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A government doctor at Aligarh's Deen Dayal hospital was arrested on Wednesday on charges of molesting and attempting to rape a 25-year-old woman...



FAKE NEWS: AMITABH BACHCHAN DENIES REPORTS OF TESTING NEGATIVE

Megastar Amitabh Bachchan on Thursday dismissed reports that he has tested negative for coronavirus and called the piece of news 'an incorrigible lie'.



AFRICAN-ORIGIN SIDDI TRIBAL ELATED ON BECOMING K'TAKA LAWMAKER

Shantharam Budna Siddi, a 55-year-old African-origin Siddi tribal, is elated on being nominated as a Karnataka Legislative Council (MLC) member by Governor Vajubhai Vala.



GOVT MAKES E-INVOICING OF GST COMPULSORY FROM OCTOBER 1

The government proposes to roll out compulsory e-invoicing of GST from October 1, but has decided to raise the threshold to exempt smaller entities from this compliance.



Need of hour to jointly bear Covid burden: HP CM

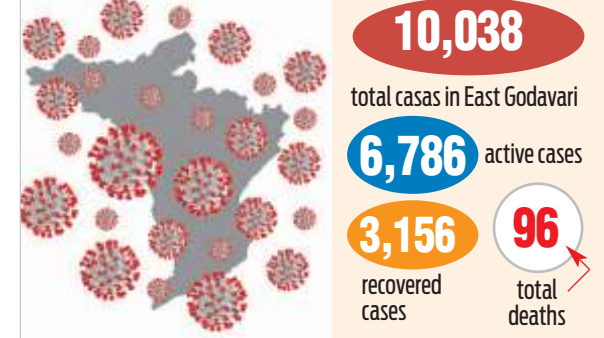
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State records 7,998 cases, 61 casualties in 24 hours

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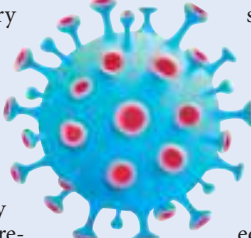
A staggering 7,998 fresh Covid-19 cases and 61 casualties were added in a day in Andhra Pradesh on Thursday...



Man tests positive, wife denied entry into her home

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In yet another incident of social boycott fearing the Covid spread, residents of Alcot Gardens in Rajahmundry locked the house of a woman...



The house owner didn't allow her to stay in the rented house. With this she went to her own house at Alcot Gardens...

Groom tests positive hours before marriage

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While it's said that marriages are made in heaven, nowadays, it appears that the time they are solemnised is dependent on Coronavirus.

Playing havoc with his marriage plans, a 28-year-old youth tested positive for Covid-19 hours before his wedding at his hometown Kothapeta village in East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh.



The groom tied a knot with his girlfriend from Villakuru village of East Godavari district, but the...

Rethink 3-capital decision, Pawan Kalyan advises Jagan

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Playing the roles of both the good cop and the bad cop, Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan on Thursday praised and criticised Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy...

The community is the state Home Minister. The Jagan government has failed to protect the weaker sections, the actor-politician said. 'The farmers of Amaravati have my complete support,' he said.



HC notice to Centre, AP on 3-capital plea

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The Andhra Pradesh High Court, which has been hearing a batch of petitions opposing the trifurcation of the state capital, on Thursday admitted yet another petition which argued that the location of the capital city of the state comes under the purview of the Centre.



The petition of the court bundle is not complete and that they will be adjourning the matter by one week for the registry to paginate and the matters to be heard on August 6 for the completion, the bench hearing the petition said.

SpiceJet lifts 1,500 Indian students from Kyrgyzstan

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

SpiceJet on Thursday said it will operate nine charter flights in association with Bollywood actor Sonu Sood to repatriate over 1,500 Indian students from Kyrgyzstan during the next two months.

'SpiceJet operated the first charter flight from Bishkek (capital of Kyrgyzstan) to bring back 135 students to their hometown of Varanasi today,' the airline said in a press release.

Order issued for permanent commission of women officers

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The Ministry of Defence has issued an order for grant of Permanent Commission to women officers in the Army.



In a landmark judgement, the apex court in February had directed that all serving women officers recruited under the Short Service Commission (SSC) scheme will have to be considered for Permanent Commission.

Ayodhya temple to get bigger, taller, more magnificent

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The proposed Ram temple in Ayodhya will now be bigger and taller in size. According to Nikhil Sompura, an architect and son of C. Sompura, chief architect of the temple...

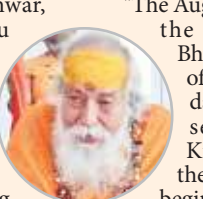


The construction will begin after a grand ground-breaking ceremony on August 5 and for this, invitations have also been sent to the Prime Minister's Office and other VIPs.

Shankaracharya objects to 'Bhoomi Pujan Mahurat'

PNS ■ VISAKHAPATNAM

The Jyotishpeethadheswar and Dwarka Shradhapithadheswar, Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swamiji Swaroopanand Saraswati has questioned the 'muhurat' of August 5 for laying the foundation stone of the Ram temple.



The Shankaracharya said generally good work is initiated in the 'Uttam Kaal' section of the Hindu calendar.

Krishna Das gains in reshuffle of portfolios

PNS ■ VISAKHAPATNAM

The Andhra Pradesh Cabinet underwent a minor reshuffle on Thursday, after portfolios were allocated to newly sworn-in ministers Chelluboina Srinivasa Venugopala Krishna and Dr Sridhar Appalaraju.

Dharmanna Krishna Das, who earlier was Roads and Buildings minister, was promoted as Deputy Chief Minister and allocated the Revenue, Registrations and Stamps portfolio.



UK welcomes efforts by India, China to de-escalate tension in Ladakh

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Monetisation by RBI has a cost: Rajan

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# This round to Pilot

SC says disqualification can't be based on dissent, asks why Speaker approached court when he should be neutral



Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot may have been a tad too offensive in seeking the court's intervention to deter his one-time deputy Sachin Pilot from challenging the disqualification notice sent to him and his loyalist MLAs under the anti-defection law.

"Assume a leader has lost the faith of persons. While remaining in the party, they cannot be disqualified. Then this will become a tool and no one can raise their voice. The voice of dissent in a democracy cannot be suppressed like this," said Justice AK Mishra as the top court refused to stop a High Court verdict on a petition by 19 rebel Congress MLAs, challenging their disqualification notices.

As Gehlot continues to prepare a back-up plan and publicly deride Pilot, it would have been better if he had accommodated him as shrewdly and continued his chief ministership. Now, it looks like he is the one impatient instead of Pilot.

# The Rafale arrives

India's long tradition of French fighter jets continues. The game-changer aircraft will boost our capabilities



In 1953, newly independent and democratic India placed a large order for fighter jets. The contract didn't go to the British. Instead, India ordered 70 Dassault Ouragan aircraft from France and a strange love affair developed between Indian fighter jocks and French jets.

The Rafale is a dramatic step up for the IAF. With its supreme weaponry and electronic warfare capabilities, it is far superior to anything that either of the troublesome twosome on India's eastern and western border have.

# opinion Farewell, my Queen

The Boeing 747 is being withdrawn from passenger service. It changed aircraft design, made flying affordable and pushed airports to improve their facilities



KUSHAN MITRA



The British Airways' announcement that it is going to retire its fleet of Boeing 747s from commercial passenger services hit many aviation fans pretty hard.

Air India withdrew the jumbo flight's operations a couple of years ago but has been using it for some Haj and Ummah-related duties.

The global aviation industry is in a meltdown after the Wuhan virus laid waste to the global economy. Global aviation was a primary vector in the spread of the virus and many nations sealed their land borders.

Many airlines have read the writing on the wall and they understand that even if a solution, such as a vaccine to this accursed pestilence is found, traffic will not recover for months, maybe even years.

While cargo variants of the 747 are still flying in great numbers, both those built at the Boeing factory outside Seattle, Washington, and those planes converted from passenger operations to freight, have halted operations.

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The last convoy carrying fuselage and wing sections of the A380 has reached the final assembly line in Toulouse and the aircraft will be completed in a couple of months.

The Airbus A380 line will close soon as the last nine planes are prepared for delivery. In the 15 years since the factory opened its doors, a mere 251 entered commercial service.

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There was an aesthetic beauty in the 747, which the A380 simply does not have. The latter is functional but not pretty.

The last time I did that was on a British Airways evening service from Chicago O'Hare to London Heathrow.

While it will be interesting to

see what happens to these airlines, even Indian ones, in the aftermath of the Chinese contagion, international air travel, too, has changed.

A decade ago, a non-stop flight to and fro from India to the US was just about possible with a load of penalties.

Before the pandemic started, both Air India and United Airlines had non-stop services between the two cities, 15 hours from take-off to touchdown.

747, none of this would have happened. The 747 made large-scale international commercial travel viable; it democratized travel in a way that was previously unimaginable.

The 747 made flying affordable; it made global airports improve their facilities, jetbridges that connect planes to the terminal became a standard feature at airports as did massive automated baggage handling.

It is the development of the high bypass turbofan, which literally sips fuel compared to older engines, that led to the creation of all modern planes such as the Boeing 777, which has the largest engine in commercial service.

(The writer is Managing Editor, The Pioneer)

## SOUNDBITE

PM Modi is 100 per cent focussed on building his image. India's captured institutions are busy doing this task. One man's image is not a substitute for a national vision.

Congress leader —Rahul Gandhi



There's the knowing smile. Not because I know things for sure...but mostly because I am at peace with the idea of not knowing...what's important will reveal itself at the right time...

Actor —Sushmita Sen



The Trump administration has maintained close contact and tremendous cooperation with India on the latest Chinese border aggression.

US Ambassador to India —Ken Juster



If you take racism and discrimination in the world, one of the most important things is to teach your children history as it should be and not the sanitised version of it.

Former Sri Lanka captain —Kumar Sangakkara



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Some succour

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "A glimmer of hope" (July 22). The news that early stage clinical trials of the Oxford University COVID-19 vaccine have proved that it is safe and induces an immune response gives the world hope at a time when we are facing one of the deadliest pandemics in history.

Though more tests have to be done before it is made available for the public, there is hope for mankind even as the pandemic has already claimed more than six lakh lives and infected millions of people around the globe.

The human trials will be done in August and a confirmed analysis will be possible by October/November, according to the firm. If everything

### Oxford vaccine promising but let's be real

This refers to the editorial, "A glimmer of hope" (July 22). With 15 million cases and six lakh deaths globally, biomedical companies are under tremendous pressure to deliver a safe and effective vaccine for Coronavirus.

Though some euphoria is justified, yet we must understand that vaccine development is a lengthy and painful process. Even the vast amount of data from clinical



SK Prabhakar Gurugram

goes well, the vaccine will be ready by December. Let us hope this vaccine and others, that are also being tested, put an end to the mental and physical misery of the people.

M Pradyu Kannur

### Futile exercise

Sir — This refers to the article, "Leave Lutyens alone" (July 21) by Yashovardhan Azad. The writer is right to raise alarm over the Government's plan to

restructure the Lutyens' zone. Parts of this area have maintained a distinctive architectural heritage and urban character.

Rati Jain Via email

Instead of getting a facelift, the large open spaces may get obliterated. Many beautiful buildings in the Lutyens' zone add grace and charm to the city.

### Devendra Khurana Bhopal

### Adapt to changes

Sir — The pandemic has led to several changes. But the judicial system has found it difficult to adapt to changing times.

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## 'NO NEPOTISM IN TOLLYWOOD, IT'S DEMAND & SUPPLY'

A friend, brother, villain, comedian — actor Brahmagi has played it all in his 25-year-long career in Telugu cinema and has become one of the most sought-after character artistes now. The 55-year-old actor speaks to K RAMYA SREE about nepotism, the reason for not succeeding as a hero, and more...

**A**lthough we have hundreds of character artistes in the Telugu cinema, there are only a few who gained the same love and support that the audience would give to protagonists. One such artist is Brahmagi. With hundreds of films to his credit, the actor is one of the most loved character artistes in the TFL.

Speaking about his entry to films, Brahmagi, who made his debut in the industry in 1995 said, "I came to Hyderabad after I joined a film institute here. Until then I was studying in Eluru. My father who happens to be a *tahsildar* had many transfers, so my entire childhood had us traveling from one place to another."

Brahmagi played several characters, including negative shades, but isn't considered a typical hero. Krishna Vamsi, a dear friend of Brahmagi, launched him as a hero in his film *Sindhooram* but the film tanked at the box office. When asked why he couldn't succeed as a hero he said, "Only a few are lucky. I didn't even

think of becoming a hero. Krishna Vamsi wanted to make me a hero but it didn't work out. I didn't take my failure as a hero seriously. I'm happy as a character artist and I'm leading a comfortable life. If you ask me, with present competition among heroes, the life of a character artist is way better than that of a hero because every Friday is a war. If a hero does one film in six months, we as character artistes can do about five to six films. We have more interaction with the audience."

Brahmagi who brings with him over 25 years of experience in the film industry feels nepotism doesn't exist in the field of art. "Many outsiders are doing well in the industry, see for instance Naveen Polishetty, Nani, Vijay Deverakonda and many more. These people are extremely talented, hence they are surviving the tough competition here. Entry for heroes coming with a background might be easy but sustaining here is difficult. For example, only one son among three sons coming with a background in the indus-

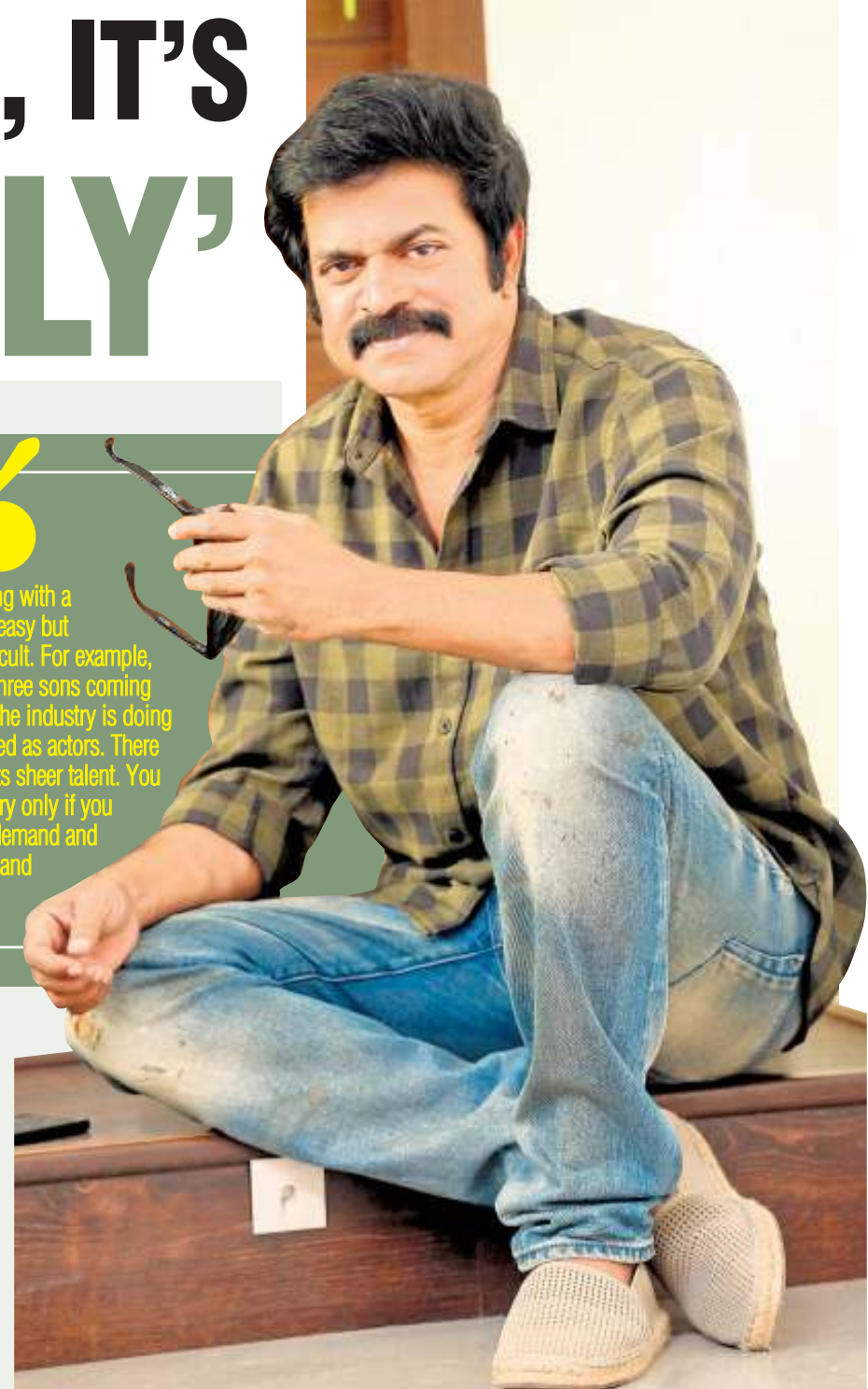
try is doing well, the other two failed as actors. There is no nepotism here. Its sheer talent. You will grow in the industry only if you have talent. It is only demand and supply in the industry and not nepotism. I will not agree if you say nepotism exists in the industry," the actor opines.

Things are a lot better today, believes Brahmagi, when it comes to making a comfortable space for yourself in the industry. "It is a lot easier for people to come to limelight now, there are many means to showcase your talent. Back then, we had to run from pillar to post for opportunities. Today, people are making it big by posting short films on youtube, videos on TikTok, etc.," he tells us.

The actor's son too made his debut with *O Pitta Kada*. His son worked for the Indian Navy before his debut in Telugu cinema. The Who's who of Tollywood attended the pre-release event of *O Pitta Kada* because of the friendly relationship the actor maintains. "My son felt he wasn't able to spend enough time with

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the family as he was in the marine for four months. He then decided to get into films. He underwent training in acting. As trail and error, we first shot a small portion of the film and showed it to others which later developed into a full-fledged film after watching my son's acting skills. I told my son to go back to his job if he doesn't sustain here," the actor concludes.



## Are you interested in a 'RISHTA'?

The new Netflix show *Indian Matchmaking* has everyone hooked to it, making it one of the top 3 shows being watched by Indians on Netflix. All about an Indian matchmaker catering to the colourist, sexist and casteist demands of potential brides and grooms, and their parents, the show has fueled debates online and off it, on the ugly side of arranged marriages in India. *The Pioneer's* SHIKHA DUGGAL talks to women from the city across all ages and walks of life, to gauge what they think of the show and what one can learn and unlearn from it



**T**o watch a show like *Indian Matchmaking* in 2020 can drive you nuts! The new web series released on Netflix last week and is receiving mixed reviews. *Indian Matchmaking* showcases our country's obsession with criteria like height, caste, colour, etc. infused with Sima Aunty's (the famous real-life matchmaker from Mumbai) matchmaking tactics.

While some on the internet say that the show is simply holding a mirror to the ugly society we are a part of, many others argue that the show, instead, just whitewashes the preconceived notions of an arranged marriage with modernised ideas.

The families of the characters in the show and Sima Taparia believe in the most atrocious ideas of marriages, being problematic at parts. The desire to have a wife who performs all duties, works, and manages household seems one-sided. She needs to be accommodating, fun, and outgoing, all at the same time! Yet in one of the characters, Aparna's case, her determined nature, and confidence isn't admired but considered to be negative. Hypocrisy much?

Astrology in matchmaking is another hype in the show. The world perhaps can't depend on *kundlis* or the important decisions by the elite on marriage cannot be based on a nakshatra anymore but

the web show takes you back to the olden times where Sima Taparia consults a famous face reader for her failed compatibility issues.

"Hi, I am Sima Taparia from Mumbai. The girl should be flexible, know how to compromise and adjust" — this phrase caught the attention of a post-graduate student of Mass Communication from St. Josephs Degree College, who made her curious to know why Sima Taparia is trending. "I happened to watch the trailer of *Indian Matchmaking* and found it uncanny-cum-fun and decided to binge-watch it. In the very first episode, the show managed to establish a patriarchal and stereotypical nature, wherein a matchmaker is in pursuit of rich, successful, and good-looking matches from abroad. Even to this day, in India, arranged marriages ask for adjustments, especially from us women. Mrs Sima is following the same age-old tradition in the show. The grooms are being emotionally manipulated by their mothers. Pressure is being built up after a certain age, with an urgent need to get married. Problems of sexism, ageism, casteism, and colourism continue to persist. All in all, the show is full of sarcasm with a little bit of cringe and I suggest our Indian parents grow out of such norms as Ankita Bansal's father from the show rightly does. He believes in her daughter's fierce theories

about equality and that's admirable," shares Prishitha Motay.

The web series also acknowledges loneliness and that makes the audiences not stop watching it. This show is a hot mess, a fantasy that's catering to the white audiences with its exotic appeal of *desi* weddings. Some watchers were mortified, embarrassed, sardonic, confused, and some could relate to it. "Half an hour into *Indian Matchmaking* and I fast-forwarded it. It's a cesspool of matching *kundlis*. It's all rooted in caste. I can just see it as a branding stunt for Sima Taparia! Personally, our families didn't take such a path to get us hitched. It doesn't seem like it's about finding love but more about keeping supremacy pure. The criteria every parent put forward leads you to body shaming — it's just uncool! This road to getting married needs to be fixed instead of being prosecuted as a Netflix special," argues Pradeepthi Vissamsetti, a Teluguite and city editor for the famous blog on parenting called Momspresso.

Pradeepthi also frowns at the marriage timelines discussed on the show, but says it makes sense to some extent. She feels the pressure becomes stronger in our twenties to thirties and we keep hearing that it's time to settle down! "I second this ideology because I understand our loved ones have certain expectations



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PRIYA RAJIV,  
 A TRAINED LIFE COACH

from us, but if it doesn't work out, it leads to stress or disappointment as seen with Nadia's character — she wonders if the opposite of loneliness is marriage, lacks self-confidence and is anticipates too much. Healthwise too, it's beneficial for a woman to get married before her thirties in terms of her future pregnancies but she must be able to pursue her dreams even after getting married," she opines.

There are many issues about what women have to be like, for them to be considered as wife material. Marriage is great but it may not fix one's insecurities, love is hard work, and must flow from both ways, believe several young women in the city. Everyone deserves to have the best for themselves when considering marriage, regardless of gender. With similar expectations comes Pradyuman who has been rejecting women by just looking at their photos, to which Sima Aunty suggests he meet a life coach. A life coach from our own city says, "Arranged marriages are a very intrinsic part of our culture and also the iota of the web series. I found my match through a matrimonial advertisement too, in my biodata read: attractive and vivacious. As a life coach now, I have helped many young girls find a suitable groom, built their projector image or stalked their social media accounts and suggested

them to remove certain pictures that don't go well by their personalities, because, let's face it, this new age has no end to comparisons. Fun fact — no matter how progressive we become, a good looking man/woman will always be our first ordeal. We need a cordial shift to this approach. I personally liked the matchmaker as she's quite passionate about her work. The problem arises when people don't have an open mind. Episode four takes the character Pradyuman to a life coach who asks him to introspect himself which helped him become a lot less fickle-minded and fussy. But why a life coach, you ask? It's because the kids of this generation seem to be too picky and confused, they have multiple desires. It's like they are on a shopping spree! This takes us to another area- when an individual rejects his/her potential partner, it tends to demean their morale and confidence, which we need to be careful about," explains Priya Rajiv, a trained life coach. This graduate from the University of Oxford also loved the way Nadia Jagessar was open to change, passionately looks for love the love of her, and is a woman of laughter.

So if you've binge-watched *Smriti Mundhra's Indian Matchmaking*, are you ready to evolve for the better, break stereotypes and dismiss plans for the ideal bride/groom?

## Orlando Bloom gets tattoo in honour of dead pet dog



## BREAKING THE STIGMA AROUND PERIODS

All women are familiar with TVCs and commercials for sanitary napkins which depict menstrual flow with 'blue liquid' as a way of discreetly depicting blood. Decades later there's finally a brand which shows blood in TV communications as it should be — red. The aim is to bring forth an important and often neglected topic of "Heavy Flow" during periods; a problem which affects almost 25 per cent women in India and requires them to change their pads every 2 hours. RIO Heavy Flow Pads by Nobel Hygiene changes the face of Indian Advertising by launching their TVC with a pan-India campaign. The first phase of the launch in February was paused after several complaints were filed with ASCI on the usage of blood shown in the commercial. However, after deliberations with ASCI and an independent review, RIO Pads have been allowed to air the advertisement with minor modifications in the second phase of the launch. Actress Radhika Apte, brand ambassador for RIO pads features in the TVC. She reiterates, "I have said this earlier and I will say it again. I do not see the issue in showing actual blood. Blood in a fight sequence in a film is fine but not for periods? Why can't we just show what heavy flow is really like? Why can't we show blood? I am glad that RIO has taken up this challenge and they are standing by it with conviction. Getting a go-ahead on this advertisement is very reassuring. If this ad can start even a single conversation, then that is a win for all the unheard voices. If we can remove even an iota of stigma around periods via this ad and encourage people to accept it as a normal and natural phenomenon then it will be a big win for us all. Period." Commenting on the launch, Kartik Johari, Vice-President, Nobel Hygiene, said, "We are extremely proud to take this first step on behalf of all the women in India. There can be no talk of education, awareness or equality when the biological truth of half the population is censored. Our resolve to continue this conversation has been renewed, starting with the depiction of blood. To show the unaddressed problem of Heavy Flow, without showing blood itself, is so absurd a concept, but it didn't even occur to us. All our communications are deeply inspired from our research, showing the first true and honest representation of periods for consumers. Awareness is needed, and conversations can only begin after acknowledging reality." He further added, "We took special care to ensure our communication remained as authentic as possible. The entire creative was scripted by a woman, based on real narratives from women, directed and shot by a woman, and is being marketed by women. Additionally, 1000s of women have already applauded our product and messaging; we are proud to have brought this innovation for Indian ladies who receive no respite from Heavy Flow. We are sure that other players in the market are excited by this new paradigm, and we call upon everyone to take advantage of this exciting shift to educate and reconnect with their consumers!"

**A**ctor Orlando Bloom has had an ace of spades inside a heart inked under the name of his late dog Mighty, on his chest. A week after his dog went missing, Bloom shared on Instagram on Wednesday that his dog is dead, reports *etonline.com*. Paying a tribute to the pet he had welcomed into the family in 2017, he wrote, "Mighty's on the other side now. After seven days of searching from sunrise to sunset and into the wee hours, today, the 7th day — the number of completion — we found his collar." "I have wept more this week than I thought possible, which has been very cathartic and healing." Bloom wrote that he "left no stone unturned" in the search for

Mighty, which included him crawling "thru all the man holes, under the roads, (searching) every back yard and creek bed." "I feel so grateful to have learned from my little Mighty man that love is eternal and the true meaning of devotion," Bloom wrote. "I feel sure he was looking down on me whistling in every back yard and knowing that I was doing all I possibly could to respect our bond. He was more than a companion. It was a soul connection for sure." "I'm sorry. I love you," he continued. "Thank you. RIP my MIGHTY HEART." Bloom concluded his post by thanking his community for its support, which allowed him to "see the best of people even in the worst of times".



## HIMESH RESHAMMIYA: TODAY'S SINGERS SHOULD COMPOSE THEIR OWN SONGS

**C**omposer Himesh Reshammiya feels that singers should try and compose their own songs because only then they will know the soul of their own composition. "My songs have never been in the conventional zone. They have always been different and that is why I feel it's almost impossible for someone else to perform them," he said. He feels the understanding of the nuances of a composer's version is very rare. "For example, Arijit (Singh) has the right kind of pick up sense, but not everyone has that. I feel today's singers should try and compose their own songs because only then they will know the soul of their own composition and that'll shine through and connect with listeners," he said. The style of working was different a few years ago, he pointed out. "Earlier, singers and composers used to get 8 to 10 hours to jam and rehearse with the musicians. They used to interact before starting any project, but nowadays singers don't get that much time. It is a sad reality that composers today often just send a tune to the singers over

WhatsApp and ask the singer to dub the song themselves. So, the process doesn't see the kind of coming together of talent, synergies and improvisations that used to be a part of the previous process," he explained. Himesh recalled, "Back in the day, Alka Yagnik ji and I dubbed *Tere naam* for eight hours and that made the song such a hit. Amidst the new normal, I feel digital is the most direct medium between the singer and their audience and that's where they should reach out to them. Compose 100 songs, 500 songs you might fail 99 times but you will get that one hit song once you've hit the right chord." "I love Michael Jackson, he is a legend but he never sang for Tom Cruise, he has his own identity. This is what I want for all singers, this is the time where we all need to hold hands and succeed together," he shared while shooting for an episode of *Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Li' Champs*.

### FUN

#### ARCHIE

YOU DON'T REMEMBER THE MONROE DOCTRINE? BUT WE JUST TALKED ABOUT IT YESTERDAY!

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...WELL, WHAT DO YOU SAY? AM I GETTING THROUGH TO YOU?? THIS IS IMPORTANT!

GRONK! GRIBBLE GOK! GAK GORK! GOONK!!

OUR HERO REGARDS THE STRANGE ALIEN...IT SEEMS TO BE TRYING TO COMMUNICATE.

#### GARFIELD

IS THAT A TIE YOU'RE WEARING, GARFIELD?

YES, IT IS

I FOUND IT IN A TRENDY LITTLE DUMPSTER DOWN THE STREET

NIICE!

#### REALITY CHECK

HMMM... YOU SEEM A LITTLE JUNG. CAN I SEE SOME ID?

WHAT A SUPERBY DAY!

#### SPEED BUMP

WE'RE DRIFTWOOD, BOB. WE'RE SUPPOSED TO FEEL WASHED UP.

#### CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4	
5				6
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#### NANCY

GET YOUR PEACE AND LOVE HERE! STEP RIGHT UP!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, NANCY??

"WAR" AND "HATE" GET ALL THE PUBLICITY, SO I'M TRYING TO EVEN THINGS OUT A LITTLE!

#### SUDOKU

Yesterday's solution

4	9	6	5	8	1	2	3	7
8	1	5	2	3	7	9	6	4
2	7	3	4	9	6	5	8	1
1	4	8	3	7	2	6	5	9
3	2	9	1	6	5	7	4	8
5	6	7	9	4	8	1	2	3
6	8	1	7	2	4	3	9	5
7	3	2	8	5	9	4	1	6
9	5	4	6	1	3	8	7	2

Rules

- Each row and column can contain each number (1 to 9) exactly once.
- The sum of all numbers in any row or column must equal 45.

**ACROSS**

- Made or became larger
- A month
- An item of furniture
- One of the continents
- A graceful water bird
- Give assistance
- Purchased
- Sample by mouth
- Tiny
- Bewildered
- A skydiver wears this
- Jack climbed this in a story
- Buildings for people
- A rope thrown by a cowboy
- Keep watch over
- A green thing growing on a tree

**DOWN**

- Mistake
- A building for a king or queen
- Short letter
- Where your arm bends

SOLUTION

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S	A	F	E	S				
S	L	A	N					
K	S	T	R	A	I	G	H	T

#### GINGER MEGGS

HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY, GINGE!

CHEERS, BENNY. HOW YOU GOIN' TO CELEBRATE?

JUST... GONNA KEEP BEIN' AUSSIE, I GUESS?

YOU BEAUTY! ME TOO!

HAPPY 'STRAYA DAY, MATES!

Most Read NEWS

Doc dies, Covid +ve, turned away by three hospitals

A government doctor in Karnataka who was turned away by three private hospitals because he could not produce a coronavirus test result died today in Bengaluru. Dr Manjunath, who was a frontline COVID-19 doctor, was allegedly turned away by hospitals when he was extremely ill and struggling to breathe.



BB season 14 tagline likely to be 'Lockdown'

The upcoming season of the reality show Bigg Boss will reportedly have a lockdown theme, stated a report in Pinkvilla. According to the publication, the makers of the reality show have also decided to use the tagline - Bigg Boss 14 Hoga Rocking - for the fourteenth season.



first-ever British-Indian census to be held in UK

The India League, a UK-based diaspora group which dates back to 1916, on Thursday announced the launch of a first-ever British Indian Census to collate data around Britain's estimated 1.5 million Indian-origin population.



Trump touts 5-Word Memory Test

Donald Trump has divulged details of a cognitive test he "aced" - including a five-word memory challenge he said proved he had the "mental stamina" to lead the US.



On Klopp of the world!

Dreams turn into reality as Jurgen's Liverpool lift Premier League trophy at the Kop

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp said having the opportunity to lift the Premier League trophy at Anfield meant the world to him despite having to do so in an empty stadium with fans shut out due to coronavirus.



Liverpool players celebrate with the Premier League trophy after they beat Chelsea 5-3 in the final home game of the 2019-2020 season

Werner and Hakim Ziyech, while they are reportedly closing in on a deal for the 90-million euro (\$103 million, £81 million) rated Kai Havertz of Bayer Leverkusen.

We should not stop because others will not sleep: Klopp

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp believes his side will need to keep improving to hold off the chasing pack next season after lifting the Premier League trophy.



Lampard tells Liverpool not to get 'too arrogant'

Liverpool: Chelsea manager Frank Lampard has said Premier League champions Liverpool should not become too arrogant after being left unimpressed with the behaviour of their bench during Wednesday's 5-3 defeat.

Man Utd just a point away from CL

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer urged his Manchester United stars to seize a "fantastic opportunity" to qualify for the Champions League after Mason Greenwood rescued a 1-1 draw against West Ham on Wednesday.



West Brom promoted as Brentford blow chance

Manchester: West Bromwich Albion won promotion back to the Premier League after a two-year absence, joining Leeds United in the top flight next season after a 2-2 home draw with Queens Park Rangers in a dramatic finale to the Championship season on Wednesday.



SINGLES

BDESH TO RESCHEDULE SL TEST TOUR
NEW DELHI: Bangladesh is planning to tour Sri Lanka in October for their rescheduled three-Test series, following the postponement of this year's T20 World Cup.

Amir cleared to join side in Eng

Pakistan left-arm pacer Mohammad Amir on Thursday was cleared to join the national side in England after his second test also returned negative for coronavirus.

NZC leave decision to join IPL on players

New Zealand Cricket (NZC) will issue No Objection Certificates (NOCs) to all its six internationalists set to compete in the IPL but said the "due diligence" on health safety protocols will have to be done by the players themselves.

Akhtar blames BCCI for T20 WC postponement

Lahore: Former Pakistan speedster Shoaib Akhtar has slammed the BCCI, alleging that the Indian cricket board played a role in the ICC postponing the T20 World Cup later this year to make room for the Indian Premier League.

Indian mixed relay team's Asiad Silver upgraded to Gold

The Indian 4x400m mixed relay team's Silver medal in the 2018 Asian Games has been upgraded to Gold following the disqualification of original winners Bahrain on account of a doping ban handed to one of its runners.



Japanese swimmer Ikee Rikako holding the lantern containing Olympic flame poses during a photo session at the Olympic Stadium in Tokyo

## Regaining strength in nature's lap

**A**n abode for positive vibes and more, Manisha Koirala's Instagram posts are something her followers look forward to and share too. The yesteryear actress who bravely fought cancer years ago shares her struggles, victories, and more, with her family of followers on Instagram.

Wednesday's post was one of those that has the actress sharing pictures from her life with some philosophical bits to offer.

"Regaining strength", the 49-year-old actress captioned a bunch of photos from a walking trail through a forest. Remembering author Robert Frost's words while sharing the photos and videos from her latest adventure she quoted, "The woods are lovely, dark and deep. But I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep."

Manisha Koirala shared her no make-up, no-filter pictures that showed her grey strands of hair and bindi in her close-up

selfie to which her fans replied with much love. Many even asked her where she clicked the picture and some others, gave her their warmth and hug in this time of the pandemic.

Manisha Koirala, who was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2012, which she fought a tough battle with and conquered. Koirala was last seen in Netflix film *Maska*, ahead of which she also featured in films such as *Prasantham*, *Sanju*, and in a segment in Netflix's *Lust Stories*.

# MAKERS OF ASALEM JARIGINDI? CONFIDENT OF GOOD RESPONSE

**C**oming soon is a suspense thriller love story based on real events that took place in Telangana called *Asalem Jarigindi*? Producer King Johnson is confident that the film will do well, thanks to how the recently released songs from the film has received. The songs sung by famous singers like Vijay Yesudas, Vijay Prakash, Yazin Nizar, Malvikan, Ranky, Bhargavi Pillai, and composed by Yelendra Mahaveer have received rave reviews from OTT platforms like Amazon Music, Spotify, Geosavone and Apple Music.

The film has received its clearance from the Censor board and will soon be released, but will it hit the silver screen or settle for an OTT platform is the big question. "We are discussing the matter internally. The

film has come out better than what we've expected," said Johnson.

"This film is based on real incidents that took place in Telangana. Shot with an 8K resolution camera, the film's famous background score by S. Chinna gave life to the film, and Sethu's special effects are what will make the audience feel the situation," Johnson tells us.

He also said that actor Sriram who plays the protagonist in the film had brought more hope to the story which had scope for good performance and is confident that the film would be well received by the audience after seeing his talent.



## Sai Dharam Tej and 'Return of the weights'



**A**ctor Sai Dharam Tej is back to working out. On Instagram, the actor shared a picture of his home gym, with dumbbells and other exercise equipment all around. On the image, he wrote, "Return of the weights."

The actor had earlier shared a picture of himself running.

"Run Your Own Race. It's YOU Vs YOU. Be a BEAST," he wrote on the photo-sharing website. Sai made his acting debut with *Pilla Nuvvu Leni Jeevitham*. He was then seen in films like *Rey*, *Subramanyam for Sale*, *Supreme*, *Thikka*, *Winner*, *Tej*, *I Love You* and *Prati Roju Pandage*, among many others.

He will next be seen in *Solo Brathuke So Better* directed by Subbu. It also stars Nabha Natesh. The film's release got postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

## Samantha shares self-care secrets

**S**outhern star Samantha Akkineni has doled out tips on self-care.

With a black-and-white picture of herself she posted on Instagram, Samantha wrote, "We wake up early. Meditate. Positive thoughts. Take that apple cider vinegar. Cleanse both body and mind. Pamper self with long skin care routine. Exercise. Hydrate. More positive thoughts and game face on yo."

The image currently has 1 million likes. Samantha recently shared that she and her pet puppy Hash currently have a case of Covid-19 blues.

On an Instagram picture of Hash sleeping by the staircase, she wrote, "We are having a case of the #covid-blues. How are you guys doing? I just want to remind you to remind yourself that you're awesome and you're doing just great and it will all be okay #stayhome #staysafe."

Samantha is known for her performances in films such as *Ye Maaya Chesave*, *Neethaane En Ponvasantham*, *Eega*, *Mersal* and *Rangasthalam*. She impressed all with her role in *Super Deluxe* last year.

She will next be seen in *Kaathuvaakula Rendu Kaadhala*, starring Vijay Sethupathi. The film also stars Nayanthara. It is directed by Vignesh Shivan.



## Tamannaah's 'pawfect' PUPPY LOVE

**A**ctress Tamannaah Bhatia is an ardent animal lover and says there is no love like puppy love. Tamannaah took to Instagram, where she posted a motley of pictures of herself along with stray puppies. She captioned the image, which currently has 349K likes on the photo-sharing website: "There's no love like puppy love #DogsAreTheBest #furryfriends #doglover #pawfect."

Meanwhile, Tamannaah is excited about the Telugu remake of the Kannada superhit *Love Mocktail*.

Director Nagashekar has roped in the actress along with Satya Dev as protagonists of the untitled remake. The makers are hoping that the film will go on floors in mid-September and will be shot in Visakhapatnam and Hyderabad.

The original film was released in January, 2020. Directed by Krishna, *Love Mocktail* follows the story of Aadi and his quest for love.

## Lavanya 'a happy girl' on returning to hometown Dehradun

**W**ith domestic flight operations resuming, southern actress Lavanya Tripathi travelled back to her hometown Dehradun to meet her parents.

The actress shared a video on Instagram stories where she can be seen at the airport, dressed in PPE suit and wearing protective eye gear and mask.

"Ok can't breathe," she wrote on the image.

She then shared a picture collage of things that made her day "happier", on her "Day 2" of homecoming.

Lavanya shared pictures of the greenery surrounding an empty road and the mountain ranges. "Finally coming to Doon and meeting my family made me a happy girl," she wrote.

Lavanya rose to fame with roles in films like *Andala Rakshashi*, *Doosukeltha*, *Bramman*, *Bhale Bhale Magadivoy*, *Srirastu Subhamastu*, *Yuddham Sharanam* and *Antariksham 9000 KMPH*.

The actress will next be seen in the Telugu film, *A1 Express*, co-starring Sundeep Kishan. The film, which is reportedly a remake of the 2019 Tamil film *Natpe Thunai*, is directed by Dennis Jeevan Kanukolanu.

