signals continuity

O In new Cabinet, key ministers retain portfolios

Signalling continuity, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday retained Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, Nirmala Sitharaman and S Jaishankar in charge of the four high-profile ministries - Home, Defence, Finance and External Affairs - respectively in his new government.

The four ministers in charge of these portfolios make up the crucial Cabinet Committee on Security headed by the prime minister.

Among new entrants to the Union Cabinet, former Madhya Pradesh chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has got Agriculture and Rural Development Ministries, while BJP president J P Nadda has returned to the Health Ministry, a portfolio he had held in the Modi government's first term before he took charge of the ruling BJP first as working president in 2019 and then as the full-fledged president in 2020.

Credited with boosting the highway network across the country, Nitin Gadkari has retained the charge of the Road Transport and Highways Ministry. Former Haryana chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar has been allocated Housing and Urban Affairs, and Power Ministries.

Ashwini Vaishnaw, a rising star in the government who was in charge of crucial Railways, and Electronics and Information Technology ministries, has not only retained these portfolios but has also been given the important Information and Broadcasting Ministry.



Kishan gets Coals & Mines, Sanjay to work under Amit in Home Ministry

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi allocated portfolios to ministers on

Secunderabad MP G. Kishan Reddy has been allocated the Ministry of Coal and Mines.

Karimnagar MP Bandi Sanjay Kumar has been appointed as Minister of State in the Union Ministry of Home Affairs. Sanjay has to work under Union Home Minister Amit Shah. Reddy will succeed Pralhad



Joshi, who has been appointed as Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and New and Renewable Energy in the

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- Bandi Sanjay Kumar,

MoS Home Affairs

Panels on education, agriculture soon: CM

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Chief Minister Revanth Reddy said that his government would soon appoint commissions to deal with issues connected with education and farmers named 'Education Commission' and 'Agriculture Commission.

Speaking at an event here on Monday, the CM said the minorities and women's commissions receive complaints and give directives to governments to address the problems of minorities and women.

"Our government has identified two areas. One is education and the other is agriculture. Our government has decided to appoint a mechanism to continuously work towards addressing your problems through an education commission," the CM

The proposed farmers' commission would address the problems of farmers regarding spurious seeds, fertilizers and others and make recommendations to ensure their welfare.

Revanth said the government would appoint education and agriculture commissions on priority. Noting that private corporate insti-

tutions advertise the achievements of

CM seeks help to

December 2023.

solve division issues **PNS** ■ HYDERABAD

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy requested Union Ministers from the Telugu states to try to solve issues connected to the Bifurcation Act. The CM made his appeal through his X handle on Monday. Chief Minister said on X,

their students, he said the students of

state schools excelling in studies is a

matter of pride for the government.

cent of civil service officers and senior politicians, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, TDP chief

N. Chandrababu Naidu and himself

are products of government schools.

ment drive under DSC (District

Selection Committee) exam system

soon after it assumed office in

The CM said his government undertook a mega teachers' recruit-

He also pointed out that 90 per

"Congratulations to G. Kishan Reddy, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, K. Rammohan Naidu, Pemmasani Chandrasekhar Bhupathiraju Srinivasa Varma who took oath as Union Ministers from the Telugu states. I request you to try to get the Division Act implemented so

Centre to the Telugu states. Five MPs from the two Telugu states have been elected as Union Ministers and they were sworn in along with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday.

ects that should come from the

Malla Reddy may join Telangana TDP

Former Minister Chamakura Malla Reddy may join the Telangana TDP. There is reliable information that Malla Reddy has been holding meetings with his key followers during the last two days. It is reported that Malla Reddy is thinking of returning home to the TDP. Malla Reddy was in the TTDP till 2014. After that, he joined the BRS and became a Minister.

It is learnt that Malla Reddy has been asking TDP President N. Chandrababu Naidu to give a Rajya Sabha seat to his son and the TTDP President post to him.

Malla Reddy is continuing as the Chairman of all Malla Reddy organisations. Malla Reddy seems to think that with the TDP coming to power in Andhra Pradesh, the party will get a boost in Telangana.

Malla Reddy seems to be telling his followers that he will join the ruling party to reduce attacks by



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ministries - Home,

External Affairs -

government.

Jaishankar in charge of

the four high-profile

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respectively in his new

Dharmendra Pradhan and Piyush

Goyal will also continue to be in

charge of the Education, and

Commerce and Industry ministries

information that Malla Reddy has been holding meetings with his key followers during the last two days.

the Congress government. As the post of TTDP President is vacant, Malla Reddy seems to be focusing on this post.

There are reports on social media that Malla Reddy has a good equation with TDP President Chandrababu Naidu and that due to his contacts with Chandrababu he is going to join

No Rythu Bharosa funds for real estate bizmen & hills: Adi Srinivas



Sanjay hoped that the Congress gov-ments were formed in Telangana ernment would not repeat the BRS Union Minister of State in Home government's mistake.

TG govt must cooperate with Centre: Bandi

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Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar said the Centre, unlike the BRS govern-

He said that development did not take place as expected in Telangana due to the non-cooperation of the

BRS government with the Centre. nation. He said that new govern-

TG gets Rs 2,937 crore as taxes from Centre

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Telangana received Rs 2,937.58 crore as tax devolution on Monday from the Centre. The Centre released Rs 1,39,750 crore as tax devolution to states. With today's release, Rs 2,79,500 crore has devolved to states for FY 2024-25.

It has been decided that apart from the release of regular devolution amounts for June 2024, one additional instalment will also be released. This release cumulatively amounts to Rs 1,39,750 crore in the current month. This will enable states to accelerate development and capital spending.

a number of reasons, including the planet's tilt and rotation, shifting plate

tectonics, volcanic eruptions, and car-

bon dioxide levels in the atmosphere.

these are not only a result of Earth's

environment, but also the Sun's loca-

tion in the galaxy?" asked the

researchers, including those at Boston

University, US.

"But what if drastic changes like

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and Andhra Pradesh and that peoples' aspirations would be fulfilled Speaking to the media on Monday

should extend cooperation to the had appealed to the Congress government to avoid criticism and counter-criticism and support the Centre to develop the state.

Sanjay said the BJP is focused on developing Telangana and the

if the two governments worked

Sanjay thanked the BJP high command for giving him a Union Minister post and said that he would work without giving scope for criticism. He said the BJP will fulfil all the assurances it had given in its election manifesto.

KALESHWARAM ISSUE

Ghose commission gets 54 complaints

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The Kaleshwaram Judicial Commission headed by Justice PC Ghose has initiated a comprehensive investigation into the Kaleshwaram project. Justice Ghose, who has visited the project site said that details would emerge in due course.

Notices have been issued to officials connected with the inquiry and the commission has received 54 complaints, including claims for compensation that have not been addressed. Justice Ghose said these complaints would be thoroughly examined. Various agencies are being summoned for the investigation, and

Study examines new possible reason for several Ice ages

journal Nature Astronomy, found that

the cold instellar cloud interfered with

the heliosphere in a manner such that

the Earth, along with other planets,

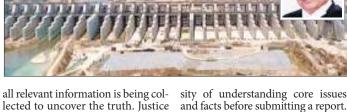
were no longer under its protection.

The interstellar medium refers to the

space in between stars and beyond

The researchers believe the find-

the heliosphere in our galaxy.



Ghose emphasised that the investi- The delay in the investigation is gation will not be completed by June 30 and will require more time although it is progressing fast. Justice Ghose mentioned the neces-

sity of understanding core issues partly due to the Model Election Code which was in effect till recently.



Centre approves assistance for 3 cr houses under PMAY



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The Union Cabinet in its first meeting under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday approved government three crore houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana

This was the first meeting of the ble families," officials said. Union Cabinet of Modi 3.0 government held at the Prime Minister's 7,

Lok Kalyan Marg residence. The meeting was attended by ministers of all allies of the NDA.

"It has been decided in the Cabinet meeting today to provide assistance to three crore additional assistance for the construction of rural and urban households for the construction of houses to meet the housing requirements arising out of the increase in the number of eligi-



The solar system may have passed through a dense cloud about two million years ago, possibly plunging the Earth into a "deep freeze", with multiple Ice ages coming and going

until about 12,000 years ago, according to new research. The solar system, comprising the Sun and eight planets, along with several dwarf planets such as Pluto, is wrapped in a "giant bubble", called the heliosphere, according to the US

space agency, NASA.

The heliosphere is formed by solar winds, which are a constant flow of charged particles coming from the Sun, travelling up to three times the distance to Pluto. The "giant bubble" protects us from rays from the galaxy that can potentially alter our genes, according to NASA.Ice ages, when glaciers cover a major part of the Earth's surface, are said to occur for



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space might shape Earth's history

tatively show there was an encounter

between the sun and something out-

side of the solar system that would

have affected Earth's climate," said

lead author Merav Opher, an astron-

more than previously considered. This paper is the first to quanti-

The latest study, published in the ings show that the Sun's location in

years in the past.

They found that one of the clouds, forming the Local Ribbon of Cold Clouds system -- a string of large, dense, very cold clouds in our galaxy -- could have collided with the heliosphere. The cloud is called Local Lynx of Cold Cloud.

is showing not only that they move,

but they encounter drastic changes,'

For the study, the researchers

used computer models to visualise

the positions of the Sun, the helios-

phere and the planets two million

The researchers said that if this had actually happened, the Earth would have been fully exposed to the interstellar medium, where gas and dust mix with the leftover atomic elements of exploded stars, including iron and plutonium -- most of which is filtered out by the heliosomy professor at Boston University. phere.



Is defecting from an alliance legal or constitutional?

∠Constitution. It might not be 'unconstitutional,' nevertheless. Referred to as Raja Dharma or Dharma, this constitutional term refers to the legal system or alternatively, to 'Ram Rajya,' or good govern-

A new 'law' was created by the Constitution as a result of the deft political manoeuvring of the Dal and Badal, which turned into a 'Leela' (a play). Some politicians filed writs or PILs to challenge it in the Supreme Court and the High Court. Several rulings created extremely complex

The Tenth Schedule of the Constitution, often known as the 'Anti Defection law (Dal Badal Virodhi Kanoon), prohibits elected MPs from defecting from one party to another if they are deemed to

The anti-defection law addresses instances in which (a) political party members, (b) Independent members and (c) nominated members

Parliament. The law permits lawmakers to switch parties under certain conditions without running the danger of losing their seats. Are alliances legal or moral?

Due to political changes and defections, in spite of the Anti-Defection Law, new governments and parties are emerging necessitating coalitions of two or more parties. Pre-election coalitions appear to be 'legal.' A party may break an alliance and form a new group with the support of the Centre. There is no law to prohibit an alliance between two or more political parties. They can join any Sanghatan Badal or break it. So defection from one coalition to another is resulting in overnight governments installed by different political groups. The Tenth Schedule legally prohibits defection, but there is no 'coalition' defection. MPs had no time to frame an antidefection of 'alliance' law. Parliament may not create an

There is a moral bond in a preelection coalition, but post-election it is happening as a temporary arrangement. An explicit agreement including seat sharing between two or more political parties before elections is known as an alliance or coalition.

There is a moral bond in a pre-election coalition, but post-election it is happening as a temporary arrangement. An explicit agreement including seat sharing between two or more political parties before elections is known as an alliance or coalition. This is only an arrangement whereby the alliance members split the total number of seats among themselves and nominate candidates. It is not a legally binding agreement. It is not permitted for candidates of one political party to contest against those from another. There is neither ethical nor legal support for any such

'arrangements,' which are opportunistic without any

principles or theories.

For example, the TDP, the Jana Sena and the BJP combine of 2014 resulted in a government led by Chandrababu Naidu. But the 'pre-poll' alliance was broken, one fought with the others. Again, a new 'pre-poll' alliance was arranged in 2024. Recently, the TDP of Chandrababu Naidu contested 135 seats, the BJP eight (under Modi's leadership), and the Jana Sena 21 (led by Pawan Kalyan) together contested all the 175 Assembly seats in Andhra Pradesh. This alliance fought the YSRCP and confined



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it to 11 seats. In the Lok Sabha, the TDP won 16 of 25 seats, the Jana Sena two, the BJP won three of six, and the YSRCP got four seats in the Lok Sabha. Based on understanding or

misunderstanding! What binds the ruling alliance or the alliance called INDIA? They may be based on a 'memo of understanding.' It might be referred to as an implicit agreement, which is

tinue as NDA partners for the full five-year term, it may result in a stable administra-

Are the NDA or INDIA morally or legally bound? Will this 'Memo of Understanding' between the NDA partners or the INDIA alliance survive for five years?

The matter at hand is to examine whether the Prime Minister's NDA or the opposition INDIA took any action to safeguard the 'bond' despite the agreement, if any. One is called a 'right' wing alliance while the other is left of centre.

After its founding in 1998, the NDA has grown significantly in power in India and now it governs 19 Indian states as well as one Union Territory. Now the chairman of the NDA is Amit Shah (Union Cabinet Minister) while the Lok Sabha leader is Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Piyush Goyal (Union Cabinet Minister) is the leader

in the Rajya Sabha. Its first chairman was the

former Deputy Prime Minister, took over as chairman in 2004 and served until

The NDA lost 60 seats in the 2024 general election. On June 5, Modi confirmed the support of 293 MPs to President Droupadi Murmu. This marked Modi's third term as Prime Minister and his first time heading a coalition government with the TDP of Andhra Pradesh and the Janata Dal (United) of Bihar emerging as two main allies.

The alliance led by the BJP included several regional parties, like the Samata Party and the AIADMK, as well as the Shiv Sena, the only member who shared the Hindutva ideology of the BJP. But Shiv Sena broke away from the alliance in 2019 to join the Maha Vikas Aghadi with the Congress and the NCP. It then split into SS and MVA of Sharad Pawar, to create a new alliance engineered by the BJP in Maharashtra.

2003 after the formation of the Janata Dal (United). Later, outside support from the TDP helped Vajpayee to return as PM. The BJP was the only party in power in Jharkhand and Delhi during the alliance's journey. It also had a coalition government in Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh. The three states of West Bengal, Kerala and Telangana have never seen the NDA in power except when the BJP controlled United Andhra Pradesh in alliance with the TDP from 1999 to 2004.

Recently, governments have changed at the drop of a hat 'developments' overnight. There can be other political variables at play right now that can also lead to new partnerships. The leaders of all major parties began to receive calls to quit the NDA and join INDIA. Whether a coalition is helpful or harmful to the country's stability, no alliance is morally obligat-

Challenge before BRS is to protect Opposition status

SNCN ACHARYULU

After terrible defeat in the Lok Sabha elections, the first challenge of the BRS is to protect the main opposition status in the Assembly. To get main opposition status in the 119member strong Telangana Assembly, at least 10% members in the total strength is required. That means to get main opposition status any party must have at least 12 MLAs. In the 2023 Assembly elections the BRS won 39 seats and the Congress won 64 seats. In the Secunderabad Cantonment Assembly byelection the BRS was not able to retain its seat and the ruling

Congress won this seat. Bhadrachalam BRS MLA

Tellam Venkat Rao and Khairatabad BRS MLA Danam Nagendar joined the Congress before Lok Sabha elections. With this, the BRS strength in the assembly has come down to 36 from 39 and the Congress strength has increased to 67

Senior Congress Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy is repeatedly claiming that 25 BRS MLAs are ready to join the Congress party. If 25 MLAs switch to the Congress, the BRS will have only 11 MLAs. Then the BRS will lose the main opposition status and LP leader K Chandrasekhar Rao will lose opposition leader status. To retain the opposition status in the Assembly, the BRS has to protect at least 12 MLAs.

are over, the Congress party may concentrate on BRS MLAs. The Congress wants to do what KCR did as a Chief Minister to defect the BRS MLAs to save them from Anti-Defection Act.

If the two-thirds BRS MLAs decide to join the CLP, they will not attract the Anti-Defection Act and they can merge in the CLP without any problem.

In Andhra Pradesh, TDP supremo N Chandrababu Naidu becoming the Chief Minister is an advantage to Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy. When Revanth Reddy was in the TDP Chandrababu was his 'political guru'. In the present BRS MLAs, a majority are former TDP and Congress MLAs.

As the Lok Sabha elections The former TDP MLAs and present BRS MLAs were colleagues of Revanth Reddy. BRS president and the for-

mer chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao is the common political enemy to both Telugu Chief Ministers, Revanth Reddy of Telangana and Chandrababu Naidu of Andhra Pradesh. Political circles feel that if necessary, Chandrababu may help Revanth Reddy in the defection of BRS MLAs. Now KCR has to protect his MLAs from two Chief Ministers. After the tragic defeat in the Lok Sabha elections the BRS leaders, including MLAs are worried about their political future. Congress leaders want to cash in on this weakness of the BRS

Sheep scam: ACB takes 2 accused into custody

PNS HYDERABAD

The Nampally Court granted police custody of two accused, CEO of Telangana Live Stock Agency Sabavath Ramchander (A-9), and Ex OSD Gundamaraju Kalyan Kumar (A-10) from June 10 to 12 over the Rs 700 crore sheep scam. The police have taken them into custody to the Banjara Hills office after medical examination on Monday. Considering the age and health condition of the accused, the investigating officer was asked to take them into police custody from the jail at 10 am on each day and hand them over to the jail at 5 pm the same day.

On completion of police custody period, the investigating officer should produce the two accused before the court on June 12 at 5 pm.

No Rythu Bharosa funds for real estate bizmen & hills: Adi Srinivas

Govt will waive farm loans by Aug 15: Adi Srinivas

Harish must ready his resignation letter in Speaker's format: Adi Srinivas

PNS HYDERABAD

Declaring that the BRS government gave Rythu Bandhu sops to real estate businessmen, hills and mountains, Government Whip Adi Srinivas said the Congress admin will not give Rythu Bharosa to the above three categories.

He said the Congress government will stick to its word that it would waive farm loans up to Rs 2 lakh taken by farmers by August 15. He asked BRS MLA Harish Rao to get ready his resignation letter in the Speaker's format as per his challenge on the farm loan

Adi Srinivas asked Harish to get ready mentally without running away. He said the Congress government will always stand by farmers.

He said that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy stands for farmers and that the Congress government had disbursed Rs 7,625 crore under Rythu Bandhu to 68 lakh farmers. He said the Congress govern-ment had disbursed this money much before the BRS government had deposited it

Adi Srinivas warned that spurious seed sellers would face detention under the PD Act. He said the government has been framing rules for

Rythu Bharosa and that the government would deposit Rythu Bharosa funds in time without delay. He said the government is sticking to its six guarantees.

He said that Harish is trying to survive in politics and that he did not learn any lesson even though the people defeat-

KCR started new circus to send Harish into BJP: Rammohan

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BRS leader Chandrasekhar Rao has started a new circus to send his nephew T. Harish Rao into the BJP, TPCC Media Committee Chairman Sama Rammohan Reddy said in a post on X on Monday.

In his post, Rammohan said that KCR had raised the curtains to new conspiracies to protect the BRS by sending Harish into the BJP. He ridiculed KCR saying that BRS MLAs are confused as they are not in a position to understand KCR's old strategies like "you act like beat-

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Telangana public has been observing KCR firing guns keeping them on the shoulder of Harish to protect his daughter, party and his

It may be recalled that there was a big debate dur-ing the Lok Sabha elections saying that big changes will take place after the Lok Sabha election results come

After the LS polls, Modi formed his 3.0 government, the BJP grew a lot in TG and the BRS lost ground. Although no big changes taken have Rammohan's allegations ing and I act like scolding." have become a hot topi Rammohan said the among political observers. have become a hot topic

Nirmala's budget to lay out economic roadmap

Back in saddle in signs of Prime Minister Narendra Modi preferring continuity in policy, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is likely to lay out the government's economic agenda when she presents the first annual budget of Modi 3.0 next month. Her task is cut out as she will have to look at measures

to boost growth without hurt-

The Interim Budget for

2024-25 provides for the

devolution of Rs 12,19,783

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TG gets Rs 2,937 crore as...



ing inflation as well as look for resources to meet the coalition government's com-

The economic agenda

crore to states. With this

release, the total amount

devolved (for FY 2024-25) to

states till June 10 is Rs

2,79,500 crore.

rack reforms to make India a USD 5-trillion economy in near future and turn the country into a 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047.

Last week, RBI projected the economy to grow 7.2 per cent in the current fiscal on the back of improving rural demand and moderating inflation.

The new government inherits a strong economy

Ghose...

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Icing on the cake is a bonanza from RBI which has announced the highest-ever dividend of Rs 2.11 lakh crore for FY24.

The key policy priorities for the Modi 3.0 government would include dealing with stress in the agriculture sector, job creation, sustaining capex momentum and pushing revenue growth to stay on the fis-

cal consolidation path.

PMO has become

catalytic agent: PM

Centre approves...

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The government of India is Notices have been issued to seven individuals to appear implementing the PMAY since 2015-16 to provide assistance to on Monday, with an additional 18 individuals schedeligible rural and urban uled for appearance on households for the construction of Tuesday. Once the technical houses with basic amenities. Under aspects of the investigation are completed, the focus will PMAY, a total of 4.21 crore houses have been completed for the shift to administrative, finaneligible poor families under the cial and other related issues. housing schemes in the last 10 The commission has years.All the houses constructed under PMAY are provided basic received all necessary reports from the government which amenities like household toilets, are currently being reviewed. LPG connection, electricity Justice Ghosh affirmed his connection and functional commitment to conducting a household tap connection through thorough, unbiased investigaconvergence with other schemes tion to ensure that all facts are of the central and state accurately reported.

PNS NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Monday his office has become a "catalytic agent" which infuses new energy and dynamism into the system, and claimed that it used to be seen as a big power centre 10

years ago. Addressing staffers of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) after he began this third term, Modi said his only goal is "nation first" and his only motivation "Viksit Bharat", adding that this was his expectation from them as well."My every moment is for the country," Modi said, asserting that he has promised to work round the clock to achieve the goal of India

becoming a developed country by 2047.

The PMO should be for service and it should be a people's PMO and not Modi's, he said, adding that he was not born to rule and he does not think about accumulating power.

The prime minister said the 140 crore people of India are always on his mind and he considers them a form of God.In the last three months, Modi, in an apparent reference to the election campaign, said he witnessed their strength, dedication and energy for a new resolve.

That is why people have again given him the opportunity to serve the country, Modi said, a day after he was sworn in to office.

Modi signals...

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Hardeep Singh Puri has retained the Petroleum and Natural Gas Ministry but has shed the Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry.President Droupadi Murmu directed the allocation of portfolios to 72 members of the Union Council of Ministers, including the prime minister, as advised by Modi, according to an official statement.Kiren Rijiju has been moved from Earth Sciences to the Parliamentary Affairs Ministry, while Arjun Ram Meghwal will continue as Law Minister and Sarbananda Sonowal has retained the Shipping port-folio. Bhupender Yadav has retained the Environment Ministry.Among the five members of the BJP's allies in the Union Cabinet,

JD(Secular)'s Kumaraswamy has got Heavy Industries, and Steel ministries, Jitan Ram Manjhi (HAM-Secular) has Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Ministry, and Lalan Singh (Janata Dal-United) Panchayati Raj, Fisheries, Husbandry and Dairying Ministries.TDP's Rammohan Naidu has got the Civil Aviation Ministry and LJP (Ram Vilas) leader Chirag Paswan has been allocated the Food Processing Industries Ministry.BJP leader C R Patil has got the Jal Shakti Ministry, while another party leader Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, who held the portfolio in the government's previous term, will be the

Culture and Tourism

Panels on education, agriculture ...

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The government has started work to reconstruct old government school buildings and to provide basic amenities in schools. The administration would also examine the suggestion to provide breakfast, lunch and evening snacks to students as parents who go out for work find it difficult to provide food for their children, the Chief Minister said.

Citing a report, he said that although state-run residential schools in Telangana have helped to promote education, family ties are getting weakened as students stay in hostels away from their parents.He said that while encouraging residential schools the government would take steps to improve the conditions of government schools in rural areas.

Kishan gets Coals & Mines, Sanjay...

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Reddy's biggest challenge will be to ensure an adequate supply of coal to electricity generating plants, which are working overtime to meet peak power demand.

Another area that would need his attention will be increasing private sector participation, expanding coal gasification and production of Coal Bed Methane.

In the mining sector, the lukewarm response from bidders to the first round auction of critical minerals underscores the need for a pragmatic policy approach.

The government had earlier cancelled the auction for 13 of the 20 blocks put on sale in the first tranche of critical minerals as the response was tepid.

Reddy retained the Secunderabad Lok Sabha constituency with a margin of over 49,000 votes in the recent Lok Sabha polls, defeating his nearest Congress rival Danam Nagender.

farmer-parents in Ranga Reddy district of Telangana near Hyderabad, he started his political career as an ordinary worker in 1977. He has held important party positions, including the president of the BJP's state unit and national president of BJP's Yuva Morcha (BJYM).

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TG BC COMMISSION

Expert opinion sought to conduct caste survey

Telangana State Commission for Backward Classes invited the opinion on caste survey from subject experts to evolve methodology, modalities, questionnaire and other concerned issues related to the caste survey action plan.

The State government had already issued GO number 26 to conduct socio-economic caste survey. On that, the BC Commission commenced deliberations with subject experts, sociologists, caste leaders, public associations, non-governmental organisations (NGO) and other groups in the society.

On Monday, Justice Chandra Kumar, Prof. Murali Manohar, Prof. Vishweshwar and other delegates met BC Commission Chairman

Vakulabharanam Krishna Mohan Rao, Commission's Member Secretary B Bala

Maya Devi, and members of

the Commission CH



submitted a detailed represen-

tation along with relevant

documents and research papers on caste census. The experts team suggested socio-economic, educational, employability and political views from scientific angle and the survey has to take place in all verticals and horizontals. They discussed Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and Karnataka caste surveys.

Dr Vakulabharanam said various technologies, tools, methods, softwares, processes, procedures, case studies and operations were shared with the team and also explained Socio-Economic Caste Census-2011). Along with that he mentioned Tamil Nadu's Ambha Shankar, Sattenathan, Justice Janardhanam and Karnataka H Kantha Raja Commission

reports.
OSD to the TG BC
Commission K Tulasi Ram said that very soon the Commission is going to invite all the representatives of caste associations, community leaders, NGOs, scientists, anthropologists, Linguistic and other experts from the society for their advice and suggestions in both oral and written form in connection with the action

KCR condoles death of Talsani Shankar Yadav

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) president, expressed condolences on the passing of Talsani Shankar Yadav, president of Monda Market Traders Association and brother of former minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav. KCR extend-

Srinivas Yadav. KCR extended his deep sympathies to the bereaved family.

KT Rama Rao (KTR), working president of the BRS, expressed sorrow over the death of Shankar Yadav. He said that Shankar Yadav had made significant contribution. made significant contribution as the president of both the Monda Market and Bowenpally Market Bowenpally Associations, working tire-lessly for the benefit of

KTR mentioned that Shankar Yadav had been suffering from health issues for some time, and there was hope for his recovery. KTR extended his heartfelt condolences to the family members of Shankar Yadav.

He prayed for the family's strength during this difficult time and for the departed soul to rest in peace.

TO IMPROVE FARMING SECTOR

Take advantage of innovations, Guv tells agriculture students

PNS HYDERABAD

Governor of Telangana, Jharkhand and Lt. Governor of Puducherry CP Radhakrishnan delivered the Chancellor's address at the sixth convocation of Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJT-SAU), Rajendranagar, Hyderabad, on Monday. In all, 752 students received their du, 732 students received their degrees in the sixth convocation, including UG, PG and PhD across all faculties.

The Governor emphasised

the importance of agriculture in the present context, stating that agriculture is the basis of all cultures. He cautioned that India, being the most populous country in the world, cannot afford to import food grains and therefore utmost priority must be given to agriculture. He urged the young graduates who received their degrees to focus on minimising water usage, increasing productivity and per-acre yield, and improving the quality of seeds. He advised them to equip themselves to address agricultural problems.



He also advised the graduates to face the problems and understand the competition in the world. He encouraged agricultural students to take advantage of innovations in information technology and to focus on improving yield, reducing the cost of cultivation and proving effective technologies in the farmers' fields, so as to serve the farming community in a better way.

Over the past 10 years, farmers' suicides have drastically reduced due to various initiatives by the Union government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he

Eleven PG and PhD students and eight UG students were awarded gold medals in various categories. B Divya from the faculty of agriculture and Velcahala Sai Prathyusha from the faculty of agricultural engineering each received six gold medals for their outstanding academic perfor-

PJTSAU Vice-Chancellor M Raghunandan Rao, Chief Guest to the Convocation Challa Srinivas Shetty, Managing Director, State Bank of India, Academic Council Members, Registrar and University officers of PJTSAU, former vice-chancellors, Board of Management members, former deans, faculty, and students participated in the convocation.

HSI urges PM to table animal welfare bill in monsoon session

PNS HYDERABAD

Humane Society International/ India and People for Animals urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to expedite passage of the long-awaited Prevention of Cruelty to Animal (Amendment) Bill 2022 in the upcoming monsoon session of Parliament through a letter on

The draft bill introduces amendments to the current animal law, including stringent penalties for animal cruelty, newer cognizable offences and establishes five fundamental freedoms for every animal freedom from hunger and thirst; freedom from discomfort; freedom from pain, injury and disease; and freedom to express normal and natural behavior.

Despite India having some of the strongest animal laws in the world, the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act, 1960 has remained unchanged since its

adoption, giving scope to animal offenders to go scot-free after committing serious crimes against animals. Currently, the maximum fine for even the most heinous crime against animals-including beating, poisoning, raping or burning an animal is Rs 50 and Rs 100 for repeat offenders.

The pressure to update this law has been increasing since 2016, with over 400,000 signatures submitted on petitions to amend the animal welfare laws. A majority of animal advocates and the general public demanded the Prime Minister to amend the 1960 Act through 50,000 emails and letters in 2023.

Alokparna Sengupta, Managing Director of Humane Society International/India, said, There is an urgent need for bringing the new Act. In the long run, the lack of a better law poses a great threat to society at large. In the pursuit of compassion, we need urgent reforms

from the newly elected government that will act as a deterrent against cruelty to animals and be applicable to both individuals and institutions.'

Gauri Maulekhi, trustee of People for Animals, said, "Amending the PCA Act is imperative and long overdue. It is well known that violence against animals is a precursor to violence against other vulnerable members of our society, be it women, children or our elders. Strengthening this law protects animals and serves as a pivotal step towards cultivating empathy and respect, fostering a society where compassion thrives and brutality finds no

The passage of this law is expected to set a strong precedent by raising fines and punishment for cruelty offences against animals and helping to build a society that treats domesticated and wild animals with care and compassion.

Water Board MD orders officials to focus on social media complaints

PNS HYDERABAD

Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) Managing Director Sudarshan Reddy ordered the officials to solve every complaint, including from the social media plat-

Sudarshan Reddy held a review meeting over the monsoon plan with the officials in HMWSSB head office at Khairatabad on Monday. In the review meeting he ordered the officials to identify the water-logging and stagnation points and make sure that water does not accumulate there. Adequate precautions should be taken to prevent

sewage overflow on the roads. Sudarshan Reddy said that warning boards and grills for deep manholes should be set up at the work areas. If any works related to grill was going ons, those should be impleted very soon. He made it clear that water kiosks set up by the Water Board should be continued to quench the thirst of the peo-

The MD asked Director VL Praveen Kumar about the revenue collection. He reviewed the pending bills division-wise. He ordered the officials to focus on the bills collections



GHMC Mayor Gadwal Vijayalaksmi, incharge Commissioner Amrapali Kata and other officials recieving complaints from

Complaints of encroachment galore at GHMC Praja Vani

PNS HYDERABAD

On the first day of the Praja Vani at the GHMC on Monday, there was a plethora of encroachment complaints and the complainants asked the officials to solve their problems soon. Along with common people, Malkajgiri Corporator Sravan Vurapally ted his application over drainage works.

People alleged that land grabbing increased in Hyderabad during the regime of the BRS government. Vinod from Uppal said that the officials gave permission to other people to construct a building on his land. He alleged that police also did not take his

Tarakarama Rao became the municipal minister encroachments increased a lot in Hyderabad and Karimnagar. If the officials do not solve my problem by next month, I will bring a petrol bottle and burn myself in front of the GHMC office," he threatened.

The corporator of Malkajgiri complained to the season has started, siltage has not been removed from the nalas. "All that the officials say is that the works of desilting the canals has been completed, but that was a lie. Officials are not working at the ground level. So, I complained through the Praja Vani," he

The Praja Vani was stopped in March due to the Model

the MCC was lifted on June 6, the GHMC started the programme again on Monday. Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi, Deputy Mayor Srilata Shobhan Reddy and incharge Commissioner Amrapali Kata received pleas from the people in the Praja Vani.

Mayor Vijayalakshmi said aat a total of 27 requests were received in the GHMC office and eight complaints were received through the phone-in programme and all these will be resolved within a week.

Commissioner Amrapali Kata said, "We would work to resolve the complaints related to town planning, engineering and property taxes." She ordered the officials to solve the problems soon.

Three held for vehicle theft; 14 bikes recovered



PNS ■ HYDERABAD

The Bowepally Police on Monday arrested three persons involved in vehicle theft and recovered 14 bikes and four duplicate registration certificates, all worth Rs 8 lakh from them.

The accused were identified as Razak Khan (38), a mechanic and resident of Suraram; YammalaYohanu (29), a car driver and resident of Miyapur and Goriparthi Venkatappayya (28), a Xerox centre owner and a native of Andhra Pradesh . The accused were previously booked at Bowenpally, Tirumalgherry Nampally Jeedimetla and Alwal.

Khan and Yohanu resorted to bike theft in order to make money. As per their plan, they started committing bike thefts since October 2023 in Bowenpally, Trimulgherry, Nampally, Jeedimetla, Alwal and other areas of Hyderabad and Cyberabad Commissionerate

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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

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(See rule 6/12)

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Power projects probe: Ex-energy secy, Transco CMD meet Justice

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

TG Energy department's former principal secretary Suresh Chanda and ex-CMD of TG Transco and TG Genco D Prabhakar Rao appeared before Justice Narasimha Reddy Commission on Monday at BRKR Bhavan.

Justice L Narasimha Reddy Commission was constituted to probe alleged irregularities in the construction of the major power projects at Yadadri and Bhadradri, besides power purchase agree-ments entered with Chhattisgarh.

As part of the probe, the officials then in power were asked to depose.

The Yadadri Thermal Power Plant works started by the BRS government in 2017 are still not complet-

TPCC spokesperson Dayakar demands **NEET** re-examination

PNS HYDERABAD

Dayakar, spokesperson of Telangana Congress Committee (TPCC) stated that BJP leaders have hand in NEET exam leakage and demanded to remove NTA Director General Shubhod Kumar immediately and to conduct re-examination of NEET, during a press meet at Gandhi Bhavan on Monday.

He stated that a terrible injustice has been done to Telugu students. About 24 lakh students appeared for the exam on May 5 across 557 cities in the country. However, when the results were announced, a majority of people voiced out the anomalies by pointing out the fake scores.

NTA has offered grace marks in states like Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Haryana and Maharashtra but hasn't assigned to other states, especially Telugu states. Parshuram Roy and Tushar



Changani Dayakar

Bhatt from Gujarat took Rs 10 lakh from 16 candidates who appeared for the examination. Moreover, eight students who belonged to one centre securing highest marks raised suspicions among the public and aspi-

"I request the Centre to conduct a full inquiry into the irregularities. We demand the Centre to conduct re-examination of NEET. The Congress party will fight until justice is rendered to the NEET aspirants," he added.

Inter Board a puppet in the hands of private colleges: TNSF

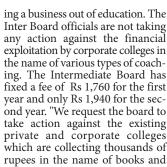
The members of Telugu Nadu Students Federation (TNSF) stated that Telangana Intermediate Board has become a puppet in the hands

of private corporate colleges.

They questioned the board for not taking any action against the colleges which operate in the name of IIT, NEET, JEE academies violating the Inter Board rules. Action should be taken against private colleges charging high fees in the name of IIT, NEET and JEE, which are against the norms of the board.



Also, every year in Telangana, students and parents are being subjected to financial exploitation by institutions by charging lakhs of rupees in the name of textbooks, notebooks and uniforms and makconsumption and clothing," said Parlapalli Ravinder, State president



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LAD and Special Deputy Collector (LA), IPT & Railways, Khammar and his staff (Survey Team) to enter upon and survey land, take level of any land, dig or bore into the sub-soil and do all other acts require for the proper execution of their work as provided and specified i section-12 of the said Act. Under section 11(4) of the Act, no person shall make any

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Collector Khammam / LAO and Special Deputy Collector (LA), IPT 8 Railways, Khammam. Special Deputy Collector Addl. Collector District Collecto

PNS HYDERABAD The Mangalhat police on between them. Monday arrested five persons, including two rowdy-sheeters involved in an attempt to murder case. The incident occurred on

Attempt to murder

case; Five nabbed

June 7 at Rahimpura grounds under Mangalhat police station limits. The victim, Surendar Singh (33), a resident of Shivlalnagar, filed a complaint against rowdy-sheeter Manmohan Singh and his accomplices. In his complaint, Surender stated that the accused attacked him with an axe over a long standing issue

The arrested accused were identified as Manmohan Singh (45) a ganja seller and resident of Mangalhat; Shanker Singh (26) also a resident of Mangalhat; Raju Singh (32) a Ganesh idol-maker; Kishan Singh (28) also an Ganesh idol-maker and Pushpuraj Singh (27), who is also a history-sheeter. Four other accused identified as Manish, Dhanraj, Anil and Chotu are

'Follow traffic advisory for monsoon season'

PNS HYDERABAD

Hyderabad traffic police on Monday issued an advisory for the public to face the monsoon. G Shankar Raju, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Traffic Training Institute, Begumpet, and the AP Abids staff of State Financial Corporation, Telangana Division, sensitised on road accidents and prevention. On this occasion, the Assistant Commissioner said that vehicles should be driven very carefully during the rainy season, as compared to normal days, chances of road accidents are high when it rains. Especially if some accidents happen due to damaged and



water-logged roads, other accidents happen due to motorists not taking proper precautions.

Bikes and cars sometimes do not stop even if brakes are applied due to slipping of tyres on the roads. If you take some precautions in the case of travelling during the monsoon, the journey can be smooth. Over-speeding is never good, especially in the rainy season vehicles should not be driven fast. All the roads are covered with water and there is a danger of falling into open man holes. So it is better not to drive vehi-

cles at excessive speed during the rainy season. Keep the distance between the vehicles in front while going on the road. Under no circumstances should you rush in anticipation of rain. Due to water, in some cases the brakes will not work properly and thus there are chances of accidents. So keep a distance between the vehicles in

Check if the wiper is working properly. It gets dark early in the

So the condition of the vehicle should be checked, he said. Everyone must wear a helmet to

rainy season so check if the lights

are working properly. Due to this,

the chances of accidents are high.

save lives. Even the pillion-rider must wear a helmet properly. Prevention of road accidents is everyone's responsibility. Always prioritize on safety. Some city dwellers wantonly violate traffic rules and cause accidents.

"Apart from bicycles, private buses, autos and cars are also plying on the wrong route. This is causing traffic jams in the main intersections of the city. Driving without a driving licence is a legal offence," he said.

This is the government of common man

Can anyone think of a ly went on to occupy the second ond highest constitutional years ago becoming a Union Minister? Can anyone hazard a guess that a leader who was a corporator two decades ago will go on to become a Union Minister? Such magic can only take place in the BJP.

Goose bumps appeared on the bodies of people as Srinivasa Varma of AP, Bandi Sanjay and G Kishan Reddy of Telangana took oath as Union ministers on Sunday under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

This was because these leaders did not carry any political legacy but worked their way very hard to the top with sincerity. It was proved on a number of occasions that the party would recognise the services of leaders working sincerely from the bottom. Venkaiah Naidu who pasted posters of Vajpayee and Advani gave publicity to these leaders over public address system, subsequent-

ond highest constitutional post of the Vice President. Kishan Reddy who func-tioned as an ordinary party worker since the inception of the BJP today became a Minister in Modi's Cabinet for the second time. What is more, can anyone think of a tea vender in railway station Modi to become the PM of the country?

Those who know the life

history of Narendra Modi can easily understand how excellently the common man subsequently becomes the ruler of the nation and can run the nation. Atal Behari Vajpayee was the son of an ordinary school teacher and he used to sleep keeping bricks under his head using them as his pillow while working in a Press publishing Panchajanya journal. His continuous hard work helped him grow step by step. He attracted the attention of the Prime Minister Subsequently, he went on to become the PM of the nation. At the time of division of the country, Advani came to India bringing along with him the dress he wore at that time. He spent his time in exile in a small room in Rajasthan. He went on to become the deputy PM. **Currently, Narendra Modi has equalled** the record of Nehru as the PM

Jawaharlal Nehru with his eloquent speech on the foreign policy in Lok Sabha standing in a corner as the lone member of the Jan

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the government took measures to provide irrigation facility to 6 lakh acres through minor lift irri-

He was participating in a review

meeting with the government offi-

cials and farmers held at Kodad on

Mondays on the lift irrigation

schemes in Huzurnagar and

Kodad Assembly constituencies.

Kodad MLA Padmavati also took

Addressing the gathering, he

said that the government has now

focused on minor lift irrigation

schemes to provide irrigation facility at . The BRS regime did

not pay attention for the past 10

years on Lift-Irrigation causing

There are 35 LI schemes in

In a bid to promote camaraderie

He explained that Farooqnagar

mandal requires a total of 18,000

uniforms and 9,000 uniforms were

distributed in the first phase. He

said the uniform distribution

would cover 25 schools in urban

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loss to the farmers.

PNS RANGA REDDY

Rajasthan. He went on to become the deputy PM. Currently, Narendra Modi has equalled the record of Nehru as the PM.

To a question by a correspondent, in a recent interview with Modi, on how he makes heads of global nations respect him in spite of his origin from an ordinary family, Modi replied, "When I first time met the global heads of nations, I hesitated. But I



BJP National Secretary

spoke with him with my head holding high when I realized that there are 140 crore people behind me. The soul of the nation made me speak with them.

Today, those who became Union Ministers need not become apprehensive that they are also from the ranks of common man. They are not merely elected people's representatives chosen by lakhs of people. They can take

bold decisions when they realize that millions of Indians have pinned their hopes on them.

Sunday

We should be humble like ordinary people. The common man of India will give respect to only such leaders. We should not compromise on sincerity and transparency," Modi advised his Cabinet colleagues prior to the Cabinet taking oath on

Modi could become the PM as he followed the rule of first giving priority to the nation above all other things and being prepared to face any challenges.
Today, Modi is required to

shoulder responsibility of a coalition government of NDA. In 1998, Vajpayee also ran a coalition government. Then, no major leader could be found in the coalition other than Vajpayee. Today also, Modi is the unparallelled leader in the NDA. The peo-

proved it by helping BJP win a majority of the seats. The whole

SPEAKING world recognized his leadership.

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"India got a leader like Narendra Modi at a right time. Therefore, Indians too grew internationally to dizzy heights. Under his leadership, Indians can become global leaders," observed TDP head and a leader who is well versed in national politics N Chandrababu Naidu. He exuded confidence that poverty can be eradicated from the soil of the nation under Modi's

leadership. The people have rejected parties like BRS, YSRCP, BJD that are not part of the NDA. There is no doubt that these parties will soon join the list of parties that faced extinc-

Modi proved that science and technology is key to the nation achieve good results in good governance. Linking Aadhaar Card with bank accounts is the key to deposit funds under various government schemes directly into

people's bank accounts. The NDA partners aspire the nation to achieve develop-Importantly,

Chandrababu Naidu's main objective is to put AP back on rails as it lagged behind in terms of development under Jagan's regime. His objective would be to build the capital city of Amaravati, completing the Polavaram project at a faster rate and developing the State in all spheres of activity.

Soon after Modi became the PM, he released Rs 20,000 crore under PM Kisan Fund. It stands as an example of the commitment of the NDA government for the welfare of farmers. It was proved once again that this government is the government of the com-



NarendraModi

Prime Minister and also incharge of: Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Department of Atomic Energy; Department of Space; All important policy issues; and All other portfolios not allocated to any Minister.

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29.	Chirag Paswan	Minister of Food Processing
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Minister of JalShakti.

30. CR Patil

Uttam promises to ensure irrigation through LI schemes PNS SURYAPETA Fine rice to be provided to white ration Minister for Irrigation N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Monday said that card-holders in three months

PNS ■ HUZURNAGAR

Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Monday said that all the eligible families would be given white ration cards soon. The recent Cabinet meeting provided the guidelines for the issue of the ration cards. He announced that the card-holders would be given fine rice on ration cards within three months. The Cabinet also decided to give a bonus of Rs

Huzurnagar and 19 schemes in Kodada constituencies. The lift irrigation schemes were built on River Krishna, Musi River and 500 per quintal to farmers producing fine quality of paddy.

He, along with Kodada MLA Padmavati, reviewed the developmental works with Roads and Buildigns officials, officials of the panchayat Raj Department, Electricity Department officials at his camp office in Huzurnagar on Sunday. He claimed that during his earlier stint as the minister 35 Lift Irrigation Schemes were started in Huzurnagar constituency and 19 in

Palair stream. Due to the neglect of these schemes by the previous regime, the schemes rendered

The Minister asked officials to complete the works by June 30 to enable the lift irrigation schemes function with 100 per cent effi-

KodadConstituency, but the previ-

ous BRS regime ignored them.

Later, the Minister inspected Minister for Irrigation N Uttam Kumar Reddy holding a review the single bedroom houses built meeting in Survapet district on Monday near Ramaswamy gutta in Huzurnagar. The BRS regime did not pay attention to 2,164 single ciency. Engineer in Chief of irrigation department D Nagendra Rao, irrigation Chief bedroom houses taken up during Engineer Ramesh Babu and others were prethe Congress regime. He announced that the officials sent at the meeting. would complete their houses by December and distribute them to **GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA** beneficiaries.

Revenue (Land Acquisition) Department FORM - VII DECLARATION (Under Section 19 (1) of the central Act 38/2013) and state rule 25 (1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act of 2013

Revenue Divisional Officer's file No. HI654/2023 Date: 02-04-2024 zette No: 43/2024 Date: 24-04-2024 The Government of Telangana/Collector, Siddipet decided to acquin Gazette No: 43/2024 Ac 4.32% guntss in Gangaper village of Chinnakoder mandal or Siddipet district for public purpose i.e. for development of BG Railway Line from Manaharabad to Kottapalli. The government has decided to acquire the below mentioned land as it is needed for the development of the BG Railway Line.

Date: 24-04-2024

District Collector's File No. G3/1523/2016

MLA distributes school uniform to students in Shadnagar sold in urban areas. The programme, directed by Mandal Education Officer Shankar Rathore, was held at the local

Mandal Mahila Samakhya office with MLA Veerlapalli Shankar as the chief guest. The event saw participation from principals of varischools, includin mpally, Lalsingh Tanda including Peerlaguda, Karnamkunta Tanda, Giraigutta Tanda, Kadiyalakunta Tanda, Chinna Chilkamarri, Ranga Samudra, and Peerlaguda. Senior Congress leaders Chendi Tirupati Reddy and others also attended the program, alongside officials and community members.

among students, Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli Shankar announced that the government would provide free uniform to students. On Monday, Shankar distributed the first batch of 9,000 uniforms to stuaroognagar mandal at the Dwakra building in Shadnagar

Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli Shankar distributing school uniform to students in Shadnagar

areas and 73 in rural areas. The being sewn by Dwakra women, uniforms for rural schools are while Mepma clothes are being

Officials told to complete all school works briskly

PNS NALGONDA

District Collector Dasari Hari Chandana on Monday directed the engineering officials to complete all the works taken up in Amma Adarsh Schools immediately. She was holding a review meeting with engineering officials at her chamber on the works in Amma Adarsh schools and distribution of clothes to students.

She directed the officials to make necessary arrangements in view of the reopening of schools on the June 12 and take steps to distribute clothes to the students. He said that works like providing drinking water, building toilets and repair of electrical connections in all the schools under Amma Adarsha Vidyalayas have been taken



Nalgonda Collector Dasari Hari Chandana holding a review meeting with officials in Nalgonda on Monday

up and all these should be complet-

ed without further delay.

Additional District Collector TS Purnachandra, Mission Bhagiratha Superintending Engineer ED Venkateshwarlu, officials of various departments and others participated in the meeting.

Bank of Baroda signs MOU with TSDR & FSD

PNS HYDERABAD

Bank of Baroda on Monday entered into an agreement with Telangana State Disaster Response and Fire Services Department to extend the Baroda Police Salary Package offering to its serving personnel and pensioners. The MoU covers special benefits, including enhanced free comprehensive Personal Accident Insurance Cover (PAI), special offers on Yoddha Retail Loans, Debit and Credit Cards and a host of other benefits. The agreement was signed between Y Nagi Reddy, Director General of Telangana State Disaster Response and Fire Services Department and Ritesh Kumar, General Manager and Zonal Head, Hyderabad Zone, Bank of Baroda.

The Baroda Police Salary Package offers many benefits to the Telangana

State Disaster Response and Fire Services Department personnel, including Personal Accident Insurance Death Cover up to Rs 1.30 crore in case of accidental death on duty and up to Rs 1.26 crore off duty. In addition, it provides Permanent Total Disability cover up to Rs 80 lakh. In addition, all serving personnel are entitled to additional Rs 5 lakh Personal Life Insurance.

Ritesh Kumar, General Manager and Zonal Head, Hyderabad Zone, Bank of Baroda said, "We are grateful to Telangana State Disaster Response and Fire Services Department for choosing to bank with us. The signing of the MOU gives Bank of Baroda the opportunity to serve the brave men and women diligently serving the people of the state and fulfil their banking needs with a full range of products and services."

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HC dismisses husband's bail plea in wife's dowry death case

he Delhi High Court has refused to grant bail to a man, accused in a case of dowry death of his wife, saying the allegations against him are serious and showing any leniency in such cases may send an inappropriate signal to the society at large.

The high court said the allegations in the case point out that even in this era, married women are being humiliated, abused, and beaten by their husbands and in-laws for want of non-

fulfillment of their desire for being provided with money or dowry. "Considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case, the gravity of the allegations, and the fact that showing leniency in such cases may send an inappropriate signal to society at large, this court is not inclined to grant bail where a woman has lost her life prima facie due to torture meted out to her due to nonfulfillment of demand of money and dowry by the applicant and his family members " Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma said.



Robbery attempt at gunpoint in gold loan bank in Una, case registered

our people barged into a bank here on Monday and assaulted the staff and a customer in a failed attempt to commit robbery. The Una police registered a case for attempting a robbery in the gold loan branch of a bank in Himachal Pradesh's Una district. Four armed robbers reached the bank early in the morning on bikes, said branch employee Harpreet Singh, adding that when the employees started opening the office door, two vouths came to the

employees and inquired about gold loan. As soon as the employees opened the gate of the bank, the two people entered the branch and started beating the employees and a female customer at gunpoint. In no time, they were accompanied by two more persons and all four tried to rob the bank, the employees said. However, as soon as the gate opened, the siren installed in the branch rang as the code was not entered in the biometric device.



Bombay HC allows 7/11 blasts case convict to answer law exam paper

he Bombay High Court on Monday permitted a convict in the 7/11 serial train blasts case to appear for one paper of the second semester law examination from Nashik central prison. Convict Mohammed Sajid Marghoob Ansari had sought permission to attend the second semester law examination held by Siddharth Law College in south Mumbai from May 3 to May 15. The court had, in May, permitted him to physically

appear for the exams and had directed the Nashik central prison authorities to produce him in the college on the exam dates. On May 10, Ansari moved an application claiming he could not appear for some of papers as he could not be produced in the college on time. The jail authorities said Ansari could not be produced in the college on time despite genuine efforts. The HC had then asked Mumbai University to consider if Ansari could be permitted to appear for the exam online.



Jaishankar: Look forward to India, Maldives work together

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Minister S Jaishankar on Monday held separate bilateral meetings with Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu, Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Sri Lankan President Wickremesinghe.

Jaishankar also called on Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda', Mauritius Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth, Bhutan PM Tshering Tobgay and Seychelles Vice President Ahmed Afif.

The seven leaders from India's neighbourhood and the Indian Ocean region were in Delhi to attend the swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Union Council of Ministers on Sunday.

"Delighted to call on President Dr Mohamed Muizzu of Maldives today in New Delhi. Look forward to



India and Maldives working together closely," Jaishankar said on 'X'.

Jaishankar was the external affairs minister in Modi's previous Cabinet. He took oath as a Union minister on Sunday.

It was Muizzu's first visit to India after he became the island nation's president on November 17 last year. The ties between India and the strain since Muizzu, known for his pro-China leanings, took

charge of the top office. Within hours of his oath, he had demanded the withdrawal of Indian military personnel from his country. The Indian military personnel were replaced by civilians earlier this

After his meeting with Hasina, Jaishankar said,

Minister Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh today. The India-Bangladesh Maitri continues to advance.'

On his meeting with Wickremesinghe, Jaishankar said, "Appreciate President Ranil Wickremesinghe of Sri Lanka for receiving me this morning in New Delhi. Recognized the steady progress in India-Sri Lanka relations."

"Great to meet PM Tshering Tobgay of Bhutan. Spoke about our unique and multifaceted friendship," Jaishankar said on the meeting with Tobgay.

He said the meeting with Mauritius Prime Minister Jugnauth, reflected the special bond between the two coun-

On the meeting with the Nepalese prime minister, Jaishankar said: "So glad to call on PM Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda of Nepal. Discussed the growing various facets of India-Nepal cooper-

MUMBAI FILM FEST

Assam Police's documentary on extremism to be screened

PNS ■ GUWAHATI

Short documentary 'Fehujali - The New Dawn', produced by Assam director general of police G P Singh, will be featured at the Mumbai International Film Festival starting on June 15, film director and inspector general Parthasarathi Mahanta said on Monday.

Having won the 'Best Short Documentary' award at the 7th New Delhi Film Festival in March, the 19-minute film carries a poignant message for the youth of the state, urging them to steer clear of extremism and embrace a path of purpose and right-eousness. "We have seen some young boys and girls join the camps of terrorist outfits after falling victim to the various gimmicks being peddled. We decided to bring to the public domain true-life stories of disillusionment,"

TMC will raise issue of law on MSP in Parliament: Mamata

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee on Monday assured protesting farmers in Punjab that her party will raise the issue of giving legal guarantee for MSP in the upcoming session of Parliament.

The assurance came after a five-member delegation of the Trinamool Congress (TMC) met the farmers at Khanauri border point in Punjab. Banerjee told the protesters that the TMC will "always stand for justice for farmers".

The delegation comprised TMC national spokesperson Derek O'Brien, Mohammed Nadimul Haque, Dola Sen, Sagarika Ghose, and Saket Gokhale, who all are Rajya Sabha MPs.

The West Bengal CM interacted with farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal over the phone. Banerjee told him that during the upcoming Parliament session, her party MPs will raise the issue of a



law guaranteeing minimum support price (MSP) for crops.

Today team @AITCofficial in a 5 MP delegation visited farmers protests in Khanauri border. Our leader @MamataOfficial spoke via phone to farm leaders to assure them that @AITCofficial will always stand for justice for farmers. Jai Hind. Jai Kisan," Ghose posted on X after the meeting.

Samyukta Kisan Morcha (non-political) leader Abhimanyu Kohar said the TMC delegation was at Khanauri in Sangrur district for an hour.

"They went to the spot for crops.

where tractors were damaged and Shubhkaran Singh had sustained bullet injury. They spoke with farmers," he said. referring to the clash with the police in February on the border point with Haryana.

Kohar said farmers gave a memorandum to the TMC delegation, seeking that their demands be raised in Parliament. sThe SKM and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha are spearheading the 'Delhi Chalo' march by farmers to press the government to accept their demands which include that the Centre should give a legal guarantee for MSP

'Warning bell for us', says K'taka Cong chief on LS poll outcome

PNS ■ BENGALURU

Terming the Lok Sabha election outcome in Karnataka as a "warning bell" to the Congress, its state unit chief D ivakumar on Monday indicated that the ruling outfit in the State is currently on a fact-finding mission to find out the reasons for the below par performance.

Also the Deputy Chief Minister, he stressed on the need to look at what went wrong and rectify them, as he called upon party men not to speak before the media regarding the party's performance and blaming someone for it.

The NDA got 19 out of 28 Lok Sabha seats in Karnataka, with BJP winning 17 and JD(S) two. The ruling Congress, which banked heavily on the guarantee schemes that its



Government had launched and expected them to yield rich electoral dividends, has won nine seats.

"When General Secretary (AICC) and Rahul Gandhi came to Bengaluru, they told us. We are calling meetings and discussing. Today we have called a meeting to discuss Bengaluru city. For other places too we will fix dates. We need to examine things and review where we have gone wrong, what has happened,"

Prem Singh Tamang sworn in

as Chief Minister of Sikkim

Shivakumar told reporters

He added: "I have asked party men not to speak to the media. Let us do the fact finding on what has happened

"People have given us a warning bell. We need to be careful in the future. At least now we have to realise what has gone wrong, where and we should rectify it," Shivakumar said. Claiming that the party was confident about winning 14-15 seats, Shivakumar said, "we have failed in it. People

have given their verdict." The party has not got votes on the home turf of several of its leaders, he said. "We are verifying why it happened. There may be several individual causes, but defeat is a defeat. We have to accept that votes for us have gone down.

'Oppn won't let Modi work in arbitrary way'

Congress leader Sachin Pilot on Monday said the opposi-tion will not allow the new BIP-led NDA government to function in an "arbitrary" manner, following a fractured mandate in the Lok Sabha

Tonk where he inaugurated a 'Shaheed Smarak', the former Rajasthan deputy chief minister also expressed grief over the loss of lives in the terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi.

Modi's third term, which always appeared inevitable, did not come with the massive mandate he and his party had been claiming, as the Congress

and its allies in the INDIA bloc fought a doughty rearguard battle to shock the BJP in its strongholds such as Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan.

"It is a fractured mandate. It is not a mandate for any single party to form the government. It is an alliance government so it will not be able to that it had in the last 10 years," Pilot told reporters in

He said he cannot comment on what will happen in the future but the initial indications show that there will be a change in the NDA government's attitude.

The Opposition members have won in large numbers. The arbitrary work that used



to happen in parliament earlier will not be allowed to happen now.

The entire opposition is united and the ÎNDIA bloc will keep the government alert inside and outside parliament and will hold it

accountable," he said. Replying to a question on the terrorist attack, Pilot said, feel sad that a terrorist attack happened on devo"The police and adminis-

tration should take immediate action and if such incidents increase, then it is a matter of concern because Lok Sabha elections have just concluded there and assembly elections are going to be held in three months," he

The government will not be able to tackle the situation merely by expressing condolence. It will have to teach a lesson to those who commit such heinous crimes, Pilot asserted. Terrorists opened fire at the bus carrying pilgrims in the Reasi district of ammu and Kashmir on Sunday, killing nine and

NEET ROW

Govt must take serious steps to correct 'anomalies': Priyanka

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Monday attacked the Centre over the NEET-UG medical entrance row and said the government will have to take "serious steps" to correct "irregularities" in examinations.

Amid allegations of inflation of marks in the NEET-UG medical entrance exam, the National Testing Agency (NTA) announced on Saturday that the education ministry has set up a four-member panel to



review the grace marks awarded to more than 1,500 candi-

In a post in Hindi on X, Priyanka Gandhi said, "Lakhs of children prepare hard for

the most precious moments of their lives preparing for it. The whole family puts their faith and strength in this effort. But year after year, paper leaks and irregularities related to results have been reported in these exams.

Shouldn't the accountability of the agencies conducting the exams be fixed, she asked.

"Shouldn't the government give up its careless attitude and seriously focus on the exam system? We cannot see the dreams of our young friends being shattered like this.

Chemist found dead with his throat slit in J-K's Kathua

PNS ■ KATHUA/JAMMU

A 35-year-old chemist was found dead with his throat slit open near his house in Iammu Kashmir's Kathua district, officials said on Monday. Amarjit

Sharma's murder sparked protests by his grieving relatives and neighbours, who demanded immediate arrest of the unidentified culprits, they

Sharma was found dead outside his house in Mela village by his family late Sunday

night after they started searching for him when he did not return home, the officials said. Hundreds of people, carry-

ing Sharma's body, blocked Jammu-Pathankot highway and the nearby railway track in nearby Hiranagar area around 9 am this morning, the officials said. The protesters dispersed within two

hours on the assurance of police and civil officers that a case was registered and further investigation is on to bring the culprits to book, they said.

App may predict depression in pregnant women

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A mobile app could help predict if a pregnant woman will develop depression in the later stages of pregnancy, according to new research.

By asking women to respond to surveys during their first trimester, researchers identified various risk factors, including sleep quality and food insecurity, for developing depres-

'We can ask people a small set of questions and get a good sense of whether they'll become

Tamar Krishnamurti, an associate professor of general internal medicine at the University of Pittsburgh, US.

'Strikingly, a lot of risk factors for future depression are things that are modifiable -such as sleep quality, concerns about labour and delivery and, importantly, access to food -meaning that we can and should do something about them," said Krishnamurti.

Identifying women vulnerable to developing depression in the earlier stages of pregnancy



could help tailor preventive care and offer support to address underlying causes, the researchers said.

For the study, the researchers

analysed the survey responses of 944 pregnant women who used the app as part of a larger study and did not have a history of depression.

In their first trimester of pregnancy, the women responded to questions about demographics and their medical history, along with those on stress and feelings of sadness.

Some of the 944 women also responded to optional questions on social factors related to their health, such as food

insecurity. All women were screened

for depression once every trimester.

The researchers developed six machine-learning models using all the data. The best one was found to be 89 per cent accurate in predicting depression in a pregnant woman. A machine learning algorithm is a form of artificial intelligence that learns from past data to make predictions.

The accuracy of the model rose to 93 per cent when the researchers included the responses to optional questions on health-related social factors.

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Along with the chief minister, 11 other ministers were sworn in, including Sonam Lama, Arun Kumar Upreti, Samdup Lepcha, Bhim Hang Limboo, Bhoj Raj Rai, G T Dhungel, Puran Kumar Gurung, Pintso Namgyal Lepcha, Nar Bahadur Dahal, Raju Basnet and Tshering

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) supremo

Prem Singh Tamang on Monday took oath as

the Chief Minister of the Himalayan state for

The 56-year-old politician was administered

the oath of office and secrecy by Governor

Lakshman Prasad Acharya at a function held

the second consecutive term.

Eleven other ministers

in Paljor Stadium here.

The council of ministers in Sikkim can have a maximum strength of 12 including the chief While three ministers -- Arun Kumar Upreti, Nar Bahadur Dahal and Raju Basnet -- took oath in Nepali, eight other ministers took oath in English.

Only four ministers of the previous government have been retained time. The chief minister has rewarded two SKM MLAs Bhoj Raj Rai and Raju Basnet with min-

isterial berths for defeating SDF supremo and

Pawan Kumar Chamling in Poklok-Kamrang and Namcheybung assembly constituencies respectively. Tamang also included Nar Bahadur Dahal, a firsttime MLA from Khamdong-Singtam, in the cabinet for defeating Mani Kumar Sharma, who had

revolted against the chief

minister in the previous

former chief minister

term. Women, however, failed to get representation in the Tamang cabinet despite four women getting elected on SKM tickets, including the CM's wife Krishna Kumari Rai.

Around 30,000 SKM leaders and workers attended the elaborate swearing-in ceremony for which the state government had declared a half working day for government employees and closed the educational institutions around the state capital as part of security measures for the

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Restive Valley

There has been a sudden uptick in terror incidents, coinciding with the plans to hold elections in J&K

error-mongers in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) don't share the enthusiasm and optimism of the local population and political parties, nor of the Election Commission's, to hold polls in the Union Territory anytime soon. There has been a noticeable increase in terror attacks in the region aligning with the conduct of the recently concluded Lok Sabha elections. The stability and security of the region, which has a protracted history of conflict and violence, are seriously threatened by this escalation. There have been several insurgency stages in the area, especially since the late 1980s, when militant organisations wanted to combine Kashmir with Pakistan or grant it independence. A turning point was the Indian Government's abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019, which gave J&K special autonomy. This action resulted in heightened tensions and an upsurge in militant activity. There are various reasons for the revival of militancy in the strife-torn region, which had only recently started



limping back to normal. Militant groups have been actively seeking new members, frequently using social media to draw in young Kashmiris. Furthermore, despite intense surveillance, cross-border infiltration continues to be a problem. For their part, militant organisations frequently seek to sabotage elections in order to cast doubt on the authority of the State machinery and to express opposition to the democratic process that the Indian Government wants to nurture in the region. The J&K security and administration are severely impacted by the rise in the incidents of terror attacks.

Additionally, these accidents cause disruptions to daily life, which hinders the growth of the region by impacting tourism, education and economic activity. In response to the increase in violence, the Indian Government and security services have taken a number of initiatives. In an effort to drive away militants, there has been a rise in cordon-and-search operations. These activities are intended to reduce collateral damage and are frequently predicated on particular intelligence inputs. Also, increased efforts have been made to win over the hearts and minds of the local population. Conversations with local authorities, youth involvement initiatives and development projects that enhance livelihoods and infrastructure are among other similar initiatives. In terms of politics, the Government is eager to hold elections in J&K to install a local Government, which it views as essential to ensuring long-term peace and stability. However, the current state of security presents considerable obstacles to this undertaking. Even while the Government and security services are working hard to pacify the area, there are still many obstacles in the way of long-term development and stability. In order to achieve enduring peace in J&K, it is imperative that the underlying reasons of alienation are addressed, effective governance is ensured and a sincere dialogue with all stakeholders is fostered.



Clouds hover over the skyline, in Bastar district

What actually upset the Modi applecart



There is a long list of people-centric achievements, both at home and abroad, that defines Modi 2.0. But then, public perception inexplicably turned against him

Prime Minister Narendra Modi be feeling? So little recognition for doing so much! Why? Did he err somewhere to have endured the reduction to 240 seats from the erstwhile 303? Was aspiring for his country to join the First World by 2047 wrong? Or was promising that Bharat would enlarge its GDP to be the third largest in the world before long, a mistake? Or introducing the GST, which laid the foundation of transforming the national economy? Indirect tax collection is rising and reducing the transport time by 40 per cent. Isn't that a gift to the economy? Maybe asking for beyond 400 was misunderstood as having already won the election and therefore no pressing need to go out to cast one's vote, especially when the weather is very hot. Perhaps the schedule of seven phases of voting was phased out over too long a period of 43 days, enough time for possible mischief. Some might have resented the abrogation of Article 370, but the economy of Jammu & Kashmir has pros-

ered substantially. Modi's Government over the last 10 years has pulled out some 25 crore out of poverty. Whatever was given to them was directly to the individuals, not through village headmen. According to the late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, only 15 paise of a rupee reached the poor people, while 85 paise were eaten away by the middlemen. Such corruption significantly explained the contemptuous expression coined by the Nehruvian acolytes "Hindu rate of growth". India's economists used to proudly claim that 40 per cent of the Indian economy was black or 'informal' and 60 per cent was white or 'formal'.

The back of this black economy began to be broken on the night November 8, 2016, when Modi demonetised ₹1,000 and ₹500 currency notes. The measure was not confided even to his Finance Minister for the sake of secrecy. Public opinion in India and income tax raids. It canwas divided down the middle; those who lost money con-



demned the measure. Those who did not lose, praised the move as having taught the tax evaders a lesson.

What most people did not know was that a former regime was getting Indian currency notes printed by the same supplier who printed Pakistan's and Bangladesh's currency notes as well. These neighbours could thus import India goods without spending any foreign exchange, in fact any money, except the purchase price of the fake notes. Until this demonetisation, our neighbours were financially comfortable. Not long after November 8, 2016, news came that Pakistan was moving towards shambles. Later, we had to loan Bangladesh \$9.5 billion. One cannot deny there is still black money in the economy today, but at least half the original quantum is gone. Implementation of GST and digitalisation has also helped in this objective. White money is wealth that can be invested, lent out; it can be used for expanding the economy. Black money, on the other hand, is largely unproductive and, in private hands, a source of fear from thieves not be lent with confidence or

MAYBE ASKING FOR BEYOND 400 WAS MISUNDERSTOOD AS HAVING ALREADY WON THE ELECTION. PERHAPS THE **VOTING SCHEDULE** WAS PHASED OUT OVER TOO LONG A PERIOD

Do all these deserve only 240 seats? This is indeed a painful question. While voting, many Hindus forgot that it is this Government and this Supreme Court that enabled them to see the magnificent temple of Shri Ram Lalla at Ayodhya become a reality, considering five centuries had run their course since Mughal invader Babar's henchman Mir Baqi had destroyed the original temple that had immortalised Ramjanmabhoomi. The splendid new temple has been built in the flash of a year. This

was a revival, recovery and replacement of a lost temple and civilisational ethos. This Government has also made history dance. I doubt whether any religion has enabled another religion to build its place of worship in its own country. This Government has been able to charm the Sultan of Abu Dhabi to donate 27 acres of land on the main highway to In the process, they not only Dubai for Hindus to build a grand temple in what most Muslims would consider a violation of the forbidding of butparasti or idol worship.

This was the Sultan's celestial

endeavour to atone for all the

temples desecrated in India

over the centuries. As a wag

reconciliation that should have gifted, as it were, a thousand seats. All Hindus should pray for having overlooked this unique sacrifice on behalf of Islam.

The only excuse that can hold was yet another omission, like many others. Only two days ago, an acquaintance from Lucknow dropped in to explain why the Lok Sabha seat that contains Ayodhya was lost. A number of shops and houses was demolished to broaden the main street. Compensation was offered, although at the old rates.

With the rapid construction of the temple, real estate prices went up much faster than expected. As a result, the old rates seemed like peanuts and, therefore, unacceptable to the old-time residents and shopkeepers. Meanwhile, lakhs of pilgrims had come, gone and enriched the shopkeepers, who weren't really short of money. protested but also voted for the opposite side. When asked by journalists what they gained by voting against the temple, they had no answer.

(The writer is a well-known columnist, an author and a former member of the Rajya Sabha; views are personal)

Sunshine on shoulders, a spring in my step!



We still have time to take a step back to pause, reflect and act, to leave a better world for the generations to come

ummers have been harsh this year. I do not recall Delhi temperatures shooting to 50 degrees plus in the 26 years since we shifted to the national capital. Advisories have been issued by the state governments to avoid venturing out in the afternoons. However, a month down the line, we would forget the harrowing days; and long for a glimpse of sun as monsoon clouds darken the skies.

A few months back, I looked out of my window one morning. The sun was struggling to light up the day with just a pale glimmer of its full-blown glory. It transported me back a few decades when I was posted in a railway production unit in east India. One afternoon in March or April, while driving me back to the office after lunch, the driver commented, "Sir, I don't like this month. The days are so sad." His observation was a revelation to me. The afternoon during the two months is often dull in the eastern part of the country, with a haze of moist air shrouding every-

I have travelled to England a couple of times for vacations. We were chilled to the bones during the first visit as we braved the heavy rains lash-

ing us. We walked with a spring in our steps as bright sunshine greeted us the second time. We noticed that on such rainy days, even the locals longed for the sun to peep out of the clouds. This welcome respite would be enough for the parks to be filled with screaming children, sedately walking adults, and sprinting health enthusi-

Sun plays an important role in our lives in other ways also. My wife, and even others, insist on drying clothes under the sun. I have also witnessed this in other countries. I have often wondered about the reasons despite the availability of devices serving the same purpose. The argument brightens my world with love

is that no equipment can impart the antibacterial properties or the fresh smell and crisp feeling that exposure to sunlight does. I would tend to agree, as even I do not like the smell of moist clothes left indoors to dry under the fan during rainy months.

There are health benefits too. We are told to spend a few minutes under the sun to get the sunshine vitamin, most essential for our health. Sunshine is also celebrated through numerous phrases that compare the people in our lives or even their attributes to the bright light. A friend calls an octogenarian friend, 'sunshine', simply because the older person is ever smiling. There are several other similar compliments

like 'You are the sunshine that

or 'Smiles are little rays of sunshine' and many more. Eulogies have been paid to other celestial bodies as well, but they pale when compared with the brightest star in our firmament. Sun Temple in Konark is a testament to the importance accorded to the life-giver. Many cultures, religions, and earlier civilizations were based around sun worship.

All these myriad thoughts flitted through my mind as I sat sipping my tea that pale morning. I realised that the feeble sunlight was also due to our self-serving desires without paying heed to the need to create a pollution-free environment.

We still have time to take a step back to pause, reflect, and act, to leave a better world for the generations to come! They also have the right to hum the timeless opening lines of the beautiful song by John Denver, "Sunshine on my shoulders makes me happy. Sunshine, almost always, makes me high."

(The writer conducts workshops on creative writing for young adults and corporate executives. Views are personal)

WATER CRISIS IN THE CAPITAL

even a minimal lack of worry.

Madam - Apropos the editorial "Parched Capital," published on June 10, this is my response. As a daily newspaper reader, it's alarming to witness Delhi's worsening water crisis. The refusal of Haryana and Himachal Pradesh to supply water during these scorching months significantly impacts millions in the NCR. The Supreme Court's directive for these states to uphold water-sharing agreements is crucial, but enforcement appears weak. The Delhi BJP's call for a special Assembly session is a necessary step to prioritise this dire issue.

Delhi's 35 million residents face severe water shortages, exacerbating public health risks and forcing reliance on unreliable private tankers. This situation demands a multi-faceted approach: strict adherence to water agreements, improved infrastructure and public education on water conservation. Investing in treatment plants and reservoirs, along with enhancing wastewater recycling and rainwater harvesting, could provide longterm relief. It's imperative for states to cooperate and ensure a stable water supply to prevent further hardship and potential health crises.

Meera Rao | Raipur

VIGILANCE FOR FOOD SAFETY

Madam — Apropos the news story "Protecting health through food safety," published on June 10, this is my response. As a daily newspaper reader, I'm alarmed by the state of food safety today. We often overlook the quality of what we eat, leading to chronic diseases like heart disease, diabetes and cancer. Street food stalls, which are popular in many places, frequently lack hygiene standards and even supermarket food is not always trustworthy. The inconsistency between food labels and actual ingredients is troubling.

The WHO's statistics are staggering: 600

Modi's historic third term



propos the news story "Narendra Modi sworn in as Prime Minister for the third consecutive time," published on June 10, this is my response. As a daily reader of the newspaper, it's clear that Narendra Modi's third consecutive term as India's Prime Minister marks a significant chapter in the nation's political history. Mirroring the legacy of Jawaharlal

"Prepare for the Unexpected," highlights Duryodhana, a prominent character, the urgent need for robust food safety measures. The globalisation of our food supply chain complicates these efforts, making contamination harder to trace. Technological advancements like blockchain for traceability and IoT sensors for real-time monitoring can help. Ensuring food safety is a proactive commitment necessary for public health. We must innovate and stay vigilant to protect humanity from foodborne illnesses. Vihaan Sharma | Udaipur

ATTITUDE SHAPES HUMAN BEHAVIOUR

Madam — Apropos the news story 'Factors that influence our attitudes,' published on June 10, this is my response. Reading about the Mahabharata and its timeless narratives offers profound insights into human nature. The epic, attributed to sage Veda Vyasa and transcribed by Lord Ganesha, vividly portrays the complexities of human attitudes. It million people fall ill annually from con-showcases a spectrum of emotions and taminated food, with 420,000 deaths. This standpoints that drive actions, often year's World Food Safety Day theme, influenced by external factors.

Nehru, Modi's repeated electoral success underscores his enduring popularity and polit-

The swearing-in ceremony at Rashtrapati

Bhavan was a testament to India's vibrant democracy, drawing participation from key polit-



ical figures and foreign dignitaries. This underscores India's growing influence on the alobal stage. However, the BJP's reduced Lok Sabha seats highlight a more complex political land-

scape, necessitating greater reliance on NDA allies. The strategic inclusion of allies like the TDP and JDU in ministerial positions suggests a pragmatic approach to coalition politics. As Modi 3.0 unfolds, it will be interesting to see how the government balances internal dynamics while continuing developmental policies. The next few years will be crucial in determining the trajectory of Modi's legacy and India's future. Saanvi Jain | Jamshedpur

exemplifies how arrogance and anger, fueled by his uncle Shakuni and others, lead to destructive behaviour. This mirrors historical atrocities like the Nazi genocide, highlighting the dangers of rejudice and hatred.

Conversely, the story of the Zen Master and the Thief underscores the transformative power of compassion. The Master's forgiveness and understanding helped the wayward student reform, illustrating that empathy can foster positive change. Human attitudes, shaped by social interactions and experiences, can lead to either constructive or destructive outcomes. This continuous learning process underscores the importance of compassion and understanding in shaping a better society. Harold S Geneen aptly encapsulates this, emphasising that leadership is reflected in attitudes and actions,

not just words. Aarush Kapoor | Vijayawada

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A TREASURE TROVE OF **TIMELESS WISDOM**

The Puranas, with their vast and varied content, are living texts



SWAMI CHARNASHRIT

he Puranas are a vast genre of ancient Indian literature that holds a significant place in the cultural, religious, and philosophical tapestry of India. These texts are not merely historical or mythological accounts; they are rich repositories of wisdom, encompassing a wide array of subjects that continue to resonate with and inspire people across generations.

Origin and Structure of the Puranas

The term "Purana" is derived from the Sanskrit word "pura," meaning "ancient" or "old." Traditionally, the Puranas are attributed to Vyasa, the sage who is also credited with compiling the Mahabharata and the Vedas. There are eighteen major Puranas, known as the Mahapuranas, and an equal number of secondary Puranas, known as Upapuranas. Each Purana varies in length and content but generally follows a similar structural format comprising five main topics: the creation of the universe (Sarga), the secondary creation (Pratisarga), genealogies of gods, sages, and kings (Vamsa), the reigns of Manus (Manvantara), and the history of dynasties (Vamsa Charitra).

Cosmology and Metaphysics

The Puranas offer a profound exploration of cosmology and metaphysics, detailing intricate theories about the creation, sustenance, and destruction of the universe. The concept of cyclical time, as opposed to linear time, is a central theme, with the universe undergoing endless cycles of creation and dissolution. This perspective provides a holistic view of existence, emphasizing the impermanence of the material world and the eternal nature of the soul.



Ethical and Moral Teachings

At their core, the Puranas are repositories of ethical and moral teachings. They emphasize the principles of Dharma (righteousness), Artha (prosperity), Kama (pleasure), and Moksha (liberation). Through various narratives and parables, the Puranas highlight the importance of living a virtuous life, the consequences of actions (karma), and the ultimate goal of attaining liberation from the cycle of birth and death.

Theistic Devotion

The Puranas are rich in devotional content, promoting Bhakti (devotion) towards various deities such as Vishnu, Shiva, and the Goddess. They provide detailed descriptions of the forms, attributes, and stories of these deities, fostering a personal and emotional connection between the devotee and the divine. This devotional aspect underscores the idea that sincere love and devotion can lead to spiritual enlightenment and libera-

Social and Cultural Insights

The Puranas play a crucial role in preserving and transmitting the cultural and religious traditions of ancient India. They serve as encyclopaedic texts, containing information on rituals, festivals, pilgrimages, and social customs. By doing so, they have helped maintain continuity in cultural practices and have provided a sense of identity and continuity to gen-

The Arts and Sciences

The Puranas are remarkable for their integration of art and science. They include discussions on astronomy, astrology, medicine, architecture, and even the performing arts. For instance, the Vishnu Purana and the Bhagavata Purana provide elaborate accounts of cosmology, while the Agni Purana offers insights into various scientific disciplines, reflecting the comprehensive knowledge system of ancient India.

(The writer is a spiritual guide, views are personal)

The long and short of Modi's welfarism



The Govt is doing a good job of supplying food, fuel and fertiliser at subsidised cost but the largesse recipients are unlikely to make space for other deserving people

n overarching policy instru-ment Prime Minister Narendra Modi uses in relentless pursuit of a welfare State is his unflinching commitment to ensuring adequate supply of three essential items, namely fertilisers, food and fuel, to the target beneficiaries/consumers at 'throwaway' price or even for free. In fact, he tells them about his intentions

in this regard well in advance. Look at these facts: Urea is a widely used fertiliser that supplies primary nutrient nitrogen or 'N' and constitutes nearly half of India's total fertiliser consumption. To make it affordable to farmers, the Union Government controls its maximum retail price (MRP) at a low level unrelated to the cost of production/import and distribution, which is much higher. The excess cost over MRP is reimbursed to the manufacturer/importer as subsidy which varies from unit to unit, depending on its cost.

During its first term, under a comprehensive New Urea Policy 2015 announced on May 13, 2015, the Modi Government had frozen the urea MRP of ₹268 per 50 kg bag for a period four years till 2019-20. Even thereafter, the price remained unchanged at ₹242 per 45 kg bag (currently, urea is sold in 45 kg bag; so on pro rata basis, the price is the same as earlier). This price is nearly one-tenth of the cost of making it available leading to huge subsidy payout. On June 28, 2023, Modi announced its continued availability to the farmers at this price for three years, up to FY 2025-26.

As for food, the National Food Security Act (NFSA) enacted by the erstwhile UPA Government in 2013 had provided for giving wheat, rice and coarse cereals to eligible beneficiaries at a throwaway price of ₹3/2/1 per kg respectively. The excess of minimum support price (MSP) paid to farmers plus handling and distribution costs over this price (read ₹3/2/1 per kg) was reimbursed to the State handling agencies such as the Food Corporation of India

(FCI) as subsidy. Even as the NFSA had frozen the price to be paid by beneficiaries for three years, ie till 2016, the then Minister for Food and Civil Supplies, Ram Vilas Paswan, announced that the price won't be increased for three years. In 2020, due to the Corona pandemic, under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), the Government also started giving 5 kg of rice or wheat per person per month for 'free' to all the 820 million beneficiaries under the NFSA.

Meanwhile, the pandemic-induced PMGKAY was withdrawn from January 1, 2023. However, from the same date, the Government started giving regular supplies under the NFSA for 'free' (instead of ₹3/2/1 per kg charged earlier). This modified scheme was renamed as PMGKAY. Later in the year, in November 2023, addressing a poll rally in Chhattisgarh, Modi announced extension of the PMGKAY for another five years, ie till 2028.

In case of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), ever since 2015, the Government remains committed to making it available for household consumption at a low price although unlike in fertilisers and food, Modi hasn't announced as to 'for how long'. At present, over 100 million poor households who have been provided free gas connection under the Pradhan Mantri Ujiwala Yojana (PMUY) are eligible to receive subsidy at the rate of ₹300 per cylinder (14.2) kg) for 12 fills per annum.



UP WITH A SCENARIO WHERE CRORES OF PEOPLE DON'T NEED TO EARN THEIR LIVING AND SIMPLY WAIT FOR THE STATE FREEBIES TO TAKE CARE OF ALL THEIR NEEDS

If the welfare scheme beneficiaries are assured that they will continue to receive the benefits perpetually, all the more when these concern essential items such as fertilisers, food, fuel and that too with zero or near-zero price tag, they couldn't have asked for more. They can use the money thus saved for spending on other things, say education, WE COULD END health etc that can help them enhance their productive capacity and improve the quality of living. But, this may not happen in all cases. What if they fritter away the savings on unproductive stuff?

A bigger risk has to do with complacency that this could give rise to amongst the recipients of the benefits. When the Government arranges their basic needs for free (in Delhi, the State Government gives electricity and water free), it could trigger a feeling as to 'why should they work at all?' We could end up with a scenario where crores of people don't need to earn their living and simply wait for the State freebies to take care of all their

Such an approach also comes in the way of extending the benefit of welfare schemes to other deserving persons who are currently not included in beneficiaries list. For instance, the current list of PMGKAY beneficiaries being based on the Census of 2011, over 100 million persons who became eligible post-2011 don't have access to free food.

Giving them access without deleting equivalent number from existing list will require more allocation for food subsidy. If fund constraints don't permit hike in the budget, those 100 million will con-

tinued to be denied access. imbalance in fertiliser use, drop in crop yield, deterioration of soil health and adverse impact on the environment. Even as there is a dire need to reduce imbalance by curbing excess use of urea, its availability at throwaway price won't let that

For this very reason, there is rampant leakage/diversion of urea for industrial uses. Further, because manufacturers and importers get full reimbursement of the excess of cost over the MRP as subsidy on 'actual' basis, there is no incentive to reduce cost and improve efficiency in operations. The existing system of giving food subsidy also suffers from leakages, misuse and inefficiency in operations.

When Modi says the supply of fertilisers and food for free or at throwaway prices will continue perpetually, dubious operators too get to continue with their illicit gains. To address these anomalies, the Government needs to drastically restructure its welfare schemes. First, there should be an exit clause

for a beneficiary under the scheme. The clause can be triggered when she crosses the poverty threshold. For instance, 250 million persons who have come out of poverty shouldn't be eligible for free food under PMGKAY.

Two, our political brass should do Under the current system of giving away with the 'free' tag to any item fertiliser subsidy, farmers are prone even if it is food. While no one can to excessive use of urea leading to deny the need for some subsidy to make it 'affordable' to the poor. insisting that the commodity be given for free or at small fraction of the cost (as in case of urea) is a risky idea. It is an invitation to all kinds of wrongs such as fictitious claims, diversions, inflated cost and so on. Three, instead of delivering a commodity at a low price, the Government should deposit the subsidy in the account of the beneficiary. The latter can buy her needs from the market where prices are determined in a competitive manner, thereby ensuring that the gains of efficiency improvements and cost reduction accrue to all consumers. In this scenario, there won't be any scope for misuse or diversion.

Four, a plethora of subsidies under different heads can be merged and given as a single lump sum amount as income support. This can save a lot of administrative work and associated costs involved in running multiple schemes.

> (The writer is a policy analyst, views are personal)

Canada in covert talks with India over Nijjar's killing

India and Canada share a complex relationship, shaped by historical ties, diaspora influence and geopolitical interests

n the intricate dance of international diplomacy, Canada's intelligence chief, David Vigneault, embarked on clandestine visits to India earlier this year, delving into the shadowy realms of the Khalistani activist's controversial demise. These covert exchanges, veiled in secrecy, unfold against the backdrop of heightened tensions between the two nations, as a parliamentary report unveils India's ranking as the second most significant foreign threat to Canadian democracy, closely trailing behind China. With Prime Minister Trudeau's pledge to confront foreign interference head-on, Canada grapples with safeguarding its democratic integrity amidst the swirling currents of global power struggles.



India and Canada share a complex relationship, shaped by historical ties, diaspora influence, and geopolitical interests. The Indian diaspora in Canada, particularly the Sikh community, has played a significant role in shaping Canadian society and politics. However, issues related to Sikh separatism and human rights in India have often been contentious points in bilateral discussions. Nijjar's assassination has brought these issues to the forefront once again, reigniting debates about the treatment of minorities in India and the extent of Canada's involvement in addressing these concerns. The Indian diaspora in Canada is significant and steadily growing. It's estimated that there are over 2 million people of Indian origin in Canada, making the Indian community one of the largest and most influential ethnic groups in the country. Over the years, the Indian diaspora has made significant contributions to various sectors of Canadian society, including business, politics, academia, and culture. This demographic's influence is a testament to the deep-rooted connections between the two

Nijjar's assassination has prompted a range of reactions from both Indian and Canadian officials. Canadian officials have condemned the act and called for a thorough investigation, while also reaffirming their commitment to dialogue and cooperation with India. However, the incident has undoubtedly strained relations between the two countries, with potential implications for trade, investment, and strategic partnerships. Some argue that Nijjar's death underscores the need for greater attention to human rights violations in India, while others caution against jumping to conclusions and emphasize the importance of evidencebased investigations.

At the diplomatic level, the fallout from Nijjar's assassination



has led to increased scrutiny of Indo-Canadian relations. The alleged involvement of India's Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) and a close aide of Ajit Doval in covert operations underscores the complex interplay between intelligence, diplomacy, and geopolitics. As India seeks to assert itself on the world stage, it must navigate these challenges with

ples of transparency, accountability, and respect for international law. For Canada, the incident has highlighted the delicate balancing act it must perform in managing its diverse population while upholding democratic values. The Canadian government's response has been measured, focusing on ensuring justice for Nijjar while maintaining diplomatic channels with India. This approach is crucial for preserving the multifaceted relationship that exists between the two countries. While differences may exist on certain issues, there are also areas of common interest where cooperation can flourish.

Moreover, the tragic loss of Jaswinder Singh Nijjar serves

caution, ensuring that its as a reminder of the imporactions are guided by princitance of upholding democratic values and protecting the rights of all individuals, regardless of their beliefs or backgrounds. This commitment to justice will not only honour Nijjar's legacy but also reinforce the values that both nations espouse. Moving forward, Indo-Canadian relations will likely face challenges as both countries navigate the aftermath of this incident. However, with mutual respect, dialogue, and a commitment to shared values, there is hope that they can emerge stronger and more resilient than before. In conclusion, the assassination of Jaswinder Singh Nijjar has cast a spotlight on the intricacies of Indo-Canadian relations, highlighting both the challenges and opportunities

that lie ahead. It is a pivotal moment for both nations to reflect on their shared history, reaffirm their commitment to justice, and work towards a future marked by cooperation and mutual respect. The road ahead may be fraught with difficulties, but with a concerted effort, India and Canada can continue to build a relationship that is both robust and resilient, benefiting not only their citizens but also contributing to global peace and stability. Indo-Canadian relations are like a symphony, where each note, no matter how different, contributes to the harmony of the whole. Let us play our parts with respect, understanding, and a commitment to peace.

(The writer is an associate professor, views are personal)

Gold remains flat at Rs 71,800/10 grams; silver rises Rs 200

old prices remained flat at Rs 71,800 per 10 grams in the national capital on Monday. According to Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst or Communities at the Secondary of traded flat on Monday, after Comex spot gold declined as much as 3.45 per cent on traded flat on Monday, after Comex spot gold declined as much as 3.45 per cent on the spot gold declined as 3.45 per cent on the spot gold declined as 3.45 per cent on the spot gold declined as 3.45 per cent on the spot gold declined as 3.45 per cent on the spot gold declined as 3.45 per cent on the spot gold declined as 3.45 per cent of the spot gold declined as 3.45 per cent of the spot gold declined as 3.45 per cent of the spot gold declined as 3.45 per cent of the spot gold declined as 3.45 per cent of the spot gold declined as 3.45 per cent of the spot gold declined as 3.45 per cent of the spot gold declined as 3.45 per cent of the spot gold declined as 3.45 per cent of the spot gold declined as 3.45 per cent of the spot gold declined as 3.45 per cent of the spot gold declined as 3.45 per cent of th According to Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst of Commodities at HDFC Securities, gold Friday, the most since August 2021. However, silver prices rose Rs 200 to Rs 92,100 per kg. In the previous session, it had closed at Rs 91,900 per kg. "In the Delhi markets, spot gold prices (24 carats) are trading flat at Rs 71,800 per 10 grams, unchanged from the previous close," Gandhi said. In the overseas markets, spot gold at Comex was trading at US\$ 2,293 per ounce, down US\$ 1 from the previous close. However, silver was quoted

higher at US\$ 29.50 per ounce. It had ended at US\$ 29.15 per ounce in the previous session. "Gold prices traded within a narrow range, after a minor gapdown opening. This movement was mainly influenced by the strengthening US dollar, following strong nonfarm payrolls data," Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst of Commodity and Currency at LKP



Reliance Power becomes debt free on standalone basis

eliance Power has become a debt-free company on a standalone basis clearing all Routstanding dues to lenders, sources said. The company had a debt of around Rs 800 crore, which has been repaid to banks, they said. Between December 2023 and March 2024, Reliance Power signed multiple debt settlement agreements with various banks, including IDBI Bank, ICICI Bank, Axis Bank and DBS. The company has now repaid the entire debt to these banks, sources said. As a result of that, Reliance Power,

debt free company. In December 2023, Reliance power sold the development rights of its proposed 1,200 megawatt hydro-electric project in Arunachal Pradesh to THDC for Rs 128 crore. In March 2024, the company sold its 45 MW wind energy project in Vashpet, Maharashtra to JSW Renewable Energy for a consideration of Rs 132 crore. Proceeds from the sale of these projects were used to retire debt.

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Rupee falls 10 paise to close at 83.50 against US dollar

he rupee settled for the day lower by 10 paise at 83.50 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday, following a rising American currency in overseas markets and a I sluggish trend in domestic equities. Forex traders said the downside in the rupee was restricted by easing political uncertainties as Narendra Modi was sworn in as Prime Minister on Sunday for a record-equalling third term. At the interbank foreign exchange, the local unit opened at 83.48 and settled for the day lower by 10 paise at 83.50 (provisional) against the American currency. On Friday, the rupee appreciated 13 paise to

83.40 against the US dollar. "We expect the rupee to trade with a slight negative bias on strong US Dollar amid rising expectations of a delay in interest rate cut by the US Federal Reserve due to tight job market," said Anuj Choudhary - Research Analyst at Sharekhar by BNP Paribas. However, softening crude oil prices and optimism over a stable government may support the rupee at lower levels. Traders may take cues from inflation



RBI raises **GDP** growth projection to 7.2% for FY25

The Reserve Bank of India on Friday revised upwards the GDP growth projection for the current fiscal to 7.2 per cent from 7 per cent on rising private consumption and revival of demand in rural areas.

Unveiling the bi-monthly monetary policy, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said estimates released by the National Statistical Óffice (NSO) placed India's real gross domestic product (GDP) growth at 8.2 per cent in 2023-

"During 2024-25 so far, domestic economic activity has maintained resilience," he said, adding that manufacturing activity continues to gain ground on the back of strengthening domestic demand.

Also, the services sector maintained buoyancy, as evident in available high-frequency indicators.

Later replying to a question

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if the economy was overheating, RBI deputy governor Michael Debabrata Patra said: "We are not seeing signs of overheating because, remember, that level of output had fallen very low during the pandemic and even these high rates of growth are enabling it to catch up with that level. So,

no signs of overheating". In his monetary policy statement, Governor Das said private consumption, the main-

stay of aggregate demand, is

recovering with steady discre-

tionary spending in urban

The revival in rural demand is getting a fillip from improving farm sector activity, and investment activity continues to gain traction on the back of ongoing expansion in nonHe also said the forecast of

above normal south-west monthe India Meteorological Department (IMD) is expected to boost kharif production and replenish the reservoir levels.

"Taking all these factors into consideration, real GDP growth for 2024-25 is projected at 7.2 per cent with Q1 at 7.3 per cent, Q2 at 7.2 per cent, Q3 at 7.3 per cent, and Q4 at 7.2 per cent. The risks are evenly balanced," Das said.

He also emphasised that the healthy balance sheets of banks and corporates, the government's continued thrust on capex, high capacity utilisation, and business optimism augur well for investment activity.

External demand should get a fillip from improving prospects of global trade, the governor said.

The developments relating to growth and inflation are unfolding as per "our expecta-

Modi govt 3.0 can usher in next phase of reforms towards Viksit Bharat: India Inc

data from India and the US.

PNS NEW DELHI

With Prime Minister Narendra Modi taking oath for the third time, India Inc on Monday expressed optimism that the new government under his leadership can usher in the next phase of reforms to achieve the goal of Viksit Bharat.

Several corporate leaders posted congratulatory messages on X, formerly Twitter, after Modi was sworn in as Prime Minister at the Rashtrapati Bhayan on Sunday. becoming only the second PM after Jawaharlal Nehru to secure a third consecutive term.

Vedanta Group Chairman Anil Agarwal tweeted, "Congratulations to @narendramodi ji on being elected Prime Minister of India for the third consecutive time. Bharat has crossed many milestones under your visionary leadership. We are confident that the country will continue on its remarkable growth trajectory!".

In a post on X, JSW Group CMD Sajjan Jindal said: "Congratulations @narendramodi ji on assuming office



CII Director General Chandrajit Banerjee said as India continues to think and act 'big' under Modi, continuity in the reform agenda will carry India forward on the path to becoming a developed nation.

as Prime Minister for the third time, a feat last achieved by Nehru ji. With new cabinet, I am optimistic about the continued progress & development of our nation. Together, let's build a stronger & more resilient economy". Mahindra Group Chairman Anand Mahindra

also congratulated Modi. "Hope the new term will prove to be important for the development and prosperity of

India," he said in a post on X. CII President Sanjiv Puri in a statement said building upon a strong growth rate of 8.2 per cent in 2023-24, the new government under Modi's leadership can usher in the next phase of reforms to make the most of the global opportunities and build on the robust

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FICCI President Anish Shah said the third consecutive term for the NDA paves the way for continuity in the reform agenda. "We look forward to progressive policies and measures that will foster economic and social development and build a strong foundation for 'Viksit Bharat', Shah said. Assocham Secretary General Deepak Sood said, ...India Inc is feeling confident that leadership of the country will be steered to greater heights. maintaining the fastest pace of growth amongst the major economies of the world,

He said the Indian industry and global investors are feeling reassured of fast and bolder reforms well beyond the economy, touching upon wider governance, quality and ease of living and leveraging upon the aspirational young population.

Business leaders are also holding high hopes from the

NON-SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION

Sebi junks rule to freeze demat a/cs

PNS NEW DELHI

Capital markets regulator Sebi on Monday eased rules for existing investors with abolishing the norm of freezing demat accounts and mutual fund folios in case of failure

Additionally, investors holding securities in physical form would be eligible for receipt of any payment, including dividend, interest or redemption payment as well as to lodge grievances or avail any service request from the RTA (Registrars to an Issue and Share Transfer Agents) even if they did not submit 'choice of nomina-

June 30, 2024, as the deadline for all existing individual mutual fund holders to nominate or opt out of nomination. Failure to comply with the rule could have led to the freezing



of their accounts for with-

received from the market par-Earlier, the regulator set ticipants, for ease of compli-

ance and investor convenience, Sebi has decided that for existing investors or unitholders, non-submission of 'choice of nomination' will not result in the freezing of demat accounts as well as mutual fund folios, according to a circular on

> ments withheld presently by the listed companies or RTAs for not submitting a 'choice of nomination' will be processed accordingly

> Sebi further said that all new investors/unitholders would continue to be required to mandatorily provide the 'choice of nomination' for demat accounts/ mutual fund folios (except for jointly held demat accounts and mutual

'Slim majority for BJP poses challenges to reforms agenda'

Fitch Ratings and Moody's Ratings in separate notes spoke about the implication of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led BJP losing its majority for the first time since 2014, winning Sabha. BJP now plans to form a government with smaller



is likely to form the next government, returning Prime Minister Modi for a third term, but with a weakened majority that could pose challenges for the more ambitious elements of the government's reform agenda," Fitch said.

Equity mutual fund inflow swells to Rs 34,697 crore

PNS NEW DELHI

Equity mutual funds witnessed a staggering growth with inflow reaching a record high of Rs 34,697 crore in May, from the preceding month, propelled by contributions from thematic funds and intermittent corrections that

ty to investors. This also marks the 39th consecutive month of net inflows in equity funds, data with the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) showed

on Monday. Moreover, monthly contributions from Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) rose to

Rs 20,371 crore in April, marking the second consecutive month of inflows exceeding Rs 20,000 crore.



Overall, the mutual fund industry has witnessed an inflow of Rs 1.1 lakh crore in the month under review as compared to Rs 2.4 lakh crore in April. The inflow was due to

Rs 20,904 crore in May, from investment in equity as well as debt schemes. With these inflows, the industry's net assets under management rose to Rs 58.91 lakh crore in Mayend from Rs 57.26 lakh crore in April-end

> As per the data, equity oriented schemes witnessed an inflow of Rs 34,697 crore in May, way higher than Rs 18,917 crore in April. Except for the focused

and equity-linked saving schemes (ELSS) categories, all the other categories witnessed good net inflows.

Sector/thematic funds continue to attract investor attention with the highest net inflows of Rs 19,213 crores during the month.

Sensex, Nifty breach record levels but settle lower amid profit-booking

PNS MUMBAI

Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty ended lower on Monday after hitting their all-time high levels in early trade amid selling in blue-chip IT stocks and HDFC Bank.

After breaching the 77,000mark during the early trade, the 30-share BSE Sensex came under selling pressure at the fagend of the session and ended 203.28 points or 0.27 per cent lower at 76,490.08. During the day, the benchmark jumped 385.68 points or 0.50 per cent to

hit a new record of 77,079.04. Halting its three-day rally, the NSE Nifty dipped 30.95 points or 0.13 per cent to settle at 23,259.20. Intra-day, it climbed 121.75 points or 0.52 per cent to hit the lifetime peak of 23,411.90. Narendra Modi was sworn in

as Prime Minister on Sunday for a record-equalling third term, heading a 72-member Union Council of Ministers that put emphasis on continuity, youth and experience, while also rewarding partners in the BJPled National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government.

DPIIT Secy pitches for strengthening quality system in country

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Strengthening the entire quality system in the country is crucial for moving towards excellence, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh said on Monday. Speaking at an event to celebrate World Accreditation Day, organised by the Quality Council of India (QCI), Singh said there is a need to go beyond standard practices and develop processes

"He mentioned that strengthening the accreditation body and the entire quality system is not just a necessity but a strategic move towards excellence," the Commerce and Industry Ministry said in a statement.

The National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) and the National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) constitute the accreditation infrastructure in India.

The BJP losing its outright majority and now having to rely The regulator said that paymay delay more far-reaching

elements of economic and fiscal reforms like land and labour and impede progress on fiscal consolidation, global rating agencies said on Wednesday.

240 seats in the 543-seat Lok



Democratic Alliance, which won another 53 seats, giving the alliance a 293-seat majority. "It appears the BJP-led NDA

'Higher property prices, changes in law to boost debt recovery'

PNS MUMBAI

Recovery of debt from stressed residential realty projects is set to increase in the current financial year due to higher property prices as well as changes in rules, a report said on Monday.

The bad loan recovery rate is estimated to touch 16-18 per cent at the end of FY25 from 11 per cent as on March 31, 2024, domestic rating agency Crisil

said in a report. "This will be driven by improved viability of stressed projects due to healthy demand and price appreciation seen in residential real estate and greater investor and promoter interest in reviving such

projects," the agency said. It added that recent amend ments to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) regulations for real estate projects should also



strengthen resolution of stressed real estate assets in the medium term.

The agency said it analysed the performance of its portfolio comprising security receipts of Rs 9,000 crore from 70 stressed realty projects with a saleable area of 66 million square feet while arriving at the

estimates It said residential realty demand is set to increase by 10-12 per cent courtesy a healthy economic growth and buoyant demand across housing seg-

ments in top-six cities. Additionally, it said low unsold inventories across major

micro markets will also help ARCs (asset reconstruction companies) turn around stressed real estate projects faster with support from pro-

moters or external investors. A bulk three-fourths of the projects it analysed turned non-performing assets (NPA) between 2019 and 2022, and were impacted by falling sales and slower collections during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Southeast Asian nations top choice for Indians travelling abroad: Survey

PNS NEW DELHI

Southeast Asian countries have emerged as the favourite destinations for Indian travellers planning short vacations abroad, while the United States, Europe, and Australia were among the preferences for long stays, according to a sur-

vey released on Monday. According to OYO Global Summer Vacations Travelopedia 2024: Southeast Asia has emerged as the top choice of Indian tourists for shorter stays of 5-7 days, making the most of long weekends and holidays after visa relaxation.

The final sample size com-

prised around 4,000 respondents, providing a data set to analyse emerging trends and preferences in the overseas travel behaviour of Indian

Bali emerged as the top destination with 38 per cent respondents voting in its favour, closely followed by Pattaya, Bangkok, and Dubai. Southeast Asian destinations such as Indonesia and Malaysia emerged as preferred countries following relaxed

visa norms, OYO said.

Europe and the United States of America emerged as the top choice for long-haul destina-tions where Indian tourists tend to stay for 10-15 days (about 2 weeks) or even more.

OYO Founder and CEO Ritesh Agarwal said, "With improved air connectivity, visa facilitation, and a wide range of travel options, it has become more convenient than ever for Indian travellers to explore the beauty of Southeast Asia. Our ongoing program to increase the number of premium properties in the region will help Indian tourists with a range of stay options at all the popular holiday destinations.

NSE warns investors against deepfake videos of its chief recommending stocks

PNS NEW DELHI

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on Monday cautioned investors against deepfake videos of its MD and CEO Ashishkumar Chauhan giving investment advisories. In a statement, the exchange said it has observed the use of face/voice of Chauhan and NSE logo in a few investment and advisory audio and video clips

falsely created using technology. Such videos seem to have been created using sophisticated technologies to imitate the voice and facial expressions of Chauhan. Accordingly, the bourse has asked investors not to believe in such audio and videos and not to follow any such investment or other advice coming from such fake videos or other mediums.

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in this field since I began reality television shows. Specifically, audition rejections! I recall losing out on several extremely significant ventures. However, what's the deal? My hope was never dashed by that! The struggles didn't stop there; I recall moving to Mumbai in a one-bedroom apartment with my family. My parents had a difficult time moving from Punjab, where they were raised, to Mumbai so that I could start work.

Naturally, they long for companionship!" "I love to experiment with my looks!" the actress said in response to a question regarding her preparations for various roles. "On screen, I like to be more colourful. I found it challenging to perform in a mythological show, and my next to perform in a mythological show, and my next project was to play a contemporary girl. I purposefully chose it because I wanted to push myself. These are the kinds of experiments that I enjoy carrying out."

The *Tiku Weds Sheru* star talked further about her relationship with the movies by saying, "I remember doing the *Alladin* show and I fell extremely sick; I was diagnosed with dengue. My family was going through a very

dengue. My family was going through a very difficult moment, and I was in the hospital for difficult moment, and I was in the hospital for a very long time. The doctors told me I was critically ill. I made the decision to go away from the business! This break was required, and by God's grace, I was able to get an audition for *Tiku Weds Sheru*. I was successful, and suddenly I was signing movies, with *Luv Ki Arrange Marriage* being one of them."

Yeah, it was time to talk about her recent triumph at Cannes in detail and a more thrilling Avneet, recalling the event, says, "I was standing for an unprecedented partnership between

ing for an unprecedented partnership between Vietnam and India. Being the youngest actress on the red carpet, I was making news on page 3! Cannes had never occurred to me. I found it really admirable that everyone there was treated fairly."

She will never forget the unforgettable moment when, "I saw Selena Gomez inside, I have always been her admirer. As soon as I saw her, I simply stopped. My movie poster unveiling would come in second. I also observed how much people cherished Bollywood films when I was at Cannes. They couldn't wait to see what Indian cinema had to offer. When people realised I am an Indian actor, they instantly smiled, which made me even happier at Cannes! People were

At film festival, she made her debut by revealing the first look of her film *Love in Vietnam*, which is produced, written, and directed by Omung Kumar and Rahhat Shah Kazmi!

Causes and relief of heartburn during pregnancy

eartburn, also known as acid indigestion or gastroesophageal reflux, is a common and often uncomfortable experience during pregnancy. This condition arises primarily due to the physiological and hormonal changes that occur in a pregnant woman's body. Understanding the causes of heartburn during pregnancy and exploring effective relief methods is crucial for managing this discomfort and ensuring the well-being both the mother and the developing fetus.

One of the primary causes of heartburn during pregnancy is the hormonal changes that the body undergoes. The hormone progesterone plays a pivotal role in pregnancy by relaxing smooth muscles, including those in the gastrointestinal tract. This relaxation can

cause the lower esophageal sphincter (LES), which acts as a barrier between the esophagus and stomach, to become more lax. When the LES does not close properly, stomach acid can escape into the esophagus, leading to the burning sensation characteristic of heartburn. Additionally, progesterone slows down the motility of the stomach and intestines, prolonging the digestion process and increasing the likelihood of acid reflux.

Another significant cause of heartburn during pregnancy is the physical pressure exerted by the growing uterus. As the fetus grows, the uterus expands and exerts pressure on the stomach and other abdominal organs. This increased pressure can push stomach contents, including acid, back up into the esophagus. This mechanical factor becomes more pronounced as pregnancy progresses, especially in the third trimester, when the uterus is at its largest.

Dietary habits and certain foods can also contribute to heartburn during pregnancy. Foods that are spicy, fatty, or highly acidic can irritate the esophagus and relax the LES, exacerbating heartburn symptoms. Common cul-prits include citrus fruits, tomatoes, chocolate, caffeine, and carbonated beverages. Overeating or eating large meals, particularly

before bedtime, can also increase the risk of acid reflux as the stomach becomes distended, leading to greater pressure on the LES.

Lifestyle factors play a role as well. Pregnant women who smoke or consume alcohol are at a higher risk of experiencing heartburn. Both smoking and alcohol can weaken the LES and increase stomach acid production. Moreover, stress and lack of sleep can exacerbate digestive issues, including heartburn, as they can affect the body's ability to process food efficiently.

To alleviate heartburn during pregnancy, a combination of lifestyle modifications and, when necessary, medical interventions can be effective. One of the most straightforward and impactful changes is adjusting eating habits. Pregnant women are advised to eat smaller. more frequent meals rather than large, heavy

ones. This helps prevent the stomach from becoming overly full and reduces the likelihood of acid reflux. Additionally, avoiding trigger foods and beverages can significantly decrease heartburn episodes. Keeping a food diary can help identify specific items that cause discomfort and should be avoided.

Elevating the head of the bed or using extra pillows to prop up the upper body during sleep can also provide relief. This position helps prevent stomach acid from rising into the esophagus by leveraging gravity. It is also beneficial to avoid lying down immediately after eating and to wait at least two to three hours before going to bed.

Chewing gum after meals can stimulate saliva production, which neutralises stomach

acid and reduces acid reflux. Drinking plenty of water throughout the day, but avoiding large amounts during meals, can also help dilute stomach acid and improve digestion. Wearing loose-fitting clothing can prevent unnecessary pressure on the abdomen and stom-

For some women, these lifestyle adjustments may not be sufficient, and medical treatments might be necessary. Over-the-counter antacids that contain

magnesium or calcium can provide quick relief by neutralising stomach acid. However, it is crucial to consult a doctor before taking any medication during pregnancy to ensure it is safe for both the mother and the baby. In more severe cases, a doctor may prescribe medications such as H2 blockers or proton pump inhibitors, which reduce the production of stomach acid and can provide more long-term relief.

Heartburn during pregnancy is a multifaceted issue caused by hormonal changes, physical pressure, dietary habits, and lifestyle factors. While it is a common and often uncomfortable part of pregnancy, understanding the underlying causes and implementing effective relief strategies can significantly improve the quality of life for expectant mothers. By making dietary adjustments, adopting benefi-cial lifestyle habits, and seeking appropriate medical advice, pregnant women can manage heartburn symptoms and focus on the joyous experience of preparing for the arrival of their baby.

(The author, Dr. Pooja Choudhary, is a senior consultant (obstetrician and gynecologist) at Apollo Cradle & Children's

Hospital.)

'We shot for *Taras* cut-to-cut in just 4 days'

Renowned choreographer Vijay Ganguly speaks with **The Pioneer** over a lighthearted phone chat about his inadvertent choreography. Ganguly is currently the talk of the town for choreographing the funky motions of songs like *Taras* and *Ishq*

Vishk Rebound!

she brought.

a kind thing, the tiny big girl was making every-one proud. The actress bowed, and as she

moved and slayed, the red carpet came to her. Avneet looked gorgeous in a small, sparkly blue dress, but what really stood out was the long cape

The actress said, "From my early years, I had

ollywood is certainly back to its phase of bringing some groovy songs that don't fail to make your lazy energy turn into an energetic mood. We are just not saying it for the sake of it. Look at these songs: Akhiyaan Gulaab, Taras, or Ishq Vishq Not only do these tracks sound bang-up, but so do the noves too! So, today, we have with us:

TEJAL SINHA

moves too! So, today, we have with us the showman of the these trending songs, Vijay Ganguly himself, as he takes us through his accidental choreography journey, choreographing the moves of these chartbuster songs, and the due credits for the choreographers in the industry.

Initially, quitting dancing for him to get into direction, he began his journey in the industry by assisting Anurag Basu. However, since the film was taking longer to shoot and release, Vijay, with his dancing background, got into

working on the musical for the film. And guess what? It was he who choreographed the *Galti* Se Mistake song from Jagga Jasoos, and it was all by chance. As the track came out, he also won the Filmfare Award and people began taking him seriously in terms of choreography. An ecstatic Vijay, speaking of his overwhelming journey shares, "I wanted to work with a list of directors: Anurag Basu, Imtiaz Ali, and Anand Rai. I wanted to work with them as an assistant and gain some experience, but everything got fast-tracked, and I became the choreographer of

songs from their film." Born into a filmy family, his father, Anil Ganguly, was one of the most renowned directors of the past and also holds a national award in his name. So he and his sister, whom we popularly know as 'Anupama' aka Rupali Ganguly, played on the sets. "It was always like films were a home for us. And so, I knew this was something I'd want to do. During my teen years, when we generally figured out what we'd want to do, it was then that dancing happened to me. I joined Shamiak Dawar's classes, and it was he who dis-

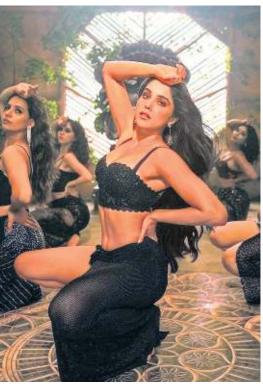
covered I could dance." From being a student there to also being a teacher later on, he has had a close association with Shamiak. He has assisted him on sets for films like Taare Zameen Par, Rab Ne Bana Di Jodi. Thereafter, he went on to share a close association with Ranbir Kapoor, Vidya Balan and Namashi Chakraborty!

"If Galti Si Mistake hadn't happened, I wouldn't be doing choreography in films," he says, of *Galti Si Mistake* as his breakthrough. "People wouldn't have known how much I could contribute to films as much as I do now. The experience that I've learned from my father for so many years makes me happy that I can bring it out and that people are now appreciating it. It's all because of *Galti Se Mistake!* A lot of credit also goes to Anurag Basu for having that trust in me." Vijay has also choreographed and made

the 'Shahenshah of Bollywood' groove on his steps for Bunty Aur Bubli. He goes on to recall how Shamiak had to leave for an emergency and how the project landed with him. There was a moment when he, in fact, went blank in front of Big B. Talking of the recent tracks that have been viral all over social media, especially that of Taras, he enthuses, "What happens is that when you are choreographing a song,

you don't know if it is going to work or not. There are times when, even after a lot of hard work, a song doesn't work out. For example, there was this song, Main

I made a mistake changing the hook-step of *Poster* Lagwa Do, didn't want to do it with *Ishq Vishk Rebound*



Parwana, that I had done from Pippa. When we did that song, we knew we had done a good job, and we were very happy with the final product. However, due to the delay in the film and other aspects, people just noticed the song and it didn't get the love and respect we thought of."

In fact, he also recalls how people on social media have been comparing *Akhiyaan Gulab* and *Soni Soni*. "It makes me happy because, you know, there are so many songs in the industry and so many songs look similar. However, nobody notices it. When we were shooting for Soni Soni, we knew it was very similar to Akhiyaan Gulaab."

He further reveals going through the videos of Ishq Vishk (2003) to take reference for the songs in the upcoming film. "Initially, we had to find the original track because the track is named something else (*Mujhpe Har Haseena*) on YouTube. Shahid had done the hook-step so well. I made a mistake a while ago for the song Poster Lagwado from Lukka Chuppi. The song was recreated and we changed the hook-step, and people started to criticise saying the previous hook-step that had Akshay Kumar was better. It's then that we realised that something cannot be touched, is iconic and has to be the way it is."

On the other hand, *Taras* was certainly the most challenging song for him. He revealed that there wasn't much preparation time. "We were supposed to shoot a promo song. I got a call and was informed that we were going to shoot this song in 4 days. While I was pretty worried about how we could shoot the song in just 4 days, the director was sure about how and what to do. He sent me a song and asked me to choreograph for it. As we choreographed the song and thought of the set-up, at night, he called me and informed me that we had to change the song. So *Taras* came the next morning; we choreographed it; the next day, Sharvari danced on it; and then we shot for it. It was that cut-to-cut."

As we head towards the end of this fun chitter-chatter, he further lists out his upcoming projects, which include Stree 2, Shava, a song with Aamir Khan, Naadani with Ibrahim Ali Khan, and Khushi Kapoor, among many more. On a concluding note, he also recalls how, over the years, choreographers have now been getting their due credits, unlike before. And it's all because of Bosco, he says, that things have now been so much better for them! Darpan Furnishings has launched its 9th store at

Kompally. The event was attended by actresses Tejaswi Madivala, and Varsha

what's brewing?

Summer of Sustainability 2024 focus on water conservation

s global concerns about water scarcity and conservation continue to escalate, SmarterHomes, announces the launch of its "Summer of Sustainability 2024 -Water Wise Communities", a campaign focused on the need for water conservation. This innovative campaign is designed to instill a culture of responsible water usage, empower apartment communities to take control of their consumption, and recognise those actively contributing to water conservation efforts. Additionally, the campaign aims to foster a sense of community involvement and collective responsibility towards water conservation.

PNB MetLife announces Sameer Bansal as new CEO

NB MetLife India Insurance Co. Ltd., a leading life insurer, announced the appointment of Sameer Bansal as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, effective July 1, 2024, subject to the necessary regulatory approvals. Sameer has over 25 years of experience in financial services, including extensive and successful experience in leading Distribution through Bancassurance, Agency, Digital, Employee Benefits and Direct marketing business models. He joined PNB MetLife in 2007 and is currently Chief Distribution Officer and a member of the leadership team.

BIC Cello brings 'Hallyu' to classrooms

BIC Cello recently launched its highly anticipated K-POP & K-Drama Fountain Pens, a remarkable fusion of writing elegance and South Korean cultural charm. As the global 'Hallyu' phenomenon continues to captivate audiences worldwide, India stands proudly as the second-largest consumer of Korean content, with an astonishing 775 million views for the iconic K-pop group BTS on YouTube in 2023 alone. The nation has also seen an upward spike in fandom for Korean dramas. Recognizing this fervent enthusiasm, BIC Cello has meticulously crafted a line of fountain pens that pay homage to the vibrant and influential South Korean entertainment industry. These exquisite writing instruments are designed to resonate with fans and enthusiasts alike, offering a tangible connection to the cultural phenomena they hold dear.

vivo launches 'Made in India' X Fold3 Pro

ivo launched its segment redefining foldable smartphones – the 'made in India' X Fold3 Pro. It is *India's slimmest, lightest, largest foldable display, boasting the *brightest display. X Fold3 Pro delivers a remarkably light and slim design without compromising on flagship performance, durability, or battery capacity. Combining exceptional camera capabilities, fine-tuned in collaboration with ZEISS for professional-level imaging results, with powerful performance and dual flagship chip, stunning immersive displays, and an OS tailored for foldable devices, X Fold3 Pro is engineered for an all-around seamless experience and enhanced productivity. The X Fold3 Pro will be available at INR 159.999 (16+512 GB) in Celestial Black colour. It is also available for purchase on easy EMI of INR 6666/Months for 24 Months with No

Marwadi University excels in placement of students from TG

arwadi University based in Rajkot, Gujarat, announced the successful placement of three of its outstanding students hailing from Telangana, in prestigious companies from India. Three students namely Mallavarapu George Sandeep from Vijayawada, Polaki Sandeep from Tathapatnam, and Komarapalem Bhanu Sri from Avanigadda, have been offered roles as Trainee Engineers in reputed companies with handsome pay packages. They are among the 10+ students from Telangana who are pursuing their education at Marwadi University in different courses in the

Sriya unveils special edition Timex and Guess watches

S-based watchmaker Timex Group commemorates their strong partnership with their Hyderabad-based partner Kamal strong partnership with their regulation watches watches (Aparna Mall) through a special edition watches collection from Timex and Guess. At a grand celebration, popular Actor Sriya Reddy was invited to grace the occasion and unveil the

H&M introduces its Home **Concept to Hyderabad**

&M India, inaugurated its H&M Home concept in Inorbit Mall, Madhapur, spanning a dedicated floor space of 2012 square meters. This significant addition marks a new chapter for H&M in Hyderabad, offering customers an elevated shopping experience with the highly anticipated H&M Home collection. The store features the latest Summer Collection alongside the H&M Home range, catering to a wide array of customer needs.

Universal Sompo partners with Maruti Suzuki

niversal Sompo, reaffirms its commitment to enhancing insurance penetration and awareness in the region. With a vision aligned with IRDAI's goal of achieving "Insurance for All by 2047", Universal Sompo has initiated impactful activities to promote insurance coverage across various sectors. Partnering with Maruti Suzuki Insurance Broking, Universal Sompo has launched a pioneering initiative to provide free vehicle checkups in Andhra Pradesh. Under the theme 'Insure today for a safe tomorrow', the program aims to raise awareness about the importance of insurance in safeguarding against unforeseen risks. Covering a wide range of insurance products including motor, health, personal accident, fire, and burglary insurance, Universal Sompo is dedicated to ensuring comprehensive protection for individuals, assets



The experts at the 4th Good Air Summit Edition overwhelmingly agreed that achieving net zero by 2050 is the only path to a healthy future and that, in order to have a stronger impact, environmental protection calls for widespread public knowledge and proactive individual actions. Bringing together

leading experts, policymakers, industry representatives, and advocates, the fourth edition of the groundbreaking Good Air Summit tackled air pollution and its far-reaching effects on public health.



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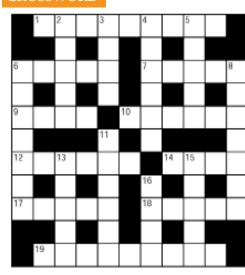
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IT'S OFFICIAL! BALAKRISHNA, **BOYAPATI SREENU** TEAM UP ONCE A

n the realm of cinema, the collaboration between an actor and director often defines the essence of cinematic brilliance. Such is the case with the formidable duo of the God of Masses, Nandamuri Balakrishna, and the blockbuster maker, Boyapati Sreenu.
Their trilogy of blockbuster
hits—Simha, Legend, and Akhanda—etched their names in the annals of Indian cinema as one of the most celebrated combinations. Now, this iconic pair is set to reignite the screens with their fourth collaboration. The much-anticipated project, #BB4, was officially announced on the auspicious occasion of NBK's birthday. Raam Achanta and Gopichand Achanta, renowned for their production of *Legend*, will be producing #BB4 under the presand a formidable budget, #BB4 tigious banner of 14 Reels Plus. The film is presented by M

Teieswini Nandamuri. The announcement poster exudes a divine aura, featuring a colossal chariot wheel set against an ethereal backdrop. The number 4, adorned with a Rudraksha bracelet, hints at the spiritual essence of the film. The crimson sun and cascading comets evoke intrigue, leaving audiences eager to unravel the narrative woven by the maestro director and the iconic Nandamuri scion. The illustrious partnership of Balakrishna and Boyapati has long been hailed as a benchmark in Telugu cinema. #BB4, undoubtedly, will elevate this legacy to new heights, promising a cinematic spectacle of grand proportions. With top-notch technical prowess

SPECIAL B'DAY GLIMPSE FROM NBK109 IS HERE



Sithara Entertainments treated fans with a special birthday glimpse of Nandamuri Balakrishna from his upcoming film, NBK109, directed by the renowned Bobby Kolli. Known as the "Natural Born King" and the "God of Masses," Balakrishna's recent performances have been the talk of the town, with his memorable characters and blockbuster hits captivating audiences. Produced by Sithara Entertainments, one of Telugu Cinema's busiest and most successful production houses, NBK109 promises to be a lavish cinematic spectacle. The glimpse

monster that even evil would fear," hinting at an enthralling and dangerous mission. Director Bobby Kolli, known for his thundering action blockbusters, appears to present Balakrishna at his stylish and violent best in *NBK109*. The stunning visual choreography, coupled with S Thaman's adept background score, promises an immersive viewing experience. Cinematographer Vijay Kartik Kannan's portrayal of Balakrishna in mass frames adds to the anticipation among fans. Noteworthy contributions from Niranjan Devaramane's editing and Avinash Kolla's production design further elevate the film's appeal. Bollywood actor Bobby Deol is set to play the antagonist role, adding an extra layer of intrigue to the narrative. Produced by Suryadevara Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya of Sithara Entertainments, in association with Fortune Four Cinemas, and

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KALKI 2898 AD TRAILER **Prabhas dominates the** screen with his action

much-awaited trailer of the upcoming sci-fi epic *Kalki 2898 AD* has finally been unveiled. Offering an extraordinary introduction to the *Kalki* 2898 AD cinematic universe, the trailer, spanning two minutes and fifty-one seconds, draws audiences into a world of Indian mythology, complemented by top-notch sci-fi and VFX. The film's trailer is available to watch in multiple languages including Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada and English.

In the electrifying trailer, megastar Amitabh Bachchan brings to life the enigmatic Ashwatthama with unmatched intensity, showcasing his action prowess. Meanwhile, Ulaganayagan Kamal Haasan looks truly unrecognisable in his intriguing portrayal. Elevating the excitement, Prabhas dominates the screen with his power-packed action and undeniable chemistry with the futuristic vehicle and his trusted best friend 'Bujji'. Further, Deepika Padukone adds depth to the narrative with a range of emotions in each frame.

incredible action sequences. The trailer is filled

with references to a 'naya yug' (new era) on the horizon and an impending battle.

With power-packed dialogues, phenomenal BGM and breathtaking VFX, the *Kalki 2898 AD* trailer promises an adrenaline-fueled cinematics. ic journey for audiences to look forward to. Expressing his thoughts on the film's trailer, Director Nag Ashwin stated, "My heart is filled with so many emotions today. As a filmmaker, I have always been fascinated by Indian mythology and science fiction. Merging these two elements in Kalki 2898 AD is nothing short of a dream, made possible by the incredible talent and dedication of our artists and team. It has taken us a lot to witness this day today. From our producers and star cast to the brilliant creative minds and the entire crew of Kalki 2898 AD, each person has poured their heart and soul into this film. We hope the trailer makes the Telugu audience and the entire nation proud, leaving them excited for what's to come.



Yash's *Rajadhani Rowdy* set to release on June 14

lead roles and marks the second venture from the production house. In an unveiling ceremony on Monday, the film's first-look poster was revealed, offering a glimpse into the intense narrative awaiting audiences. Director Jagadish KK shared insights into the film, stating, "Today, we present the first poster of our film, Thufaanu Hecharika. It delves into the suspenseful realm of crime thrillers, where a young man's tranquil existence in a picturesque hill station is abruptly disrupted by a storm. The story chronicles his journey as he navigates through adversity and emerges triumphant." Acknowledging the dedication of the cast and crew, Jagadish KK expressed gratitude, saying, "Our team displayed exceptional

Highlighting the contributions of cinematographer RK Naidu in capturing the essence of the hill station, Jagadish KK praised the collaborative effort of the entire team across various departments. "I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our producers, Dr. Srinivas Kishan, Dr. Rajinikanth S, and Sunny Bansal, for their unwavering support and shared passion for this project," he added. The producers echoed the sentiment, affirming that filming has been completed, and the project is currently in the postproduction phase. Thufaanu Hecharika promises to deliver a captivating cinematic experience and is slated for release in the

akshmi Manchu, a stalwart in the Indian entertainment industry, has consistently dazzled audiences with her remarkable performances. With an impressive repertoire that includes notable projects like Monster, Lakshmi Bomb, and Pitta Kathalu, among others, she has carved a niche for herself as a versatile artist. Now, she gears up to enthrall viewers with her upcoming Telugu web series, Yakshini, set to premiere on Disney Plus Hotstar. Amidst mounting anticipation following the release of the series' poster and trailer, Lakshmi sheds light on her role and the premise of *Yakshini*. Speaking candidly about her character, she reveals, "In the web series, I portray Yakshini. For those unfamiliar, Yakshinis are celestial beings who guard temples. Our story delves into mythology while infusing a modern, fictional twist. It explores the journey of

their existence amidst humans." Elaborating on the series' premise, Lakshmi adds, "We delve into the intriguing dynamics of Yakshini's adapting to earthly life, offering a captivating blend of fantasy and con-temporary storytelling. It's an exhilarating experience to be a part of this project, and I'm eagerly awaiting its release." With Lakshmi Manchu at the helm, Yakshini promises to be a riveting fantasy series, tailor-made for audiences who revel in immersive storytelling. As excitement mounts among fans eager to witness Lakshmi's stellar performance, the series emerges as a must-watch spectacle.

Yakshinis cursed to walk the Earth, grappling with

YVS Chowdary set to launch another Nandamuri hero

the lineage of the illustrious Nandamuri family in Telugu cinema is set to witness another chapter with the grand t of Nandamuri Taraka Ramarao, the scion of a legendary legacy. As the great-grandson of the iconic Shri NTR, grandson of Hari Krishna, and son of the late Shri Janaki Ram, Taraka Ramarao is poised to step into the limelight under the mentorship of renowned director YVS Chowdary. The debut film will be produced by Yalamanchili Geetha under the banner "New Talent Roars," with Ramesh Attili serving as the executive producer.

Having undergone rigorous training and mastering the requisite skills, Nandamuri Taraka Ramarao is all set to take on the mantle of a lead actor. YVS Chowdary, known for his knack of introducing fresh talent to Tollywood, has taken it upon himself to orchestrate the grand launch of Taraka Ramarao with this much-anticipated project.

With a rich history of collaboration with the Nandamuri family, including stalwarts like Harikrishna and Balakrishna, YVS wdary brings his wealth of experience to shape Taraka Ramarao's debut venture. The untitled film was officially announced on the auspicious occasion of Nandamuri Balakrishna's birthday, marking a significant

milestone in Taraka Ramarao's journey. Crafting a narrative that highlights the inherent talents of Taraka Ramarao, YVS Chowdary has meticulously penned the story and screenplay. The film promises to offer a capti-

casing Taraka Ramarao's prowess on the silver screen. Further details regarding the film's genre, female lead, and other pivotal aspects will be unveiled in due course.

vating cinematic experience for Telugu movie aficionados, show-

Kaala Bhairava comes on board Gunasekhar's Euphoria

R enowned director Gunasekhar's upcoming youthful social drama, Euphoria, promises to captivate audiences with its compelling narrative and soul-stirring music. Adding to the excitement, musical sensation Kaala Bhairava, known for his mesmerising vocals and musical prowess, has been roped in as the music director for this highly anticipated project. Having mesmeriaed audiences with his rendition of the Oscar-winning song Naatu Naatu and graced the prestigious Oscar stage, Kaala Bhairava brings his unique blend of talent and innovation to Euphoria. Under the visionary

direction of Gunasekhar, acclaimed for his diverse filmography and blockbuster hits, Euphoria is poised to set new benchmarks in cinematic excellence. As the pre-production gears up at a rapid pace, anticipation mounts for the commencement of filming. In a special announcement video, the film's production unit revealed Kaala Bhairava's involvement as the music director, igniting further excitement among fans and industry enthusiasts alike. Produced by Neelima Guna under the esteemed banner of Guna Handmade Films, Euphoria promises to be a cinematic spectacle like no other.

Harshith Reddy launches trailer of Seetha Kalyana Vaibhogame Seetha Kalyana Vaibhogame is an upcoming love and action entertainer starring Suman Tej and Garima Chauhan in the lead roles. The film is produced by Rachala Yugandhar under pair who enjoy time together in the village. They truly appear like Rama and Seetha. Things turn upside down with the entry of Ravana into their lives. How Rama takes on the evil-natured Ravana to protect Seetha and marry her forms

the banner of Dream Gate Productions and directed by Satish Paramaveda. Seetha Kalyana Vaibhogame is getting ready for its theatrical release on June 21. As the release date is not far away, the makers have opted for aggressive promotions. On Monday, *Balagam* producer Harshith Reddy launched the film's theatrical trailer. The trailer opens with Shivaji's voiceover. "Ahinsa

Produced by Santosh Kumar of Santosh Entertainment, starring the renowned

KGF fame Yash as the hero and Sheena as

K.V. Raju. The film is a narrative centered

around the lives of four youngsters who are

led astray by substance abuse and alcohol

consumption. Rajadhani Rowdy depicts the

consequences of their actions, highlighting the

importance of making informed choices. The

powerful message. Prakash Raj delivers a

remarkable performance as the police officer,

Mumait Khan adds charm with her presence.

Arjun Janya composes fantastic music for the

film. The makers are proud to present such a

good film in Telugu. The makers have announced

on Monday that the film will hit theatres on June 14

showcasing his extraordinary acting skills.

film is an amalgamation of entertainment and a

the heroine, Rajadhani Rowdy is d

Parmo Dharma, Dharma Himsa Tathaiva Cha (Non-violence is the ultimate dharma, so too is violence in service of Dharma). Dharmanni Nilabettadaniki Enthati Himsaina Paramo Dharmame," says he. The phrase Ahimsa Paramo Dharma is mentioned several times in the

The trailer then shows the romantic angle in the movie demonstrating the love story of the lead

the crux of the story.

The story looks very interesting and

the narrative is engaging from start to end. While Suman Tej and Garima Chauhan played their parts efficiently as Ram and Seetha, Gagan Vihari stole the show with his exceptional acting as the Ravana. Parasuram's camera blocks are impressive, whereas Charan Arjun added an extra layer of beauty with his compelling score. The production standards are quite high. The trailer further hikes prospects for the movie.



Introducing the latest addition to the world of SWAG

xcitement is in the air as the world of SWAG welcomes its newest feminine energy, Sharanya Pradeep, on board! With anticipation building up, fans and enthusiasts are eagerly awaiting the debut of this talented individual. Directed by Hasith Goli, the film stars Sree Vishnu and Ritu Varma in lead roles. While the film went on floors last year, recently the makers announced that actress Meera Jasmine has joined the cast of the film. Now Sharanya Pradeep onboarding comes as another surprise to the

As a pure Telugu film, the experience gets ready to load; all eyes are on Sharanya Pradeep to see what she brings to the table. On the technical front, it has music by Vivek Sagar, cinematography by Vedaraman Sankaran and editing by Viplav Nyshada.





Following the passing of Ramoji Rao, the renowned producer and founder of the Eenadu firm, the Telugu cinema industry is in sorrow. Celebrities from Telugu cinema arranged a program at TFPC on Monday to honour his passing. Chadalavada Srinivasa Rao, producer and director; producer KS Rama Rao; Paruchuri Gopalakrishna; Vijayendra Prasad; vice president of MAA association Ravi; President Veera Shankar of the Directors Association; director Ajay Kumar; secretary Subbareddy of the Director Association; President Damodar Prasad of the TFPC; secretary Prasanna Kumar; Sravanti Ravi Kishore; Ambati Srinu; Vijayendra Reddy; Shivalinga Prasad and others were in attendance.

Demoralised Pakistan eye hig win against Pakistan lost the plot after 15 overs, Canada to keep T20 WC hopes alive

Shocked by the USA and scarred by India, Pakistan have little to play for and everything to lose when they meet Canada in their penultimate group league encounter of the T20 World Cup here on Tuesday.

If the Super Over loss against the co-hosts in their opening Group A match was not enough, Pakistan slumped to six-run loss at the hands of arch-rivals India in a lowscoring match here on Sunday. Pakistan's Super Eight qualification chance now hinges on winning big against Canada and Ireland, besides hoping that the Americans lose big to India and Ireland.

Even in that scenario, both the teams will end on four points each and it will boil down to which team has a better net run rate. Hence Pakistan can only pray for divine intervention in best case scenario.

USA after two wins enjoy a healthy run-rate of +0.626 and just a victory against Ireland would suffice while Pakistan with a dismal NRR of -0.150 would not only need to win but comprehensive bv margins.

In the two matches so far, the 2009 champions never really looked the formidable side it was once known to be.

There seems to be no clarity in Babar Azam's leadership. The two factions in the team -- one led by the skipper with his



sacked Shaheen Shah Afridi is also making matters worse.

Not a single department clicked for Pakistan in the two matches so far and they will need a more cohesive effort in the remaining matches to give themselves an outside chance. While Babar and Shahdab Khan scored 40 odd runs against USA to post 159 for 7, Pakistan failed to defend the target, losing the match in Super Over.

And then while chasing an underwhelming 120-run target, none of the Pakistani batters could up the ante as they consumed 59 dot balls to

performance of their batters as the likes of Fakhar Zaman, Imad Wasim, Shadab Khan and Iftikhar Ahmed played loose shots to make life difficult for them against India. While Mohammed Rizwan took 44 balls to score his 31 runs, Wasim consumed 23 balls for his 15.

The only bright sport for Pakistan on Sunday was the performance of their bowlers with Naseem Shah (3/21) and Mohammad Amir (2/23) leading from the front.

But premier fast bowler Shaheen needs to take more responsibility upfront in the close friends Mohammed Rizwan and Shadab Khan Pakistan's major concern going Pakistan an outside chance. He while other including, recently forward is the underwhelming has hardly been able to get

swing in conducive conditions. Going forward Pakistan will have to do some soul searching if they want to revive their faltering campaign.

Canada, on the other hand, are placed third in Group A with one win out of two games. After the seven-wicket loss to USA, Canada bounced back in style to beat Ireland by 12 runs in their next match.

In Navneet Dhaliwal, Canada have a veteran top-order batter who was a part of that 2019 victory over Ireland, and a lot will be riding on him.

Canada will also take heart from the defeat against the USA because they had posted an imposing 194, albeit in a

players under pressure: Kirsten

Perplexed by Pakistan's sudden disintegration in the T20 World Cup match against India here, the team's recently-appointed head coach Gary Kirsten said his batters "lost the plot" after 15 overs and are under pressure after failing to perform at their best. Pakistan are on the verge of being eliminated from the tournament after consecutive losses to debutants USA and arch-foes India. The loss to Rohit Sharma's on Sunday was a classic case of implosion with the side going from 80/4 in the 15th over to ending at 113/7 while chasing a modest 120.

Kirsten emphasised the significance of strike rotation, particularly on challenging surfaces like the one here. He said his team failed to follow

"I think certainly on a pitch like that, it is really, really important to be able to rotate the strike. So, I agree with you that sometimes it's fun to watch a game like this where it's not only about hitting boundaries," Kirsten said in the post-match press conference. But you also have to be able to use 120 balls really well. As I said, we did for 15 overs and then we lost the plot...We're losing too many wickets.

"As a batting unit, you can't lose as many wickets as we are losing. Players have got to take responsibility when that opportunity comes," he added. Pakistan were guilty of consuming 59 dot balls during the chase. Indian pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah did the most damage with figures

know them, they're fantastic guys," Kirsten, who was

appointed just a few weeks before the World Cup, said.

"I mean, there's a lot of very disappointed guys in the change room now. I think for me the most important thing

for every international player is

that you continue growing...,"

"The game is changing pretty

much every year. So, if you're not up to it and you're not

improving, you're going to get

On what exactly was the team's

strategy while chasing, Kirsten

capitalising on loose deliveries and rotating the strike. However, he expressed

disappointment over the team's

loss of momentum during the

...I thought we did that

brilliantly for 15 overs. We kept

it at a run a ball, and then we

lost wickets and then we

stopped scoring ones and then

we were looking for

boundaries and once you've

got to that point, it was always

crucial phase of the innings.

the focus was on

found out somewhere.

he explained.

said

The side's next game will be at the same venue against Canada on Tuesday. It will be a virtual do-or-die encounter for the runners-up of the last edition.

"These guys are all international players and they're aware that when they're not performing at their best that there's going to be pressure put on them. That's understandable," Kirsten, who has coached the 2011 ODI

World Cup-winning Indian team, said. "...But a lot of these guys have played a lot of T20 cricket around the world over many, many years and it's really up to them to decide how they're going to take their games forward," the South African stated.

Asked if the team lacks the ability to handle pressure, Kirsten stressed upon the importance of continual growth and adaptation in the fast-paced world international cricket.

"I'm having a look into the environment and looking at what the issues are. I look at these players, I've watched them play many, many years on TV and kind of getting to overs," the coach said. Amid the disappointment of defeat, Kirsten found solace in

what we executed on for 15

team's performance, especially in the death overs.

"(It) got better and better and we've tracked their stats over the last 15 odd games, and they've been an incredible bowling unit from overs 10 to 20. I think our record between overs 10 to 20 as a bowling unit is up there with the best," he

"We've got four fantastic seamers and Imad Wasim I thought bowled really well today as well. So, we've got some nice options on the ball with the team and I think we're going to be a difficult team to bat against if we bowl like that," he added.

Kirsten diverged from the criticism aimed at the drop-in pitches of the Nassau stadium, refraining from joining the bandwagon of discontent.

Despite witnessing a series of low-scoring matches, he remained diplomatic about Sunday's wicket and the chatter surrounding its uneven bounce, which has been dubbed dangerous in several

quarters. "I think it wasn't dangerous, I mean the odd one rose up, but not many. Generally it kept a little bit lower, it was difficult to score from both batting sides and also a fairly slow outfield so it was never going to be a big total," said Kirsten.

"I would have said 140 would have been a really good score on that pitch, so India didn't get that and so I thought we had the game," added the

going to be hard. "So, the message was to do Year ago people asked if I am finished, now they say I am at my best: Bumrah

PTI ■ NEW YORK

Jasprit Bumrah couldn't help but laugh at how the narrative about him has changed in a year's time from being someone whose career is finished to the one who is at the peak of his

prowess. În 2022, Bumrah underwent surgery for a lower back stress fracture and missed the T20 World Cup in Australia. Just before his comeback in a home bilateral series, he developed a strain and was out for more than 10 months. As a result, best of my ability. I try to solve people became sceptical of his ability to handle the workload of three formats.

But Indian cricket's rare gem sealed the lips of 'Doubting Thomases' with 67 wickets across three formats in the last one year, including a match-winning 3/14 against Pakistan in the low-scoring T20 World Cup thriller on Sunday.

"See a year ago, the same people were saying that I might

not play again and my career is over and then now the question changed," he said Game. But its something that taking a shot at all those who doubted his ability to fight

India restricted Pakistan to 113/7 after posting a mere 119 here thanks largely to Bumrah's stupendous performance. He understands the fickle nature of criticism and knows that despite being a cliched phrase, controlling the controllables works best for him.

"For me, I am not looking at whether I am bowling at the the problem that is there in front of me. I know it's a cliched answer...But I was trying to focus on what is the best option over here on a wicket like this," the 30-yearold revealed.

"How do I make shot-making difficult? What are the best options for me? So that way, I try to stay in the present and focus on what I have to do." NO BAGGAGE OF IPL:

Bumrah successfully avoids by creating his his own bubble. Because if I look at the outside

noise, if I look at people and pressure and emotion takes over, then things don't really work for me," the 30-year-old explained.

The IPL-17, that concluded last month saw an unprecedented 1260 sixes being hit on tracks that resembled roadways. The 'Impact Player' rule also hurt top quality bowlers who were often dispatched to the stands "When it's bat vs bat, I switch

off the TV. I have been a fan of bowling since childhood. When there is a challenge between bat and ball, that is the game I like," Bumrah said. But the Indian bowling unit that has come for the T20

World Cup hasn't shown any scars of the IPL.

"Obviously, the IPL that we played was not very bowler-



friendly but we are very happy that we didn't come here with that baggage and when we are getting help here, we were trying to use it. "I have played a lot of cricket in

more interesting to watch the match."

ROHIT, BUMRAH AND 'MI TEMPLATE':

my young years. - when the bat and ball challenge is good it is played most of his franchise cricket under Rohit Sharma's

captaincy. The captain-strike

central to Mumbai Indians' five

combination was

bowler

"So, once we started, we were very clear the message in the

scoring games.

title wins and Bumrah saidn he

knew how to control low-

huddle was that now that is over, what is next? What are the things that are in our control? So, we will try to focus on that and not to create panic because yes, there will be boundaries here and there. "People might play good shots,

but we'll have to try and be composed and try to hold our shape. So that was the biggest positive, not at any stage did I feel that the panic had spread in the team and we were looking too far ahead. So that's a really positive sign for us."

MAGIC DELIVERIES OFTEN DON'T WORK:
Low-scoring matches often force bowlers to try effort deliveries like yorkers or bouncers but Bumrah doesn't want anyone to overde that in the team and we were want anyone to overdo that

"If we go for magic deliveries and try to be too desperate,

they know the target. So, we had to be very mindful of not overdoing it," he said. "Whenever there is help, you

run-making becomes easy and

can get excited. You can try pole hunting -- bowl bouncers, out-swingers, in-swingers. But you don't have to do that. I have learned that. "But this time, it was not

happening a lot. The ball was not doing a lot. Yes, we did create pressure. A little bit of lateral movement was there but not too much, not as pronounced as the last game."

JASSI JAISA KOI NÄHIN': As one of greatest pacers activ currently, Bumrah could well be called the leader of 'Fast Bowlers' Union'.

"I always advocate bowlers, but we're very happy with the appreciation that bowlers have received because our country is obviously a batsman-loving country and we understand but we are very happy that bowlers are coming up front," Bumrah said.

Lamichhane to join Nepal team in West Indies for last two league matches

PTI ■ KINGSTOWN (ST VINCENT)

Denied US visa, Nepal's cricketer Sandeep Lamichhane is joining his team for its Caribbean leg of World Čup the T20 campaign, the country's cricket association said on Monday.

Lamichhane, who had an eight-year sentence for rape overturned on appeal because of "lack of evidence", was denied US visa twice last month despite interventions from the Nepal government. The 23-year-old was initially included in Nepal's 15-member squad for the tournament last month.

The T20 World Cup is being co-hosted by the United States and West Indies.

'We would like to inform you that Nepali player Sandeep Lamichhane will be included in the Nepali national cricket team for the ongoing ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 in West Indies," the CAN said in a statement.

Lamichhane also confirmed the development on X.

"I am now joining the national team for the last two matches in the West Indies and looking forward to fulfilling my dreams and the dream of all cricket lovers,"



raping an 18-year-old woman, leading to his suspension by the CAN. But after he was Lamichhane posted on X, formerly Twitter.

He was arrested in October 2022 over allegations of acquitted by the Patan High Court in May, the player was reinstated by the country's apex cricket body.

Lamichhane's addition to the Nepal squad will have to be approved by the ICC's Event Technical Committee. Nepal take on South Africa on

on June 16.

But with Conway returning to the side after a long injury layoff and Finn June 14 and play Bangladesh

New Zealand looked rusty and disorganised: lan smith PTI ■ PROVIDENCE (GUYANA)

 $F_{\text{Smith}}^{\text{ormer New Zealand cricketer Ian}}_{\text{has questioned the}}$ readiness of his country's team in the T20 World Cup, saying it looked rusty and completely disorganised in the humiliating defeat against Afghanistan.

New Zealand suffered embarrassing 84-run loss to Afghanistan in their tournament opener here on Friday. They were dismissed for 75 in their chase of 159, with Rashid Khan and Fazalhaq Farooqi grabbing four wickets each. The Kiwis are placed fifth and last in Group C and will next play the West Indies in Trinidad on Wednesday with the negative net run rate making their task of qualifying for the knockouts an uphill task.

"They've got to beat the West Indies, and hope that they (West Indies) get beaten by Afghanistan, because New Zealand's run rate situation is so poor - we're going to be very behind the eight ball when it comes to that," Smith, who has played 63 Tests and 98 ODIs, told Sen Radio on Monday.

"I just don't know they're going to get up to speed from the flat performance they had the other day (against Afghanistan). What kind of team are they going to pick? Are they going to make any changes? The people they bring in haven't played any cricket either," he added.

New Zealand had made it to the semifinals of the 2022 T20 World Cup after topping the group stage, riding on fine performances from Devon Conway, Kane Williamson and Daryl Mitchell, among others.

Kiwis, known for their work ethics and competitive spirit.
Besides, they have entered the World Cup having not played a single official

warmup match. "He (Conway) looked decidedly rusty, in fact very average, he looked down

on practice with the gloves on. And he's been out of form with the bat for a little while," Smith said of the toporder batter who missed the entire

IPL 2024 due to injury.
"Apart from the fact that he's had injures, Conway played no cricket in the IPL even though he was contracted, and still they maintained they didn't need to have anything like a specialist wicketkeeper in this

With Finn Allen going for a first-ball duck and Conway mustering just eight runs, the Kiwis didn't get the desired start in the chase against Afghanistan.

tournament.

"They missed opportunities to put pressure on Afghanistan early on, one partnership was all they needed to win the game. It was probably one of the worst performances I've seen, when you consider all aspects of the game, from a Blackcaps side that I can recall," Smith said.

"It was underdone, it was rusty, it was disorganised — they were so far not

ready it was not funny."
"Finn Allen has got a bit to prove, I've been saying this for a while — they basically ended the career for Martin Guptill to make way for Allen. They couldn't pick him in the 50-over World Cup because he wasn't consistent enough at that point, and I don't see much difference between then and now," Smith added.

Smith also lamented the poor Kiwi

fielding, saying it was quite unlike the side that puts its heart and soul into every aspect of the game.

"One thing New Zealand has always done over the years is field well as a unit. We've been able to answer (to that) pressure with some really good fielding performances, we aren't doing it at the moment.

"Here again, we start with a poor performance, and I kept going back to Kane Williamson (in the post-match interview) and he said 'we lost it in the first ten overs' because that set the tone," Smith said.

"The only way you get those things sorted is to play cricket."

