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Biggest stars come together for Kalki 2898 AD's grand



the pioneer It is truly tragic that Revanth Reddy who opposed the auctioning of coal blocks in 2021 and wrote an open letter to the PM is now taking part in the coal mine auction. Both national parties seem completely oblivious to public interests and to the interests of SCCL. I am informing the bidders that we will return to power after 4.5 years and we will scrap this

QUOTE OF THE DAY

- KT Rama Rao, BRS MLA

ISB Online broadens impact...

Indian School of Business (ISB) Online, a digital learning platform has announced the expansion of its offerings to autonomous educational institutions, as well as public, deemed and private universities, democratising worldclass education. About 51.3 per cent of Indian graduates are employable and this number is heavily skewed towards the urban markets in the top 10 states as per the Department of Economic Affairs reports. The platform aims to bridge this gap through its state-of-the-art digital learning experience...

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Regular walk effective in...

The simple exercise of walking is enough to bring relief to those having a history of low back pain, according to a research published in The Lancet journal. Following around 700 adults who had recovered from a recent episode of low back pain, researchers divided the participants into three groups a personalised walking program, physiotherapy sessions over six months and no intervention. The team of researchers, including those at Macquarie University, Australia, found that the walking group experienced...



guidelines to curb... The Consumer Affairs Ministry on Thursday sought public comments until July 21 on draft guidelines to curb unsolicited and unwanted business communications like promotional calls and text niun adT sance prepared after consultations with stakeholders, including telecom

firms and regulators -- define "business communication" as any communication related to goods or services like promotional and service messages but excludes personal communication. They will apply to all...

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Kuldeep will come into play...

Without giving too much away, India head coach Rahul Dravid hinted at the possibility of playing wrist spinner Kuldeen Yaday in the Caribbean leg of the T20 World Cup, starting with the Super 8 opener against Afghanistan.India did not play either Kuldeep or Yuzvendra Chahal in the USA leg of the tournament considering the pace friendly conditions. However, the conditions are different in the Caribbean where wrist spinners have already made an impact with Adam Zampa being..

Ensure adequate supply of fertilizers by August

Agriculture Minister Tummala urges Centre

PNS HYDERABAD

Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageshwara Rao requested the Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers, JP Nadda, to supply adequate fertilizers to the state as soon as possible before August.

He said that in Telangana, the rainy season starts early and according to that the state government has planned to procure adequate fertilizers in advance for the next two months and make them available to farmers and accordingly arrangements should be made for the immediate supply of DAP and other fertilizers before August.

Tummala reviewed details of monsoon cultivation, fertilizer reserves and supply with Agriculture Department officials here on Thursday. Various crops have been cultivated on 17,50,000 acres till June 19, of which cotton occupies 15,60,677 acres followed by Tur Dal on 76,000 acres, officials said.

He said that in the next fortnight, the sowing of dry crops will gain momentum after the completion of the sowing of rice and dukku.



Fertilizers should be supplied transparently and sales must be through ePoS.

Action will be taken against dealers and officials if they are found violating rules.

tonnes of DAP, 10 lakh tonnes of complex fertilizers and 60,000 tonnes of MOP to TG for the 2024 monsoon season. By the end of July, 5.65 lakh tonnes of urea is required and 8.35 lakh tonnes is available. 1.57 lakh tonnes of DAP, 5.37 lakh The Centre has allocated 10.40 tonnes of complex fertilizers, 38,000 lakh tonnes of urea, 2.40 lakh tonnes of MOP and 26,000 tonnes He said that in Telangana, the rainy season starts early and according to that the state government has planned to procure adequate fertilizers in months and make them available to farmers and accordingly arrangements should be made for the immediate supply of DAP and other fertilizers before August.

of urea have been made available. Officials informed the minister that farmers have purchased 54,000 tonnes of DAP and 1.06 lakh tonnes of complex fertilizers till now.

The Minister said that fertilizers should be supplied transparently and sales must be through ePoS. Action will be taken against dealers and officials if they are found violating rules.

Based on the software FIVeS

(Fertilizer inventory verification system) introduced by the Department of Agriculture, all agriculture officials have been ordered

PM to lead Yoga Day event today

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday embarked on a two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir where he will inaugu-

rate or kick start projects worth Rs 1,500 crore and participate in the International Yoga Day.

"On 21st June, around 6.30 am, the prime minister will participate in the 10th International Day of Yoga event at SKICC in Srinagar. The prime minister will address the gathering on the occasion and take part in the CYP Yoga session thereafter," an official handout from the Press Information Bureau said.Stringent multi-layer security arrangements have been put in place for the prime minister's twoday visit to Kashmir. More than 7,000 participants will join him in performing yoga on Friday on the banks of picturesque Dal Lake, officials said.

The participants have been trained over the past three days in the yoga 'Asanas' to be performed by the prime minister, the officials

Security forces personnel have been deployed in strength across the Srinagar city to ensure that the prime minister's visit passes off peacefully, they said.

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Will teach enemies of nation a lesson'

PM Narendra Modi's stern warning

PNS ■ SRINAGAR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the government is "seriously" concerned about the recent terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir and no effort will be spared to teach the enemies of the country a lesson.

Addressing a function here soon after arriving on a two-day visit to J-K, the prime minister said the enemies of the Union territory were not able to digest peace and development in the region.

"The enemies of peace and humanity are not happy with the development in Jammu and Kashmir. There were some terror attacks recently... the government has taken it seriously. The Home Minister, with the J&K Administration, has reviewed the situation," he said.

Modi said the government will not spare any efforts to teach the enemies of Jammu and Kashmir a lesson."The enemies of Jammu and Kashmir are making last ditch efforts to stop the development here and that peace is not established. But the new generation of Jammu and Kashmir will live in permanent peace. We will strengthen the path chosen by the people of Jammu and Kashmir," he added.

The prime minister was apparent-



was apparently referring to the terrorist attack on a bus carrying pilgrims from Reasi to Shiv Khori in Jammu region on June 9.

ly referring to the terrorist attack on a bus carrying pilgrims from Reasi to Shiv Khori in Jammu region on June 9.

The bus rolled down a gorge as the driver lost control of the vehicle in view of the attack, resulting in death of nine persons and injuries to several others.

The terrorists also carried out back to back attacks in Kathua and Doda districts in which one security jawan was killed and several

'Will release job calendar soon'

The government will release its job calendar soon, IT Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu said here on Thursday. He said the government had conducted the Group-I examination and

will announce dates for Group-II and Group-III examinations soon.

issue notifications identifying vacant posts and that the Congress government will fulfil all its assurances made

MONEY LAUNDERING CASE

Delhi court grants

money laundering case stemming

Special Judge Niyay Bindu also

declined the Enforcement

Directorate's prayer to keep in abeyance the bail order for 48

hours to allow the central agency

to avail legal remedies like moving

a superior court in appeal.

from the alleged excise scam.

bail to Kejriwal

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In a huge relief

to embattled

Delhi Chief

Minister Arvind

Kejriwal, a court

Thursday grant-

ed him bail in a

here

when it was in the opposition. "Some students and the issues in filling up posts. The government will do justice to the victims of

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Amid demand by the opposition to

re-conduct the medical entrance

exam NEET, Education

Minister Dharmendra

Pradhan on Thursday said

isolated incidents of mal-

practices should not affect

lakhs of students who

cleared the examination

testing agency NTA.

to look into the functioning of the

here, Pradhan also appealed to the

Addressing a press conference

rightfully.

on GO: No: 46 will submit its report soon," the Minister said. He said the Modi gov-

ernment had failed to conduct the NEET exam properly and added that the

PM should order a CBI inquiry The Minister was speaking to the ledia at the Assembly Media Hall.

The Minister was speaking to the unemployed are staging dharnas on into NEET irregularities. He said there were many doubts regarding the He said the government will soon holding talks with experts to ensure announcement of results on June 4 that there would not be any legal instead of June 14 and that the Centre should deliver justice to those who appeared for NEET.

opposition parties not to politicise

the issue and said strict action

would be taken against those found

guilty, including officials from the

fellows, assistant professors and

exam paper was leaked on Darknet.

PhD scholars, Pradhan said the

National Testing Agency (NTA). The high-level

committee to review and

improve the functioning of

NTA would be notified

About the cancellation of the UGC-NET examina-

soon, the minister said.

'Isolated incidents should

not affect students'

Pradhan on NEET issue • Forms high-level

panel to look into functioning of NTA

He announced a high-level panel tion for selection of junior research

ED raids premises linked to BRS MLA Mahipal, brother PNS HYDERABAD

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) searched premises linked to BRS MLA Gudem Mahipal Reddy and his brother on Thursday.ED officials searched the houses and represents the Patancheru constituency near Hyderabad, and his brother G. Madhusudhan Reddy.The searches began at around 5 am at different places simultaneously in Patancheru.

The complainant V. Ravi Krishna wanted the ED to investigate Patancheru MLA Gudem Mahipal Reddy, the then District Minister and the current Siddipet MLA T. Harish Rao and former MP and current Dubbaka

Cabinet may discuss new Edu Commission today who is a retired IAS officer and

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is going to chair a Cabinet meeting on chairman's post as he had played a Friday at the Secretariat which is role in the 'Mana Ooru Mana Badi' likely to discuss the New Education Commission. Although the rily focus on the Assembly's monsoon session and implementation of the crop loan waiver scheme slated for August 15, education is high on the agenda of the Congress govern-

ment. The government is paying special attention to on education, especially education from school to the university level and its required infrastructure and facilities.

The Education Commission is likely to be headed by a Chairman

some educationists. Aknuri Murali's name is being considered for the scheme and other school development projects earlier.

> Commission is set up, the problems facing students and teachers can also be solved. The CM recently announced that a new **Education Commission will** be set up. He also held meet-

ings with intellectuals. The government is devising plans to strengthen schools and colleges in the state. It believes that an Education Commission is needed to strengthen educational facilities and solve the problems of teachers.

Ex-SIB chief Prabhakar applies for bail, verdict today

Family history could affect younger siblings

of children with autism, finds study

The phone-tapping case has taken another interesting turn.

On Tuesday, former State Intelligence Bureau (SIB) chief Prabhakar Rao, the prime accused, filed for mandatory bail.

The move came shortly after the Nampally court Magistrate discovered errors in the charge sheet filed by the police leading to its

The court's decision to return the charge sheet highlighted procedural lapses preventing it from being considered. Seizing the opportunity, Prabhakar promptly submitted his bail application. Prabhakar seems to be closely monitoring the police's moves to exploit procedural weaknesses.

34 people die in **TN** after consuming illicit arrack



PNS KALLAKURICHI

The entire Karunapuram locality in Kallakurichi on Thursday echoed with the wails of the family members of the victims of illicit arrack that claimed the lives of at least 34 people. About 100 others are undergoing treatment.

Following the tragedy in the state's northern district, the opposition lashed out at the DMK while the ruling party said it should not be assumed such issues happened only during its

regime.

While Leader of Opposition
Edappadi K Palaniswami demanded Chief Minister M K Stalin's resignation, the CM said: "The Kallakurichi incident must not have happened and it has caused deep anguish to me." The deaths were due to consumption of 'methanol mixed arrack,' he said, adding he has directed

Kishan exudes confidence of BJP coming to power in TG

PNS HYDERABAD

Expressing confidence that his party would come to power in Telangana

2028, state BJP president G Kishan Reddy on Thursday urged party activists to take a pledge to work towards achieving the goal.
Noting that the BJP

now has eight MLAs and an equal number of Lok Sabha members in Telangana, he said the party would get 88 of the total 119 assembly seats in the next

He called on the party leaders and bring the party to power in the state in a rally.

and get people's support in every vil-

Reddy, who is also the Union Coal and Mines Minister expressed after the next Assembly elections in his gratitude to those who worked hard to ensure the victory of BJP candidates in the

recent LS polls. He was speaking at an event where the party MPs from the state were felicitated following their victory in the general elections.

Reddy was given a rousing welcome at the Begumpet airport here on Thursday evening upon his rival from Delhi.

The state BJP chief and other activists to work with a resolve to leaders reached the party office here

PNS NEW DELHI

Younger siblings of children with autism could experience more developmental difficulties, especially if they have relatives with conditions such as delayed speech, anxiety or

schizophrenia, a study has found. Researchers found that the younger siblings showed more severe difficulties in social communication, a common symptom of the neurodevelopmental disorder autism. Other symptoms could include repetitive behaviours and a heightened sensitivity of senses.

"(Knowledge about) family history of these disorders may improve efforts to predict long-term outcomes in younger siblings of children with autism and inform about



factors contributing to (varied observable traits and behaviours among them)," said senior author Katarzyna Chawarska, a professor of child psychiatry at Yale School of Medicine, USA.

Information about family history could also guide parents and pediatricians in monitoring and supporting the development of infants with

child psychiatry at Yale School of Medicine, USA. risk factors for disorders such as autism, according to Chawarska. The findings are published in the

journal Autism Research. For the study, the researchers

included 229 children having at least one elder sibling with autism and assessed their social, cognitive, language and adaptive skills. The children had an average age of about two years and were enrolled between March 2006 and May 2022.

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order or schizophrenia.

Parents of the 229 children were interviewed for knowing about familv history. They were asked if relatives of their children, including grandparents and cousins, were affected by neurodevelopmental conditions such as delayed speech requiring therapy or intellectual disability, or by psychiatric ones such as anxiety, depression, bipolar dis-

authorities to ensure special care to those being treated in hospitals.

Telugu CMs face complex issues in sharing of assets

After 10 years of Andhra Pradesh State bifurcation there are several issues which are not resolved between the two Telugu states. Now all eyes are on the two Telugu Chief Ministers who are known as 'guru and chela'. To resolve the long-pending issues between the two states, who will compromise; the guru or the chela? It is not easy to resolve these issues because they are linked with the people's sentiments of

the respective Telugu states. For example, since several years controversy is going on the Polavaram project and sharing of Godavari waters. In the combined Andhra Pradesh State, the problem was between the Telangana and Seemandhra. After Andhra Pradesh bifurcation the problem has become between the two Telugu states. The main



controversy in the Polavaram project was its hight and submerged area under this project in Khammam district of Telangana State. In 2014, the Central government merged seven villages of Khammam district in Andhra Pradesh which will effect with the construction of Polavaram project. At that time, the Prime Minister was Narendra Modi and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister was N Chandrababu Naidu and Interestingly, now also both are in the same position. Only the change is at that



Telangana was Chandrasekhar Rao of the BRS and now it is A Revanth Reddy

of the Congress. KCR, till his last minute as the chief minister of Telangana, fought to bring back those seven villages to Telangana which were merged in Andhra Pradesh. Now if Chief Minister Revanth Reddy compromises on this issue, the BRS will start allegations that Revanth has compromised with Andhra Pradesh at the cost of Telangana interests and the sentiment of Telangana people.

villages to Telangana, again the problem will start in completing the Polavaram project and Chandrababu will face the anger of Andhra Pradesh people who have given the mandate to him in record level. In the height of the Polavaram project and sharing of Godavari waters also both the Chief Ministers will face the

same problem.
After Polavaram project, another major issue is sharing of the assets of the RTC. The RTC has more valuable assets including lands in and around Hyderabad city. The Telangana government under the BRS refused to share the assets of RTC, claiming that they belong of Telangana State only and AP has no right to demand sharing of these assets. Andhra Pradesh's argument was that these assets were developed by the combined Andhra Pradesh

Rethink auctioning coal mines: Sridhar

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Stating that it is not 'proper' for the Centre to say that it will allot new coal mines to private parties, IT Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu asked the Union Minister of Coals and Mines, G. Kishan Reddy, to rethink the auctioning of coal mines.

He said that the privatisation of public sector firms is not 'correct' and demanded that the Centre should produce coal and other minerals through Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs). Speaking to the media at the Assembly Media Hall on Thursday, Sridhar said that SCCL is generating profits and functioning well due to its workers. He said that coal production is increasing every

Sridhar said the BJP government is engaging in double speak by saying that it will not privatise SCCL and at the same time taking steps to privatise it.

There are estimates that coal production would fall to 17.28 million tons by 2060 from the 70 million tons at present, he added. SCCL has to acquire new coal mines, he said.

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The Telangana government

urged the Centre to allocate all

coal blocks near the SCCL to

the state-run mining compa-

ny without conducting an auc-

Alleging that the BJP and the BRS prevented SCCL from getting coal mines, Telangana

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu

Bhatti Vikramarka said the

state government would make

a request to Union Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan

Reddy regarding this. There

are also plans to meet Prime Minister Modi with an all-

Coal is now being mined

party delegation, he added.

from around 40 mines and

around 22 coal mines will

have to be closed down by

2032-33 as the coal there

would get exhausted by then,

Bhatti's comments urging allotment of coal to the SCCL came a day before the auction-



TG to Centre: Allot SCCL

coal blocks without auction

BJP & BRS denied coal mines to SCCL: Bhatti

Bhatti addressing the media at Khammam

ing of coal mines by the Centre here on June 21 for commercial mining.

The Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) is jointly owned by the Government of Telangana and

the Centre in the ratio 51:49. Bhatti, who spoke to reporters at Khammam on Thursday said that soon after the Congress government assumed office in December 2023, he had met the then Union Coal Minister Pralhad Joshi with a request that all coal blocks near SCCL should be allotted to it without an auc-

The SCCL, a major PSU of Telangana, employs 42,000 people directly and another 26,000 through outsourcing and provides livelihood to 50,000 people, he said.

KTR warns private firms against taking part in auction of coal mines

RS working president KTR accused both the BJP and the Congress and their Central and state governments of undermining SCCL by



deciding to auction the coal mines in Telangana instead of allotting them directly to SCCL. Addressing a press conference at the Telangana Bhavan on Thursday, KTR criticized the Congress government for taking part in the coal mine auctions instead of demanding direct coal allotment to SCCL. KTR also said that even if private companies participate in the auction and get mining rights, the BRS would cancel those leases if it came to power after four and a half years.

Modi govt cannot conduct exams without leaks, frauds: Cong

PNS NEW DELHI

Hitting out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi after the can-cellation of the UGC-NET exam, the Congress on Thursday said every year he conducts a "grand tamasha" of what he calls 'Pareeksha pe Charcha' and yet his government cannot even conduct an examination without "leaks and frauds"

The opposition party also asked the prime minister if he would "leak pe speak".

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge asked what kind of 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' is this, where the question paper gets leaked

"How the Modi government has ruined the country's education and recruitment system -- Paper leaks, fraud and gross irregularities in NEET, UGC-NET, CUET (Common University Entrance Test) have years but only Rs 20 crore was spent till December 2022, he said.

now been exposed. The much-publicised NRA – National Recruitment Agency is completely defunct," Kharge said in a post in Hindi on X.

In August 2020, Modi announced the NRA with great fanfare, Kharge said.

"With a lot of hype, he said

'NRA will prove to be a boon for crores of youth. Through the Common Eligibility Test, it will eliminate multiple exams and save precious time as well as resources. This will also give a big boost to transparency'. For government jobs, the Modi government had claimed that the NRA will conduct a single recruitment exam for all jobs. Four years have passed, National Recruitment Agency (NRA) has not conducted a single exam yet," he said.

A fund of Rs 1,517.57 crore was provided to NRA for three **Education Minister** must resign, demands Yechury

mid continuing protests Against the discrepancies in the NEET and furore over UGC-NET exam cancellation, Communist Party of India (Marxist) General Secretary Sitaram Yechury on Thursday demanded the scrapping of the National Testing Agency and resignation of the Union Education Minister. "Solidarity with our students -- India's future -- in their struggle to safeguard their academic standards from being destroyed by this ND alliance government led by (Narendra) Modi," Yechury said in a post on X.

2 Mahila Shakti canteens to be inaugurated at Secretariat today

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Two Mahila Shakti Canteens are being inaugurated at the Secretariat on Friday at 2 pm. The Mahila Shakti initiative is spearheaded by Dr Dhanasari Anasuya Seethakka, the Minister for Panchayat Raj, Rural Development and Women & Child Welfare and the Chief Secretary, Shanti Kumari.

During a review meeting with DRDOs, Seethakka unveiled a five-year loan plan aimed at financially empowering women's groups through the Mahila Shakti programme.

The government is facilitating loans for women's groups to establish Aadhaar centres, Mee Seva centres, poultry and dairy businesses, canteens and start-ups.
Seethakka said Mahila

Shakti Canteens will be established in places like tourist centres, government offices and highways. Addressing the issue of

food adulteration, Seethakka said the public is now apprehensive of eating out.

Meanwhile, a team from SERP visited Bihar to study the 'Didi Ki Rasoi' initiative, which was started in 2018 to provide food and beverages n government institutions.

This initiative is run by Cluster Level Federations (CLFs) and supported by the Kudumbashree organisation of Kerala and the Institute of Hotel Management. There are currently 199

'Didi Ki Rasoi' canteens operating in medical institutions, SC/ST residential schools, registry offices, banks, colleges and the sec-Each unit of 'Didi Ki Rasoi'

costs Rs 25 lakh and is funded by a Rs 23.40 lakh NRLM grant and Rs 1.60 lakh from beneficiaries.

The initiative has proved viable with annual profits per canteen of Rs 7.50 lakh (model–1) and Rs 12 lakh

34 people die in...

Delhi getting more water than agreed: Haryana Minister

PNS CHANDIGARH

Haryana minister Abhe Singh Yadav on Thursday said the water scarcity in Delhi was solely due to "internal mismanagement" by the AAP dispensation.

Yadav dismissed as "baseless" and "beyond facts" the Delhi government's allegation that the BJP-ruled state is not providing the national capital with the required share of water, as he asserted that Haryana is currently supplying 1,050 cusecs of water to Delhi, exceeding the mandated allocation of 719 cusecs.

Yadav, the Minister of State for Irrigation and Water Resources, while speaking in Delhi, said Haryana does not politicise water issues, viewing water as a fundamental neces-

The minister underscored that ensuring water supply to the national capital is a collective responsibility, one which Haryana fulfils without short-

Yadav, according to an official statement, said that in response to AAP government's petition filed before the Supreme Court recently, the Haryana government submitted data on its water supply to Delhi contact point, Bawana.

"The data covers the period from May 23 to June 12, 2024, revealing that Harvana consistently released 1,050 cusecs of water at Munak Head for

Family histor...

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Using statistical methods of analysis, the researchers found an increased presence of both kinds of disorders in the immediate and extended family members of the children with autism.

"Among neurodevelopmental disorders, the most frequently reported condition was speech delay requiring therapy (64 per cent), followed by attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (41 per cent) and intellectual disability (11 per cent)," the authors wrote.

"Among neuropsychiatric disorders, the most common

were anxiety disorders (44 per cent), depression (43 per cent), bipolar disorder (17 per cent) and schizophrenia (8 per cent)," they wrote.

Prime accused confesses to arranging question papers for four candidates

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TODAY

ALMANAC

Nakshatram

Rahukalam:

Varjyam:

Gulika:

Amritakalam:

Temp: 33[∞]

Humidity: 63% Sunrise: 5:43 AM

Sunset: 6:53 PM

Jyeshta:

Moola

Month & Paksham:

Tithi: Chaturdashi:

In a startling revelation in the NEET paper leak case, prime accused Sikander Prasad Yadvendu in his confessional statement admitted to having arranged question papers for four exam aspirants to "prepare" them a day before the test and demanded Rs 40 lakh from each candidate.

According to sources in the Economic Offences Unit (EOU) of Bihar police, Yadvendu's confessional statement, recorded under Section 161 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) on May 5, also detailed his contacts with Nitish Kumar and Amit Anand, allegedly known for leaking prestigious exam

Sukla Paksha

Jun 20 07:50 AM

to Jun 21 07:32 AM

to Jun 22 06:37 AM

Jun 20 06:10 PM to Jun 21 06:18 PM

Jun 21 06:18 PM

to Jun 22 05:54 PM

3:33 PM to 5:11 PM

7:24 AM to 9:02 AM

10:40 AM to 12:18 PM

04:20 PM to 05:54 PM

09:27 AM to 11:04 AM

Abhijit Muhurtham: 11:51 AM to 12:44 PM

Forecast: Scattered Thunderstorms

Updated: June 20, 2024 5:00 PM

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papers such as NEET.

demanded Rs 40 lakh from each aspirant, including his nephew Anurag Yadav, for providing the leaked question paper on May 4, a day before ē exam. Yadvendu, a junior engi-

neer at Bihar's Danapur Town Council, said, "I contacted Nitish and Amit and told them that I have four candidates—Ayush Kumar, Anurag Yadav, Abhishek Kumar, and Shivnandan Kumar."

Yadvendu claimed that Nitish and Amit charged Rs 32 lakh per candidate and assured him of providing the question paper in advance. On May 4, all four candidates were called to a guest

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The judge ordered

Kejriwal's release on a per-

sonal bond of Rs 1 lakh but

imposed certain conditions

before granting him the

relief, including that he

will not try to hamper the

investigation or influence

The judge also directed

Kejriwal to appear before the court whenever

required and to cooperate

The judge had reserved

the order earlier during

the day after hearing the

Enforcement Directorate

(ED), which sought to link

Kejriwal to the alleged pro-

ceeds of crime and co-

accused, and the defence

that claimed the prosecu-

tion has no evidence to nail

the AAP leader.

with the investigation.

the witnesses.

house where Nitish and Yadvendu claimed that he Anand helped them "prepare" using the leaked paper,

> The candidates later confessed that the same questions appeared in the actual exam on May 5.

Yadvendu claimed.

Yadav was preparing for NEET-UG in Kota, Rajasthan. Ín his confessional state-

ment, Yadav said, "My uncle spoke to me when I was in Kota and told me he had access to the question paper. I came to Patna, and my uncle introduced me to two people -- Amit and Nitish -- who provided me with the question paper and answer key. They helped me prepare the questions overnight.

Kejriwal's lawyers are

likely to submit the bail

bond before the court

tomorrow, after which he

would be released from

One the other hand, the

ED is also likely to chal-

lenge the bail order before

a higher court in the com-

However, the grant of

regular bail to the AAP

national convenor will give

his Aam Aadmi Party and

its allies a stick to beat the

Modi government with as,

according to Section 45 of

the stringent Prevention of

Money Laundering Act (PMLA), bail can be grant-

ed only if the judge is prima

facie satisfied that the

accused has not committed

the offence and that he is

unlikely to commit any

offence while on bail.

Tihar jail.

Delhi court grants...

Ex-SIB chief...

Responding swiftly, the police rectified the errors and re-filed the corrected charge sheet on Wednesday.

The police are determined

to secure Prabhakar's arrest and gather evidence in the phone-tapping case. The focus now shifts back

to the Nampally court. The court's decision on Friday on whether Prabhakar would be granted bail is eagerly awaited by the public. As the legal battle intensi-

fies, both Prabhakar and the police remain vigilant and each step is closely watched by the public. The outcome of the hearing will be crucial and is likely to set the stage for legal and political moves.

ED raids...

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MLA Kotta Prabhakar Reddy regarding an alleged scam involving Rs 300 crore in mining operations carried out in Patancheru.

They are accused of carrying on illegal mining and a crusher business on government-assigned lands.

Despite closure orders issued by the Telangana PCB on 10.03.2023 against the Santhosh Sand and Granite Supply Company, it continued illegal mining on a government-assigned land in survey No: 738 of Lakdaram Village in the Patancheru Mandal of Sangareddy District, said the complainant

Madhusudhan was arrested by the police in March for illegal excess mining in the Lakdaram village of Patancheru mandal in Sangareddy district.

hooch tragedy following inspection.

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Stalin, who held a meeting to review the situation, announced setting up of a oneman commission to be led by retired Madras High Court Judge B Gokuldas to make recommendations to the government on measures to be taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents and also look

into the reasons for the deaths. Four people linked to the sale of the poisonous arrack have been arrested so far, Stalin said and declared Rs 10 lakh assistance to each of the families of the deceased. Also, he announced Rs 50,000 assistance to those who are being treated in hospitals.

The state Home Secretary and Director General of Police will submit a report on the

The CM assured tough action against those who provided methanol for making the spurious concoction that became poisonous.

The entire Karunapuram, which has witnessed the deaths, including that of two women and one transgender, wore a gloomy look. Heart-wrenching scenes,

including that of a sobbing young girl, anxious relatives awaiting a medical update on their near and dear ones and women wailing in the streets were witnessed in this nondescript locality.Leader of Opposition (LoP), Edappadi K Palaniswami visited the affected people, including three children who have apparently lost both their parents.

PM to lead Yoga Day...

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The roads leading to SKICC have been sealed, they said. The sanitisation operation at the SKICC was concluded on Tuesday and the background security check of all officials of the SKICC, security personnel and others on duty, and the sportspersons who will attend has been conducted, they said. As part of the security measures, the Srinagar Police declared the city a 'Temporary Red Zone' for the operation of drones

"Srinagar city has been declared as 'Temporary Red Zone' for the operation of drones and quadcopters as per provisions of Rule 24(2) of Drone Rules, 2021 with immediate effect," the Srinagar

and quadcopters.

Police said on X on June 18.

All unauthorised drone operations in the "red zone" are liable to being penalised according to provisions of the drone rules, the police said. Ahead of the main function on Friday, a series of yoga events have been held over the past three days at many places in the city and elsewhere in the valley, the officials said.

A yoga event was held near the iconic clock tower at the Lal Chowk city centre here while a mega yoga camp was held at Polo Ground on Wednesday, they said.

Another event was also held at the SKICC here, the officials said, adding similar events were held at many places in the Valley to mark the celebrations for the 10th

Reconnect with public: Jagan to partymen



PNS VIJAYAWADA

Former chief minister and YSRCP president YS Jagan Mohan Reddy encouraged party members to remain positive and confident as they reconnect with the public. He emphasised that their recent electoral loss was neither fair nor just. He urged members to remember that every household had benefited from the YSRCP's welfare agenda over the past five years.

Speaking at the YSRCP's extended meeting, attended by former ministers, MPs, and MLAs, YS Jagan expressed

optimism about the party's future. He believes that the party will regain power with greater strength in the 2029 Assembly elections, as people will eventually see through Chandrababu's alleged decep-

Reviewing the party's performance in the recent elections, the YSRCP chief highlighted that the party retained 60 per cent of its vote share, losing only 10 per cent compared to 2019. He expressed confidence that this 10 per cent would soon recognise the deceptive tactics of TDP leader Chandrababu.

Isolated incidents...

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"Let us have faith in our systems and no irregularities or malpractices will be tolerated by the government," he said.

The NEET examination was held on May 5 across 4,750 centres and around 24 lakh candidates appeared for it. The results were expected to be declared on June 14 but were announced on June 4, saying the evaluation of the answer sheets got completed earlier.As many as 67 stu-

dents scored a perfect 720, unprecedented in the NTA's history, with six from a centre in Haryana's Faridabad figuring in the list, raising suspicions about irregularities. It has been alleged that grace marks contributed to 67 students sharing the top rank.

The NEET-UG examination is conducted by the NTA for admissions to MBBS, BDS, AYUSH and other related courses in government and private institutions across the country.

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TO PREPARE STUDENTS TO BE JOB-MARKET READY

ISB Online broadens impact for higher edn institutions

Indian School of Business (ISB) Online, a digital learning plat-form has announced the expansion of its offerings to autonomous educational institutions, as well as public, deemed and private universities, democratising world-class education. About 51.3 per cent of Indian graduates are employable, and this number is heavily skewed towards the urban markets in the top 10 states as per the Department of Economic Affairs reports.

The platform aims to bridge this gap through its state-ofthe-art digital learning experience that empowers learners with industry-relevant skills at scale. Notably, the market potential for online university education in India is projected to grow twofold, from nearly 7.1 million learners in 2023

to 15 million learners in 2029. Through its services, ISB



improves teaching outcomes and boosts student employability through skills-based interventions and global perspective in higher educational institutions. Institutions can access high-quality programmes, avail faculty development opportunities, and gain the ability to establish Centres of Professional Excellence. With this expansion, it will now cater to a broad class of global learners, ranging from undergraduate students to early and mid-career professionals and senior executives across industries and domains, empowering them with the business acumen needed to excel in today's dynamic work-

Deepa Mani, Deputy Dean, Executive Education and Digital Learning, and Professor of Information Systems, ISB said, "At ISB Online, we envision a future where quality education is accessible to a

time. In response to the significant growth in the Indian online education market, we view our academic solutions for higher education institutions as a catalyst for breaking barriers to quality education. By working closely with heads of institutions - Deans, Chancellors, and Programme Directors - we aim to create dynamic and engaging learning experiences that prepare students for the future of

Sujatha Kumaraswamy, Executive Director, Executive Education and Digital Learning, ISB, said, "With plans to double our current learner base of 10,000 by FY24-25, we foresee this upward trajectory gaining even more momen-We aim to drive growth in

vital economic sectors and prepare students to be globally aware and job-market ready.

Cop bags 4 medals in **National Athletics** Championship

PNS HYDERABAD

Rachakonda Commissioner Tarun Joshi felicitated a head constable Amboju Anil Kumar who secured four medals in the Pan-India National Master Athletics Championship, at Rachakonda Commissioner's

office on Thursday.

Apart from working in Yadadri\Bhuvanagiri district under Rachakonda, Anil Kumar, won four medals (one gold medal, three bronze medals) in the 45 years category in the 28th Asian Masters Athletics Championship-2024 (AMA) held in Thailand from February 22 to 25, 2024. He secured a gold medal in the 4x400m relay and bronze medals in the 800m, 1500m and 5000m races respective-

The Commissioner hoped that the police department would provide all kinds of assistance while participating in the international competitions to be held in Australia in September.

STUDENTS IN GOVT SCHOOLS

ADP Hyd, Akshaya Patra to provide meals to 37,000 kids

PNS HYDERABAD

Over 9 lakh meals will be provided to children by Automatic Data Processing by Inc ADP Hyderabad, a leader in human capital management, in collaboration with the Akshaya Patra Foundation, to 37,000 children studying in government schools across India.

As per the ADP's commitment, this initiative is a part of the Tarang - ADP India CSR programme which aims to feed these children for an entire month, highlighting ADP's commitment to community service and social responsibility. This initiative was inspired by ADP associates, who supported the company's decision to make this donation. Each ADP associate and their family will effectively feed three children for an entire month, announced ADP.

General Manager and Managing Director, ADP India, Vijay Vemulapalli said, "Feeding children is about nourishing like MIDAS and Model their dreams and futures. By Schools, supports the education

M Sujnan Venkatesh, senior vice-president and head of HR ADP Pvt Ltd serve

providing nutritious meals, we support their education and well-being. We are deeply committed to making a difference."

Senior vice-president and head of HR, ADP Pvt. Ltd., Sujnan Venkatesh said, "Our partnership with the Akshaya Patra Foundation reflects our collective commitment to ensuring no child goes hungry. This initiative, along with other flagship Tarang programmes and well-being of over 35,000 children from underserved communities in Hyderabad and Pune. Together, we are creating hope and opportunity for thousands of children."

According to the ADP, this donation is part of ADP's broader CSR commitment through Tarang. Over 25 years in India, ADP has contributed to various causes, including installing CCTV cameras for



Hyd Collector suspends Marredpally tahsildar

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Hyderabad Collector Anudeep Durishetty on suspended Marredpally tahsildar Padma Sundari and three other staff members for negligence of

Other officials suspended include Girdawar (SA), P Prasanna Lakshmi and record assistant S Ravi. Durishetty conducted a surprise inspection at Marredpally tahsildar's office and asked the staff to work with accountability and responsibility.

He said that action will be taken against those who neglect their duties. He checked various documents and the attendance register at the office and ordered the staff to check the inward register and put a date stamp on the application and hand it over to the concerned section. The concerned sections have been directed to work and resolve the applications from time to time without pending. They were advised to update all registers from time to time.

Pantry car coach catches fire in Secunderabad

PNS HYDERABAD

A fire broke out in a pantry car coach which was standing for maintenance on Thursday at around 10.30 am in the washing line belonging to Secunderabad Coach Depot. The coach maintenance staff informed the authority concerned as soon as they noticed smoke coming from the coach. At the same time, information was also given to the fire officials.

The railway staff of the station immediately reached the spot and brought the fire under control with the available fire fighting equipment. At the same time, the coach that caught fire was separated from other coaches as a precautionary measure to prevent the fire from spreading to other coaches. The situation was brought under control at 11.30 am.

South Central Railway General Manager Arun Kumar Jain visited the coach which was affected by fire and directed divisional officers to take necessary measures to prevent such accidents from happening in future.

REVERSING INITIATIVES OF BRS GOVT

BRS urges CM not to stop Brahmin Welfare Parishad

PNS HYDERABAD

In a Press meet at Telangana Bhavan, former Brahmin Parishad chairman KV Ramanachary said, "Despite belonging to upper castes, many Brahmins are impover-ished." After KCR became chief minister, he established the Brahmin Welfare Parishad. The Congress government is not paying attention to the welfare of Brahmins. KCR has supported priests every month through the Dhoopa Deep Naivedyam scheme. Revanth Reddy should allocate funds to the Brahmin Welfare Parishad." He urged that foreign scholar-

ships should be released for Brahmin students. "The release of funds for the Brahmin Welfare Parishad should be discussed in the Cabinet. Funds should be allocated by the time of the Assembly sessions. Lower-level employees working in the Brahmin Welfare Parishad have not been paid for the past five months. If funds are not



allocated to the Brahmin Welfare Parishad, we will attempt to meet with CM Revanth Reddy along with Brahmin associations. A new governing body should be established for the Brahmin Parishad," he said.

MLC Surabhi Vani Devi said, "Many Brahmins are very poor. Only KCR has thought about the welfare of Brahmins. In the united for the Brahmin Welfare Parishad should be discussed in the Cabinet. Funds should be allocated by the time of the Assembly sessions. Lower-level employees working in the Brahmin Welfare Parishad have not been paid for the past five months

Andhra Pradesh State, PV Narasimha Rao supported Brahmins. When governments change, welfare schemes should be implemented properly. In the current situation, schemes are halted when governments change. Brahmins possess intellectual wealth but not property. Many Brahmins have settled abroad."

Role of IT cell in crime control is commendable: Tarun Joshi

PNS HYDERABAD

Rachakonda Commissioner of Police Tarun Joshi felicitated the CCTV team of Rachakonda IT Cell for playing a leading role in the investigation of many important and complex cases registered under the jurisdiction of Commissionerate and presented a cash award to the team on

in Medipally police station limits, property case in Cherlapally and chain-snatching case in Bhuvanagiri.

new technological resources.

IT Cell ACP Narender Goud, Inspector

Young Hyderabadi champ secures seat in IIT Madras

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

A government school student has brought a proud moment to Telangana by securing a seat in Mechanical Engineering in the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras in the first round following the results of JEE Advance results.

Pamarthi Shanmukha Akshay, a student of Govt Boys High School, Kachiguda, has secured 5,316 rank in Common Rank List while 1,038 in OBC-NCL rank in the recent JEE Advance examination. Speaking to the Pioneer correspondent, he has shared his successful journey of making into one of the top Indian Institutes - IIT Madras. Akshay said, "I started my

preparation for Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) from 11th



class. During my 11th class, I didn't focus on my studies and ended up in backlogs. However, during my 12th grade, the syllabus was very easy to me and I was pretty confident that I could score good scores in Chemistry and Maths. But Physics is quite difficult to me as I didn't focus on my 11th grade. Also, I enrolled in normal coaching during my 12th grade.'

"After passing 12th, I have cleared my 11th grade backlogs along with my preparation for JEE. During my later phase of 12th grade, my lecturers and Dean helped us a lot. The Dean picked me and my friends from different classes and made us sit together in Naryana top programme. The programme helped us a lot in our preparation. Apart from the programme, my friends helped me a lot and everyone was able to help each other in concepts and numerical prob-lems till Jee Mains. I have secured a good percentile in JEE Mains, this boosted my confidence and I started my preparation for Advance as well. Unlike other students who gave special preference to subjects, I treated all the subjects equally.

Snag: Malaysian flight with 138 passengers returns

PNS HYDERABAD

A Malaysian Airlines flight from Hyderabad to Kuala Lampur on Thursday made a return to the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport due to a technical snag.

Sparks emanated from one of the engines shortly after takeoff. Upon noticing the issue, the pilot contacted the Air Traffic Control for an landing. emergency Eventually, the flight returned to the airport for repair. In all, 138 passengers on the flight faced a little inconvenience.



ATTENDANCE RECORD IN GHMC

Aadhaar biometric system replaced with facial recognition tech

PNS HYDERABAD

To avoid fraudulent practices in attendance, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has implemented facial recognition attendance system in the place of Aadhaar biometric attendance. The facial recognition system serves as an efficient foolproof and cost-effective attendance mechanism.

Earlier, the officers concerned faced certain field-level challenges such as, unsuccessful authentication to staff with faded out fingerprints and the device sensors validating the silicon fingerprint authentications at times. Further network issues during the attendance time lead to incomplete attendance at times. Hence, a pilot project on Facial Recognition Attendance Management System was taken up from January using the .apk mobile application in Karwan circle of the GHMC.

Upon the introduction of the facial recognition attendance system, the

dependency of data network and additional devices associated with the previous attendance system is eliminated thereby removing the scope of manual attendance to staff with fingerprint fading leading to 100 per cent accuracy in attendance and it being tamper proof. Based on the feedback and inputs received from the Zonal Commissioner, Khairatabad Zone on the pilot project, RFP was invited for prospective bidders for implementing the facial recognition attendance system in the whole of the GHMC.

The registrations made can be viewed

at any time in the officers' logins. The contract for implementing the mobile-based facial recognition attendance system in the whole of the GHMC is awarded after finalisation through e-procurement and live mobile application through Play Store is deployed from first week of April Sanitation, Entomology and Veterinary wings of the GHMC

CM Revanth invited to Bonalu festival

PNS HYDERABAD

In a warm gesture, members of the Golconda, Secunderabad and Lal Darwaja temple committees, along with temple priests, extended an invitation to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for the upcoming Ashadamasam Bonalu festival.

The delegation met with the CM at his residence, where they presented him with an invitation card for the festival that kicks off in the month of Ashadam. The temple priests and committee members honoured Revanth Reddy during their visit, bestowing blessings upon him. The event saw participation from notable Congress representatives, including Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, Rajya Sabha MP Anil Kumar Yadav and Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender. The Bonalu festival, a significant event in Telangana, will

commence on July 7 at Golconda Fort, marking the first Sunday of Ashadamasam.

Following the initial celebrations at Golconda Fort, festivities will continue at the Ujjaini Mahankali temple in Lal Darwaja. In preparation for this grand festival, the Telangana government is making extensive arrangements throughout Hyderabad to ensure a smooth and vibrant celebration.



Telugu bizmen in USA honoured

PNS HYDERABAD

Telugu Times, a publication serving the Telugu diaspora in the USA for the past 21 years, presented the second edition of the Business Excellence Awards 2024 to successful Telugu entrepreneurs in Dallas.

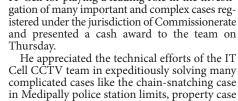
D C Manjunath, Consul General of India, was the chief guest. Appreciating the Telugu community's contributions to the US and Indian economies, noting growing settlements to India annually, he commended

Telugu Times for its service to the Telugu community.
Former Adviser - IT&C,
Government of Andhra Pradesh JA Choudhary recalled how Software Technology Park of India, Hyderabad, benefited IT professionals during his tenure and congratulated the entrepreneurs for their success

and excellence.

The award winners are Srikanth Gaddam, CEO of ERPA, Columbus, Ohio - IT Services Category. Dayakar Puskoor, CEO of Dallas Venture Capital - Venture Capital and Investment Category. Dr Yogi Chimata, Dallas Renal Group, Dallas - Hospitals and Health care Category. Anil Sunkara, Producer of AK Entertain ments, Dallas, TX - Cinema and Entertainment Category. Bala Indurthi, President of Sankar Netralaya, Atlanta, GA -

Community Service Category. Geetha Dammanna, CEO of Dammanna Law, Dallas, TX - Legal Category. Ramesh Gadiraju, A2B Sweets & Restaurants - Hospitality Category. Kiran Pasham, President of Splash BI, Atlanta, GA - IT Products Development



The Commissioner stated that due to the efficient functioning of the Rachakonda IT Cell, the

accused persons are being caught in the shortest possible time in many cases. The CCTV cameras installed in every area are providing strong evidence in many cases like thefts, extortions, road accidents, abduction of women and children in the jurisdiction of the Commissionerate. He sugrested that everyone in the IT cell departs should further improve their technical knowledge and facilitate the investigation of cases by using

Sudhakar and other staff received cash awards from the Commissioner on the occasion.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA FORM - VI PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

(See Sub-rule (1) of rule-19 and Section-11(1) of the Act-30/2013 Special Deputy Callector (LA) SRLIP, Rc. No. B/ 16 /2024 Dated: 30-85-202 Dist. Collector, Bhadradri Kothagudem Procq, No.G 11864/2024 Dated: 19-95-202 District Gazette, Bhadradri Kothagudem No: B3106/2024 Detect: 10-96-203

Whereas it appears to the District Collector, Bhadrade Kothagudem District that a lotal of Ac. 1-07 gts Acros land is required in the Papakollu Village of Julunupadu Mandal, Shadradri Kothaguden District for public purpose, namely acquisition of land for Execution 18th Distributory (Including CM&CD) works) and to provide Surplus Escape Regulator (g) Km. 100.225 in Julurupadu in Papakollu Village o Julurupadu Mandal under Sita Rama Lift Imigation Project.

The families are likely to be displace due to the land acquisition in nil. The Joint Collector, Bhadradri Kothagudem is appointed as Administrator for the purpose of Rehabilitation and Resettlement of the affected families. Therefore it is notified that for the above said project in he Papakollu Village of Julurupadu Mandal, Bhadradri Kothaguden District a piece of land messuring, more or less Ac. 1-07 gts Acres o standard measurement, whose detail description is as follows, is under

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This notification is made under the provisions of Section – 11(1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Act no. 30/2013), to al whom it may concern. A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the District Collector, Bhadradri, Kothegudern District / LAO and Specia Deputy Collector (LA) Sita Rama Lift Irrigation Project, Palvancha or any working day during the working hours.

The Government of Telangana / Collector-cum-Appropriate

Government is pleased to authorize Officer Special Deputy Collecto (LA), Site Rama Lift Imigation Project, Palvancha and his staff (Survey Team) to enter upon and survey land, Teak levels of any land, dig or bor into the sub-soil & do all other acts required for the proper execution o their work as provided and specified in section- 12 of the said Act.

Under section 11(4) of the Act, no person shall make a transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e., sale/purchase, etc., or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of such notification without prior approval of the Collector.

Objections to the acquisition, if any, my be filed by the perso

interested within 60 (Soby days) from the date of publication of this notification as provided under section 15 of the act before District Collector, Bhadradri Kothagudern District and LAO and Special Deputy Collector (LA) Sita Rama Lift Irrigation Project Palvancha.

Sd/- J. Kashalah Special Deputy Collector (LA) Sita Rama Lift Irrigatio Project , Palvancha

Sd/- K. Venugopal Sdi- A. Priyanka Ala Collector & District Magistrate









Private school managements fleecing parents in Siddipet Dist

PNS SIDDIPET

Private schools in the most developed district of Siddipet in Telangana have been collecting exorbitant fees from parents to admit their wards. Thanks to the government officials turning a blind eye, the private school managements continued to fleece the parents unhindered.

The private schools managements have been looting the parents according to their whims and fancies in the name of fees, school uniform, textbooks and regard education as a commercial proposition. They have been collecting fees at the rate of Rs 60,000 for admission to nursery classes.

In the name of International schools, Techno schools, IIT Olympiad, the private schools have been collecting more fees. Some private schools have set up counters to sell notebooks, textbooks. Some schools have a tieup with a particular book shop and the students are advised to buy the books from there. They insist that the students should buy uniforms, carry bags, masks from the

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outlet prescribed by the man- agement. The schools have

been collecting bus fees addi-

There is no control over the very high tuition fees being collected by private school. No matter bringing any number of GOs by the government to discourage schools from this practice, there was no use.

The parents are keen to send their wards to a private school even borrowing from friends or from moneylenders. Taking advantage of the parent's obsession, the private and corporate schools have been collecting heavy fees.

Private schools mushroomed all over the district violating the rules. The government is being criticized for awarding permission to these private schools in spite of them not adhering to infrastructural amenities.

With the reopening of the schools from June 12, admissions have begun in all schools.

Several students' unions have been demanding that the government take action against the unrecognised private schools as these schools did not have fire safety measures, playground and other amenities for

'Modi govt unable to conduct even one exam properly'

PNS HYDERABAD

AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi on Thursday lashed out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government at the Centre, saying it was unable to conduct even one exam properly and sought to know what steps it is taking to prevent question paper leaks in future. His statement comes a day after the Ministry of Education cancelled the UGC-NET following inputs that the integrity of the exam may have been compromised.

The Hyderabad MP in a post on social media platform X' said, "After the NEET scam, now the UGC-NET exam has also been cancelled because its paper was leaked. Security of the country is a big thing, the Modi government is not able to conduct even one exam properly."

Owaisi pointed to 41 cases of question paper leaks that have affected job seekers in 15 states. "A total of 1.4 crore youth had to write/take up these exams... Has paper leak become an excuse for not giving jobs?" he asked.

Collector makes surprise visit to govt hospital

PNS NALGONDA

District Collector C Narayana Reddy on Wednesday made a surprise visit to the district headquarters government hospital and went round emergency, ICU, palliative care, female, surgical, postoperative and MCH wards in the hospital and interacted with patients and their attendants to get feedback on the hospital services. He ordered the suspension of two employees after for demanding money from patients, according to an officials media statement.

If the doctors abstain from their duties, stern action would be taken against them and the government would not hesitate to terminate the services of the doctors.

Shadnagar MLA Shankar launches National Deworming Day programme

PNS RANGAREDDY

Emphasising the importance of hygiene, Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli Shankar inaugurated the National Deworming Day programme at Shadnagar Government Girls School on Thursday.

The event, part of a nationwide initiative, is aimed at combating parasitic worm infections among children.

Addressing the students, Shankar urged them to maintain personal and environmental cleanliness. "Children should always maintain cleanliness and ensure their surroundings are sanitary," he advised.

During the programmr, administered Shankar Albendazole tablets to the students, marking the start of the



Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli Shankar administering Albendazole tablet to a student at Shadnagar Government Girls School on Thursday

stressed the significance of this initiative, which the Indian government organizes every six months, to control the spread of parasitic worms.

Deputy District Medial and Officer Health Vijayalakshmi highlighted the deworming campaign. He three main types of worms—

tapeworms, roundworms, and hookworms-and explained how children contract these parasites through activities such as playing barefoot, eating without washing hands, and exposure to unclean envi-

ronments. She detailed the health issues

caused by these worms, including anaemia, malnutrition, and other gastrointestinal prob-

Dr. Vijayalakshmi emphasized the benefits of the deworming program, noting that taking albendazole tablets can significantly improve children's health by enhancing nutrient absorption, increasing concentration and learning abilities, and reducing the prevalence of worms in the community.

MLA Shankar reiterated the importance of health initiative, urging all children aged 1 to 19 to take the Albendazole tablets twice a year as prescribed. "Health is a great blessing. If children are healthy, they can study well, listen carefully to their teachers, and achieve higher levels in the future," he said.

National Backward Classes Welfare Association president R Krishna speaking at a rally in Hyderabad on Thursday

BC welfare Assn demands increase in Group posts

PNS HYDERABAD

President of National Backward Classes Welfare Association and members of Rajya Sabha R Krishnaiah demanded that the Telangana government increase the number of posts in Groups 1,2,3,4 and teachers' posts for 25 thousand unemployed people on Thursday during a massive dharna organized by five thousand unemployed people at Indira

He demanded that over 503 posts be announced under the Group-1 service. But if the direct recruitment posts are calculated correctly, out of 1600, 783 posts are being filled under Group-2 service. In the case of Group III, out of 2200, 1383 posts have been announced which is more than three thousand while 8500 posts have been Group-4 service quota. In the case of teachers'

posts, about 11 thousand posts were announced.

According to the PRC report, a total of 25,000 teacher posts are vacant. No new posts have been sanctioned to municipalities and in newly formed districts and mandals.

Bringing the youth into the government machinery through direct recruitment will lead to efficient and corruptionfree governance.

The President of the Backward Classes Welfare Society Association demanded that posts under Group-1 Service have not been filled for the last 10 years. Under group-2 service there is no notification for six years. In the notification given earlier, the full-scale direct recruitment was replaced nominally instead of being replaced as per how many people have retired in Group 1 and Group 2 level posts, announced under the How many people received promotions and

Medak MP-elect urges SCR GM to extend train service to Medak

PNS MEDAK

MP-elect M Raghunandan Rao on Thursday held discussions with South Central Railway General Manager and urged him to take steps to build the road over bridge at Yedulanagulapalli and extend the railway line till Peddapalli from Siddipeta and further extend it to Medak via Pathancheru Akkannapeta.

He also urged the railway official to take steps to introduce a train to Tirupati from Meda via Siddipet. He sought railway halt to the Ajanta Express at Vadiyaram and Akkannapeta. The SCR GM



Medak-MP-elect M Raghunandan Rao meeting south Central Railway officials in Hyderabad on Thursday

responded positively to the BJP activists who have been taken under custody by the Later, the MP attended police in connection with a court to argue in support of group clash held in Medak.

TJUDA begins on-duty protest over unfulfilled demands

PNS HYDERABAD

Members of the Telangana Juniour Doctors Association (TJUDA) on Thursday began an on-duty protest over unmet demands. The doctors attended their duties while sporting black ribbons on their

TJUDA president Ch G Sai Sri Harsha said, "The TJUDA has been giving representations to authorities for the past six months; However, none of the demands

have been fully authorities have only sent proposals to the government regarding a few demands, but there has been no action taken to fulfil them.

TJUDA members from MGM Warangal, Osmania Medical College and other parts of

Telangana participated in the protest. The association has put forward eight demands including green channel for timely release of stipends; New building for the Osmania General Hospital; New hostel building for doctors; Revised honorarium for super-speciality senior res-

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District Collector, Khammam.

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French journalist leaves India, claims MHA revoked work permit

rench journalist Sebastien Farcis on Thursday claimed that he was "forced to leave" India after the Union Home Ministry refused to renew his permit. "After 13 years working as a correspondent in India, the authorities have denied me a permit to work as a journalist. I have thus been forced to leave the country," Fracis said on 'X' Farcis was the South Asia correspondent for Radio France Internationale, Radio France,

Libération and the Swiss and Belgian public radios. "On June 17, I was forced to leave India, a country where I had lived and worked as a journalist for 13 years, as a South Asia correspondent for Radio France Internationale, Radio France, Liberation and the Swiss and Belgian public radios," Farcis said in a post on 'X' on Thursday.

In February, French journalist Vanessa Dougnac left India after the government revoked her Overseas Citizen of India



Tripura: 30 girl students fall ill after having meal in hostel

t least 30 girl students fell ill after having a meal at a hostel run by an NGO in West Tripura district on Thursday, an official said. The state government ordered an A Tripura district on Thursday, an unicial salu. The state government Higher Inquiry into the suspected food poisoning of girl students of Bodhjung Higher Tripura District Magistrate Secondary School and Maharani Tulsibati School, West Tripura District Magistrate Vishal Kumar told reporters. The girl students of the two government schools resided in the

NGO-hostel in Indranagar area and had the meal before going to their respective institutions. "Two girls first complained of stomach pain and soon, more students reported the same issue. The students were taken to GBP Hospital," he said. "Food samples were collected from the hostel for scrutiny. We will take appropriate steps if anything adverse is found in the food served to the girl students by the hostel



Delhi water crisis: Atishi to sit on indefinite hunger strike from today

elhi Water Minister Atishi said she will sit on an indefinite hunger strike at Bhogal in south Delhi from Friday noon to press on her demand for getting 100 million gallons of water per day from Haryana. At a press conference, Atishi said she will first visit Rajghat at 11 AM on Friday to pay tributes to Mahatma Gandhi whose path of Satyagraha was the only option available as no water was provided to Delhi. "Delhi

requires 1,005 MGD of water out of which 613 MGD comes from Haryana Since the last two weeks, Haryana has reduced this to 513 MGD. The 100 MGD less water has caused around 28 lakh people in the city to crave for every drop of water," she said. The minister said Haryana has refused to release water and her letter to the Prime Minister also did not help so she was forced to sit on the hunger strike for the rightful share of Delhi's water and 28 lakh affected people



India, Australia, France to work for rules-based Indo-Pacific

PNS NEW DELHI

India, Australia and France have vowed to jointly work towards a free, open, inclusive and rules-based Indo-Pacific amid China's growing muscle-flexing in the region.

The overall situation in the Indo-Pacific came up for detailed deliberations at the third 'India-France-Australia trilateral focal points' meeting that took place in Delhi on Wednesday.

"The three sides reviewed the progress made under the three pillars of trilateral cooperation: maritime safety and security, marine and environmental cooperation, and multilateral engagement," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said.

It said the meeting identified new proposals for furthering the trilateral cooperation, including under the ues and working together



framework of the Indo Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) and the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) mecha-

"India, Australia and France reaffirmed their commitment to advancing their shared valtowards a free, open, inclusive and rules-based Indo-Pacific,' the MEA said in a statement.

The IPOI is an open, inclusive, non-treaty based, globinitiative that was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the 14th East Asia Summit in collaborative efforts among like-minded nations to better manage, conserve and secure the Indo-Pacific maritime domain.

The Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) is an inter-governmental organisation aimed at strengthening

regional cooperation. The Indian side at the trilateral was led by Piyush Srivastava, joint secretary (Europe West) and Paramita Tripathi, joint secretary (Oceania and Indo-Pacific) at the MEA.

The French side was headed by BenoÃ*t Guidée, Director (Asia and Oceania) in French foreign ministry.

The Australian delegation was led by Sarah Storey, a first assistant secretary at Australian foreign ministry's South and Central Asia

Lok Sabha results indicate people's mood: Pawar

PNS ■ PUNE

NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar on Thursday said the Opposition MVA alliance outperformed the ruling coalition in 155 assembly segments in Maharashtra in the Lok Sabha elections, and it indicated the people's "mood" as state polls are around the corner.

Assembly elections are due in the state in October. The Maha Vikas Aghadi allies NCP (SP), Shiv Sena (UBT) and Congress together contested all 48 Lok Sabha seats in Maharashtra and won 31, Pawar said, speaking to

reporters here. The outcome reflects the people's wishes....if you see (voting patterns in) assembly constituencies within these 31 seats, we secured victory in 155 assembly segments.

The outcome reflects the mood of the people for assembly elections," he said.

Saini govt in 'minority', Haryana Cong tells governor

Seeks dissolution of Assembly

PNS CHANDIGARH

A delegation of the Haryana Congress met Governor Bandaru Dattatreya here on Thursday, claiming the Nayab Singh Saini government is in the "minority" and demanded dissolution of the Assembly and holding fresh polls.

A party delegation headed by Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda met

evening and submitted a memorandum to him. Later interacting with reporters, Hooda said, "The government does not have the moral right to stay in power... We have demanded that the House should be dissolved and fresh elections should be held." In the memorandum to Dattatreya, the opposition party claimed that if the present government lacks a majority in the House "unless it indulges in horse-trading or use of unconstitutional means".

"To stop horse trading, which will bring a bad name to the state, the assembly should be

could not confirm if the deaths

On Wednesday, 142 corpses were brought to the Nigambodh

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er than the daily average of 50-60

bodies, Suman Gupta, general secretary of the Nigambodh Ghat

Sanchalan Samiti, which manages

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dissolved. This is what we have urged (the governor)," Hooda told reporters. He said in the 90-member Assembly, which currently has an effective strength of 87, BJP has 41 MLAs and has the sup-

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the Governor at the Raj Bhavan here in the in the minority. According to the Constitution and democratic norms, the BJP has no right to



GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA REVENUE DEPARTMENT FORM-VI See Sub-rule (1) of rule -19 And Section-11 (1) of the Act-30(2013)

Collector/ Additional Collector/ RDO Huzum

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION RDO Huzumagar File No: F / 453/2023; Dated: 29.05.202

Gazette No: 09/2024; Whereas it appears to the Government of Telangana/Collects Suryapet that a total land to an extent of Ac: 1.10 3/4 gts in surve number 237, 238, 249, 251, 270 & 271 situated at villag Bothalapalem Palakveedu Mandal, was requisitioned by Executive Engineer Imigation Division No.3 Huzumagar Suryapet vide No EE/ISD3-HZNR/T0/61 M Dt 22-02-2023 to acquire for the formation o Lift Imigation Scheme from Krishna River near Bothalapalem Villag Palakeedu Mandal to Janpahad Branch Canal.

The said land acquisition for the project is exempted from the Chapter II and chapter III of the LA Act 2013 i.e., social impact assessment (SIA) and Food Security as per Section 10 (A) of Right to Fair compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition Rehabilitation and Resettlement 2013, Telangana Amendment Act

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This notification is made under the provisions of Sec-11(1) of he Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Lan-Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. (Ac no.30/2013), to all whom it may concern.

A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the District Collector Survapet and the Revenue Divisional Office, Huzumage any working day during the working hours. The Government l'élangana / Collector - oum - appropriate Government is pleaser to authorised Revenue Divisional Officer Huzumagar and his staf and work men to enter upon and survey land, take level of any land dig or bore into the sub-soil and do all the other acts required for the proper execution of their work as provided and specified in section

Under section 11(4) of the Act, no person shall make an ransaction or cause any transaction of land i.e. sale/purchase, etc. r create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of such notification without prior approval of the Collector.

Objection to the acquisition if any, may be filed by person rested within (60) days from the date of publication of this notification as provided under Section 15 of the Act before the undersigned and District Collector Suryapet

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People living in K'taka should learn Kannada: CM Siddaramaiah

PNS ■ BENGALURU

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday urged people to take pride in speaking their mother tongue and said it is the responsibility of every Kannadiga to protect the Kannada language, land and water.

He noted that people living in Karnataka should learn nnada and stressed the need to create a "Kannada atmosphere" in the state.

Speaking after performing 'bhoomi puja' for the construction of a 25-feet-tall bronze statue of Nada Devi Bhuvaneshwari on the premises of Vidhana Soudha here, the CM said speaking our mother tongue should be a matter

of pride.
"A vow must be made that no language other than Kannada is spoken in the state. Kannadigas are generous. That is why there is an environment in Karnataka where even those who speak other languages can live without learning Kannada. The same situation cannot be seen in Tamil Nadu, Andhra and their mother tongue," he

pointed out. Calling on Kannadigas to speak in their mother tongue. Siddaramaiah said there is no need to feel inferior about it.

"We also have to speak in our mother tongue. That should make us proud..." he

Delhi sees 22 heat-related deaths in 24 hours

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A total of 22 fatalities due to suspected heat-related illnesses have been recorded at Delhi's RML and Safdarjung and LNJP hospitals in the last 24 hours, officials said on Thursday.

Delhi has been battling searing heatwave conditions over the last few days. It got some relief on Thursday morning due to light

rise in the number of casualties and patients owing to heatstroke. According to officials at the Safdarjung Hospital, 33 patients suffering from heat-related illnesses were admitted. Of them 13 died

in the last 24 hours, they said. The Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital received 22 patients with a suspected heatstroke in the last



24 hours out of which four have died, a hospital source said.

The Delhi government-run LNJP Hospital has 17 patients admitted to its casualty ward while five patients succumbed in

the last 24 hours at the ward, an official source said.

Meanwhile, at the city's main crematorium -- Nigambodh Ghat -- the number of cremations has seen a spike. Officials, however,

operations at the crematorium. The number was higher on

Tuesday as well when 9 were cremated at the city's oldest and largest crematorium. "Usually, around 50-60 bodies

are brought in here daily for cremation. The number has been higher in the last few days. Today, 35 cremations have taken place since morning and the number may go up by the end of the day,"

Sensitivity and inclusivity deeply rooted in our culture: Prez

PNS NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu emphasized that sensitivity and inclusivity are the core values deeply rooted in India's culture and civilization and are measures for the progress of a soci-

Murmu visited the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities in New Delhi. She engaged with PwD children and students.

She also toured the newly renovated Prosthesis and Orthosis Centre, where she interacted with patients and observed the advanced facilities aimed at enhancing the lives of those with physical disabilities.

In her address to the gathering, President Murmu highlighted the importance of sensitivity and inclusivity in measuring the progress of a society. She emphasized that these values are deeply rooted in India's culture and civilization.

'No physical condition can be a barrier to living a normal life when our efforts are inclusive of and sensitive to the needs of Divyangjan," she stated, underscoring the achievements of individuals such as athletes Deepa Malik, Arunima Sinha, and Avani Lekhara, and social worker K.S. Rajanna, who have exemplified how dedication and determination can overcome physical limita-

NEET row: Rahul Gandhi doing petty politics, alleges BJP

The BJP on Thursday accused Congress leader Rahul Gandhi of indulging in petty politics over alleged irregularities in NEET as it asserted that the Centre is looking into the matter "very sensitively" and justice will be done with every

student who appeared for the medical entrance

party also alleged that the Congress is trying to mislead the country by spreading lies the issue "under a conspiracy" to discredit the government's efforts made to streamline the

examination system and also to divert the "link" of its ally RJD with the prime accused arrested in connection with the NEET "paper leak" case in

The BJP's charges came after Gandhi on Thursday launched a scathing attack on the Centre over the alleged irregularities in NEET and cancellation of UGC-NET and said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has "psychologically collapsed" post-elections and will struggle to run a government

Hitting back, BJP national spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi termed Gandhi's remarks as "sad" and said the Congress leader is playing politics on the issue as he has nothing to do with the future of the students.

"The government is fully sensitive and alert with regard to the NEET exam. It is also committed to ensure that no student faces any injustice and strict action is taken against those involved (in paper leak)," he told a press conference at the BJP head-

quarters here. "But the opposition leader, Rahul Gandhi, who could not pass even with third division in his third attempt and got just 100 seats (in Lok Sabha polls) is trying to declare himself leader of the bright students," he charged, adding that after Gandhi's press conference it became clear that there is no "seriousness and maturity" in the character of

the Congress.

'No complaints against UGC-NET; exam cancelled to safeguard students' interest'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A day after the UGC-NET was cancelled, Education Ministry officials Thursday said no complaints were received about the exam but a suo motu action was taken on the basis of inputs available with them to protect students'

Education Ministry Joint Secretary Govind Jaiswal said the details of the inputs cannot be shared as the matter has been referred to the CBI and is currently under investigation.

"No complaints were received



but the inputs we received from agencies indicated that the integrity of the exam has been compromised. The action was taken suo motu to safeguard interests of the students," he said. "A fresh date for the exam will be announced soon," Jaiswal told

The ministry on Wednesday cancelled UGC-NET conducted by the National Testing Agency following inputs that the integrity of the examination may have

been compromised. The decision by the Ministry comes amid a massive row on the medical entrance exam NEET over alleged irregularities, with the issue now before the Supreme

Regular walk effective in relieving low back pain

PNS NEW DELHI

The simple exercise of walking is enough to bring relief to those having a history of low back pain, according to a research published in The Lancet journal.

Following around 700 adults who had recovered from a recent episode of low back pain, researchers divided the participants into three groups - a personalised walking program, physiotherapy sessions over six months and no intervention.

The team of researchers, including those at Macquarie University, Australia, found that the walking group experienced greater relief, with a longer pain-free period

fessor of physiotherapy, adding that the findings could profoundly impact how low back pain is man-

larger scale than other forms of

Pocovi from Macquarie University. Physiotherapy sessions needing

sive equipment can make it "much less accessible to the majority of patients," said Hancock.

However, the researchers were not exactly sure why walking was more effective in relieving pain, but they think it might be due to the gentle movements and strengthening of spine, along with its relaxing effects and the release of "feelgood" endorphins (happy hormones)

'And of course, we also know that walking comes with many other health benefits, including cardiovascular health, bone density, healthy weight, and improved mental

close expert supervision and expen-"Walking is a low-cost, widely accessible and simple exercise that almost anyone can engage in,

regardless of geographic location, age or socio-economic status," said senior author Mark Hancock, a pro-

"Our study has shown that this effective and accessible means of exercise has the potential to be successfully implemented at a much exercise," said lead author Natasha

health," said Hancock

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Pacifying farmers

Cabinet approves MSP for 14 Kharif season crops amid rising farmer unrest, but is it enough?

n one of its first major decisions, the Modi Government has decided to assuage the farmers by increasing the Minimum Support Price (MSP). The Union Cabinet has approved the MSP for 14 Kharif season crops. This decision reflects the Government's attempt to ensure that farmers receive fair and remunerative prices for their produce, thereby helping them cope with rising input costs and inflation. Whether the farmers would welcome it, is doubtful. But it would indeed be some relief for the farmers. The approved MSP rates for Kharif crops indicate a substantial increase over the previous year. For instance, the MSP for paddy, the staple Kharif crop, has been raised by Rs100 per quintal, setting the new price at Rs 2,180 for the common variety and Rs 2,200 for the Grade A variety. Similarly, the MSP for maize has been increased by Rs 75 per quintal to Rs 2,130. These adjustments are part of a broader effort to cover a range of crops including cereals like rice and maize, pulses such as moong



and tur and oilseeds like soybeans and groundnuts. The recent surge in farmer protests underscores the presence of deeper systemic issues that extend beyond mere price support. High input costs, inadequate procurement infrastructure, mounting debt and the impacts of climate change are among the key factors driving farmer dissatisfaction. Many farmers struggle to access the benefits of the MSP due to insufficient procurement mechanisms and delays in payments. Moreover, the cost of essential inputs like seeds, fertiliser and pesticides has escalated, diminishing the net gains from the increased MSP. The pervasive issue of debt, compounded by crop failures

and unpredictable market prices, further exacerbates the financial instability of farmers. These factors underscore the need for interventions that go beyond MSP hikes to address the underlying challenges faced by farmers. While the MSP increase is a positive step, it alone is unlikely to resolve the multifaceted issues confronting the agricultural sector. Comprehensive reforms are essential to ensure sustainable improvements in the livelihoods of farmers. To achieve this, the Government must consider a holistic approach that includes enhancing agricultural infrastructure, improving access to credit and providing insurance against crop failures. Encouraging crop diversification and improving market access can also help mitigate risks associated with price volatility and reduce farmers' reliance on a few staple crops. Strengthening procurement systems to ensure timely procurement and fair pricing is crucial to making the MSP more effective. The Cabinet's approval of increased MSP for 14 Kharif crops, though inadequate, is a welcome development that reflects the Government's recognition of the pressing challenges faced by the agricultural sector. A concerted effort to implement systemic reforms alongside fair pricing mechanisms is essential for the advancement of India's farmers and the agricultural sector as a whole..



People use umbrellas to shield themselves during rains, in Kanyakumar

Forest fires are a grim environmental reality ______



The devastating wildfires highlight a pressing environmental crisis compounded by human negligence and systemic failures



aging wildlife fires in Uttarakhand have made headlines during the last month. These forest fires are a grim environmental reality and also a reflection of human faults in a society riddled with romanticism and unbridled freedom. Adding to this the situation of indiscipline and scant respect for the law, the disconcerting picture is complete. The incidents of resource-destroying wildlife forest fires in the green hilly State of Uttarakhand are due to three factors as obliquely indicated above. These are — faulty living paradigms resulting in environmental pollution, a growing culture of unrestrained freedom among the youth and a weak administrative system that is unable to enforce existing laws. Global warming due mainly to the huge use of hydrocarbon aviation fuels is the big reason for wild forest fires the likes of which are regularly observed in Australia and the USA. The forest fires of Uttarakhand were and prevention. quite similar to the fires in these countries. The naturally growing Chir Pine trees in this State are stated to be susceptible to fires. However, the triggering cause of the fire is atmospheric warming due to vehicular and industrial pollution.

Uttarakhand has a vast belt of pollution causing the pharmaceutical industry of the modern allopathic school which makes extensive use of chemical raw materials. The other cause is mischief-mongering by delinquent youngsters as evident from the news that 3 persons hailing from Bihar were arrested for setting forest tracts in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district on fire to get more social media views. Finally, flagrant violation of environmental protection laws of the land through illegal tree felling and construction practices consti-

tutes the third reason. The sorry fact is that the media provides detailed coverage of such incidents but gives very empirical and glib explanations as to the causes of incidents. It doesn't provide any in-depth analytical reports on such incidents which will throw light holistically on their occurrence Wildfires are a regular phe-

nomenon in Australia and the USA as well as in some European countries. And they are intriguing. Geologists Meteorologists in those supposedly developed and well-

THE MAIN REASON

BEHIND THE OCCURRENCE OF WILDFIRES IS THE PRODUCTION OF **EXCESSIVE HEAT** AND DISTURBANCE OF WATER BALANCE **ENVIRONMENT DUE** TO EXCESSIVE **HYDROCARBON** BURNING

administered countries have neither complete nor correct entific literature dating back explanations for these phe-

But it is not difficult or impossible to arrive at the actual complete, scientific explanations. And that is possible only through the application of the scientific principles expounded in Vedic Physics. Through Vedic Physics, we can understand and explain all phenomena in nature precisely and perfectly. This is because; Vedic Physics provides a holistic exposition of natural phenomena. Its ambit covers the five primordial elementsearth, water, fire, air and ether. This exposition goes from outwardly perceptible physical events to the innermost levels of subtlest material existence. The Modern Physics of Western academia explains physical phenomena only to the extent of measurement of visible, audible or otherwise measurable physical phenomena. It has no concept of sub-nano material entities- mind (Anastasia) intellect (mahatatva) and divinely originating rays (rashmiyan). Also, it has very little or virtually no understanding of ether.

Discourse of our Sanatan scito 15000 years ago unfolds the mysteries of material nature comprehensively. Some of these texts are Aitreya Brahman and Shathpath Brahman. Picking out threads of core scientific precepts from these texts will enable us to refine our living paradigms and technologies in line with Vedic sciences. It will enable us to make environment-friendly construction practices and prevent natural disasters and catastrophic events like wildfires. The main reason behind the occurrence of wildfires is the production of excessive heat and disturbance of water balance in the environment due to excessive hydrocarbon burning. The primordial water element is the antidote to the primordial fire element. Vedic sciences provide all the solutions. Scientists of the Western, modern school have none. We must turn to our rich traditional Sanatan sc tific literature of the yore to bring safety, stability and sustainability to the world before it is too late.

(The author is a management consultant; views are personal)

Benefits of integrating offline and online channels



As offline and online channels converge, businesses must adapt to ensure a seamless customer journey across all touchpoints

xpertise in channel management-as indeed in other fields-can often be self-referential. The conversations on universal principles for the management of the offline channel typically have little or no intersection with those for the online channel. While a number of these principles-developed in their silos-are indeed extremely useful, the consumer is (still) a person. Even in B2B businesses, the key decision-maker is a person or a group of persons.

It is the 'people-ness' of these people (consumers, customers) that creates a case for integrated thinking. Consistency of what a brand is saying is important essentially because of the muchcited phenomenon of short attention spans. However, consistency is not sufficientcondition to get some of the scarce attention that's essential at the very top of the funnel (attention-> interest-> decision-> action, or AIDA, the old marketing reliable). For instance, the individual seeking a new smartphone is probably going to visit a big retail outlet, where they might interact with a brand repre-



sentative and try out a demo unit. They might come across an Instagram post highlighting a new model. If this person is inclined towards gathering information and may have also read some reviews online and watched a YouTube influencer comparing different models. A few years ago, the number of people who have both offline and online dimensions in their purchase decision might have been very small, but this cohort is quite salient now. The challenging aspect in this customer journey is that the last A in AIDA, 'action' (purchase) might happen offline or online. Therefore, segregated structures for offline and online channels are not sustainable in the long term. It is clearly in the brand's interest that offline and online channels are, and online channels not being

Whether this story is of a new feature or a new colour, whether it be a story told in a YouTube video or by an in-Integration of offline and online channels is, therefore, essential for a coherent conversation with the consumer. No smart manager starts with making a case for unintegrated offline and online channels. This situation arises because of some recurring, largely structural issues. The offline channel is often managed through a command-and-control structure that has evolved over decades, while the online channel is relatively more nascent. Companies taking the latter lightly is of course rarely the case now but there's still much to learn about its dynamics.

The narrative of D2C (directto-consumer) models being unviable that has set in among many minds after the boom and bust in the fortunes of D2C startups may delay integration efforts, but will not stop the growth in the salience of online channels. Managerial specialisation is another reason for offline

"telling the same story." integrated. Individuals who have acquired expertise through experience on offline channels are not necessarily the ones best suited to build demonstrator. or develop online channels, but with time this will change. Online and offline channels sometimes end up being unintegrated because of the list (or checklist) approach to channel execution. In this approach channel management is essentially a set of activities to be completed in a particular order. While the list approach is a hallmark of the manager who is strong at execution, it is not ideal for capturing strategic thinking. The choice of a metaphor that represents strategic thinking is essential for the integration of offline and online channels. Interconnected funnels might be a good, safe choice of metaphor in case a manager is struggling to find the ideal one for her context. Structural adjustments and

readjustments will continue to happen, but integrated channel thinking is inevitable, because of its direct impact on customer experience.

(The writer is Co-Founder of Channelplay; views are personal)

HEAT WAVE WORSENS

Madam — Apropos the news story "Sharp rise in heatstroke cases, casualties in hospitals as heat wave batters Delhi," published on June 20, this is my response. Delhi is grappling with a severe heat wave, leading to a surge in heatstroke cases and casualties. Hospitals like RML and Safdarjung are overwhelmed, with numerous patients on ventilators and several fatalities reported. The victims, mostly labourers without prior health conditions, are succumbing to extremely high body temperatures. The newly established heatstroke unit at RML utilises innovative cooling methods, highlighting the critical need for immediate

Daily life is further strained as the city faces record-breaking temperatures, with the warmest night in over a decade. Medical professionals emphasise public awareness about heat safety, urging hydration and avoiding peak sun hours. Moreover, the prolonged heat is exacerbating conditions like lupus, affecting vulnerable populations. This alarming situation underscores the urgent need for climate adaptation measures and robust public health responses to mitigate the deadly impact of rising temperatures in Delhi.

Anvi Singh | Jodhpur

PM MODI IN SRINAGAR Madam — Apropos the news story "Two terrorists killed ahead of Modi's Srinagar visit," published on June 20, this is my response. As a regular reader of the newspaper, the recent developments in Jammu and Kashmir ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit are noteworthy. Security forces have intensified their efforts, resulting in the elimination of two terrorists in Baramulla's Hadipora area. Despite the success, the operation also saw two security personnel injured, highlighting the ongoing risks. In a move to ensure utmost security, Srinagar has been declared a "red zone" with a ban on drone operations. Modi's visit marks his

began, underscoring its significance.

Modi's diplomatic engagements



Aicy under Modi 3.0," published on June 20, this is my response. In less than a week of assuming office as the Prime Minister for the world's largest democracy, Mr. Modi is back where he excels—on the global stage. His visit to Italy for the G7 meeting, coupled with several bilateral discussions, underscores his commitment to reinforcing India's internation-

Additionally, the Jammu and Kashmir today. The Non-Aligned Movement Police have made progress in combating terrorism by arresting an accomplice involved in a recent attack on a pilgrim bus. This demonstrates a proactive approach to addressing security threats. The Prime Minister's schedule includes inaugurating development projects and participating in International Yoga Day, reflecting his commitment to promoting health and unity. The event promises to bring together thousands, emphasising the global impact of yoga

Reyansh Tiwari | Tirupati

NAM FACES MYRIAD CHALLENGES Madam — Apropos the news story "NAM faces challenges of neo-colonialism," published on June 20, this is my response. Churchill's warning that "those who forget history are condemned to repeat it" remains relevant. Reflecting on his 1948 speech, it's evident he criticised the colonial past while paradoxically supporting its continuation in Asia and Africa post-World War II. This paradox underlines the first to the region since his third term complex legacy of colonialism, still echoed

al presence. This trip marks Modi's first abroad after being re-elected for a third term, a testament to his enduring influence and the resilience

of India's democratic process. Despite not securing an outright majority, Modi's leadership is strengthened by a robust opposition, showcasing India's vibrant democracy amidst global democratic uncertainties. His experienced diplomatic team, led by seasoned External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, continues to navigate complex geopolitical landscapes. PM Modi's visit highlights India's strategic balancing act, especially regarding sensitive issues like the Ukraine conflict and Israel's security situation. As global dynamics evolve, India's role remains pivotal, further cemented by Modi's diplomatic engagements and the nation's unwavering democratic principles.

Aarohi Sharma | Jammu

(NAM), founded in 1955 with India as a key player, sought to protect nations' sovereignty from colonial influences. NAM became a significant force, advocating for neutrality and independence during the

Cold War. However, its relevance has waned post-Cold War as new forms of neo-colonialism-via economic and media control—emerge. Recent actions by France, maintaining economic dominance in African countries and interfering in geopolitical issues like Nagorno-Karabakh, highlight ongoing neo-colonialism. NAM's resurgence under Azerbaijan's leadership signals a renewed commitment to combating these modern threats. With Uganda set to lead NAM, it's crucial for member nations, including India, to unite against neocolonialist pressures and uphold the movement's founding principles to ensure global sovereignty and peace.

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G7 SUMMIT AND THE GLOBAL SOUTH

The Summit acknowledged the critical role of the Global South



KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

he recent G7 meeting held in picturesque Apulia, Italy, had several pointers on the recent geopolitical shifts and changing equations between some of the most powerful nations in the world. Yes, the meme-worthy, Pictures of Stares, Namaskars and Parachute Landings, kept the social media alive and brought energy to an otherwise, boring round of meetings and dinners of world leaders, discussing topics of shared interest, the underlining points were not missed.

First, the clear focus of the meeting, as highlighted in the joint communique was Ukraine to send some tough messages to China and other parties working covertly with Russia. In a not-so-veiled message and directly naming China the Joint Statement read "We will continue taking measures against actors in China and third countries that materially support Russia's war machine, including financial institutions, consistent with our legal systems and other entities in China that facilitate Russia's acquisition of items for its defense industrial base. We reiterate that entities, including financial institutions, that facilitate Russia's acquisition of items or equipment for its defense industrial base are supporting actions that undermine the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine. Accordingly, we will impose restrictive measures consistent with our legal systems to prevent abuse and restrict access to our financial systems for targeted individuals and entities in third countries, including Chinese entities, that engage in this activity. "The message to China was, don't keep playing with fire, as one day, it may singe you. It may be worth mentioning that the US has undertaken several export control measures to prevent the transfer of hightech equipment to China, which have dual-purpose utilities, i.e. can be used for making precision weapons as well as cyber surveillance tools. China was the only large economy, (not so direct a party to the Russia-Ukraine war), which was absent from the G7 summit.

Recently Chinese President Xi Jinping undertook a tour of several European countries to ease the tariff-related issues, imposed by several European nations, against Chinese electrical vehicles. While some nations in Europe are committed to the US-led vision of hard measures on China, several others are on the fringe, tilting towards China.



Meanwhile, this G/ summit, in a backhanded compliment of sorts, for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of inclusion of Global South countries in world affairs, reiterated the importance of African nations and pledged several measures to boost the economic prosperity of the region. The Joint Statement Stated "We endorse African countries' call for greater voice in international bodies and welcome the AU's participation in the G20 as a permanent member and the creation of a third Chair for sub-Saharan Africa at the IMF Executive Board in November. We reiterate our support for the G20 Compact with Africa, as a tool to increase private sector investments, promote structural reforms and local entrepreneurship support and enhance cooperation, including in the energy sector." PM Modi who was also in Apulia, as a special invitee, in his brief outreach session addressed highlighted the preeminence of Global South countries. He said "The countries of the Global South are bearing the brunt of global uncertainties and tensions. India has considered it its responsibility to place the priorities and concerns of the countries of the Global South on the world stage. We have given high priority to Africa in these efforts. We are proud that the G-20, under India's chairmanship, made the African Union a permanent member. India has been contributing to the economic and social development, stability and security of all African countries and will continue to do so."

A new world order with multiple voices opining on global matters, at a time when existing political structures are being challenged domestically, was one clear message from the G7 meeting in Italy.

(The writer is a policy analyst; views are personal)

The unseen burden of women's unpaid labour -



Globally, women spend significant time on unpaid care work, limiting their participation in the labour market and affecting economic stability



the early 60s when Canadian short story writer, Alice Munro, who died recently, earned some success, a newspaper ran a piece on her, which had a condescending headline the 'housewife who finds time to write short stories'. The banter fell through Alice and she went on to win a Nobel in literature in 2013. While another Nobel winner in Economics in 2023, Claudia Goldin, explained in her research that a woman's vocation is not always guided by her choice, but, more often by the 'long-standing societal trends', which build a 'cult of domesticity' around her, idealising her role as an unpaid caregiver.

Not surprising that women spend almost 76.2 per cent of total hours, three times more than men, on unpaid care work (ILO). Of all regions, the Pacific and Asia present the worst scenario, with men performing the lowest share of unpaid care work (1 hour and 4 minutes). In 2018, 606 million working-age women expressed disappointment that they failed to enter the labour market because of the burden of unpaid care work, which was the case for only 41 million men. In terms of monetary value, women's unpaid work may exceed up to 40 per cent of GDP in some countries (ILO). Social scientists contend that child-bearing, as well as the age and number of children, more than marriage, impede women's entry into the labour

Women (aged 25-54) face a wide disparity in labour force participation rate (LFPR), which remains only 61.4 per cent, as against men's 90.6 per cent (World Bank, 2022). While, in the lone women households, with at least one child under 6, economic compulsion lifts women's LFPR to about 65.8 per cent, but, it goes down to 48.7 per cent, when mothers live with a partner and a young child, as the 'male breadwinner' syndrome prevails (UNWomen).

Notwithstanding, the 'breadwinner moms' also bear a heavier load at home,



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even if they out-earn their husbands' (Pew Research Centre). While, the 'motherhood penalty' is very much persistent in the USA (Harvard, 23). 'Moms were six times less likely than nonmothers and 3.35 times less likely than child-free men to be recommended for a hire...and are 114 per cent more likely than dads to take a career pause(Mom Project, US, a career-resource platform for working mothers). 'If a kid is sick,.... it's going to be the woman to take time off, because they are paid less, which makes more economic sense' (PNAS, 2023).

While, a report by the British trade union association TUC, said that 'men do not face a penalty as parents at all, rather, athers who work full time, experience a wage bonus, when they have children, earning 22 per cent more'. 'The disparity arises not because mothers actually become less productive employees, or fathers work harder becoming parents, but, because employers expect them to be so, indicating a clear-cut culture bias about gender and work', said Michelle Budig, a sociology professor, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Her research further revealed that on average, men's earnings increased by more than 6 per cent when they had children, if they lived with them, while, women's decreased by 4 per cent for each child they had (National Longitudinal Survey of Youth,

US, 1979 to 2006) In India, childbirth impacts women's entry into the labour context of urban and rural. A study, collecting the Life History

States of Karnataka and Rajasthan, suggested that motherhood may not be accompanied by a penalty in terms of labour market participation for rural women because of the predominance of informal and flexible employment, which are more conducive for childcare responsibilities than work in an urban more formalised

setting(Gautham 2021). The analysis of data from the Employment-Unemployment Schedule (EUS) of the NSS from 2004 to 2012 revealed that rural motherhood wage penalties are close to zero, whereas, urban women pay a large penalty of about 18 per cent of total wages and highly educated women, or wage work, incur a larger wage penalty after motherhood than their less educated or casual wage counterparts(Wilde et al. 2010). However, first-time fathers, both rural and urban, experience no negative wage effects following the birth of children.

The lack of childcare facilities is one of the most significant impediments to gender equality in job markets (UNWomen). A macro-econometric analysis of childcare policies in 18 OECD countries (1980-2007) commented that measures like high levels of employment protection and longer paid leave are crucial for the survival of working mothers (Thévenon, 2013). In 2016, an analytical study (ITUC) in seven high-income OECD countries, appraised that an investment of two per cent of GDP in the care industry, could create nearly 13 market, but, differently, in the million new jobs in the US, 3.5 million in Japan, nearly 2 million in Germany, 1.5 million in the Calendar(LHC) data from the UK, 1 million in Italy, 600,000 in

Australia and nearly 120,000 in Denmark and boost women's employment rate by 3.3 to 8.2 percentage points, as against men's 1.4 to 4.0 percentage points. Subsequently, similar research (ITUC) in emerging economies such as Brazil, Costa Rica, China (People's Republic), India, Indonesia and South Africa, also substantiated that the same amount of investment in the health and care sector would bolster nearly 24 million new jobs would in China, 11 million in India, nearly 2.8 million in Indonesia, 4.2 million in Brazil and over 400,000 in South Africa and 63,000 in Costa Rica.

While, the ILO's recent global 'Care at Work' report exhorted women in regular or salaried that to reducing the gender gap in employment by 7 percentage points and the monthly earnings gap to 1.8 per cent by 2035, a sustainable annual investment of over \$204 billion, an average of 5.8 per cent of GDP per country, should be invested for universal childcare and long-term care services. While, feminist economists (Elson et al.) and proponents of the Purple Economy (Ilkkaracan), vouched for recognising care as 'an indispensable component of human well-being' and called for a 'caring and gender equal economic and social order, by sharing caregiving responsibilities between the State and households and women and

It is high time now that the world fulfils its SDG 2030 commitments and ensures women's economic justice and equality, with appropriate policy formulations and resource allocations.

(The author is former Director General, Doordarshan & All India Radio, views are personal)

UGC set to revolutionise higher education in India

The University Grants Commission has introduced a transformative policy that is expected to align India with global educational practices

he University Grants Commission (UGC) in L its recent decision has allowed Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), which offer programs in regular mode, to admit students twice a year, from the coming academic year. This option would be made available only in those HEIs that intend to increase their student intake and offer new programmes in emerging areas. Earlier, the UGC had decided in its 571st commission held on 25 July 2023 to permit biannual admissions under Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and Online modes in January and July during an academic year. Last year, after the UGC had



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a total of 19,73,056 students who were enrolled in July 2022, an additional 4,28,854 students joined in January 2023 in these programs. That means, nearly half a million students benefited from this decision. It also shows the dearth of seats and the craving

This policy decision will benpermitted two cycle admis- efit several students who espesions in a year for ODL and cially intend to go abroad for in extra revenue to their insti-Online modes, in addition to their higher studies, as in most tutes. Some of them want to

countries this biannual mode of admissions exists for the diploma, degree and postgraduation courses after the senior secondary education. It will enhance international collaborations and student exchanges from foreign countries. As a result, the global competitiveness will improve and will be in alignment with the global educational standards. The biannual universitv admissions will help students who missed an entrance owing to a delayed result or health reasons, as they do not have to wait for one another full year.

Most of the institution heads have welcomed the step, owing to the official directive and secondly as the intake will bring

test the water by introducing work throughout the 12 it in some selected courses. On the other side, some of them expressed concern over the additional space, infrastructure and faculty required to handle this extra burden of students. Enhancing the quantity is good, but the cost of the quality is what some educational Recently, a German IT profes-

sional was travelling from Delhi to Dehradun on a Shatabdi train. He was on his vacation trip to India after a six-month long professional hard work. He narrated how the Germans work, "When they work, they work and then spare a few months to upgrade their skills and also go in a hibernation mode of rest for reviving themselves." Whereas, we Indians, either months of spring, winter, rainy and summer seasons; or follow a lacklustre attitude and take a

back seat. In India, many scholars pursue a doctorate for the sake of procuring a PhD degree after their post-graduation. Whereas, in European countries like Germany, students while pursuing their secondary education develop the flare for a particular vocational course and practice it on grounds. After a while, they return to learn more about that particular profession through higher studies. No doubt, many of them do their PhD in plumbing or automobiles and add value to their profession.

In countries like Germany, education is a lifelong learning process and addresses the

labour market. The learning is procured through adult education, professional development, recognising prior experience, flexible learning pathways and providing opportunities for seniors to pursue personal interests. The ongoing learning and training is imparted through Evening classes, Workshops, Vocational courses and Non-formal educational programs tailored to adults seeking to acquire new

These educational opportunities are provided by diverse entities, including municipal and private institutions, religious organisations, trade unions, industry and commerce chambers, associations, political parties, businesses, Government agencies, acade-

skills or qualifications.

ever-changing demands of the mies, family education centres, vocational schools, as well as media outlets like radio and

television. In India, the recently introduced vocational degree courses like BVoc and MVoc have failed to take off and get the desired results as expected. The adult mindset is different here, as they prefer a white-collar job. But the reality is different. One of the ITI pass out in the AC stream, Mr Khatri, an entrepreneur was recently awarded for his turnover of over Rs 10 crore per year. It is not the Degrees, but the determination and expertise in their profession, that makes a

In most of the developed countries like the USA, Canada, Australia, the UK and Germany, college stu-

dents while pursuing their higher studies work and earn. The literacy campaign and the efforts to bring back the school dropouts in India have yielded good results. The missing link is the flare for a particular vocational course, handson training, experience in the respective field and the confidence to be of their own. A change in the mindset of senior secondary-level students towards their career perspective can make a difference. Adopting the worldwide model of universities is good, but engaging them after this biannual mode of education is what the policymakers need to ponder upon.

(The writer is a former editor and former media advisor to the Delhi Government; views are personal)

EPFO adds record 18.92 lakh net members in April

Retirement fund body Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) added a record 18.92 lakh net members in April, payroll data released on Thursday showed. The addition during the month is the highest since the first payroll data was published in April 2018, a labour ministry statement said. An increase of 31.29 per cent was registered in net member addition during April as compared to March 2024, it stated. According to

the statement, EPFO's provisional payroll data released on Thursday highlights that it has added 18.92 lakh net members in April. Further, the year-on-year analysis reveals a growth of 10 per cent in net member addition. The surge in membership can be attributed to various factors, including increased employment opportunities, a growing awareness of employee benefits, and the effectiveness of EPFO's outreach programmes, the statement said. The data indicates that around 8.87 lakh new members have enrolled during April 2024.



Gold jumps Rs 120; silver surges

Rs 900 amid strong global cues
Old prices jumped Rs 120 to Rs 72,550 per 10 grams in the national capital on
Thursday amid strong trends globally, according to HDFC Securities. The precious
metal had ended at Rs 72,430 per 10 grams in the previous session. Silver prices
also surged Rs 200 to Rs 22,200 per kg. It had settled at Rs 91,400 per kg on also surged Rs 900 to Rs 92,300 per kg. It had settled at Rs 91,400 per kg on Wednesday. "In Delhi markets, spot gold prices (24 carats) are trading at Rs 72,550 per 10 grams, up by Rs 120 from the previous close,

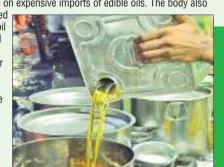
Saumil Gandhi, Research Analyst at HDFC Securities, said. In the international markets, spot gold at Comex was trading at USD 2,332 per ounce, up USD 5 from the previous close. "Gold prices remained positive, as US participants returned from the Juneteenth holiday with a buying sentiment. This was driven by weak retail sales data and lower inflation figures. "Expectations for a rate cut in September are growing, but if any US Fed members hint at a delay beyond September, profit booking in gold is likely," Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst - Commodity and Currency at



SEA seeks govt push for oilseed output boost

dible oils industry body SEA has urged the government to prioritise agriculture and launch a national mission with adequate financial support to boost oilseed production in the upcoming 2024-25 Budget. In a pre-budget memorandum, the Solvent Extractors Association of India (SEA) said increasing domestic oilseed output was crucial to reducing India's rising dependence on expensive imports of edible oils. The body also

demanded the correction of an inverted duty structure on imports of refined oil and finished products like stearic acid that put local manufacturers at a disadvantage. India meets over 60 per cent of its edible oil demand through imports, making it one of the world's biggest importers. SEA also asked the government to not extend a ban on exports of de-oiled rice bran beyond July 31. The new government has included an "Oilseed Development Programme" in its first 100-day



UNSECURED LENDING

Not acting on it could have created bigger problem: Das

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on Thursday said not acting on unsecured lending could have created a "bigger problem", and RBI's actions on such practices have had the desired impact of slowing down growth in the riskier segment.

Addressing an international conference on financial resilience at the RBI's College of Supervisors here, Das said restrictions on unsecured lending were the result of a view that there could be a potential problem in the credit market because of growth in unsecured lending

The overall headline parameters were looking good, but there was "clear evidence" of dilution of underwriting standards, lack of proper appraisals and a mentality to join the bandwagon for driving up the unsecured lending among some lenders, he added

"We thought if left unat-



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tended, these vulnerabilities can become a bigger problem. So, we thought it is better to act in advance and slow down the credit growth," Das said.

He expressed satisfaction that the RBI's action has had the desired impact, as the growth in unsecured lending has indeed

it card portfolios has slowed down to 23 per cent from 30 per cent before the RBI (Reserve Bank of India) action, while growth in bank lending to Non-bank Finance Companies (NBFC) has slowed to 18 per cent from the earlier 29 per cent. It can be noted that on November 16 last year, the RBI increased the risk weights on unsecured lending and exposure to NBFCs, which will make banks set aside larger amounts of capital on such

"India's domestic financial system is now in a much stronger position than it was before we entered the period of the COVID crisis. Indian financial system is now in a much stronger position, characterised by robust capital adequacy, low levels of non-performing assets, and healthy profitability of banks and non-banking lenders, that is NBFCs", said

Indians' funds in Swiss banks plunge 70 pc to hit four-year low of Rs 9,771 crore

Funds parked by Indian individuals and firms in Swiss banks, including through local branches and other financial institutions, fell sharply by 70 per cent in 2023 to a four-year low of 1.04 billion Swiss Francs (Rs 9,771 crore), annual data from Switzerland's central bank showed on Thursday.

The decline in aggregate funds of Indian clients with Swiss banks for the second consecutive year, after hitting a 14-year-high of CHF 3.83 bil-lion in 2021, was largely driven by a sharp plunge in funds held through bonds, securities and various other financial instru-

Besides, the amount in customer deposit accounts and funds held through other bank branches in India also declined significantly, the data

These are official figures reported by banks to the Swiss National Bank (SNB) and do not indicate the quantum of the much-debated alleged black money held by Indians



in Switzerland. These figures also do not include the money that Indians, NRIs or others might have in Swiss banks in the names of third-country entities.

The total amount of CHF 1,039.8 million, described by the SNB as 'total liabilities' of Swiss banks or 'amounts due to' their Indian clients at the end of 2023, included CHF 310 million in customer deposits (down from CHF 394 million at 2022-end), CHF 427 million held via other banks (down from CHF 1,110 million), CHF 10 mil-

lion (down from CHF 24 million) through fiduciaries or trusts, and CHF 302 million as 'other amounts due to customers in form of bonds, securities and various other financial instruments (down from CHF 1,896 million).

The total amount stood at a record high of nearly 6.5 billion Swiss francs in 2006, after which it has been mostly on a downward path, except for a few years including in 2011, 2013, 2017, 2020 and 2021, as per SNB data.

had declined during 2019, the

plunge in customer deposits, while there was a surge across all categories in 2021. During 2022, only the fiduciaries segment saw an increase.

According to the SNB, its data for 'total liabilities' of Swiss banks towards Indian clients takes into account all types of funds of Indian customers at Swiss banks, including deposits from individuals, banks and enterprises. This includes data for branches of Swiss banks in India, as also non-deposit liabilities.

On the other hand, the 'locational banking statistics' of the Bank for International Settlement (BIS), which have been described in the past by Indian and Swiss authorities as a more reliable measure for deposits by Indian individuals in Swiss banks, showed a decline of nearly 25 per cent during 2023 in such funds to USD 70.6 million (Rs 663

It had dropped by 18 per cent in 2022 and by over 8 per While all four components cent in 2021, after rising by

SBI Chairman pitches for tax relief on interest income in Budget



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State Bank of India Chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara has pitched for tax relief on interest income, saying it would help banks to garner savings that could be used for funding longterm infra projects.

Currently, banks are required to deduct tax when interest income from deposits held in all the bank branches put together is more than Rs 40,000 in a year. With regard to savings accounts, interest earned up to Rs 10,000 is exempt from tax.

"If at all some relief could be given in the Budget regarding tax on the interest earnings, it will be an incentive to depositors. Eventually, the banking sector uses deposits mobilised for the capital formation in the country," he told PTI in an inter-

The Full Budget for 2024-25 is likely to be presented by

The Consumer Affairs

Ministry on Thursday sought

public comments until July 21

on draft guidelines to curb unsolicited and unwanted

business communications like promotional calls and text

The guidelines -- prepared

after consultations with stake-

holders, including telecom

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Parliament next month. Given the current economic growth rate, the SBI chairman is expecting 14-15 per cent loan growth during the fiscal year 2024-25. "Normally the way we look at it is that the GDP growth rate plus inflation and 2-3 per cent over that. That gives us the number around 14 per cent or so," he said.

"Hence, 14-15 per cent credit growth depends upon the opportunities available for lending, and it meets our risk appetite. We will be happy to grow at this pace," he said.

As far as deposits are concerned, he said, it grew by 11 per cent last year.

"And we have some elbow room available in terms of excess SLR...which ensures that we don't have any pressure on us to raise the deposit rates for supporting our loan-to-deposit

India fossil fuel consumption up 8 pc in 2023

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Fossil fuel consumption in India rose 8 per cent in 2023, accounting for almost all demand growth, while its share of overall consumption stood at 89 per cent, according to a report.

According to an Energy Institute (EI) report, for the first time, more coal was used in India combined.

EI and co-authors KPMG and Kearney on Thursday released the 73rd annual edition of the Statistical Review of World Energy, presenting for the first time full global energy data for

The report suggests that five key stories emerge from the 2023 data, starting with record



coal and oil pushing fossil fuels and their emissions to record lev-

"Global primary energy consumption overall was at a record absolute high, up 2 per cent on the previous year to 620 Exajoules (EJ). Global fossil fuel consumption reached a record high, up 1.5 per cent to 505 EJ (driven by coal up 1.6 per cent,

oil up 2 per cent to above 100 million barrels for first time, while gas was flat)," said the report. As a share of the overall mix

they were at 81.5 per cent, marginally down from 82 per cent last year. Emissions from energy increased 2 per cent, exceeding 40 gigatonnes of CO2 for the first

renewable electricity generation to another record level. Renewable generation, excluding hydro, was up 13 per cent to a record global high of 4,748 TWh,

This growth was driven almost entirely by wind and solar and accounted for 74 per cent of all net additional electricity gener-

Govt weighs interventions to stabilise rising wheat prices

The government on Thursday said it will undertake suitable policy interventions to ensure stability in wheat prices for con-

After a meeting of the committee of ministers chaired by Home Affairs and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah, the government said it has directed officials to keep a close watch on wheat

Prices of wheat and wheat flour have increased by up to Rs 2 per kg from a year ago, according to the official data.



As of June 20, the average retail price of wheat stood at Rs 30.99 per kg, up from Rs 28.95 a year ago, while wheat flour price rose to Rs 36.13 per kilo-

Benchmark equity indices

Sensex and Nifty soared to new lifetime highs on

Thursday, fuelled by intense buying in market heavy-

weights Reliance, ICICI Bank

and HDFC Bank amid a

Sensex, Nifty scale fresh record

high levels on robust FII inflows

gram as against Rs 34.29 per kg last year, the data showed.

The ministers discussed the position of wheat stocks and prices in detail during the meeting. In a statement, the Food and nsumer Affairs Ministry sai "The Union Minister directed that a close watch may be kept on the prices of wheat and suitable policy interventions to be undertaken to ensure price stability for the consumers of the

country.' It assured that the government has procured slightly more wheat for the central pool than the pre-

Financial sector players pitch for tax sops in Budget to boost capital markets

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Financial sector players on Thursday pitched for streamlining capital gains tax and reduction in Securities Transaction Tax in the upcoming FY25 Budget to boost capital markets.

In a pre-budget meeting with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman here, some of the players urged the government to fix tax arbitrage wherever it

This was the second Pre-Budget Consultation, which was attended by leading

experts of the financial and capital markets sector, in connection with the forthcoming General Budget 2024-25, the finance ministry said in a post

The full Budget for 2024-25 is expected to be presented in Parliament next month. Emerging out of a two-hour

meeting with the finance minister, Arun Kohli, MD & Country Head, Morgan Stanley India Company, said tax policies need to be stable and long-term oriented.

Participants also extended their suggestions on capital



gains tax and securities transaction tax

According to George Alexander Muthoot, MD of Muthoot Group, some of the players pitched for deepening the market and providing some tax incentives.

"We've suggested that since NBFC credit has grown and the RBI has flagged over-dependence on banks, allocation of funds from SIDBI and NABARD could increase for refinancing of NBFCs," FIDC Director Raman Aggarwal said. NBFCs (non-banking financial companies) also sought clarity on GST demand on co-lending and payment of GST on service fees, Agarwal added. Asset management companies discussed issues related to GIFT CITY also and the ways to retain capital with-

recent surge in foreign capital Besides, stable global crude prices extended support to capital markets amid investors looking for fresh triggers, traders said. Rallying for the sixth straight session, the 30-share

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BSE Sensex climbed 141.34 points or 0.18 per cent to settle at a new closing peak of 77,478.93. During the day, it surged 305.5 points or 0.39 per cent to 77,643.09. As many as 2,282 stocks advanced while 1,571

unchanged on the BSE.The BSE benchmark has jumped 1,022.34 points or 1.33 per cent in the last six days. The NSE Nifty rose 51

declined and 128 remained

points or 0.22 per cent to settle at its fresh closing high of 23,567. Intra-day, it soared

108 points or 0.45 per cent to 23,624. "FIIs have been net buyers in Indian equities for the last three days and have bought Rs 12,600 crore, which includes a few large block deals. On the domestic front, the market is consolidating with a positive bias amid strong FII flows and healthy macros. Also, an expectation of a growth-focused budget is aiding sentiments and is likely to lead to sector-specific action," said Siddhartha Khemka, Head - Retail Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

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Govt issues draft guidelines to curb unsolicited biz messages

failing to obtain digital consent, not identifying the caller and purpose, and lacking an opt-out option. The proposals also bar such

communications that violate the telecom regulator Telecom Regulations Authority of India (Trai) rules on commercial messages based on customer preferences.

While Trai's 2018 rules have been effective for registered telemarketers, communications from unregistered marketers using private 10digit numbers remain unabated, the ministry said.

"Do Not Disturb (DND)

registry has been highly effective for registered telemarketers, but the unwarranted communication from unregistered telemarketers and those using 10-digit private numbers remain unabated,"

the ministry said.

in the country, he noted.

The government is "committed to safeguarding consumer interests and consumer rights, especially the increasingly expanding and penetrative consumer

The draft guidelines aim to protect consumers from invasive and unauthorised marketing, the ministry added.

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"business communication" as any communication related to goods or services like promotional and service messages but excludes personal com-

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They will apply to all individuals and entities that make or engage others for such communications or benefit from them, the ministry said in a statement. The draft guidelines classi-

fy any business communication as unsolicited and unwanted if it does not comply with the recipient's consent or registered preferences.

Other conditions that would make a communication unauthorised include using unregistered numbers or SMS headers, calling despite recipients opting out,



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'GASPING FOR BREATH, IT WAS NOT EASY **TO CAPTURE SHOTS ON MOVING BIKE'**

SHRADDHA NEWARE

mbarking on a journey of self-discovery on his motorcycle and making sure to heal the environment along the way, actor Amit Sadh takes *The Pioneer* exclusively through the highs and lows of his travels.

In his recent series, Motorcycle Saved My Life, the environmentally conscious actor documents his journey from Mumbai to Leh on his beloved mode of transport, a motorcycle!

He has been riding for years now, but most of that experience has been a private part of his life.

Combining his love for riding and nature, the deter-

ined actor shares, "My mined team urged me, suggesting I share my adventure, my

love for

nature, country, travel and motorcycling with people. This series is my first step."

Hinting that this is most likely an ongoing project, and that this was just the beginning, he added, "We just went and we kind of tried our hands with

"We just went and we kind of tried our hands with documenting the experience."

He began riding when he was young and claims that riding fosters discipline and a sense of community. He talks to us about how he discovered a big shift in himself after years of living this way saying, "During my early years, I think I used to ride because I used to be angry. Riding made me realise that I was not the property of th

n't furious anymore and that I was having fun."

India, he says, has so much biodiversity that the flora and fauna change every 50 miles. Being brought up in a household that prioritises environmental wellbeing and preaches keeping your surroundings clean from a young age, the empathetic actor has kept his

learnings alive throughout his travels.

While travelling to mountains and villages, he recalls meeting locals whose simplicity touched him the most. "They are conscious of the ecosystem and respectful of nature. I think that's one quality we all can bring to the big cities," said the Kai Po Che fame.

Actor and avid traveller

Amit Sadh embarked on a

journey of self-discovery

Motorcycle Saved My Life. In an exclusive chat with

Travelogue segment, the

travel voyage and some contretemps on his trip.

actor takes us through his

in his recent series

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He advocates being the custodians of the earth and India, urging people to take care of their surroundings.

Travelling to some of the highest parts of Leh, he also described the hardships endured by them as they also had to film their journey. Feeling proud of his team, the *Sultan* fame said, "We filmed at around 17,000 to 19,000 feet, where there is a lack of oxygen and the air is thin. Gasping for breath and not acclimating well, it was not easy capturing a shot of a moving bike. There was a lot of physicality on the line, and everyone from my team chipped in." Braving the rough conditions, he wanted the filming to be raw and not use AI or CGI for the outcome. He wanted to emphasise the truth and showcase their real ordeal.

Talking about ordeals, the adventurous actor shared behind-the-scenes details about his harrowing experience. "I was coming from a village called Kibber, at 16,000 feet. It wasn't dark yet, but the sun had set. I was in my lane, and an Army vehicle hit me! Luckily, 3 seconds before the hit, I had an intuition that I was going to be hit. I did what I could in those 3 seconds, my reflexes kicking in. The hit wasn't direct, but on the side. I suffered some bruises, but my gear and my discipline saved

He explained that a hit like this will affect your psyche and your confidence, and you have to debrief yourself again and again to ride. He further added, "It's an emphasis on riding with discipline, with complete gear and not showing bravado when you are on a motorcycling adventure. Your bravado can cost your life." cost your life.

Wishing to be as real as possible, a humourous actor generally wanted this to be added to his series but promised to not hold back on the upcoming projects.

Environmental concern plays an important role in his life, as he navigates his travelling experience in India and advocates healing our surroundings. "I feel that we have to heighten our awareness. We have to first educate ourselves on how we can make the environment cleaner and better. I am learning to enhance my understanding. Because before you do something, you have to learn. You have to understand where we can get better. I hope this sense of ownership and responsibility comes to all of us," said the *Bigg Boss* fame. He added, "In any travel, journey, cycling, adventure, or hobby, the first step is self-understanding, self-correction, or self-realization." realisation."

His journey from Bombay to Leh captures the diversity of Indian culture, language, food, and biodiversity. Well, as we head towards this chat, he says he wants to put his experience on the camera, real and true!

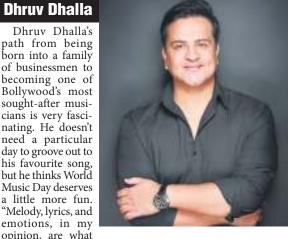


People love music everywhere because it often brings people together and makes them happy. The **Pioneer** is honouring this annual music festival today by talking about music and interacting with some amazing musicians in honour of World Music Day, a special occasion for enjoying music.

SHIKHA DUGGAL

Dhruv Dhalla

Dhruv Dhalla's path from being born into a family of businessmen to becoming one of Bollywood's most sought-after musicians is very fasci-nating. He doesn't need a particular day to groove out to his favourite song, but he thinks World Music Day deserves a little more fun. "Melody, lyrics, and emotions, in my



make music popular in our nation. We Indians have a tremendous sense of melody in all forms of Indian music. The *mithaas* in the lyrics evoke strong feelings in us. For this reason, in my opinion, Nazms and Ghazals are returning to mainstream music. It has a powerful tune and mature lyrics in a terrific way." Folk music and *Nazms* are already ingrained in his way of life. It's cozy music that makes you feel at home. He considers himself fortunate to have such a wide range of folk music. Although each has a unique theory and style of presentation, their core is what makes them all feel at home. A cover of an old, traditional song doesn't, in his opinion, do it credit. What defines a song as classic is how it was written, recorded, and

Fête de la musique

produced in the past. "I consider *Indian Ocean*'s music to be deeply ingrained. They have a lovely way of fusing traditional and folk melodies with straightforward production, which is completely acoustic and has a timeless quality to the music. Even if you have never heard them, you will be able to relate to their sound since it is already a part of who we are. Traditional music is in good hands, with legends like Shankar Mahadevan leading the charge. Every generation will see that art form change as long as it is respected." His father gave him a keyboard pencil box when he was four years old, which was the beginning of his musical adventure. From then on, as each birthday went by, his obsession with music and his wish to acquire larger keyboards only intensified. In the end, he joined his school band as the keyboard player. The band won multiple awards in interschool music competitions when he was leading them.

Nikita Gandhi

"The music industry, in my opinion, is currently undergo-ing an incredibly exciting metamor-phosis. It's an open book and a lot of experimentation is taking place. New artists are emerging, and I think this is a wonderful time to be in the business because there are so many opportunities. I have personally witnessed this over the last few years, as



music has become more and more digitalised. Additionally, OTT platforms are starting to emerge. She believes that due to social media platforms, there are fewer obstacles for aspiring artists to overcome. Having said that, from that perspective, everything new has advantages and disadvantages. As a result, she believes that more and more individuals are creating and releasing music, which presents a difficulty in terms of clutter removal. "Being a well-rounded musician is very important, and we shouldn't take it lightly. The funny thing is that music is a self-thought process; there is no cheat sheet. It's also important to put in the effort to learn how things work. Some important things to focus on are probably good quality music, basic production and distribution of music.

Nisschal Zaveri

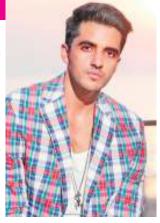
Nisschal Zaveri—a Ghazal singer, songwriter and producer whose songs transport listeners outside of reality has discovered his voice. "Hindustani classical music is deeply entwined with the genre of Ghazals. The majority of other Indian musical genres have their roots in Hindustani classical music. This is combined with ideas of love and longing, poetry and beauty to create a unique style of music known as ghazal. Ghazals are quite straightforward but contain

a lot of depth and meaning, which speaks to people in various ways. Because of this, people still find meaning and resonance in the poetry of Ghalib and Mir, even though it was written a long time ago. People are inundated with information thanks to social media, but they are also exposed to excellent poetry and music that they may not have previously heard or had access to." The Hindustani classical vocalist also highlighted how we do not have the concept of harmonies in Indian music. Our main tool for labour is melody! The skillful fusion of melody and harmony is one area in which AR Rahman, sir, has excelled. Although he has done it in his own way, there are a gazillion different ways to combine the two. Therefore, enhancing the melody with these notions is a terrific technique to appeal to a wider audience. Another approach is to translate the poem into a language that non-native speakers of Ghazal can understand. Give inventive explanations of it, perhaps using mood or animated films. There are several approaches to audience engagement. "People have undoubtedly been exposed to previously unheard music and older "gems" that were not easily accessible before, thanks to the digital age. Rare recordings, unheard tunes and interviews. It's an excellent spot to discover and learn. The drawback is that there are just as many pointless items available. The hardest thing for a musician to do is find steady work and a living wage. On the other hand, making music requires unwavering perseverance and a lot of work. While some may become extremely popular, many people remain dissatisfied. Being a real musician means that your primary attention should be on practicing music as a form of prayer, or sadhana, rather than pursuing fame and glitter as your ultimate objective. Although

promoters were hesitant to do ghazal events because Sufi music is selling well these days, things are gradually changing. There will always be highs and lows, but what matters is how you push yourself daily to persevere," also a tabla player, adds. The young *Ghazal* singer Nisschal started developing the rocksteady foundation of his creative genius at the age of six by training in Hindustani classical vocal and tabla. His musical journey began before he could speak complete sentences! After receiving a tabla as a gift at the age of two, he worked tirelessly to create the soundtrack of his life.

Jashan Bhumkar

"I have an optimistic view, that the music industry right now is a melting pot of opportunity. Digital streaming services have surpassed both physical sales and digi-tal downloads to become the primary means of consuming music. This change has altered how people find, share and make money off of music. Furthermore, independent musicians are increasingly using digital tools to create and release



their music, upending the major record labels' long-standing hegemony. Festivals and live music events are still significant sources of income for musicians. As a musician from India with a strong classical background, I've also noticed that listeners are becoming more receptive to a wider variety of music and we're witnessing a type of comeback for classically influenced tunes like *Heeramandi's* several beautiful compositions or Rangi Sari Gulabi Chunariva."

There is a lot of competition because millions of songs are released annually. Effective marketing and promotion techniques are necessary to stand out in a crowded industry, but they may be expensive and time-consuming. Getting gigs and playlist placements, as well as developing a fan following, are essential elements of starting a career. For artists without prior experience to the industry of the consumer of the consume tise in the industry, navigating contracts, royalties and legal matters may be quite daunting. In his opinion, the best way to go through these obstacles is to be dependable, tenacious and upbeat, or to have sound financial judgment when it comes to your purchases and investments, enabling you to say "no" to chances that don't align with your values.

what's brewing?

Reiterating its commitment to outstanding design and innovation, Bay Window announced its win at the prestigious Design Excellence Awards 2024. This honour, which comes just a year into its incredible adventure, emphasises the significant influence of more than a thousand international designs created especially for the Indian market.





The brand-new Xiaomi 14 Civi 5G smartphone has been unveiled by Cellbay at their Gachibowli

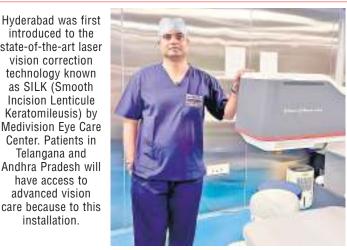
store. Varshini, the anchor for Tollywood, graced the occasion.

models are ready to walk the ramp. In addition to a gorgeous assortment of designer clothing and an excellent variety of sarees, this special event will showcase a carefully selected selection of well-known jewelers from Hyderabad.



Only the second heart re-transplant professionals at Aster Hospitals in a

introduced to the state-of-the-art laser vision correction technology known as SILK (Smooth Incision Lenticule Keratomileusis) by Medivision Eye Care Center. Patients in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh will have access to advanced vision care because to this installation.











in India was carried out by medical stunning display of medical brilliance on par with international standards. A 32-year-old engineer fought recurring heart failure for seven years (2016-2023), necessitating repeated hospital stays. His ordeal ended with a successful heart transplant. A team of cardiologists led by Dr. Nagamalesh U M mobilised to undertake a life-saving heart retransplant surgery after realising the intricacy of the case.





response firm in India, RED.Health, is pleased to announce that it has become the first medical transport company in Asia to receive JCI accreditation. RED. Health is a leader in emergency medical services, with a strong fleet of over 10,000 ambulances that are operational in over

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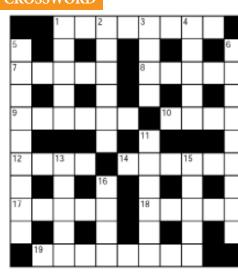
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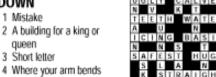
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Biggest stars come together for Kalki 2898 AD's grand event

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The highly anticipated magnum opus of the year, *Kalki 2898 AD* is just days away from its release. Building on the mount-duction for thinking of something like this ing excitement, the film held a grand gala night in Mumbai, truly living up to the immense buzz surrounding it.

This star-studded event featured an unpar-alleled pan-India cast, including legends and luminaries such as Amitabh Bachchan, Kamal

Haasan, Prabhas and Deepika Padukone. Producers C. Aswani Dutt, Swapna Dutt and Priyanka Dutt were also in attendance, adding to the evening's glamour. The highlight of the night was the remarkable gathering of such an exceptional ensemble. Each star shared their experiences and excitement about being part of this ambitious project, further fuelling the anticipation among fans.

Present at the event, superstar Amitabh Bachchan opened up about his experience working in the magnum opus. He said, "To work in a setup where they have gone beyond what most of us have been doing all our lives in this film industry is hinurable. And I really appreciate that they're moving a little ahead of time and making us a part



In addition, Kamal Haasan says, "I always thought it would be fun to play the bad guy because he wanted it to be different and I am almost like saying in the movie whatever I feel like doing. The badman gets to do all the good things in the movie when the heroes are singing romantic songs and waiting for the heroine, where he can just go and do what he

Adding to it, Deepika Padukone further stated, "It's been a great learning experience. It was a completely new world and we went through different phases of discovering what this movie is all about. The magic that is in Nagi's (Nag Ashwin) head

is now here, final-

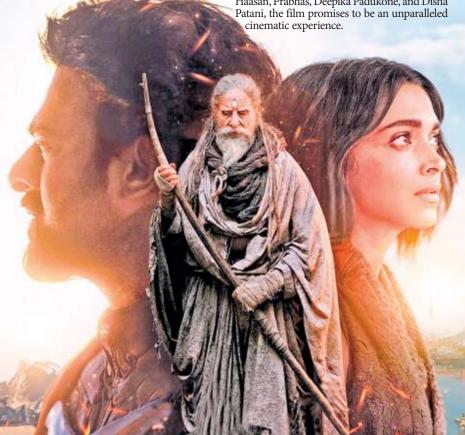
ly, for everyone to

see. We, as actors, have discovered that along the way. It's been an incredible experience, at both a personal and professional level."

Talking about working with legends and sharing the screen with Amitabh Sir and Kamal Sir, Prabhas added, "I should thank Datgar and Nagi for giving me the

opportunity to work with such great legends. It's bigger than a dream. And I don't know what to say. When I first met Amitabh, sir, I touched to say. When I first met Amitabh, sir, I touched to say. his feet. He said, 'Don't do it. If you do it, I'll do it.' Sir, please. I can't even think. We grew Regarding Deepika, I always wanted to work with her. She is someone who can reach such up watching you." Furthermore, he said, "Kamal Sir, when his Sagar Sangam came out, an international level and she is a great actor. It was beautiful to work with her." I asked my mother, 'I want his dress.' My cousin, if he had indulged, had a tummy. And

Directed by Nag Ashwin and produced by Vyjayanthi Movies, *Kalki 2898 AD* is set to release theatrically on June 27, 2024. With a star-stud-ded cast featuring Amitabh Bachchan, Kamal Haasan, Prabhas, Deepika Padukone, and Disha





Sunny Deol joins hands with director Gopichand Malineni for #SDGM

unny Deol will star in Gopichand Malineni's offorthcoming film SDGM, which is billed as "the biggest actioner of the country,' following the success of last year's blockbuster Gadar 2. The actor made the announcement on Thursday along with a poster on X (previously Twitter). "Make way for the biggest action film of the country - #SDGM. Starring Action Superstar @iamsunnydeol. Directed by @megopichand. Produced by @MythriOfficial & @peoplemediafcy. Mass feast loading. Shoot begins soon,'

Sunny captioned his post on X. Neveen Yerneni, Y. Ravi Shankar and T.G. Vishwa Prasad are the producers of SDGM, which is being produced by People Media Factory and Mythri Movie Makers. Rishi Punjabi is the person behind the camera. Thaman S. composed the soundtrack for the movie. Alongside Preity Zinta, Sunny Deol will also feature in Rajkumar Santoshi's forthcoming film. Produced under the auspices of Aamir Khan Productions, Lahore 1947 is the first joint venture between

Telugu teaser of *Aho* Vikramarka out now

Kulkarni's film Aho Vikramaarka, Marathi cinema's first blockbuster-Pan India film, is all set to release soon in 7 languages. The first look and motion poster for this film have

already been released. All of you get ready to watch the heroic story of a brave and determined policeman. The film will be released in theaters in Marathi, Telugu, Hindi, Kannada.

It is produced by Meehir Kulkarni, Aarti Gill and Ashwini Kumar Mishra. Music composed by Ravi Basrur. Now, the makers of

the film have released the Telugu teaser for the film. The teaser has introduced Dev in the character of a sincere police officer who fights against all the odds to protect people from the hands of the deadly antagonist.



Paruvu: Intriguing yet a one-time watch

Plot: Married couple Dolly and Sudheer, who moved to Hyderabad and eloped, return to Guntur for a relative's burial at The couple's families had disowned them because of their different castes. When the pair returns home, they find themselves embroiled in a major criminal case and discover that their connection has made them targets. The series delves deeper into the serious topic of honour killings in South India, with multiple individuals involved in subplots that add to the story's

What lured us in: In the world of Indian web series, the notion of this one is novel. It tells a compelling story while delving into a significant socio-political topic. The terrible reality of India's caste system is depicted in Paruvu, where the main characters frequently engage in violence and bloodshed. It also examines the loneliness that results from rejecting social norms, as we witness Dolly's attempts to maintain a relationship

t Nivetha Pethuraj, Naresh Agastya, Nagendra Babu, Ramesh, Sunil Kommisetty, Praneetha Patnaik, Rajkumar Kasireddy and Amit Tiwari

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Technical aspects: Technically speaking, Paruvu's cinematography is superb. From the start, Vidyasagar Chinta used original camera techniques. The exterior views show how the environment is changing as Dolly and Sudheer make their way to Guntur. They travel along high-rise residential complexes and streets lit by streetlights in Hyderabad's urban area. They travel through unidentified lanes on dimly lit dirt roads in rural Andhra Pradesh. The opening twenty minutes of the first episode cover all of this. As the show goes on, Chinta plays with hued lighting, reflections in water, and dark cast shadows that work nicely with the

Performances: Another noteworthy aspect is the cast's diversity. Siddarth and Rajashekar made an attempt to select actors with less experience in addition to wellknown actors. One such actor is rookie Siddha, who plays a significant and commendable role as a silent character who uses ASL for communication. Despite playing a small role, Amit Tiwari's portrayal of Kalloji

had a strong effect. What we found kind of dull: It can be challenging to keep track of all the characters and plots. Despite the fact that every character is connected, things become very unclear very quickly. You start to get tired of the subplots by the third episode. Although I can appreciate Siddarth and Rajashekar's Tarantinoinspired vision, it's crucial to consider the audience's attention span. In an effort to extend the plot, the final two episodes seem to have been slapped together. The resolution is completely unclear and feels like a complete

afterthought to the main story. Dolly and Sudheer, the primary protagonists, make a number of poor choices that both function as plot

ence to question their judg-ment. The show's idea is actually flawed. Given that they would be in danger, why would the couple even go back to their Paruvu takes a number of artistic licenses that make it

difficult to distinguish between an instructive and poignant thriller and an unrealistic soap opera. Additionally perplexing is Praneetha Patnaik's portrayal of the character Swathi. Similar to Dolly and Sudheer, she makes a number of dubious choices. When her fiancé disappears, she draws hasty conclusions and causes needless chaos in a community that is already in hardship. Her manipulative nature makes it difficult to sympathise with her because she seems to have

no ulterior motive. Verdict: Even if Paruvu is a crucial reminder of some long-standing problems in Andhra Pradesh, the series nevertheless finds it difficult to leave an impression. Despite being intriguing, the numerous sub-plots became tiresome and laborious after the first few episodes. Although some of the cast members' performances and the filmmaking are commendable, there is still more



Megastar Chiranjeevi is proud of his daughter's *Paruvu* webseries

ushmita Konidela, the elder daughter of megastar Chiranjeevi, has made her mark in the entertainment Oindustry not only through her production company but also with her latest web series, Paruvu. The series, directed by Siddharth Naidu and Rajasekhar Vadlapati, has garnered a positive response on Zee5.

Paruvu tells the story of a young couple, played by Nivetha Pethuraj and Naresh Agastya, who defy societal norms and elope. Their inter-caste relationship creates complexities, leading them on a perilous journey as they evade their families and become entangled in a web of crime. Honour killing, a sensitive topic, is explored in a thoughtprovoking manner within the series. Each character's motivations add layers to the narrative, with the couple's actions culminating in a significant crime that further complicates their situation. Chiranjeevi, expressing his pride in his daughter's work, lauded Sushmita Konidela and the entire Paruvu team for creating "groundbreaking Telugu OTT content." He praised his brother Naga Babu's performance and expressed his eager anticipation for the

upcoming season, wondering whether the couple will escape the perilous situation they've found themselves in.

Varun Tej resumes shooting for Matka

fficial filming of the new film has commenced, with a superb cast including Varun Tej. "Back on set after 175 days with new energies and aspirations, ready to bring the retro magic of *Matka* to life!" the actor said on social media to express his delight. He hinted that he began filming Matka by sharing a picture of himself clutching an antique Entertainments.

Fans are counting down the seconds until they see him in this movie. The film *Matka* features G V Prakash Kumar as the composer and stars Norah Fatehi and Meenakshi Chowdary as the female leads. The project is being produced in partnership by Vyra Entertainments and



BREAKING: URVASHI RAUTELA SIGNS CONTRACT WITH HONEY SINGH, CAN'T WORK WITH BADSHAH s per sources, Urvashi Rautela has signed a special work contract with Yo

Yo Honey Singh, where the two of them will have many interesting collaborations going forward. However, as per the same sources, the special clause of the contract highlights that Urvashi Rautela cannot work with Badshah as per the terms and conditions of the contract! We tried getting in touch with Urvashi Rautela to get an official update on the same, but we didn't receive any response from her or her team.

Well, given the fact that everyone knows Yo Yo Honey Singh and Badshah don't share the best of equations, this ain't a surprise for anyone. It will be interesting to see what happens going forward in terms of Urvashi Rautela and her upcoming collaborations with Yo Yo Honey Singh. On the work front, apart from her upcoming grand Tamil movie with Shankar, global Indian superstar Urvashi Rautela has massive projects like Welcome 3 with Akshay Kumar, *NBK109* with Bobby Deol, Dulqueer Salman, Nandamuri Balakrishna, Baap (a remake of Hollywood blockbuster Expendables) with Sunny Deol and Sanjay Dutt, *Inspector Avinash 2* with Randeep Hooda and

Black Rose



Huge fan of Bumrah, don't want thing be changed in his unorthodox action: Ambrose

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urtly Ambrose is a huge fan of Jasprit Bumrah and despite the Indian spearhead's struggles with stress fractures in the past, the Caribbean legend would not want to change anything in his unorthodox action as he feels every fast before the field with a side of this principal of the stress of the field with a side of this principal of the field with a side of this principal of the field with a side of this principal of the field with a side of this principal of the field with a side of this principal of the field with a side of this principal of the field with a side of this principal of the field with a side of this principal of the field with a side of this principal of the field with a side of this principal of the field with a side of this principal of the field with a side of this principal of the field with a side of this principal of the field with a side of this principal of the field with a side of the field with a sid with a risk of getting injured. Bumrah, arguably the best all-

format pacer in the game right now, has had his fair share of back problems and underwent a surgery in March last year. After a long rehab, Bumrah made a comeback ahead of the ODI World Cup in India in November and he has not looked back since then.

The 30-year-old can get wickets in a T20 at any stage of the game and in the longest format, he has the ability to strike with both the new and the old ball, more so when it is

reversing.
In a telephonic interview with PTI, Ambrose said Bumrah should not change a thing unless he sustains a serious injury.

"What I can tell you something about Jasprit Bumrah, I'm a big fan. Right from ever since I saw him the first time. He's so unconventional but highly



effective. And that's what I like about him. When you look at traditional fast bowlers, you wouldn't look at Bumrah, he's so unorthodox.

"He has done a great job for India and still doing a great job in all formats. I met him a couple of years ago when India played in Antigua. He's someone I've always enjoyed watching because he's so different," said Ambrose who is involved with promoting the ongoing T20 World Cup here.

Bumrah's open-chested action does put pressure on his back but Ambrose believes every fast bowler has to deal with risks like that. "From my little experience, there are no two bowlers who are exactly alike. Bowlers may have similarities but they are never exactly alike and we all have our different styles everyone is different.

"In terms of his longevity, in terms of injuries, (for) every fast bowler, there is always risk of being

injured. But at the same time you can't go out there thinking that way. "You've got to go out there and do the job to the best of your ability and whatever happens, happens. The only way he should change is if he, may be, sustains a serious injury or has to re-model his action or something," said the 60-year-old who played 98 Tests for the West Indies taking 405

Ambrose, who troubled the world's best batters with the extra concern," said Ambrose.

bounce he created because of his 6"7' frame, also doesn't believe that the stress on Bumrah's back is only because of his action.

"I've never been through it (stress fracture). So it would be unfair for me to even try to say what to do. I will leave that for the medical expert. I don't think Bumrah's stress comes totally from his

"You can look at Ian Bishop, he had a perfect action and he also had stress fracture," reasoned the cricketer from Antigua.

Too much cricket being played, Test cricket is real cricket

The international calendar is busier than ever before with T20 leagues around the world taking a lot of space. Ambrose acknowledged that the game has changed drastically and too much cricket is having an adverse

"The game has become a bit more commercialised. Too much cricket is being played as well. Players are leaving from one series to the next, there is franchise cricket as well. Guys could get burnt out.

"It's still exciting, there are wonderful players around but too much cricket is being played and that to me would be a bit of a

Lanka away and the three-match

"It's simply the contract, the rules that currently exist meant I wasn't able to have one but in terms of playing for New Zealand I'm not

missing almost any cricket really,

so that was important to me," he

Williamson said he was eagerly waiting to see how the leadership

role of New Zealand evolves in

series against England at home.

Afghanistan fixture.
We have definitely pushed the needle in batting
India were guilty of being too conservative in their approach in the previous two editions of T20
World Cup but Dravid feels the team has turned the tide on that

"We have actually been to be able to push the needle forward in terms of our batting there. Sometimes in certain conditions, you just got to be mindful of conditions also. Sometimes we just get carried away with pushing the needle forward in T20 cricket. "Cricket is a very condition specific game. It's one of the only

Kuldeep will come into play in the Caribbean: Rahul Dravid

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Without giving too much away, India head coach Rahul Dravid hinted at the possibility of playing wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav in the Caribbean leg of the T20 World Cup, starting with the Super 8 opener against Afghanistan. India did not play either Kuldeep or Yuzvendra Chahal in the USA leg of the tournament considering the pace-friendly conditions. However, the conditions are different in the Caribbean where wrist spinners have already made

wrist spinners have already made an impact with Adam Zampa

an impact with Adam Zampa being a case in point. India could drop a pacer and include Kuldeep in the team How tough was it to leave Kuldeep, who has been India's standout spinner over the past 12 months, out of playing eleven in USA?

"It's tough to leave anyone out. I mean all the four guys that we left out in those games, to be honest, are all quality players. It's just that the conditions and what we felt was the requirement in that particular venue made us go with that particular combination. that particular combination where we felt that there wasn't a huge role for spin and it was more of pace more of kind of conditions.

"And we also wanted to ensure that we had the depth on those tricky kind of tickets . So that's what we went there with. You what we went there with. You know, it might be different here. Without giving too much away, certainly. You know, it might be slightly different here. That you might need an extra spinner and then someone like Kuldeep or Yuzi can come into play. They become a very good factor for us," said Dravid ahead of the Afghanistan fixture.

We have definitely pushed the

sports left where the surface

makes such an impact on the actual skill levels, the actual performance levels, what is an

acceptable performance level.

"It's one sport that we play that where the surface makes a huge difference and it has to be brought into consideration at all times. And I think we saw that in the US that had to be brought into consideration not only for us but for other teams as well," said the outgoing India coach.

Dravid expects the wind to be a factor at the Kensington Oval on Thursday, bringing the fast bowlers like tournament's leading wicket taker Fazalhaq Farooqi into play.

"It is not just their spinners, their pacers are also experienced and doing well. Afghanistan is a very dangerous team in this format of the game. They play a lot of T20 cricket and their cricketers are very prominent members of their IPL teams. They have showed that with their performances in the World Cup."

World Cup."
Dravid loves the cricket culture in the Caribbean and is looking forward to the business end of the tournament. He was cheekily reminded by a scribe on India's infamous Test defeat against the West Indies at this venue back in 1997 when the visitors were bundled out for 81 chasing 120 on a treacherous pitch.

" It's also now lovely to come to the Caribbean, you know, come to Barbados, come to this ground which has a great history, a great tradition of great... Country and this region. We've had a couple of days of really good practice. We are ready, we rested, we feel we are prepared."

T20 WC: England batters look to tame strong South **African bowling**

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m f}$ their authoritative win against the West Indies is a sign, England batters seemed to have found their cloak of invincibility at the right time and they will eye an encore against a formidable South African bowling unit in a Group-2 match of the T20 World Cup Super 8s here on Friday.

England were at their menacing best against the Windies, while handing them a crushing eight-wicket defeat here that has also fired them to the top of the group through a better Net Run Rate -- +1.34 against SA's

That the winner here will have their one foot in the semifinals of this ICC showpiece will come as an additional motivation.

South Africa, on the other hand, suffered a scare from the USA before they squeezed out an 18-run win in their Super Eight opener. English opener Phil Salt showed why he is the No. 2 T20I batter in the world when he steered a tricky 181-run chase, mixing caution and aggression en route an unbeaten 87.

Salt would once again look to give England an explosive start along with his skipper Jos Buttler, who will be eyeing some runs under his

Buttler, who scored a 42 in their loss to Australia in the group stage, has not been able to convert his starts with just 91 runs from four innings.

The return to form of Jonny Bairstow, who struck a crucial 48 not out against the West Indies, will also be a big boost for England.

My priority is playing for NZ, even though **SA20** is exciting: Kane Williamson

wickets.

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Kane Williamson said the intention to play in next year's SA20 was the catalyst behind him declining the New Zealand central contract, but reaffirmed his contract, but reaffirmed his commitment to play for his country in all three formats outside of the T20 league.

The SA20 is scheduled between January 9 and February 8, 2025, which clashes with the dates of the

Super Smash in New Zealand. As per NZ rules, a player has to play in Super Smash if they are not

on an international assignment to be eligible for a central contract. "I want to play as long as I can. There's a number of great

SA20 looks really exciting. SA20 looks really exciting. Unfortunately, it meant turning down a central contract," Williamson told reporters upon his arrival in New Zealand from the T20 World Cup, where his side failed to enter the Super Eight

Consequently, Williamson had also stepped down from the Kiwis' captaincy in white-ball formats but the elegant right-hander insisted that his international career was far from over.
"My priority still is, absolutely, playing for New Zealand. Think I

might miss maybe a handful of games over a three-week period," he added.

It meant that Williamson would competitions during that time, but miss the ODI and T20I series



against Sri Lanka in January next

But he will be available for the one-off Test against Afghanistan in September, besides the WTC matches against India and Sri

white ball formats. "I've really, really enjoyed my time

captaining and it's been a privilege and an honour to do that for a number of years. "I'm excited with what's next for

the team in terms of the leadership as well and looking forward to being part of that," he added.

Salt assault leads England to smooth eight-wicket win over WI

PTI GROS ISLET (SAINT LUCIA)

Opener Phil Salt slammed a belligerent unbeaten 87 as defending champions England began their T20 World Cup Super Eights campaign with a crushing eight-wicket win over cohosts West Indies here.
Coming off a scorching

display against Afghanistan, West Indies amassed a competitive 180 for four, but England waltzed to 181 for two in 17.3 overs in their Group 2 match.

Salt led the Three Lions' charge with a bruising innings that came off 47 balls with seven fours and five sixes. The right-hander received copious help from Jonny Bairstow (48 not out, 26b, 5x4, 2x6).

But equal amount of credit should be given to the English bowlers for producing as many as 51 dot balls with Jofra Archer (1/34) and Adil

22 of them in their tidy spells after Jos Buttler opted to

Their win with 15 balls to spare took the net run-rate of England to 1.343, putting them ahead of South Africa who posted a win over tournament co-hosts USA earlier on Wednesday.

"That's a really good performance from us, we executed well with both bat and ball. I thought we bowled really well to restrict such a powerful batting line-up, still we had to chase it down, but smart play from us. The partnership between Salt and Bairstow was great," England skipper Jos Buttler said.

WI now have a negative NRR -1.343 which may be a worry for them as they will have two must win matches against the USA and South Africa coming their way.
"When you look from the

batting perspective, we were 15-20 runs short. We could Rashid (1/21) accounting for have given a better display



with the ball," felt WI skipper Rovman Powell.

On Brandon King's injury, Powell said: "Just a bit worried, but hopefully, he can pull through for the next game."

Salt made full use of his reprieve by Nicholas Pooran on seven to cart the Windies bowlers around in the company of Bairstow as the Englishmen together milked

97 runs from 44 balls for the unird wicket, while negotiating the hosts' spin attack in the middle overs. wicket, After a sedate start, England broke loose in the second over

when Buttler struck two boundaries off Romario Sheperd to take 12 runs. Akeal Hosein created an early chance but Pooran's drop proved costly as Salt began his destruction job, hammering an Andre Russell slower one for a six. The duo continued their

assault and Salt finished the power play smashing Alzarri loseph for a four and a six to lift England to 58 for no loss in six overs, the best powerplay score by any team against the Caribbeans in this tournament.

Off-spinner Roston Chase Off-spinner Roston Chase finally gave the breakthrough when he noticed Buttler stepping forward and speared in a 108.9 kph delivery to catch him off guard. The ball hit him hard and low on the front pad to be trapped leg before before In that period, England lost

two wickets in 15 balls. Just when he was looking dangerous, Moeen Ali (13; 10b) was dismissed by Russell by a smart change of bowling by the Windies skipper. Salt too started slowing down and England, at 111/2, needed

70 runs from 42 balls. But Bairstow upped the ante,

Hosein to swing the momentum.

Buttler smashed Joseph for back-to-back four and six, and in the next over hammered Hosein for two fours and one six.

From thereon, Salt killed the contest, hitting three sixes and three fours in a 30-run 16th over bowled by Romario Shepherd.

Earlier, Windies got off to a splendid start as Brandon King and Johnson Charles opened with authority. The pair had Windies flying at 40 for no loss in the fifth over, before they were hit with a cruel blow.

Attempting to drive Sam Curran down the ground, King (23; 13b) picked up what appeared to be a side strain and had to retire hurt.

The in-form Pooran joined Charles at the crease, lifting them to 54 in the power-play Pooran smoked Mark Wood for a leg-side six to start the

smashing Alzarri Joseph and eighth over, but England Hosein to swing the managed to tighten the screws after the drinks. That was the final boundary

before the mid-innings break. Charles then ended a brief lull by smashing Rashid for a six. But in the next over, England struck with Moeen Ali dismissing Charles (38; 34b), who holed out to Harry Brook at long-on. Captain Powell took on off-

spinner Ali with a maximum and went on to smash Liam Livingstone for three sixes in five balls in a 20-run over. But Livingstone had the last laugh, picking up the crucial wicket of Powell (36 off 17) off his last delivery.

The English found some fight in the final five overs. Archer found the edge of Pooran's bat, as the heavy hitter removed for 36 off 32. Rutherford then dominated the strike in the last few overs to lift their total but that was

C: Australia need all-round effort against tricky Bangladesh

PTI ■ NORTH SOUND (ANTIGUA)

It's a mismatch on paper but title-favourites Australia would be wary of slipping on the proverbial banana peel that Bangladesh can be when the two teams can be when the two teams clash in their Super Eight, Group 1, match of the T20 World Cup here on Friday. Australia, champions of the 2021 edition of the tournament, will be mindful of the dangers of taking

Bangladesh lightly.
The supremely confident team from Down Under was humbled 1-4 by the South Asians in a T20 International series in 2021, and any laxity can be severely punished in conditions here that have close resemblance to the sub-continent.

Australian an perspective, it might bring Super Eight stage.

increased onus on leg-spinner Adam Zampa and part-timers such as Glenn Maxwell and Travis Head. Keeping in mind the inherent slowness of the pitch here, the Aussies might also mull retaining left-arm

spinner Ashton Agar, who is a handy bat too, from their last group match against Scotland. But irrespective of the conditions or nature of the pitch, Australia's real strength lies in its pacers --Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc and Josh Hazlewood -- who

are persistently nagging.
Cummins and Hazlewood are set to return for this match after sitting out of the Scotland game.

The Aussies have also received a boost as captain Mitchell Marsh has declared himself fit to bowl in the



"I'll be available to bowl. With the line-up that we've got, I don't really necessarily see a need for me to bowl. "But I think it's really important in this format to have options and we're blessed with plenty of those," said Marsh in the pre-match

press conference. Not just in bowling, Australia carry heavy guns through their batting line-up as well.

Their top-six consisting of Head, David Warner, Marsh, Maxwell, Marcus Stoinis and Tim David can be a threat to any bowling line-up in the world.

All of them have chipped in with runs at various stages of this ICC showpiece, and now they will eye a collective

Bangladesh will hope that their assortment of clever and experienced T20 bowlers like Mustafizur Rahman, Shakib Al Hasan, Mahmudullah and Taskin Ahmed can deliver against the Australian batters. However, Bangladesh's real problem lies in a rickety

batting line-up. The batters are experienced as any of their counterparts in the T20 format, but in this tournament, they have not really joined the party.
They stuttered through the

group stage matches, and the highest total they could post was 159 for five against Netherlands.

Their other totals were 125/8, 109/7 (both while chasing against Sri Lanka and South Africa respectively), and 106 while batting first against Nepal. So, there is a need for them to find their rhythm against a storied opponent.

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not enough for them.

Australia: Mitchell Marsh (c), Ashton Agar, Pat Cummins, Tim David, Nathan Ellis, Cameron Green, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Glenn Maxwell,

Mitchell Starc, Marcus Stoinis, Matthew Wade, David Warner, Zampa. Travelling Reserves: Jake Fraser-McGurk, Matt Short.

Bangladesh: Hossain Shanto (c), Taskin Ahmed, Litton Das, Soumya Sarkar, Tanzid Hasan Tamim, Shakib Al Hasan, Tawhid Hridoy, Mahmud Ullah Riyad, Jaker Ali Anik, Tanvir Islam, Shak Mahedi Hasan, Rishad Hossain, Mustafizur Rahman, Shoriful Islam, Tanzim Hasan Sakib. Travelling Afif Hossain,

reserves:

Hasan Mahmud.