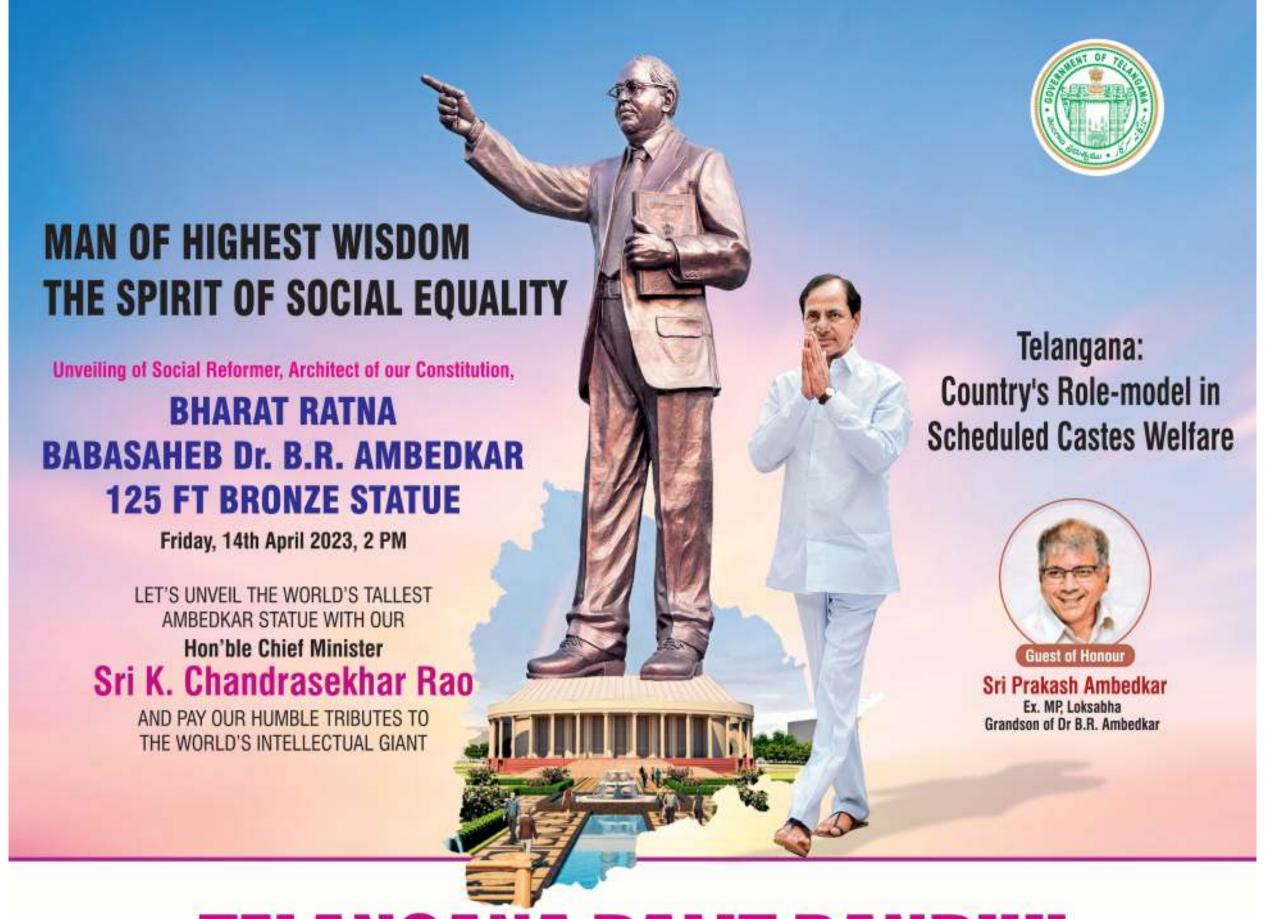
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Introspecting Democracy as espoused by Dr Ambedkar

brates the 132nd birth anniversary Babasaheb Dr. Ambedkar, chief architect of the country's Constitution, it is obvious that never has the need for propagating his philosophy been felt so imperatively as now. His impactful ideas on how to better human conditions have changed the course of history profoundly. Whether it is emancipation of marginalised sections, uplift of women, ensuring social justice, or upholding the secular ethos of the Indian republic, his seminal thoughts on various matters concerning the individual and the state have brought about fundamental transformation in the social structure of modern India. Furthermore, his conception of democracy has more relevance right now across the world, in view of the fast- changing, highly volatile global peace

happenings in the ongoing Russia-Ŭkraine American political analyst Douglas Schoen has commented in his Boston Herald column that the West is paying the price for democracy in dollars and euros and the Ukrainians with their lives. Anti-war protesters in Russia and NATO countries blamed and accused their respective governments of waging war against the aspirations of amity-seeking citizens. Meanwhile, American President Joe Biden hosted a virtual summit for democracy at the global level, inviting 120 countries on 29th and 30th of last month, March with a view to strengthening the foundations of democracy. On the contrary, Russian President Vladimir Putin has gone on record making sarcastic remarks that those who teach democracy don't want to practise it themselves. At

the same time, China blamed

what is democracy, exactly? We will have a realistic, exemplary, and most humanistic perspective if we understand how Dr. Ambedkar defined it. He equated democracy with brotherliness. He wanted that it should not simply remain a system of governing public affairs alone but primarily promote camaraderie among people, not hostilities.

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raderie among people, not hostilities. While reviewing

the Nobel prize-winning British philosopher and

mathematician Bertrand Russell's anti-war book, 'Principles of Social Reconstruction', the young

Dr. Ambedkar observed way

back in 1918 at the end of the First World War: "We must

use it(force) constructively as

energy and not destructive-

ly as violence". As and when

force turns destructive, peo-

ples' lives and corresponding

democratic processes dwin-

dle. Consequently, dire

calamities would befall soci-

eties and the world at large.

the United States accusing it of meddling in the affairs of Taiwan and one-China policy. It is a matter of concern even to several other nations around the planet since there have been recurring instances of disharmony and conflicts, taking a toll on the health of their democracies.

Then what is democracy, exactly? We will have a realistic, exemplary, and most humanistic perspective if we understand how Dr. Ambedkar defined it. He equated democracy with brotherliness. He wanted that it should not simply remain a system of governing public affairs alone but

deadly war between Russia and Úkraine is driving many nations to go through insurmountable strains and pains in the form of severe food, energy, and economic crises. Because of the lack of democratic bonhomie, a new Cold War has been bursting between China and America. Declining people-centric culture has impaired the quality of global governance. Presently, it is almost a Third World War-like scenario between NATO and Russia, which is in fact on the brink of nuclear apocalypse. Albert Einstein once said after the Second World War, "I know not with what weapons the Third World War will be fought, but the Fourth World War will be fought with stones and spears.'

Internal strife and international wars are perilous for brotherhood and they can never justify democracy. It is for this very reason that Dr. Ambedkar put democracy

on a towering pedestal, likening it to brotherhood, because it would be disastrous when polity and humanity stand pitted against each other, especially during wars. He emphasised that political democracy is only a means to achieve social democracy. Here, let us also not forget that he incorporated fraternity in the Preamble as a sacred ideal which all the citizens are rightfully entitled to enjoy on a par with justice, liberty, equality, and dignity. How genuinely have the people been able to attain the sense of brotherhood amongst themselves will determine the extent of quality of democracy that has been attained. It is also an indicator of nation's robust vitality.

Thus, Dr. Ambedkar's definition of democracy is plainly expressible, presupposing fraternal coexistence which is as crucial as existence itself. Existence will be under threat if coexistence is not secure. Because the purpose of human life is meaningful existence which in turn depends primarily on the intelligent coexistence between humans and fellow humans. Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore felt that the strength of education depends on the degree of ability to coexist. Tagore also said, "The highest education is that which does not merely give us information but makes our life in harmony with all existence." And it is education that comes first in Dr. Ambedkar's triad of 'educate, agitate and organ-

The cementing bond of harmonious coexistence is mutual goodness which stands out as the hallmark of fraternity. As food is to existence, so is being 'good' to coexistence. Dr. Ambedkar accorded a pivotal role to goodness in the matters connected with the affairs of the state, specifically as regards

enforcement. While presenting the draft of the Constitution in the Constituent Assembly on November 25, 1949; he said, "However good a Constitution may be, it is sure to turn out bad because those who are called to work it happen to be a bad lot. However bad a Constitution may be, it may turn out to be good if those who are called to work it happen to be a good lot." Thus goodness, fraternity, and democracy, as espoused inter alia by him, are the three most essential virtues which solely can safeguard every nation from internal and external animosities and clashes. And sincerely upholding these righteous principles will be a befitting tribute to Dr. Ambedkar on his birth anniversary.

-M. N. Bhushi, Professor (Retd) and -B. Maria Kumar, IPS (Retd)

Indira asks police

Dawat-e-Iftaris contempt of court, says activist

and order situation.

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of the High Court, which "The learned Additional Advocate General would also state that the expenditure for the dinner hosted by the state government will not be incurred from the funds earmarked in the budget for minority welfare."

Expressing dismay over the programme, the activist said, in spite of the assurances from the High Court, the state government continued to allocate funds from minority welfare for

BRS' master strategy behind attack on AP govt, Ministers

There is a master plan behind the sudden attack by BRS ministers on the Andhra Pradesh government and AP Ministers. As per the twopronged strategy of the BRS, Telangana Ministers started an attack on AP Ministers.

In Andhra Pradesh, the main opposition party is the TDP led by former Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. He has a lot of hopes of coming to power in the next Assembly elections.

In fact, some TDP leaders already have a strong feeling that they have come to power as on some issues the ruling YSR Congress is on the defenChandrababu is concentrating on Telangana politics too and is trying to improve the party's strength there.

In this context, the BRS has decided to implement a twopronged strategy by attacking the AP government and AP Ministers to strike a political blow to the TDP in both the Telugu states. At the same time, the coun-

terattack by AP Ministers is likely to trigger the Telangana sentiment again ahead of the crucial TS Assembly elections. When BRS ministers criti-

cise Andhra Pradesh, only YSR Congress ministers are

The TDP has not countered the BR so far. The TDP is fac-

ing two problems in hitting back at the BRS. If they counter BRS Ministers it will indirectly become support for the YSRC

the TDP to revive its glory in Telangana will take a hit. So the TDP is maintaining silence regarding the BRS attack on The BRS also wants the same. The refusal of the TDP to hit back at the BRS will

government and the plans of

make the people of AP turn against it as it is a sentimental issue. The BRS thinks that the AP people will automatically support the YSRC which is attacking the BRS.

Another thing is that using the silence of the TDP, the BRS is playing the main opposition ernment voters. If anti-government voters turn towards the BRS in AP it will become a big blow for the TDP politically in the upcoming Assembly elections. This will benefit YSRC.

At any cost, the BRS cannot come to power in AP. So it is planning to damage the prospects of the TDP by attracting anti-government

At the same time, the BRS strategy will help it in Telangana. The attack on AP Ministers in Telangana will help the BRS to trigger the Telangana sentiment once again and it can prove advantageous politically to

regional sentiments: Sanjay BJP picks 20 TS

leaders to

campaign in K'taka

The BJP leadership has

participate in the Karnataka

Assembly election campaign.

The BJP leadership selected

leaders from 13 states and

leaders as in-charges in 20

appointed Telangana BJP

Assembly constituencies.

Telangana leaders Dr K.

Laxman, D. Arvind, AP

Jithender Reddy, Vivek

Komatireddy Rajagopal

Garikapati Mohan Rao,

Reddy, Indrasena Reddy,

been participating in the

five more Assembly

besides their own

Dr Laxman.

Banda Karthika Reddy, Kolli

Madhavi and S. Kumar have

election campaign. The BJP

constituencies additionally

constituency to leaders like

high command has assigned

Venkata Swamy, M.

Raghunandan Rao,

selected some of its

Telangana leaders to

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The ruling parties of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, the BRS and the YSRCP, are two sides of the same coin, BJP state president Bandi Sanjay Kumar

These two parties are trying to ignite regional sentiments in AP and in Telangana and are promoting hate for their own selfish

He asked the Telangana government to reveal why it is not setting up the Bayyaram Steel Factory and why it is not reopening the Nizam Sugar Factory if it has big money.

It may be recalled that Ministers from Telangana and Andhra Pradesh severely criticised each other on the Ýizag Steel Plant privatisation issue.

The tussle started with the comments of Telangana Health Minister Harish Rao who criticised the Andhra Pradesh government. Soon it spread to everyone including ministers MLAs, MPs and

BRS, YSRCP igniting to act against those trolling her PNS HYDERABAD

Former AAP leader Indira Shobhan asked the police to take action against persons trolling her although she did not make any offensive comments against

She demanded the police take action in the manner they took action regarding BRS MLC Kavitha. She said that some were trolling her by posting her photo and expressed doubt that it might be the handiwork of the BRS social media team.

She requested the police to take action steps as she suspected that a conspiracy going on

Indira said that she will file a complaint with the police and asked IT Minister KTR to reveal whether Kavitha was his only sister and what about the other women of Telangana.

She asked the police to take strong action against persons playing games with the honour of Telangana women and added that she will have to think that the law is different for Kavitha and other women in case the police fail to take action against those who are trolling her.

TS urged to allow increase in prices by IMFL, BIO suppliers

The International Spirits and Wines Association of India (ISWAI) appealed to the Telangana government to announce inflation-based price increases by suppliers and provide immediate relief to the suppliers of both IMFL and Bottled In Origin (BIO) products.

ISWAI also urged the state government to consider establishing an inflation-based pricing index for the alcohol-beverage industry, to minimise the arbitrariness of the supplier price-setting process.

Speaking on the issue, Nita Kapoor, the CEO of ISWAI, said, "Telangana is a progressive state for our sector and leads the premiumizing trend with a 52% combined share for IMFL and BIO products. Telangana's premiumizing trend is a reflection of consumer preference, particularly after the pandemic, as consumers are keen to drink good quality products. While the industry is witnessing growth in volufacturers and suppliers have been severely impacted by the steep rise in input costs."

"The suppliers and manufacturers were hopeful of being granted a price increase in 2022. This has not been considered, resulting in no supplier price increase for the IMFL industry after 2020. The rise in the prices of just two key input materials, namely ENA and glass, is 25% and 28.7%, respectively. The key raw materials like Extra Neutral Alcohol (ENA), packaging material and overhead costs have increased many times in the last five years compared to FY18. While other businesses are neutralising the rise in prices on input costs by increasing prices, the manufacturers of alcoholic beverages have not been able to pass it on to consumers leading to severe financial problems for suppliers," she added.

BRS govt allowing illegal buildings near KBR Park: Revanth

TPCC chief Revanth Reddy said that KCR is allowing buildings to be constructed near the KBR Park in Jubilee Hills against rules. Revanth requested KCR to stop Municipal Administration Minister KT Ramarao's illegal acts and demanded that KTR should be sacked like Minister

site and it has exotic wildlife including the national bird peacock. That is why the Centre has framed rules and regulations for buildings near the park. He said the State government

KBR Park is a historic heritage

gave permission to Mantri Developers to construct a 15storey building near the Jubilee Hills check post against rules. He said that in 2006 tenders

were called for a five-star hotel during Congress rule. In 2006, conditional permission was

Revanth asks people to make Mancherial meeting success

TPCC President Revanth Reddy appealed to Congress workers and the people to make the Bharat Satyagraha Sabha being held on April 14 at Mancherial a success. "We are organizing a huge public meeting under the Mancherial District Congress Committee to celebrate the birth anniversary of the architect of the Constitution, Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar," Revanth said. He said the BJP registered false cases against AICC leader Rahul Gandhi and that he has been jailed for two years in those cases, disqualified as an MP and forcibly thrown out of his house in a single day. "At a time when Rahul is demanding a Joint Parliamentary Committee on the basis of the Hindenburg report on Adani's illegal acts, the Centre is trying to prevent Rahul from speaking about corruption and the looting of the country's wealth," he said.

KCR in 2016, Mantri Developers applied seeking permission for additional floors.

Revanth said that from 2022, KTR got control over Mantri Developers with that application. That is why Mantri Developers

given for three floors, but under have given a share in their company to RNR Developers.

> Revanth said that in 2018, KTR gave permission to Mantri Developers to construct seven floors. After that, the moneyhungry company applied for 12 floors and it was allowed.

Centre U turn on **Vizag Steel Plant**

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"We do not believe this announcement completely. It was CCEA which decided to sell VSP and it should announce that they are not selling it," said an union leader.

"We have been protesting the privatisation plan for the past 800 days. This movement is being supported by people from this State and neighbouring Telangana also," he

Despite the State government resolving against the privatisation of the steel plant, he said the Centre has appointed a legal advisor and professional to value Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) or VSP for selling it away.

BRS claims...

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He said that as the BRS exposed the conspiracy to allocate the Bailadilla Mines to the Adani group the Centre attempted to deflect attention

He said that it was an attempt to divert attention from the illegal allocation of the Bailadilla Mines in Chhattisgarh and Odisha to KTR said that if the Centre

is serious about strengthening VSP its dedicated captive iron ore mines should be allotted to it immediately. He said the Centre started

the VSP new drama to cover up the conspiracy behind the illegal allocation of the Bailadilla iron ore mines to

the Adani group as it has become a stumbling block on establishing the Bayyaram Steel Plant. He said the BRS will raise

the Centre's conspiracy to sell the VSP as well as its stand on the Bayyaram Steel Plant. KTR said the Centre backed down from selling VSP as the

BRS government had announced that it would participate in the Expression of Interest issued by the VSP. KTR said that it has been proved once again that if KCR

says a word someone has to climb down. He said that until the deci-

sion to sell VSP is withdrawn permanently and a steel plant is set up in Baivaram the BRS will continue to exert pressure

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In the class 11 political science textbook's first chapter, titled 'Constitution - Why and How', a line has been revised to omit Azad's name from the constituent assembly committee meetings.

The revised line now reads, "Usually, Jawaharlal Nehru, Rajendra Prasad, Sardar Patel or BR Ambedkar chaired these Committees. In the tenth chapter of the

same textbook, titled "The Philosophy of the Constitution", the reference to Jammu and Kashmir's conditional accession has also been deleted.

"For example, the accession of Jammu and Kashmir to the Indian union was based on a commitment to safeguard its autonomy under Article 370 of the Constitution," says the dropped paragraph.

Last year, the Ministry of Minority Affairs had discontinued the Maulana Azad Fellowship, which was launched in 2009, and provided financial assistance for five years to students from six notified minorities.

"Gandhiji's death had magical effect on communal situation in the country", 'Gandhi's pursuit of Hindu-Muslim unity provoked Hindu extremists" and "Organisations like RSS were banned for some time" are among the texts missing from the class 12 political science textbook for the new academic session.

No complaint against firm Continued from page 3

Creating a scare among the subscribing public can only fast forward the alleged damage and hence our concern." The body further said it is

worth mentioning that there is no complaint from the public on the misuse or misappropriation of their funds or any delay in getting their chit amount from Margadarsi. The CID has asked central

agencies like the ED and the Income-tax department to probe the Margadarsi, floated by media baron Ramoji Rao, for alleged violations of the chit fund law after it found that the firm's cash deposit records were "bloated and incorrect". Additional Director General

(ADG) of Police (CID) N

Sanjay told reporters in New

Delhi on Wednesday that

Margadarsi allegedly raised deposits "without permission of the RBI" and the company owned by Rao, chairman of Telugu news group 'Eenadu', "diverted" the amount collected from the depositors to the

"risky stock market". However, the company - in a statement has denied its involvement in any wrongdoing and claimed that action is being taken against it to "tarnish and destroy" its reputation as the state government thinks media coverage by 'Eenadu' is 'biased".

Responding to the allegation on the extra profit made by Margadarsi on the interest income, the chit fund body said companies work for profit and the extra profit made if any only speak for the financial health of the company and profit making in business is not a crime.

No conspiracy in knife attack on Jagan: NIA

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has made it clear to the special court that there is no conspiracy in the sensational knife attack on CM Jagan Mohan Reddy at Visakhapatnam Airport four years ago. The NIA has filed a counter in the Vijayawada court on the petition filed by CM Jagan Mohan Reddy to conduct an in-depth investigation into this case.

The NIA told the court that Harshvardhan, the other party. The agency

political party. J Srinivas Rao, a worker at the restaurant, had attacked Jagan Mohan Reddy with a deadly 'rooster katti' or a small knife used in cockfight, at Visakhapatnam Airport on October 25, 2018. Jagan Mohan Reddy, then leader of the opposition, suffered an injury to his arm.

The agency told the court that the accused Srinivas was not linked to the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) or any owner of the airport restau- argued that since the trial had his statement on April 10.

rant, was not affiliated to any started in the court, there was no need for another investigation into the case.

The counsel for Jagan Mohan Reddy sought time to present his arguments on the NIA counter. The court adjourned the hearing to April 17. Advocate Saleem counsel

for Srinivas also filed counter

to Jagan Mohan Reddy's petition. He argued that Jagan's petition lacks merits. Earlier, the NIA court had directed CM Jagan Mohan

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T-Hub selects 20 startups...

T-Hub, in collaboration with Atal Innovation Centre, on Thursday announced that 20 startups have been selected for a project based on the automobile industry. The threemonth-long programme will provide 1:1 mentoring, group sessions, investor connections, and market pilots to help them find their first customers. interact with investors, access government incentives and grants, and structure their companies with new business models to the startups.

India is not seeking permanent...

India is not seeking permanent immigration visas from any country under a free trade agreement (FTA) and is only looking to engage with trading partners on mobility like temporary visas for students, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Thursday. He said that some people mix up mobility and immigration but they are two separate subjects. Mobility is about expanding trade, business, providing temporary visas for people who visit a country either for work or for...

KKR eye hat-trick of wins

On a high after Rinku Singh's phenomenal knock, Kolkata Knight Riders will be gunning for a hat-trick of victories when they face a resurgent Sunrisers Hyderabad in the Indian Premier League here on Friday. Having started off their campaign with a reversal against Punjab Kings at Mohali. KKR found two unlikely heroes in two matches to get their campaign up and running First, it was Shardul Thakur's storm with the bat that took a star-studded Royal Challengers.

KCR planning next big BRS meet in Maha

PNS HYDERABAD

With the massive response to meetings of the BRS in Maharashtra, Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao is likely to organise the next big BRS meeting in Aurangabad (Sambajinagar).

Highly placed sources said that the meeting will be held in May first week. Around 300 prominent persons from Maharashtra, ex-MLAs, ex-MPs, sarpanches, MPPs and local leaders have joined the BRS. Currently, a series of programmes are lined up for the CM in April. While many are joining during

public meetings, many professionals and celebrities from various fields, along with politicians, joined the BRS in the presence of KCR at the Pragathi Bhavan last fortnight.
BRS sources said, "The joining of

leaders from Maharashtra is going at a fast pace in tune with the announcement of BRS chief KCR that the party will expand in every village. Impressed by how Telangana has emerged as a progressive state under the leadership of KCR, the leaders and activists of many other parties in different states are joining the BRS on a large scale. The inductions are influencing contemporary politics."

On April 14, Dr BR Ambedkar's statue will be unveiled in Hyderabad. This will be followed by the inauguration of the Telangana Secretariat on April 30. Shortly



after that the TS Martyrs Memorial will also be inaugurated. In April, the BRS is scheduled to have

Foundation Day programmes.
Highly placed sources said the party will take up outreach activities in Andhra Pradesh also in

So far two meetings were held in Maharashtra, one in Nanded and the other in Kandhar Loha. It may be mentioned here that KCR said on April 12, "I am surprised that the response to the BRS in Maharashtra. They are welcoming the BRS more than in Telangana and are joining in huge numbers than in Telangana. I didn't expect such a welcome in Maharashtra. This means the country is waiting for the right leader."

Ambedkar a Telangana bandhu

Article 3 of Constitution facilitated formation of separate state

NAVEENA GHANATE HYDERABAD

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao said that the life of the Architect of the Constitution, Dr BR Ambedkar, proves that obstacles can be overcome with self-confidence.

The Chief Minister praised Dr Ambedkar as a brave, noble man who did not take the backseat despite facing caste discrimination right from childhood.

The CM said that Ambedkar is a universal man who reached the heights of success with his broad thinking without getting stuck in self-deprecation and that he is a global intellectual who gave knowledge to the world after rising from the darkness of ignorance.

KCR remembered Dr BR

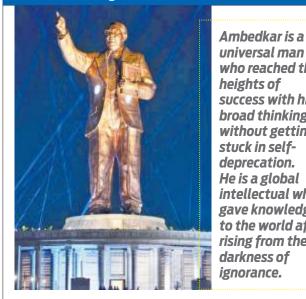
Ambedkar on his 132nd birth anniversary as the architect of the Indian Constitution, his role in changing the country and the yeoman services he rendered to the nation.

The Chief Minister said that

Ambedkar's writings, speeches and criticisms on topics like democracy, abolition of caste, untouchability, religious conversions, women's rights, religion, economic reforms, history and economy have made the world

KCR said that Ambedkar dedicated his entire life to creating a modern India without inequalities.

Statue pride of nation: KCR



who reached the heights of success with his broad thinking without getting stuck in selfdeprecation. He is a global intellectual who gave knowledge to the world after rising from the darkness of ignorance.

lined the world's largest written constitution and the fruits enjoyed today by the oppressed classes were framed his intelligence.

KCR said that the installation of a 125-foot statue of Ambedkar in the heart of Hyderabad on his birth anniversary is a matter of pride not only for Telangana but also for the entire country.

The Chief Minister said that

Telangana is paying a big tribute to 'Telangana Bandhu' Ambedkar who incorporated Article 3 in the Constitution which facilitated the formation of the Telangana state.

Unlike anywhere else in the country, the CM said that the new Telangana Secretariat is named after Dr BR Ambedkar. KCR said that along with other

schemes the state government is

STALLING OF VSP SELL-OFF

implementing special schemes to help SC communities who are facing social discrimination.

The CM said that the government is implementing schemes like providing quality education for Dalits through Gurukul schools, a special development fund for Scheduled Castes and Tribes, financial assistance of Rs 20 lakh through Ambedkar Overseas Scholarship, skill training for SCs, concessions for SC entrepreneurs, distribution of three acres to Dalits, free power up to 101 units to SCs etc.

He said the Telangana government introduced the 'Dalit Bandhu' scheme to bring about a qualitative change in the lives of Dalits. The Dalit Bandhu scheme is revolutionary in the history of the country as its beneficiaries do not need to repay the Rs 10 lakh

given under the scheme.

The government has also created a 'Rakshana Nidhi' to help them in case of financial difficulties in future.

The CM said that SCs who were unorganized are growing now as an organized community. He said that it gives him immense happiness to know the success stories of Dalit Bandhu beneficiaries. The Chief Minister said that their achievements proved that they are not inferior to

He said that the TS government is implementing Ambedkar's ideas by providing support to all sections, women and the poor.



Maheshwar Reddy quits Cong, joins BJP

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AICC Programmes Implementation Committee Chairman Aleti Maheshwar Reddy gave a shocker to the Congress a day before AICC President Mallikarjuna Kharge is coming to Telangana by quitting the Congress and joining the BJP on Thursday.

Sending his resignation letter to AICC President Mallikarjuna Kharge, Maheshwar Reddy joined the BJP in the presence of BJP President JP Nadda.

Maheshwar released his resignation letter to the Congress brass at Tarun Chugh's residence in New Delhi. Telangana BJP President Bandi Sanjay Kumar and Telangana BJP Joining Committee Chairman Eatala Rajender accompanied Maheshwar Reddy.

After releasing the resignation letter at Chugh's residence, Maheshwar met BJP President JP Nadda and joined the BJP.

Before leaving for New Delhi, Maheshwar said that he will settle the matter of the TPCC Disciplinary Action Committee (DAC) issuing a notice to him with the AICC President. However, Maheshwar directly met BJP leaders and released his letter resigning from the Congress.

Don't know conman Sukesh, says Kavitha

MLC Kavitha dismissed claims of talking to conman Sukesh fight hard. Chandrashekar.

Chandrasekhar. I don't even know who he is. But regardless of facts, some media outlets are publishing false news," she said in a press state-



I do not know Sukesh Chandrasekhar. I don't even know who he is. But regardless of facts, some media outlets are publishing false news," she said in a press statement.

Kavitha said that the children of Telangana won't bow down and will

"A financial criminal, releasing an MLA Raghunandan Rao's letter to the Central Election Commission, followed by BJP MP Arvind's statement is part of BJP's tool kit to smear the programme on social media," she

Kavitha also came down on the media, "Some media organizations have been deliberately spreading false news against the Telangana government, the BRS and me. Not having the courage to face the BRS and KCR's national level actions politically, the opponents of Telangana are keeping media organizations in the dark and working through papers, TV channels, and YouTube and are deliberately spreading lies against the

Stating that a similar campaign was run against her over destroying phones, she said that they are trying to defame the Telangana government, the BRS, KCR and his family by using criminal Sukesh.

"The people of Telangana are wise. They know what is milk and what is water. The people of Telangana will definitely throw out those who are spreading lies out of envy against the BRS government which placed Telangana in the forefront of the country in all fields," she

Centre U turn on **Vizag Steel Plant**

Will strengthen VSP rather than privatising it: Minister

VISAKHAPATNAM: The Central

government will focus on strengthening the Vizag Steel Plant (VSP) for the moment rather than privatising it, Union Singh Kulaste said here on Thursday. He made this announcement on the sidelines of handing over appointment letters under Rozgar Mela. "As on date, we don't have any plan like that (sale) and in the coming days we will do better, including sorting out some problems with mining," Kulaste said while speaking to reporters in the port city. Meanwhile, some employee union leaders of the steel plant noted that they cannot believe Kulaste's statements unless an authoritative announcement is made by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) to this effect.

BRS claims victory

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State IT and Industries Minister KTR said the Centre backed down on privatising VSP as BRS fought hard and said "This is what KCR's blow will look

made it clear that the Centre backed down only because of BRS chief KCR's fight against the privatization of VSP. "KCR, KTR and I spoke about VSP. The Centre came down after KCR's blow and announced that they will not sell VSP and will strengthen it." Harish reminded that the AP ruling

party YSRC and the opposition have not opened their mouths on VSP. The BRS fought for the workers of VSP. He made it clear that the BRS will continue to fight the Centre on the VSP issue.

'This is KCR's victory. It is BRS's victory. This is the victory of AP people and the victory of VSP workers," Harish said.



announcement of to put off VSP privatization is a victory for the BRS. He said that after BRS Working President KTR's response on VSP, AP parties started 'shivering.' A diversionary tactic The Centre's announcement regard-

ing the privatization of Vizag Steel Plant is just a diversionary tactic, said Industries Minister KT Ramarao.



References to Maulana removed from NCERT's textbook

tion" exercise last year, the NCERT,

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References to freedom fighter and India's first education minister Maulana Abul Kalam Azad have been removed from the new class 11 political science textbook by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). As part of its "syllabus rationalisa-

citing "overlapping" and "irrelevant" as reasons, dropped certain portions from the course including lessons on Gujarat riots, Mughal courts, Emergency, Cold War, Naxalite movement, among others from its textbooks. The rationalisation note had no mention of any changes in class 11 political science textbook.

The NCERT has, however, claimed that no curriculum trimming has taken place this year and the syllabus was rationalised in June, last year.

"Certain changes not finding mention of in the rationalised content book could be an 'oversight'," NCERT Director Dinesh Saklani reiterated.



'Mask mandates for children may do more harm than good'

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Mask mandates for children are 'unscientific and rather harmful", says a public health expert, explaining that incorrectly handled masks can make it more risky for disease transmission and their role is limited when Covid is endemic.

Though there are no Covid related guidelines or mask mandates by the government, about 200 privaterun schools in the national capital have already made masks compulsory for students and staff members in view of the rising numbers. "When disease is endemic, the

benefit of masks for all age groups and children is even less. Then, we need to remember that an incorrectly handled mask can make it more risky for transmission. If children keep touching the mask, it would make them prone to infection," said Chandrakant Lahariya, general physician and infectious

"Even during the pandemic stage, WHO did not recommend masks for children younger than five years. For five-12 years of age also, masks were not mandated and were optional. The benefit was negligible and so masks were not mandated," Lahariya told PTI.

According to Sudha Acharya, chairperson of the National Progressive Schools' Conference, about 230 private schools in Delhi have mandated masks and implemented social distancing norms. These include schools such as Bal Bharti, Delhi Public School, St Mary's and Ahlcon Public School.

Masks, Lahariya explained, had a definitive preventive role in the Covid pandemic. When the virus was novel and people unvaccinated, universal masking was helpful in reducing transmission. "Now, when Covid is endemic

a public health measure in reducing transmission is limited.

A recent study published in the journal BMJ assessed the effectiveness of mandatory use of face covering masks (FCMs) in schools durand ubiquitous, the role of masks as ing the first term of the 2021-2022

academic year in Spain. The study found no significant

differences in SARS-CoV-2 trans-

mission due to FCM mandates. "Instead, age was the most important factor in explaining the transmission risk for children attending

school," the authors of the study concluded. Lahariya noted that there are

lates inside the masks worn for a longer period and those levels may be harmful for children. 'Also, with masks you cannot ask children to play and that means depriving them of physical activi-

studies that carbon dioxide cumu-

ty. There are many negative impacts with no benefits.' "Schools are overdoing it by imposing the mask on children, when the government has not made it so.. This is a violation of the rights

of children and any school doing so should be protested by parents and penalised by the government," the health expert added. International guidelines recom-

mend face masks for children aged six years and older, but further studies are needed to provide evidence based recommendations for differ-

the CID is comparing registered chit companies with Ponzi and multilevel marketing companies like Sahara, Sharadha, or Satyam Computers whose failure was on

account of the "misuse and misap-

Taking exception to the press note chit funds accept from their subissued by the Andhra Pradesh Crime scribers are not deposits at all and Investigation Department (CID) on alleged irregularities by Margadarsi Chit Fund Private Ltd, the All India Association of Chit Funds on lic funds. Thursday claimed that there were no complaints against the firm.

No complaint against firm

All India chit fund body backs Margadarsi

The body in a press release said

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propriation of public funds". The association also said what

with the kind of assets they have, it is impossible for Margadarsi kind of the company to run away with pub-"Even assuming that there was/is

any violation on the part of a financial intermediary, the solution lies in getting it corrected, as is the practice even with RBI, and not by any coercive steps, and publicity, as is being seen now.

T-Hub selects 20 startups to transform automotive industry

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T-Hub, in collaboration with Atal Innovation Centre, on Thursday announced that 20 startups have been selected for a project based on the automobile industry.

The three-month-long pro-

gramme will provide 1:1 mentoring, group sessions, investor connections, and market pilots to help them find their first customers, interact with investors, access government incentives and grants, and structure their companies with new business models to the startups.

The selected venture has been shortlisted after screening 230 applications on the basis of founder qualification, business models and products. The programme will emphasise on automotive technologies, connected vehicles, fleet management, clean mobility solutions, electric vehicles and emerging vehicle technologies.

The shortlisted startups include, Triolt, Etric, Vihaan



Electrix, Aurita electric utility "Through this programme, we bikes, Tumpudi Automotive aim to create a strong ecosys-Pvt Ltd, Zero Sum, Bijliride, tem empowering startups and facilitating new-age solutions in the automobile industry. Transcent, TelioEV, TRiDE Mobility, CHARGEKART, We are excited to welcome the Piqyu, Bid rYde, SunPlower Wind, LogiXair, Austhraa selected startups to the AIC-T-Motors, C&G Green Energy. Hub programme.

Speaking about the pro-Over the next few months, T-Hub ĈEO startups will receive access to Mahankali Srinivas Rao said, right mentorship, funding

incentives and grants

channels, and networking

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will provide 1:1

We are confident that this programme will play a crucial role in helping startups scale their businesses and drive innovation in the automobile industry," added Rajesh Adla, of AIC Foundation.

Health cards for councillors sought

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The Municipal Council Forum Chairman Ramu Naik has submitted a petition to Minister of Municipal Administration and Urban Development KT Rama Rao requesting the grant of health cards to municipal councillors and corporators across Telangana state. Naik also

requested that a pension of Rs 5,000 be granted to councillors and corpora-

The petition was submitted on Thursday in Hyderabad, where the problems faced by councillors and corporators were brought to the attention of the minister. Naik highlighted the challenges faced by councillors and corporators in accessing healthcare facilities and emphasised the need for a health card to address the issue.

Naik expressed gratitude to KTR for responding positively to the problems faced by councillors and corpora-



Traffic diversions for unveiling of Ambedkar statue today

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Hyderabad Traffic Police announced the imposition of traffic diversions on April 14 from 1 pm to 8 pm, in view of the unveiling of Dr BR Ambedkar statue by the Chief Minister and a public meeting thereafter, behind I-Max Theatre, Necklace Rotary.

Traffic coming from Khairatabad/Panjagutta/Somaj iguda and intending to go towards Necklace Rotary will be diverted at VV Statue towards Shadan - Nirankari. Similarly, traffic coming from Tank Bund towards PVNR Marg will not be allowed and will be diverted at Sonabi coming from Rasoolpura/Minister Road from towards Necklace Rotary via Nallagutta will also not be

Ranigunj. Traffic coming from Iqbal Minar Junction and intending to go towards Tank Bund-Ranigunj and Liberty will not be allowed towards Ambedkar

Statue/Tank Bund and will be

directed to Telugu Thalli fly-

allowed and will be diverted at

Nallagutta Junction towards

over - Katta Maisamma Junction - Lower Tank Bund. The traffic coming from Tank Bund and Telugu Thalli and intending to go towards NTR Marg will not be allowed and will be diverted at Telugu

Ranigunj/Karbala. Traffic Thalli Junction towards Iqbal Minar Junction. The traffic coming from BRKR Bhavan towards NTR Marg will not be allowed and diverted at Telugu Thalli Junction towards Iqbal Minar Junction.

RTC buses coming from Afzalgunj Secunderabad shall avoid the Tank Bund Road and take Telugu Thalli flyover, Katta Maisamma, Lower Tank Bund, DBR Mills and Kavadiguda. Commuters are advised to follow traffic updates on the Hyderabad Traffic Police Facebook page and Twitter handle. In case of any emergency in travel, kindly call the traffic helpline 9010203626

for travel assistance.

Rains lash parts of city; **IMD** issues yellow alert

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The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) on Thursday issued a yellow alert as scattered rains lashed parts of Hyderabad.

Moderate showers are expected in the city till April 17. The IMD also predicted thunder storms in parts of Telangana for the next two days. Several places in the city received showers, including Dilsukhnagar, Malakpet, Saidabad, Saroornagar, Koti, Charminar, Narayanguda, Jambagh, Abids, Nallakuntala, Himayatnagar, RTC X Roads, Tank Bund and Basheer Bagh. Weather expert T Balaji took to Twitter and said, "Rain lashed areas including Kukatpally, Qutbullapur, Jagatgirigutta, Narsingi, Khajaguda, Manikonda, Uppal

and LB Nagar areas after temperatures of 40 degrees Celsius."

gramme,

Balaji further stated that these are short heavy spells of scattered rain caused due to increased heat. The maximum temperature recorded on Thursday was 40.5 degrees Celsius. Although there was some respite in the city, humidity has also increased. Santoshnagar also experienced rain and lightning.

Videos on Twitter showed rains in Gandhinagar, Vidya Musheerabad, Nagar, Panjagutta, Khairatabad, Nagar Rasoolpura. It is to be noted that a coconut tree on the premises of the NCC building, Veterinary University, caught fire after being struck by lightning, a picture of which sur-



All depts should work in tandem: Mayor

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Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi said that all the departments should work in coordination to solve people's problems, in the inaugural programme of Mayor's Community Engagement and Citizens' Grievance Disposal on Thursday.

The Mayor said that the nodal officers will come to the representatives Residential Welfare Associations and know their problems and will work hard to solve them. She said that the Municipal Administration and

Development Department have issued guidelines for Community Engagement and Citizens' Grievance Disposal to solve public problems directly in the city. She said that there are 4,846 colonies in all circles.

The representatives of the associations work together with these nodal teams to find out the problems there and solve them on a war-footing. The Mayor informed the representatives of residential, colony and slum-level associations about the problems in all the colonies in Jubilee Hills circle to the nodal team officials and said that the problems



should be solved. The nodal team solves the problems of potholes on roads, C&D waste, streetlights, water, sewage, medical, fogging, antilarvae operations and law and order problems in the colonies. The nodal teams will visit the slums for 15 days from Friday to find out the problems. Representatives of Colony Welfare Associations and Slum Level Federations were asked to take advantage of this opportunity.

Representatives of the respective colonies informed the Mayor about 25 problems in the water board, five problems in police, three problems in health and one problem in electricity. Besides, fogging and anti-larvae operations should be conducted by the entomology department.

Garbage storage areas should be identified and cleared during the month of

Officials told to enhance

awareness on fire safety PNS HYDERABAD

Chief Secretary of Telangana Shanthi Kumari has directed officials to create an awareness strategy among the public about fire safety measures. In a meeting held on Thursday to discuss the growing number of fire accidents, she emphasised the need for continuous engagement of people through social advocacy groups and other methods to prevent fire mishaps.

Hvderabad Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Commissioner Lokesh Kumar informed the Chief Secretary that the sive drive to inspect shopping complexes, cinema halls, and other public places to ensure that emergency exits are functioning properly. Residential welfare societies are also being contacted to

vigilant against criminals who

have been released. The police

personnel have been asked to

monitor hotels and lodges and

inspect vehicles coming from

create awareness about fire safety measures.

Lokesh Kumar added that all vulnerable buildings in the city have been identified and notices have been served to install fire safety equipment. The Chief Secretary asked the GHMC and the Fire Department officials to prepare an action plan to get fire safety equipment installed and checked in all shopping complexes, multiplexes, hospitals and other commercial establishments within a time-bound man-

Santhi Kumari also highlighted the need to identify red category establishments tial areas and work out measures to shift them. The meeting was attended by Special Chief Secretary MAUD Arvind Kumar, DĠ Fire Services Nagi Reddy and CCP Devender Reddy.

GMR Innovex launches Robotics CoE for airports

GMR Group has launched its Robotics Centre of Excellence as part of GMR Innovex expansion. Speaking of the Telangana government

initiative in supporting the robotics eco system, Jayesh Ranjan, Principal Secretary of the Industries & Commerce (I&C) and Information Technology ing technology solutions, robotics technology around the world has attracted various industries like never before. With the thriving robotics eco- system, the government has taken several initiatives towards developing the thriving robotics technology by providing a platform for the star-



entities working in the robotics and automation space. The government hopes to attract more investment, experts and innovation in this space. GMR Innovex will be leading in the utilisation of this emerging technology and will be a key tech

An MoU has been signed between Peppermint, SINE IIT, Mumbai, Flo Mobility and GMR group to explore opportunities and identify robotic technology-related use cases for airports and ancillary businesses. With a focus on developing solutions that are efficient, cost-efficient and cost- effective, the Robotics COE will be the driving force behind the next wave of robotic innova-

The Robotics Center of Excellence will facilitate research innovation and development and collaboration in the field of robotics. It will also identify the startups focusing on robotics and co-develop innovative robotic products for the airport and aviation eco-system.

TSRTC allows 10% discount on Vijayawada

trips till April 30 PNS HYDERABAD

The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) on Thursday announced 10% discount on trips to Vijayawada till April

The discount is also applicable to the super luxury and Rajdhani AC services running on the Hyderabad-Vijayawada route. Speaking of the decision, TSRTC Managing Director VC Sajnnar and Chairman Bajireddy Govardhan Reddy said, "Vijayawada route is heavily trafficked. The organisation has decided to provide a 10 per cent discount on super luxury and Rajdhani AC services with the intention of reducing their financial burden. This concession is applicable up to Vijayawada route. For example, if a passenger wants to travel from Hyderabad to Visakhapatnam on Rajdhani AC service, a 10 per cent discount will be given on his ticket till Vijayawada. The discount will save Rs 40 to Rs 50 per passenger. Passengers should avail this concessional facility which is

The MD further said, "TSRTC is providing concessions to passengers who make advance reservations. If advance booking is done between 31 to 44 days, 5 per cent discount is given and if reservation is made between 45 to 60 days, 10 per cent discount is provided

available till April 30."

Grade VIII students of Isaipet Cyberabad CP asks officials HMDA wins 25 awards in state bag prize for innovation to tighten vigil against thefts govt gardens fest

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The students of Grade VIII to X enthusiastically participated in IIT Hyderabad's Future Innovators Fair.

Among them Zilla Parishad High School of Isaipet won the first prize by making solarcum-hand dishwasher. The team members studying inClass VIII, D Saketh, K Rakshith, Harshavardhan, Praveen and Pranay said that there is difficulty in schools to wash the big dishes used for cooking in the kitchen. Their families also face the problem while washing utensils. So, they tried to find a device of the fair, Prof BS Murty,

along with teacher Swarna Latha. With Rs 100, they made a portable dishwasher. The other winners were,

second prize for women's period problems, won by Pallavi Model School, Boduppal, Hyderabad, third prize for calamity control droid by the Hyderabad Public School, Ramanthapur.

The consolation prize was won for women's friendly utensil supporter machine by ZPHS, Dammannapet and consolation prize for auto light mechanism at culverts by Excellent Star High School.

Explaining the uniqueness

Director, IITH, said, "Innovation is not just our motto but is in the DNA of IITH. We believe in developing job creators instead of job seekers. From a minor in entrepreneurship in 2009, incubators in 2015, BUILD Scheme (Bold Unique Idea Lead to Development) in 2020 Department of Entrepreneurship in 2020 to double major in Entrepreneurship in 2022, it reflects our urge towards making India self-reliant (Atma

Nirbhar). So far, all these inno-

vations' influencing drives

were limited to UG/PG/PhD

PNS HYDERABAD Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) has won 25 awards Horticulture the

Festival 2023. Dr B Prabhakar, Director, Urban Forestry, HMDA, will receive the awards at the hands of Agriculture Minister Niranjan Reddy at the awards ceremony to be held at the Central Lawn of the Public

Department's Gardens Festival

and 1st Urban Farming

Garden on April 15. Special Chief Secretary Arvind Kumar congratulated Prabhakar on the occasion.

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Cyberabad Commissioner of Police M Stephen Raveendra on Thursday urged officials to tighten vigil against thefts during summer.
The commissioner further

said that the hot spots for thefts have been identified after an analysis of the incidents in the Cyberabad Commissionerate in the past five years. "A circular regarding strategies against such crimes was issued on April 10." Exemplifying the alertness of the Cyberabad police against such crimes, Raveendra said, "A gang of



inter-state robbers was caught by the Balanagar police. The emphasis should be on summer thefts for the next two months.

"CCTV cameras should be installed in gated communities and awareness campaigns should be held for security staff at these communities." The

other states. Cyberabad DCP (Crimes) Singenvar Kalmeshwar, Law and Order DCP (Madapur) Shilpavalli, Shamshabad DCP Narayana

officials were also asked to be

Reddy, Rajendranagar Jagadishwar Reddy, Balanagar DCP Srinivasa Rao, Medical DCP Sandeep, ADCP Rajendranagar Reshmi Perumal and ADCP (Crimes) Narsimha Reddy attended the

City students back Joshimath climate strike

students of IITH.

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Students of 'We From the Climate Front' organisation have held a strike as part of the climate strike for 100 days since Joshimath city

started sinking.
Lives of 25,000 people are in threat. Already 300 families were displaced, more than 1,000 buildings have developed cracks and many collapsed. Administration itself had put red cross to approximately 180 houses. The root cause for the crisis should be identified. If not the other big towns like Mussoorie, Tehri, Karnaprayag and Uttarkashi will be in danger.

"Why are we speaking Joshimath Hyderabad? We believe that Joshimath is not just a crisis of one town. It is just another example of government action of planning which affects people and nature," they explained.
"We see the Joshimath inci-

dent and Chevella highway project as the same at the times where various governments across the world are declaring a climate emergency. The Prime Minister of India himself has promised net zero emissions. But in reality they are doing the opposite. For the construction of roads or highways, a lot of construction equip-



ment and heavy vehicles are used. The volume of carbon they will emit is huge. In the Chevella project, officially the number of trees which will be chopped off are 15,000

and according to our reports, double the number of trees will be cut," said Ruchith Asha Kamal, an 18-year-old green a Hyderabad activist from

In the entire world, the only solution for stopping carbon emissions is planting saplings. That is the reason why many governments are going for plantations. But here in India, the government goes ahead with unsustainable projects and also chops off thousands of trees.

But the difference between Joshimath and this issue is that the effects of Joshimath crisis are visible, but the effects of the Chevella highway construction project are not visible right now. But, when our grandchildren will pray to all Gods for oxygen, that's when we will understand the seriousness of the effects, she added.

NIMS conducts a rare pediatric renal transplant

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Urologists at Nizam's Institute Medical Sciences (NIMS) in Hyderabad have successfully conducted a rare pediatric renal transplant on a 12-year-old boy on Thursday. The boy was suffering from end-stage kidney failure due to a congenital problem called bilateral vesicoureteric reflux associated uropathy. He had been on dialysis for about an year and comes from a poor family background.

The team of urologists at NIMS conducted laparoscopic left nephroureterectomy as the first stage followed by right nephroureterectomy plus live related renal transplant in the

The surgeries were performed free of cost under the Telangana Aarogyasri scheme. The boy's mother donated her kidney, and the transplant has been successful. Doctors revealed that the boy's renal functions have normalised, and his serum creatinine level has dropped from 7 to 0.4. The team of urologists, led by Professor and Head of the Department Dr Rahul Devraj, said that the boy is one of the youngest to undergo a transplant surgery at a government hospital. The urology team expressed their gratitude to Health Minister T Harish Rao, and NIMS Director Dr Bheerappa for their continuous

support and encouragement.

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KCR following in Dr Ambedkar's footsteps

lished reports of the statues of Dr BR Ambedkar being desecrated, defaced or dishonoured triggering violence. These issues have been discussed in the Assembly too.

Before understanding the point of what Ambedkar statues symbolise, it is important to think about the people who enjoy the perversion of insulting the statue of the architect of the Indian Constitution and also to understand the people whose lives revolve around the Ambedkar statue.

While society has seen celebrating the murder of Mahatma Gandhi and praising his assassin Godse as a patriot, there are powerful people who paint Babasaheb

an antagonist who advocated reservation for the oppressed. The hate targeted at Ambedkar and his principles continues to remain.

But the people who consider Ambedkar as a messiah take pride in having his statue and will defend it to the death to protect it which they believe symbolises their

self-respect.
Chief Minister K.
Chandrasekhar Rao in most of his speeches during the Telangana movement used Article 3 of the Indian Constitution as a shield to champion the cause of separate Statehood for Telangana which was incorporated by Dr BR Ambedkar.

Dr Ambedkar's philosophy endorsed the empowerment Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao in most of his speeches during the Telangana movement used Article 3 of the Indian Constitution as a shield to champion the cause of separate Statehood for Telangana which was incorporated by Dr BR Ambedkar.Dr Ambedkar's philosophy endorsed the empowerment of women through entrepreneurship.

of women through entrepreneurship. Starting with reservation for women in Agriculture Market Committees, KCR took a landmark decision to give 50% quota for women in local elected bodies which made many women ZP Chairpersons and Mayors.

When we talk of the economy and the need to help job seekers become job-creators, Dalit Bandhu is a game

changer. It is the brainchild of KCR which initially started with Rs 1,000 crore as CM's Dalit Empowerment programme, but after a lot of brainstorming, KCR launched it as Dalit Bandhu with a budget of Rs 17,700 crore this

Across the state, thousands of Dalits in all constituencies have already opened their own businesses and has become a role model for



Chairman TSMDC Dalits who want to start their own business and contribute to the economic growth of the state. On April 14, the Chief Minister will unveil the 125-foot tall Dr BR Ambedkar statue in the heart

Constitution in his hand. The statue is seen pointing its hand towards the Gautam Buddha statue on Tank Bund.

This sends the strong message that KCR and Telangana are moving on the path shown by Ambedkar. Telangana joins the league of States with one of the tallest bronze statues of Dr Ambedkar in the world. KCR did not believe that

achieving Telangana state is possible only through armed struggle. He thought that Telangana can be made possible through the Parliament and he garnered support and ensured the safe passage of the Telangana Bill in both Houses of Parliament.

Below the 125 feet tall Ambedkar statue is a 50 feet

Parliament-shaped pedestal which signals Ambedkar drafting the Constitution which should be safeguarded by Parliament, which backed KCR's Telangana statehood movement.

Another courageous step by KCR is to name the newly constructed Telangana Secretariat after Dr BR Ambedkar which is adjacent to the 125 feet statue.

The integrated office which will have all administrative offices under an umbrella is getting ready to be opened soon. Ambedkar means administration for all. A government is elected to govern without any bias and Telangana is choosing the Ambedkar way of social jus-

Politically KCR has cor-

nered Modi and the BJP with Dalits asking the BJP to take inspiration from KCR and name the new Parliament building after De BR

Going a step further, KTR moved a resolution in the Telangana State Legislative Assembly requesting the Centre to name the new Parliament building after Dr BR Ambedkar which would be a perfect tribute to the architect of the Constitution.

BJP-ruled states have an anti-Dalit image as they have witnessed atrocities on Dalits with right-wing forces spewing venom on reservation and Ambedkar's policies. With KCR going all out against the BJP, it's now almost KCR's social justice Vs the BJP's divisiveness.

PRIVATISATION OF VIZAG STEEL PLANT

'Centre's climbdown a victory for KCR, BRS'

The Narendra Modi government has been forced into a humiliating climbdown on privatisation of the Visakhapatnam Steel plant and it is certainly a victory for Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao, said to Minister for Energy G Jagadish Reddy on Thursday

Reacting to the announcement by the Central government that the proposal to privatise the steel plant was put on hold, the Minister said that the Centre had made a climbdown after the Telangana government announced its decision to participate in bidding for the steel plant. The BRS would steel plant.



Minister for Energy G Jagadish Reddy speaking at BRS Atmeeya Sammelanam in Suryapet on Thursday

prevent the privatisation of the steel plant. The Centre climbed down only Minister for Information Technology spoke against the privatisation of the Visakhapatnam

The BJP-led Central government has been conspiring to sell off the steel plant. It has been taking the people in Andhra Pradesh for a ride. He expressed the opinion that the YSRCP and TDP

The recent announce-

Later, he released a poster

highlighting the MSP for

various crops. Additional Collector Veera

Reddy, DCMS Chairman Sivakumar, DCCB Vice

Chairman Manikyak, DSO

Vanajatha, DCÓ Prasad,

DRDO Srinivasa Rao, mar-

keting officer and Civil sup-

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ment by the Union

were obviously in league with the Centre.

In the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh, over 20 lakh people from the Telangana region had migrated to other States in search of a livelihood.

A war of words broke out between the Minister of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The migrant workers now returned to their home State after the BRS formed the government. The welfare schemes and developmental activities taken by the State government under the leadership of Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao led to the State making rapid strides towards progress. Apart from it, Telangana has been providing

Protection sought for encroached lands

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

The Telangana Wakf Board CEO Khaja Mohiuddin on Thursday urged the court to protect the encroached properties, including the land belonging to Masjid-e-Qutub

Since the revenue authorities issued ownership rights certificates in favour of the illegal occupants of the Inam Wakf property, the Wakf Board presented the matter to all the revenue authorities

concerned for years. On Thursday, Mohammed Khaja Mohiuddin, the Chief Executive Officer, contested the matter in the Court of Additional Collector, Sangareddy. After going through the details of the case, the court on March 31 passed an order duly cancelling all the ORCs issued by the revenue authorities with a direction to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Sangareddy.

KCR using Ambedkar to get votes, says Bhatti Vikramarka

PNS HYDERABAD

Pointing out that Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao has been using Dr BR Ambedkar's statements for votes, CLP Leader Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said that KCR is unveiling the Ambedkar statue with an eye on the votes of Dalits.

Bhatti sent an open letter to the CM asking him to release a white paper on steps he had taken to ensure the welfare of Dalits. He said that KCR is unveiling the Ambedkar statue nine years after coming to power although KCR had assured that he will install Ambedkar's statue immediately after taking oath as CM in 2014.

He said that rulers were trying to bag votes using the name of Ambedkar instead of implementing Ambedkar's

He asked KCR whether he



had paid tributes to the statue of Ambedkar at any time in the last nine years. Has KCR conducted Amebdkar's birth and death anniversaries officially, he asked and said that KCR insulted Dalits by abstaining from attending Amebdkar's birth and death anniversary

Alleging that Dalits and Girijans suffered severe insults under KCR regime, Bhatti said that KCR diverted SC, ST Sub-Plan funds. He said that the SC Corporation and Corporation were weakened

KCR destroyed ITDAs and forgot his promise to give three acres to Dalits. Moreover, KCR took back lands assigned to Dalits forcibly and abolished Assignment Committees.

He said the BRS government forgot to implement reservations after the privatization of SCCL. KCR has been removing reservations indirectly in the name of privatization thinking that there will be problems if reservations are scrapped directly.

He said the BRS government has been allotting lands worth crores to real estate firms and that the BRS government did not release the Rs 17,500 crore allotted to the Dalit Bandhu scheme in 2022-23.

He said that Dalits are not ready to get deceived by KCR again and that the Congress will do justice to Dalits.

AP youth JAC hails KCR for stopping steel plant privatisation

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The Andhra Pradesh Youth to Adani. and Student JAC said that Chandrasekhar Rao's inter- and give the Bailadila vention stopped the privatisation of VSP.

The youth groups criticized Chief Minister Jagan Chandrababu for failing to oppose the Modi government's decision to sell VSP to Adani and credited BRS leaders for 'saving' VSP during a press conference held in Visakhapatnam.

Rayapati Jagadish, the State President of the AP Youth and Student JAC, Jagan and Chandrababu

PNS ■ SANGAREDDY

District Collector A Sharat

has directed the district offi-

cials to prepare an action

plan to procure Yassangi

paddy from farmers effi-

ciently. He asked the officials

to ensure that the entire

operation is carried out with-

out causing any inconve-

PACS chairmen, CEOs, CCs

of IKP, and rice millers at his

chambers here on Thursday,

At a meeting held with

nience to farmers.

said the Modi government knelt before Modi," he said. had conspired to sell VSP

Mines to Adani. The KCR government derailed Modi's plans as the BRS is preparing to lead the fight to save VSP along with the people of Andhra Pradesh," he said.

made during bifurcation were not fulfilled, the moves to steal VSP hurt the youth of AP. While all sections were fighting against the Centre's conspiracy

Officials told to ensure smooth

to be vigilant during the

ring to charges made by

farmers in the past that the

authorities had depreciated

the weight of paddy in the

name of moisture, wastage

and poor quality of the pro-

ments concerned should

work in coordination. He

He wanted all the depart-

The Collector was refer-

weighing of paddy.

procurement of paddy

"KCR exposed the plans Minister of State for Steel Modi to privatise VSP that VSP is operating at full capacity has brought temporary relief to the people of Andhra Pradesh. However, the youth associations said that they will not rest until Prime Minister Modi himself makes a clear policy state-"While the promises ment in Parliament on VSP privatization.

State President Jagdish thanked KCR for 'protecting' VSP. He said that VSP is the soul of Andhra Pradesh and that it will

he wanted the procurement asked the officials to sensitise

process to be conducted the farmers to bring paddy transparently. He asked them only after drying it under the

Bhupalpally MLA Gandra Venkataramana Reddy distributing Kalyana Lakshmi

People looking towards KCR's visionary leadership: MLA

PNS JAYASHANKAR BHUPALAPALLY

People in the entire country are looking up to Bharat Rashtra Samithi ((BRS) president and Minister Chandrashekar Rao and he would certainly protect the composite culture of the country, said Bhupalapally MLA Gandra Venkataramana Reddy. Speaking at a meeting, short-

ly after distributing Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak cheques worth Rs 33 lakh to beneficiaries at Tekumatla in the district, Venkataramana Reddy said the people in other States were very much attracted by the welfare schemes being implemented in Telangana. The visionary leadership of the Chief Minister helped the State make rapid strides towards development, he said.

Several politicians, celebrities

and intellectuals continued to join the BRS party as they were confident in the leadership of the Chief Minister. He referred to a leader poking fun at farmers and agriculture; he said that the Chief Minister made agriculture a "festival." The previous governments used to provide power to the agricultural operation for a duration between four and seven hours. Now, the Telangana government has been providing power round-theclock.

He said that the Chief Minister unveiled the tallest B R Ambedkar statute. He also referred to the government's measures to develop healthcare

in government hospitals. MP Reddy Malla Reddy, Zilla Territorial Parishad Constituency member Tirupati Reeddy, BRS mandal unit president S Ravi and others were

Man served notice for waving Godse picture during yatra

PNS HYDERABAD

caught 21-year-old Chinta Hema Kumar on Thursday for allegedly waving a picture of Nathuram Godse during the Ram Navami Shobha Yatra. An image surfaced in the Internet of a person holding up a picture of Godse, who was the assassin of Mahatma Gandhi.

The Shahinyatgunj police traced the accused with the help of the picture and brought him to the police station. Shahinyatgunj police station head officer Y Ajay Kumar said, "The person was not arrested but we have served him with 41(a) CRPC notice. The accused did not bring the picture to the rally. He had held it up on someone else's request is what we found out. Further investigation is underway."

The incident took place during the procession organ-ised by BJP MLA Raja Singh. It may be mentioned here that MLA Raja Singh has also been suspended for making derogatory remarks towards prophet Muhammad. Nathuram Godse is considered a prominent figure among certain extremist groups.



AICC secretary and MLA D Sridhar Babu paying tributes at former Speaker D

Rich tributes paid to former Speaker Sripada Rao

PNS JAYASHANKAR BHU-**PALAPALLY**

Congress MLC T Jeevan Reddy has hailed the former Speaker of undivided AP Assembly Duddilla Sripada Rao as a leader who found a permanent place in the hearts of the people.

On the occasion of observing Sripada Rao's 24th death anniversary, people's representatives, his followers and people paid rich tributes to him. They paid floral tributes at Sripada Rao's statues. Several programmes, including poor-feeding, distribution of fruits were organised in the constituency.

Jeevan Reddy took part in

the commemorative meeting held at Sri Pada Chowk in Manthani and Kamanpur, along with AICC secretary,

obtained from our website www.tsnpdcl.in

former minister and Manthani MLA Duddilla Sridhar Babu, TPCC working president Mahesh Kumar Goud, TPCC Kisan cell president Anvesh Reddy and others paid rich tributes to the departed leader.

They hailed Sripada Rao as a great man who brought laurels to Manthani region. They said that the Congress party activists, leaders and people were not able to forget the unfortunate incident that had taken place on April 13, 1999. They said that it was no ordinary issue.

Sridhar Babu said that the people have been showering love on the family as if they have lost their family member and called it as an inspiring incident. He left an indelible mark on politics. His life is worth emulating for others, the leaders said.

RS 562 CRORE RELEASED FOR T-PRIDE INCENTIVES

Minister KTR participates in Ambedkar Jayanti

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Telangana Minister for Industries KT Rama Rao has issued a cheque for the release of Rs 562 crore for Telangana programme for Rapid Incubation of Dalit Entrepreneurs (T-Pride) on used to issue incentives to 8,000 entrepreneurs registered with T-Pride and Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industries

Minister Koppula Eshwar and ST Welfare Minister Satyavathi Rathod. Speaking on the occasion,

Minister KTR said, "When these cheques were initially issued five years ago, we could only issue Rs 100 crore, but now it is increased to Thursday. The fund will be over Rs 500 crore due to the success of the programme.
We have named this programme T-Pride with hope that every step we take towards Dalit uplift will

it after a person on our part like other governments, but we did not. It is also noteworthy that Telangana is pioneering the way for the welfare of the country. Chief Minister KCR does not launch missions for his own benefit but for the welfare of the people. When we wanted Mission Bhagiratha, they mocked us. But after we succeeded, they launched Jal Jeevan Mission- Har Ghar Jal. We launched Rythu Bandhu and they later

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-PAPER WITH PASSION-

Systemic failure

A 12-year-old was tried for murder, convicted, and spent his best years on death row

iranaram Chetanram Chaudhary is a living testament to the pathetic state of our police and justice systems. In 1994, he was 12 years old — and tried for murder on the presumption that he was 22. This happened because somehow he got dragged into a murder case in Pune, in which five women and two children were knifed to death. After class three he ran away from his school at Bikaner in Rajasthan, went to Pune, and began working in a tailoring shop. He doesn't remember why ran away from his home or with whom, nor could any of his brothers. Some cop misspelled his name as Narayan instead of Niranaram, leading to his trial, conviction, and death sentence. What is startling and heartrending is the fact no one in the system — from cops of various ranks and lawyers to judges at different lev-



els in the judicial hierarchy — could even notice that a child was being on trial. A junior police officer may have misspelled the name, but could he tell a 12year-old kid from a 22-year-old youngster? And what about the senior officers? And the prosecuting lawyers and defence counsels? And judges in the trial and appeal courts? A 42-year-old man, if he abuses his own body, may look 52; and a 52-yearold man, who takes good care of his body, may pass off as 42. But how on earth can a 12-year-old boy be mistaken as 22 years of age? Even if he did commit the crime, he could not have been imprisoned for more than three years, as per the juvenile law in effect at that time.

Justice is said to be blind, but those responsible for dispensing it are not supposed to be blind; their cognitive and cogitative faculties ought to be sound. In Chaudhary's case, all these were found wanting — and he paid a terrible price. He had to spend 28 long years in prison, and on death row to boot. The best years of his life — adolescence and most of his youth — were spent behind bars. "When you are on death row, every hope is broken. You just try to get through the day," he recently told a newspaper after his release, adding that he now feels blessed to look at the stars on a dark night after spending years confined to four walls under the glare of lights. In prison, he studied a lot, getting a master's degree in sociology. It was at this time that he realised that he was much younger than the prison records showed. The Supreme Court ended his ordeal in March when it concluded that Niranaram was 12 years and six months old at the time of the murders. School documents and medical examination proved that. The exercise was carried out as part of the National Law University's Project 39A which works on death penalty reform. This episode proves, if any proof is needed, that India's justice and police systems urgently need reforms. Our political masters, however, have not shown great zeal for reforms in the justice system. People like Niranaram Chetanram Chaudhary continue to suffer.



Adapting to climate change is imperative



For a country like ours, which experiences almost extreme weather conditions every year, resilience building must be given top priority

he agriculture sector is highly vulnerable to climate change and is a big challenge for the agrarian economy. Food-bowl Punjab and Haryana farmers' fetish for unsustainable big cereal wheat this time has begun to hurt, as returns diminish due to climate challenges. The climate challenge farmers faced this time was erratic rainfall at the end of March, while crops were ready to harvest, likely to affect the yield significantly. In the case of Punjab, the initial deliberation by the agriculture department has indicated that at least 40 per cent of 35 lakh hectares of wheat sown is impacted by rain, winds, and hailstorms.

The serious challenges from climate change-induced impacts of erratic rainfall and the heat waves are not just a threat to our food security and nutrition as well as to the livelihood of 45 per cent of the country's population that depends on farming. It has an impact on their crop loan cycle to return on time to get fresh lending and to invest back into their

Policymakers, agri-scientists and farmers must come togethr to confront the challenge of climate change. Various climate change policies are established at international, national and state levels to address the impacts of climate change. Traditionally, the focus of such policies remained on mitigation instead of adaptation measures. Adaptation actions are needed to respond to climate change as these actions help reduce vulnerabilities.

Overuse of resources like water, soil, fertilisers and pesticides to boost yield resulted in Green-House Gases Emissions (GHGs). Take the example of Punjab, after the implementation of the Food Security Act; the nation is again looking toward Punjab, but Punjab farmers need to conserve its soil and water management along with adopting diversification in agricul-

Why are the funds dwindling? However, the National Mission on Strategic Knowledge for Climate Change (NMSKCC) seeks to build a dynamic knowledge system that would inform

responding effectively to the objective of ecologically sustainable development making agriculture climate resilient.

The National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC) was established in 2015 to meet the cost of adaptation for the States but why are the funds dwindling to address this serious challenge? The grants released under NAFCC fell from ₹350 crore in 2015-16 to ₹27.76 crore in 2022-23, while the sub-committee of the Ministry of Finance estimates the cumulative expenditure for adapting to climate change at ₹ 85.60 lakh crore by 2030.

Research and development is the bedrock of climate resistance agriculture but the minuscule investments in R&D impede the ability of science and technology research to tackle multiple challenges. As per the Indian Council of Agriculture Research, around 85 per cent of their budget goes towards salaries and other administrative/establishment expenditures, with little left for research. The same is with state agriculture universities facing a financial crunch for R&D work. The total R&D expenditure in India as a percentage of agricultural GDP has been



POLICYMAKERS.

AGRI-SCIENTISTS AND FARMERS MUST COME TOGETHER TO CONFRONT THE CHALLENGE OF CLIMATE CHANGE. **VARIOUS POLICIES** ARE IN PLACE AT INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL AND STATE LEVELS TO ADDRESS THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE in the last two decades. It is much lower than in the US (2.8 per cent), China (2.1 per cent), South Korea (4.3 per cent), and Israel (4.2 per cent).

For a country that experiences almost extreme weather every year, adaptation and resilience building must be a priority. India needs more granular risk analysis that can help target appropriate adaptation action locally while making new infrastructure climate resilient and strength-

ening early warning systems.
An analysis by the Council on Energy, Environment, and Water found the frequency and intensity of extreme climate events increasing by almost 200 per cent since 2005 and three out of four districts of India are facing extreme climate change. Experts' analyst estimates show that climate change might reduce global agriculture productivity by 17 per cent by 2030. According to a study by Organisation, India is estimated to have suffered an average annual loss of more than ₹6 lakh crore from climate-induced changes. The way forward:

To face these risks, adaptation is the key factor. Farmers

tainable integrated agriculture practices that could enable them to lower their vulnerabilities by higher crop diversity from staples to high-value crops, fruit and vegetables. Integrated farming with the inclusion of dairy, poultry, beekeeping, fisheries and mushroom cultivation can give additional high-energy food without affecting the production of food grains. There are four sustainable ways farmers can produce

more food. First, Farmers need handholding in the early phases. Support them for knowledge exchange with skill-intensive practices. Second, support technology innovation and adaptation to minimise their vulnerability. Third, Instead of input-based subsidies for fertiliser and power, incentivising outcome-based support could encourage innovation. Four, and the most significant, is enhanced research and develthe World Meteorological opment for impact studies compared with conventional farming across agro-climatic

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Tailored corporate courses in demand



A growing number of companies are now opting for flexible training courses that allow executives to attend sessions as per their comfort

ontinuous learning is essential in the business world to keep up with the constantly changing land-scape. Executive education programs provide tailored courses to meet the specific needs of professionals and organisations. The demand for such courses is global and not limited to specific industries or regions.

Upskilling employees to adapt to new technologies and building leadership and management skills to tackle organizational changes are some examples of the specific challenges that executives face. A skills-based approach can make an organization achieve greater diversity, equity, and inclusivity (DEI) advantages. Providing the right opportunities and enabling employees to learn skills that the company finds necessary for its future growth can help employees grow individually and the organisation collectively.

Flexible training courses that allow learners to attend sessions as per their comfort, and choose offline, on-campus, or online learning options are being preferred by

corporates. As an executive, every individual and their organisation needs to focus on upskilling and reskilling. Deeper analytical insights can be provided by executive learning programs apart from the skills that are in demand. With digital automation

making existing technologies go obsolete rapidly, upskilling or reskilling can also be instrumental in ensuring that a person remains relevant and effective in the current role, even in the future. As per a global study by Deloitte, about 86% of organizations are aware of this need, but just 10% find themselves ready to address them.

The need for executive education programs is growing as businesses face rapid changes in technology and the global market. Executives need to continually upgrade

facing, such as upskilling employees to adapt to new technologies or building leadership and management skills to tackle organisational changes. With digital automation making existing technologies obsolete rapidly, upskilling or reskilling can also be instrumental in ensuring that a person remains relevant and effective in their current and future roles.

To stay ahead of the curve, businesses need to identify the right skill sets that will keep their workforce proficient and in sync with evolving technologies such as AI automation and SaaS-driven activities. Flexible training courses that allow learners to attend sessions as per their comfort, and choose offline, on-campus, or online learning options are being preferred by corporates.

Executives themselves feel the need to retain their competitive edge and acquire skills that will help them take

their skills and knowledge to up new and more complex keep up with the demands of their industry. Organizations ahead. By joining learning are looking for courses that and development programs are not only relevant to their aimed at specific areas, industry but also address the employees can acquire skills specific challenges they are that make them leaders in their areas of expertise and achieve better growth in terms of corporate hierarchy and remuneration. To achieve greater diversity, equity and inclusivity advantages, organizations should focus on providing opportunities for employees to learn skills that the company finds necessary for its future growth. Executive learning programs can provide deeper analytical insights apart from the skills that are in demand.

In conclusion, executive education is necessary to keep up with the ever-changing business landscape. Organizations must identify the right skill sets and provide flexible training courses to keep their workforce proficient and in sync with evolving technologies. Executives themselves need to focus on upskilling and reskilling to retain their competitive edge.

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SUPREME COURT NOD TO RSS MARCH

Sir — The tussle between the Tamil Nadu Government and the RSS began when the former denied permission to organise route marches and public gatherings to the latter in September 2022. The government cited that since the Government of India's decision to ban PFI under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), the law-and-order situation is not conducive to organising marches. The single-judge Bench also reprimanded the Tamil Nadu police as it observed that there was nothing adverse in the intelli-gence reports cited by them. The Supreme Court has given a green signal to the RSS Route March in Tamil Nadu.

CKR Nathan | Trichy

CONSOLATION FOR YASH DAYAL

Sir — It is really heartening to see that left-arm pacer Yash Dayal, who was hammered for five consecutive sixes by Rinku Singh in the final over to seal the game for KKR, has been receiving consolation messages from all around, including from his father. It is all the more encouraging that the entire KKR team reached out to the GT bowler with a moving post, backing him to bounce back from the setback. KKR's message for Dayal read: "Chin up, lad. Just a hard day at the office happens to the best of players in cricket." No doubt, these words will lift the morale of the bruised bowler and come up strongly in the remaining matches. Yash Dayal can take solace from England's Stuart Broad, who is still respected as one of the great fast bowlers in the world despite he was taken to the cleaners by Yuvraj Singh in the 2007 T20 world cup. Sport is a great leveller, and it always gives a second chance for a player to come good.

Ranganathan Sivakumar | Chennai **SACHIN ON PILOT'S FLIGHT ROUTE?**

Sir — Now that Sachin (the pure) Pilot is set on steering the Rajasthan Congress aircraft to his own chosen course against instructions of central control, it is like-

Ambedkar's views on religion

E EDITO



r BR Ambedkar had asserted "I tell you, religion is for man and not man for religion". Perhaps his words have turned "antique" and so immediately require to be junked! Currently, man is for religious shrines, epic and mythological figures, mythical unseen rivers

urgently in need of "rejuvenation", "holy" animals and "sacred" books! Today, religion is not for married couples even, rather matrimonial bonds are for religion; with divine love getting

interpreted as "jihad" of sorts! So by ignoring all "stories" revolving around poverty-malnutrition-hunger-illiteracy-child labour-human trafficking-unemployment; let's invest all our energy, time and resource to commemorate epic figures monopolised by the "religious" brigade and revolve our precious lives around myths, rituals and "sanctity" of animals! Grand temples and glittering corridors should be our "national pride"; never mind if billions of fellow citizens remain deprived of minimum dig-

nity and rights entitled to human beings! Kajal Chatterjee I Kolkata

ly that he has laid his hands on the same route map taken earlier by Jyotiraditya Scindia. And his landing destination may well be the same. In which case, it befits Pilot to be left to handle Civil Aviation and for Scindia to take over the Shipping portfolio. After all, he is from the lineage of the Maharaja of Gwalior who set up the Scindia Shipping way back in 1914. The BJP is decidedly generous in disbursing landing rights to carriers flying colours other than their own.

R Narayanan | Mumbai

CROREPATI, TAINTED LEADERS AS CM Sir — The citizen is not at all surprised to read that 29 of the current 30 Chief Ministers are crorepatis, or 13 (43 per cent) have declared serious criminal cases against them. Based upon the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) report, it was revealed that money power and muscle power have a large bearing on the outcome of the election results. If not, then how Andhra Pradesh CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy is the richest CM in the country with ₹510 crore assets, whereas he with 38 cases, including 35 serious offences (nonbailable offences with over five years of

imprisonment), stood third among the CMs with the highest number of cases booked against him? Telangana CM K Chandrashekar Rao faces the highest number of criminal cases (64), including 37 serious offences and financial liability.

Actually, being a crorepati is not a huge thing as any property even in a village will command close to ₹1 crore. Moreover, it may be true in case of white money, but as soon as you talk about total money, I'm sure West Bengal's Mamata Banerjee is the only CM (who is not a crorepati) would move close to other crorepati CMs. Interestingly, we are talking about the current 30 CMs, but what about all the Ministers who are not in power or who have already made the loot and are now sitting silently? Unfortunately, our law is so blind that in the defamation case a lawmaker, if found guilty, not only lost his seat but also won't contest an election for the next eight years. But politicians with huge money and muscle power rule the country freely. Truly,

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MANAGING EMPLOYEE EXPERIENCE IS THE KEY

Companies must invest in staff, listen to feedback and prioritise work-life balance



he success or failure of a business ultimately hinges on the productivity and work quality of its workforce. The workforce is truly the foundation of every corporate and industry, and understanding their experiences within an organization is crucial. This is where employee experience comes into play, as it enables organisations to gain valuable insights into the needs and sentiments of their people.

The unprecedented changes the world of work has gone through have severely impacted and shaped how employees act and what they expect. The workforce is fluid and diverse which makes each of them have a different 'want'. There exists a common underlying tone to their expectations making work-life balance, employee engagement and productivity vital elements for HR to decide what kind of experience they are gaining.

If it becomes complex and opaque, employee experience management (EXM) could become the key to improving the overall situation.

Build better understanding for the employees: The pillar of EXM is based on how much HRs or CXOs understand their people or teams. Build a workspace where your employees feel much appreciated and assured.

Bring dynamic leaders: Dynamic leaders know the way, go the way, and show the way to their people — a famous quote by author John C Maxwell. Without good leaders, it is more challenging to establish a great company culture and a more positive working atmosphere.

Create more learning opportunities: A workplace should be a place for learning and development for the employees. Offer your employees more learning, skilling, and reskilling opportunities. These opportunities give more confidence to your employees to take on new challenges, improve their skill set, and get career maturity within an organisation.



Continuous feedback and evaluation: Employee experience management is an ongoing process. The HR department should continuously identify the issues and improve them regularly to ensure employee satisfaction and a transparent workplace setting.

Offer smooth onboarding: Onboarding is a vital period for both; new employees and HR. Offer an optimised and smooth onboarding to new hires by providing information regarding their job and tasks, the right tools and software, and a lot of training and guidance to avoid frustration.

Accept inclusion and diversity: If an organisation has a diverse workforce, its culture, policies and hiring practices must support diversity and inclusion. Ignoring these critical components could lead to stereotyping, disrespect among employees, and stress.

Priority to work-life balance: Employees have realised the essentiality of work-life balance. An organisation must necessitate changes in their office programs and policy to offer flexible workspace, remote work options.

more breaking hours, and prioritise employees' mental and physical health. Notice the departing employees: Employees leave organisations regardless of what kind of employee experience they get. It is necessary to know what motivates them to quit.

Recognise and reward performers: Reward and recognition are salient components of employee experience. It is a good way to motivate other employees by gratifying the performers with gifts or rewards. It imbues gratitude and inspiration.

Get rid of micromanagement: The less micromanagement, the more employee experience. Employees don't feel very comfortable with nagging from seniors or management. Micromanagement spreads a feeling

of insecurity among the workforce. Focus on employee retention: An organisation should keep high-performers and talented workers for success and avoid frequent turnovers.

To make employees stay, compensate them fairly, focus on engaging them. Organisations can start investing in their employees, listening to their feedback, bridging the gap between leaders and team members, and prioritising work-life balance.

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Importance of being Dr BR Ambedkar



Our true homage on his jayanti would be to resolve to end poverty and ensure justice and equality for all by sharing national opportunities and facilities

or centuries, we as a nation struggled to cope with untouch-ability and caste-based discrimination. Such inhuman practices demeaned a vast section of Hindus, who were categorized as untouchables. From time to time, great souls tried to salvage us from the repercussions of various social evils. Some of them were Sant Shiromani Ravidas, Sant Chokhamela, Sant Kabir Das, Swami Dayanand Saraswati, Swami Ram Krishna Paramhans and Sant Tukaram to name a few.

At the fag-end of the 19th century, a boy full of promises was enjoying his classroom teaching the school. One day he was made to sit at the back of the classroom when it was found that he was untouchable. Once he was travelling to his maternal uncle's village along with his brother and cousin. The cart man dropped them midway when he came to know that they were untouchables. One day the boy was going somewhere. In between, he stopped to drink water from a public tap. He was beaten as untouchables were not allowed to use the facility.

The boy was none other than Dr Bhim-

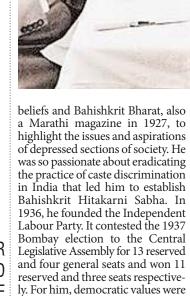
rao Ramji Ambedkar, popularly known as Babasaheb Ambedkar, born to Ramji Maloji Sakpal, father, and Bhimabai Murbadkar Sakpal, mother, on April 14, 1891, in Mhow Army Cantonment. He was the 14th child of his parents. His tryst with social evils as worse as untouchability, caste-based persecution and discrimination during his childhood left an indelible mark on his life and thought process.

His own experience from the incidents in his life made him realize how deeply casteism, untouchability, insults and humiliation were rooted in Hindu society. Even the cruelty of fate did not spare him. He lost his mother when he was just six years old. Notwithstanding the trauma of discrimination and discrimination, he did not give up and continued his struggle and studies against all odds. It was an incredible example of exemplary grit, determination and a never-say-die spirit.

Dr Ambedkar did his matriculation in 1908 from Elphinstone High School. His father gave him good sanskar and used to share stories and thoughts of great saints like Tukaram, Gyaneshwar, teachings of the Ramayana and the Mahabharata. He studied Économics and Political Science at Elphinstone College. In 1912, he got a degree from Bombay University. With a scholarship from Maharaja of Baroda, he went to Columbia University, New York City where he got a Master's degree in June 1915 after successfully completing his thesis on 'Ancient Indian Commerce.'

In 1916, he went to the London School of Economics and worked on his doctoral thesis – 'The problem of the Rupee: Its Origin and its solution.' He took Rs 5000 as a loan from Chhatrapati Shahu ji Maharaj for his further studies. In 1920, received the D Sc from London University! He also went to the University of Bonn, Germany. In June 1927, he was awarded a Doctorate by the University of Columbia. He was a rare Indian politician of his time who studied at Columbia University, LSE and the University of Bonn.

Dr Ambedkar was worried about the fate of poor people, and untouchables. Dr Ambedkar wanted them to be independent. He established the Depressed Classes Society under the presidency of Baroda Maharaj. In 1920, he started The Mooknayak, a Marathi publication that enabled him to criticize the rigid Hindu



f paramount importance! After completing his studies and defying all hardships, Dr Ambedkar dedicated his life to the cause of the downtrodden, their emancipation and empowerment. Hence, the struggle became an integral part of his life. In 1927, Dr Ambedkar led a peaceful agitation by drinking water from Chowdar tank in Mahad, Raigad district in Maharashtra along with thousands of his followers when untouchables were not allowed to access water from the tank despite a 192 resolution moved by CK Bole and adopted by the Bombay government, allowing all untouchables to use public watering places, wells and Dharamshala, which were maintained through public funds.

Dr Ambedkar led a movement on March 3, 1930, to secure the entry of all Hindus to Kalaram temple in Nasik. He was in favour of a complete overhauling of Hindu

society and Hindu theology and securing equal rights for all Hindus. He was a votary of inclusivity. Casteism and untouchability go against the spirit of Hinduism, the Vedas. Its essence lies in quality, justice, fraternity and brotherhood. He was surprised that Hinduism is so accommodating and yet treats a vast chunk of Hindus as untouchables, even worse than animals. This was his pain. He was not inimical

utva. He had resentment against Hinduism but he was not opposed to Hinduism. His acceptance of Buddhism on October 14, 1956, is a case in point as Buddhism is very much rooted in Bharatiya culture. He did not embrace any other religion though Islamic and Christian scholars tried their best to influence him. It is said that when Dr Ambedkar met Mahatma Gandhi during the second Round Table Conference, he told him that he could not accept a religion that treats humans as cats and dogs, and he will embrace a religion that is less harmful to Hinduism.

The versatility of Dr Ambedkar's personality was matchless. His ability to listen to his critics was simply brilliant. Notwithstanding his differences with Veer Savarkar and Mahatma Gandhi on a number of issues, they were unanimous in their views of achieving the goal of social equality and freeing society from abominable evils such as untouchable. Dr Ambedkar did never support armed struggle but always favoured unity among oppressed social groups to get their socio-political and economic rights. He wanted downtrodden and oppressed sections of society to stay united and acquire knowledge and education so that they are not oppressed.

As the architect of our Constitution, Dr Ambedkar has given us the mantra and roadmap to build a stronger, healthier and more inclusive society. His commitment to the cause of social equality and social justice is a guiding force for all those who are part of public life. He is not only the leader for the oppressed and depressed. He is the leader of 135 crore people in our country - India. He was a true nationalist leader, a true patriot. He has achieved an eternal place in people's hearts. His contributions cannot be estimated but can only felt and lived by all.

Our true homage to Dr BR Ambedkar on his Jayanti would be to resolve to end poverty and ensure justice and equality for all by sharing national opportunities and facilities. We have rejected untouchability but still, a lot needs to be done to end social disparities in totality. Those who are deprived have to be holistically empowered. By rising above the petty considerations of caste, creed, region and religion, we have to make India Vishwa Guru. Let noble thoughts come from all sides, and let us spread them across the globe in Amrit Kaal!





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The top MedTech trends to watch out for in 2023

Increased demand for treatment facilitated by technology is driving the innovation in the MedTech industry as it would improve access to health equity

he combination of rapid advances in revolutio-. nary healthcare technology and increased demand for treatment has continued to spur innovation in the MedTech industry.

Many leading healthcare experts predict 2023 to be a pivotal year for the Medtech Industry, as the rapid adoption of virtual care and demographic fads, such as an ageing population, rising chronic diseases, and health worker shortages, sustain demand for MedTech-enabled solutions.

Recent research indicates that the market for medical technologies is valued at around \$19.65 billion. The market is anticipated to reach \$22.84 billion by 2027, with a CAGR of 3.83 per cent.

Innovators and regulators



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are also looking to MedTech to improve access to care and health equity. From Robotics to Next-Gen Sequencing, let's delve into the list of MedTech trends offering new chances in this dynamic business. The field is rapidly advancing, and new trends and innovations are emerging each year. Here are some of the top MedTech trends to expect in

Telemedicine: Telemedicine, or remote medical consultations, is becoming increasingly popular due to the comfort and accessibility it offers. With telemedicine, patients can acquire medical care from the convenience of their own homes. In 2023, telemedicine

in life sciences and healthcare and more healthcare providers adopt this mode of care.

Artificial Intelligence (AI): AI is transforming the healthcare industry in numerous ways. It is used to analyse patient data, diagnose and develop personalised treatment plans. In 2023, we can expect AI to become even more advanced, and it will likely play a bigger role in healthcare decision-making. AI will also be used to develop new drugs and therapies.

Next-Gen Sequencing (NGS) technology: It is a rapidly evolving field that has revolutionised the way genetic information is analysed. In 2023, the trend in NGS is expected to continue to advance with an emphasis on is expected to become more prevalent as tech improves improving sequencing speed, accuracy, and cost-effective-

ness. The use of NGS in precision medicine is expected to grow as the technology provides a way to analyse large amounts of genetic information quickly and accurately to inform the development of targeted treatments for individual patients. Additionally, the integration of NGS with other technologies, such as CRISPR-Cas9, will continue to expand the possibilities for genetic research and biotechnology.

Newborn Screening (NBS): It is a diagnostic test performed in newborns or infants who are tested for certain genetic or metabolic disorders shortly after birth. In 2023, the trend in newborn screening is expected to continue to focus on improving these tests' accuracy, speed, and cost-effectiveness. This

will likely involve implementing new, more advanced screening technologies to develop new, more comprehensive screening panels. Additionally, there may be a growing emphasis on incorporating genomic information into newborn screening to enable earlier detection and diagnosis of genetic disorders.

Another trend in newborn screening is the increasing use of digital technologies, such as electronic health records (EHRs) and telemedicine, to improve the efficiency and accessibility of screening services. This will likely involve the integration of screening results into EHRs and telemedicine to provide remote consultations and follow-up care to families and infants. Overall, these trends aim to ensure that all newborns have access to highquality, effective, and timely screening services to detect and treat genetic and metabolic disorders as early as possi-

Surgical robots: Investments in robotic surgical firms have been one of the primary drivers of the increase in venture capital funding for medical technology. In addition, many experts assert that the employment of robotic technology during COVID-19 is particularly advantageous because it helps reduce human-to-human physical

As MedTech evolves, the industry will face both obstacles and possibilities. Better patient care solutions that can enhance outcomes and lower

costs will face fewer impediments to implementation. Consequently, this will create further chances to deliver value to healthcare services worldwide and challenge the status quo for inpatient and outpatient care standards.

Providing a more promising future for healthcare: Trivitron Healthcare, a leading global MedTech organisation, is establishing sustainable goals and has created numerous advancements in Medical Imaging, In-vitro Diagnostics, Next Generation Sequencing, Newborn Screening, Critical Care, and Radiation Protection. Following the mission to deliver efficient and advanced care, Trivitron positively influences people's lives through collaboration, advancement, and innovation.

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NTPC Green Energy plans IPO this fiscal

 $oldsymbol{\varsigma}$ tate-owned power giant NTPC's arm NTPC Green Energy Ltd (NGEL) is planning to raise funds through an initial public offering this fiscal, according to a source. NGEL is a fully-owned subsidiary of NTPC. Earlier, it had planned to sell 20 per cent of the NTPC's stake in NGEL to a strategic investor for Rs 3,000 crore. The source did not disclose the quantum of funds to be raised through the listing. SBI

Capital Markets will be the advisor for the listing of NGEL, the source said. Earlier, three bidders had evinced interest in the stake sale proposal but it could not materialise later. In March this year, the Union Cabinet allowed NTPC to invest more than the ceiling of 30 per cent of its net worth in NGEL. The NTPC's net worth stood at Rs 1.28 lakh crore, as per its annual report for the financial year 2021-22. NTPC has an ambitious target of having 60 GW of renewable energy by



Rupee gains 27 paise to close at 81.84 against US dollar

Thursday, tracking the broad weakness of the American currency in the overseas market. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 81.99 against the US currency and finally closed at 81.84 (provisional) against the greenback, registering a gain of 27 paise over its previous close. During the session, the rupee touched a high of 81.83 and a

low of 82.01 against the dollar. On Wednesday, the rupee closed at 82.11 against the US currency. The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, fell 0.23 per cent to 101.26. Global oil benchmark Brent crude futures declined 0.27 per cent to USD 87.09 per barrel. On the domestic equity market front, the 30-share BSE Sensex advanced 38.23 points or 0.06 per cent to end at 60,431.00 and the broader NSE Nifty gained 15.60 points or 0.09 per



Purabi Dairy targets 50% revenue increase to Rs 300 crore in FY'24

aiming to clock a 50 per cent jump over its 2022-23 revenue to around Rs 300 crore in this fiscal. The business of the Guwahati-based cooperative, which markets milk and milk products under the Purabi Dairy brand, crossed Rs 200 crore in 2022-23, WAMUL said in a statement. Of the Rs 200 crore, Rs 190 crore came from milk and milk products while Rs 10

crore came from the cattle feed business The milk cooperative had registered over 32 per cent rise in sales in 2022-23. "The revenue growth can be primarily attributed to the rising demand for the milk and milk products of the cooperative. The cattle feed business, which started operations in May 2022, also added to the revenue," it said. During 2021-22, Purabi Dairy's business stood at Rs 151 crore, the company said. "Looking forward. Purabi Dairy has set an ambitious target of achieving a turnover of Rs 300 crore in 2023-24.



India is not seeking permanent immigration visas under FTAs

India is not seeking permanent immigration visas from any country under a free trade agreement (FTA) and is only looking to engage with trading partners on mobility like temporary visas for students, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Thursday.

He said that some people mix up mobility and immigration but they are two separate subjects. Mobility is about expanding trade, business, providing temporary visas for people who visit a country either for work or for studies, he said.

"India is not seeking permanent immigration visas from any country... We are only looking to engage with countries on mobility. We are concerned only about our ability to give services for business and investments through temporary visas, for students who take training in the post study period... (and) for which we have found a lot of acceptance in all the countries with which we are talking," he told

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reporters here. He added that post-Covid, the world is realising that remote working is a great success and in fact this will open up huge opportunities for "our" young boys and girls from smaller towns and

tier 2 and 3 cities. It would also improve the competitiveness of India's services and help the country support the global effort towards international exchange of goods and services, he added. He was reply-

ing to a question about apprehensions raised by some countries on the services side that India's demand could result in large inflow of Indian professionals in those markets.

Providing temporary visas to professionals from sectors such as IT are key demands of India in trade agreements.

He also said that the negotiations with the UK, EU and Canada are progressing fast.

When asked about a media report on issues in the ongoing talks between India and the UK, the minister said that some media speculate and looks for headlines only.

ROME: The ban on exports of wheat will continue as India has to ensure adequate supplies of the foodgrain for its domestic market and keep the inflation at check. Union minister Pivush Goyal said on Thursday. He said that the procurement of wheat has started and the numbers for the first week of buying are "very"

satisfactory "I could believe that we will have a good harvest despite the unseasonal rains...We do believe that we will have to ensure adequate supplies for the Indian market and once the procurement period is over, we believe that it will be important that inflation is also contained in the country and therefore it is

important that the wheat exports continue to remain banned." the commerce and industry and consumer affairs, food and public distribution minister told reporters here. He is here on a two-day visit to meet leaders and businesses in order to enhance economic ties between India and

Gold jumps Rs 340; silver zooms Rs 1,110

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Gold price jumped Rs 340 to Rs 61,280 per 10 grams in the national capital on Thursday amid a rally in precious metal prices globally, according to HDFC Securities. The yellow metal had closed at Rs 60,940 per 10 grams in the previous trade.

Silver also zoomed Rs 1,110 to Rs 77,150 per kilogramme. "Spot gold prices in the Delhi markets traded at Rs 61,280 per 10 grams, up Rs 340 per 10 grams," Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst - Commodities at HDFC Securities, said. In the overseas market,

both gold and silver were trading higher at USD 2,027 per ounce and USD 25.61 per ounce, respectively.

"COMEX gold traded higher in Asian trading hours on Thursday as the dollar and benchmark bond yields struggled in the trading session as easing inflation boosted bets of the US Fed keeping rates steady after May hike," Sriram Iyer, Senior Research Analyst

India's exports up 6% to US\$ 447 billion in 2022-23

The country's exports rose by about 6 per cent to a "record" USD 447 billion during 2022-23 on account of healthy growth in the outbound shipments of sectors such as petroleum, pharma and chemicals and marine, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Thursday.

The country's imports also grew by 16.5 per cent to USD 714 billion in 2022-23 as against USD 613 billion in 2021-22.

He said that the exports of goods and services together scaled "new heights" and has increased by 14 per cent to USD 770 billion in 2022-23 as against 676 billion in 2021-22.

"I am delighted to share with you the outstanding export performance for 2022-23, with India's overall exports scaling new heights at USD 770 billion, registering 14 per cent growth over the previous year and alltime high record growing from USD 500 billion in 2020-21 to USD 676 billion in 2021-22," the minister told reporters here.

Goyal is on a three-day visit to France and Italy from April



11-13 to hold a series of meetings with leaders and top CEOs in these two countries to further boost trade and investment ties. India's services exports too have increased by 27.16 per cent to USD 323 billion in 2022-23 as compared to USD

254 billion in 2021-22. "This is truly a sign of India's expanding our international footprints," he added.

The overall imports of goods and services have touched USD 892 billion and it reflects that the country's economic activities are growing and that has supported the exports.

Talking to reporters here, Goyal said that the growth in exports would help in containing the current account deficit.

In the services sector, there is a healthy growth in areas including IT, accounting and business processing.

In the goods segment, sectors which recorded growth include oil meals, electronic goods, tobacco, oil seeds, rice, coffee, fruits and vegetables, leather goods, ceramic, pharma, marine products, chemicals, and readymade garments of textiles.

Bills to amend companies. insolvency laws soon

PNS NEW DELHI

The government is planning to introduce bills to amend the companies and insolvency laws during the monsoon session of Parliament, a senior official said ly to commence in late July or

The corporate affairs ministry is implementing the Companies Act and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (ÍBC). According to the official, amendments are being planned to the two laws, and bills in this regard are expected to be introduced in the monsoon session.

Coal India boosts coking coal output

PNS NEW DELHI

Coal India Ltd, the world's largest coal miner, on Thursday reported a 17.2 per cent rise in production of coking coal, helping cut on imports of the fuel that is an essential input for production of iron and steel.

said coking coal production has risen to 54.6 million tonnes in 2022-23, up 17.2 per cent year-on-year growth compared to 46.6 million tonnes in FY'22 (April 2021 to March 2022).

The quantum leap in the year was a whopping 8 million tonnes," it said, adding the output was 107.3 per cent of the



This assumes significance at a time when the Ministry of Coal has asked the company to raise the output of this category of coal to 105 million tonnes by 2030 in a bid to reduce its

imports and forex outgo. BCCL and CCL, the two Jharkhand-based subsidiaries

of CIL, are major producers of

coking coal and together accounted for almost the entire output of 54.3 million tonnes in 2022-23. "BCCL alone produced nearly 62 per cent or 33.7 million tonnes during the year, posting 16 per cent growth over 29 million tonnes

clocked around 20 per cent growth at 20.6 million tonnes," it said.

of FY'22. Whereas, CCL

Mineable reserves of coking coal, which is an important feedstock in steel making, in India are scarce. Also its quality inadequacy for direct use in ing. This forces imports.

During FY'23 coking coal imports were 56 million tonnes, down by 1.1 million tonnes compared to 57.1 million tonnes in FY'22.

Apart from the meagre availability, Indian coking coal has high ash content requiring washing for use in

Markets extend gains for 9th session on fag-end buying; bank stocks shine



PNS MUMBAI

Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty ticked higher for the ninth straight session on Thursday, buoyed by fag-end buying in banking, financial and realty stocks amid encouraging domestic retail inflation data.

Weak trends in IT counters and fall in the overnight US equity markets triggered by fresh concerns over recession,

Vivo to invest Rs 1,100 crore to

however, put a check on market's uptrend.

In a largely subdued session, the 30-share BSE Sensex went up marginally by 38.23 points or 0.06 per cent to settle at 60,431. During the day, it hit a high of 60,486.91 and a low of 60,081.43.

climbed 15.60 points or 0.09 per cent to finish at 17,828.

"After the flat start, pressure in the IT majors pushed the Nifty lower however buying in select heavyweights especially from the banking pack trimmed all the losses and helped index to close flat," said Ajit Mishra, VP - Technical Research, Religare Broking Ltd.

Construction of national

highways at 10,993 kms in 2022-23: MoRTH

PNS NEW DELHI

The construction of national highways in 2022-23 was 10,993 kilometres, falling 13.70 per cent short of the government's target of 12,500 km, according to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) lat-

The ministry awarded highways of 12,375 km length in the last financial year. While the pace of the construction of national highways (NH) in the country touched a record high of 37 kilometre a day in 2020-21, it slowed to 30.11 kilometre a day in 2022-23.

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corpo-ration Ltd (NHID-CL) are primarily responsible for the construction of national highways and expressways in India.

The ministry said it had constructed 10,237 km in 2019-20, 13,327 km in 2020-21 and 10,457 km in 2021-22.

Report of panel on digital competition law by May-end

PNS NEW DELHI

The government-constituted panel on digital competition law has completed stakeholder consultations and is likely to finalise its report by the end of May, according to senior officials. The panel, chaired by

Corporate Affairs Secretary Manoj Govil is examining various regulatory aspects in dealing with challenges emerging from the digital economy.

It is also looking at the need for an ex-ante regulatory mechanism for digital markets through a separate legislation.



The panel members will discuss various aspects as well as the inputs of stakeholders before finalising the report, the officials said on Thursday.

They said the consultations with stakeholders have been

completed. The panel was set up by the corporate affairs ministry in after a Parliamentary panel proposed having a new digital competition law to curb anticompetitive practices in the digital markets. Competition Commission of

February, less than two months

India (CCI) Chairperson, representatives from Niti Aayog, Department of Commerce, Department of Economic Affairs, Department of Consumer Affairs, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology are part of the committee.

ramp up manufacturing capacity PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Smartphone maker vivo on Thursday said it will invest Rs 1,100 crore more by the end of 2023 to scale up its manufacturing capacity in the country, and that production in its upcoming unit at Greater Noida is expected to commence by early 2024.

vivo India also said it is "on track" to export more than one million 'Made in India' smartphones in 2023, having sent its



first 'made in India' smartphone shipment to Thailand and Saudi Arabia during 2022. As part of its Rs 7,500-crore

proposed investment plan it had outlined, vivo is on its way to complete the first phase

the end of 2023. "vivo India has already invested Rs 2,400 crore, and a further Rs 1.100 crore is expected to be invested by the end of 2023 to increase its manufacturing capacity and support the government's vision of making India a global export hub,'

the company said in a release. The company released the second edition of its India impact report, as it pledged its "unwavering commitment" to the Indian market.

Wagering barred in all forms, be it game of skill or chance: MoS IT

PNS NEW DELHI

Online gaming rules do not need to get into the nuances of chance or skills as wagering is barred in all forms of games irrespective of the nature of the game, Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar said in a tweet

on Thursday. The minister of state for electronics and IT was responding to an editorial, which said that the online gaming rules avoid dealing with nuances of games of

chance versus games of skill. Chandrasekhar said that wager is a well-defined expression in contract law, and decisions have clearly held the

meaning of wager. There is no need in this

nuances" of chance or skill, bcz the harm of wagering is directly being prohibited - regardless of the nature of the game," the minister tweeted. The Centre had last week

notified norms to regulate the online gaming sector, wherein real money games involving wagering or betting have been prohibited. ITRules "The

OnlineGaming hv been developed after extensive consultation, are quite clear n deal wth every aspect. This framework liberates startups from multiple conflicting state laws, court decisions etc n establishes clarity n growth," Chandrasekhar

The government has opted



for a self-regulation model for the online gaming sector and will initially notify three selfregulatory organisations that will approve the games that can operate in the country as per

Under the notified rules,

SROs will have to publish a framework to safeguard users against the risk of gaming addiction, financial loss and financial fraud on its website. Chandrasekhar said real

wth addictive n harmful gaming as they develop capacity," the minister said. As per the rules, the online games will be regulated by SROs, which will include the industry, gamers and other stakeholders and not the gov-

money games with wagering

are not. "SROs will evolve

framework on how to deal

ernment. The SROs, as per the rules, should also include an educationist, an expert in the field of psychology or mental health, an individual who is or has been a member or officer of an

organisation dealing with the

protection of child rights etc. The online gaming rules have been included as an money games, involving prize money, are permitted, but real amendment in the IT Rules of

2021. According to the rules, the online gaming self-regulatory body may declare an online real money game as a permissible online real money game if "the online real money game does not involve wager-

ing on any outcome". SROs will be de-notified if

they don't follow the rules. Ónline gaming companies see the new rules as a positive development for them as it provides the sector with clear guidelines around permissible games.

"The central framework would also put a pause on the knee-jerk blanket bans by states. A more predictable environment would attract increased investments, creating jobs and a new generation of the export industry from founder, Saumya Singh Rathore India," WinZO games co- said.

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Director-cinematographer K.V. Guhan feels travelling is reflective, and a way to discover a new version of the self. He speaks to *The Pioneer* about his favourite destination and much more in our weekly segment of travel tales

K.V. Guhan: I like impromptu plans over planned-to-the-tee trips

a Moroccan explorer, famously remarked: "Traveling - it leaves you speechless, then turns you into a storyteller." K.V. Guhan, a former cameraman turned filmmaker, has a lot of tales to share. In fact, travel was a key factor in his decision he chose to enter the industry. He starts out with a nostalgic memory, "I watched a movie called *The Motorcycle Diaries* back when I was just getting started in the movie business. The main character, better known as Che, and his companion Alberto Granado decide to drive across South America. The protagonist's life experiences are what changed him as a person. I have always found this to be fascinating, thus I wanted to visit new areas and explore."

Guhan prefer impromptu travel over planned to the tee trips. He says, "These days, people going for a vacation will first reach out to a travel agent or go online for assistance. They would book a hotel and prepare an itinerary. On the other hand, fact, travel was a key factor in his decision

assistance. They would book a hotel and prepare an itinerary. On the other hand, I like impromptu plans. It is whimsical and crazy and that is life, no?"Train travel is much more exciting for the renowned cinematographer and filmmaker than a posh form of transportation. Due to the belief that we interact with so many people, whether deliberately or unknowingly when traveling, and so he would prefer to travel for 48 hours from Chennai to Kolkata and Delhi. Especially when we go alone, we get to learn so much.

When asked about his most memorable trip ever without a pause Guhan tells us Leh Ladakh. "We go mostly on shoots, so we don't go on particular spots but explore the area by visiting random places. In whichever direction we went, it lead to an eye-opening experience in Leh Ladakh. There's magic everywhere. Nature shows you beautiful miraculous views every single moment there. The Saraswati river declares glory. The River flowing under Bhim Pul in Mana Village is symbolic of nature's utmost importance and beauty." Guhan went to Leh Ladakh for the first time in 2012. At that time he couldn't grab much of it, and he regretted that, so he

group of colleagues cum friends. They would go Leh and then take the car for further exploration. For the Chennai-born Guhan visiting Leh Ladakh is always full of new revela-tions and surprises. He recalls, "Every nook and corner of the place oozes aesthetics and beautiful fresh vibes. The people are so kind and helpful, and even the colour of the land is breathtakingly beautiful. It is as if every stone has a story to tell."

Guhan describes a terrifying experience from the trip: "We left Leh for Nubra Valley at eight in the morning. The Khardongla Pass, the world's highest motorable road, is fantastic, but as we were driving, it started to heavily snow. There were rarely any mobile signals when we were stopped. The only person who had a BSNL connection only person who had a BSNL connection was our driver, who was attempting to contact the military for assistance. We had no choice except to sit inside the car and wait for someone to come to clear the snow or clear a path for us, which was both helpless and terrifying at the same time. Around 1 O'clock noon, our car started moving otherwise we couldn't even open the gates and walk because everywhere it was snow and walking was next to imposwas snow and walking was next to impossible. At around 4 in the evening, we reached Nubra Valley. It was a really dangerous situation as we thought to ourselves what if it was nighttime? We thanked

everyone on the way who cleared the way."
But this incident didn't stop him from exploring and planning another trip in his head while still on the way to Nubra Valley. "Life is unpredictable and anything can happen. We can't stop living, right?" asks

While traveling, we always pick hotels that are amidst the best locations and the room has all the amenities. But here he says, "I don't do this way of choosing a hotel and checking in the luxurious suite. So, if I am going to Leh Ladakh then I would live in those tents near the Pangong Lake. Even when I travel to Rajasthan and especially in Jaisalmer there are tents and even the forts have turned into staying places. Now, you have zostel everywhere. So, I like to stay in tents and experience the place by feeling rooted. Otherwise, I have went again after a couple of years with his seen people would go and check into a ing.

room. They would switch on the TV and lie in bed, and then book a cab to visit the destinations that they have googled plus click some pictures.
They don't live in the moment. And, I ask what's the difference? The same way you live at home."

While we agree that our lives are full of hardships and there's more hustle than ever. As a director and cinematographer, Guhan does feel the pressure and when there's confusion and chaos all around, he packs his bags and heads to Kashi in Varanasi He and heads to Kashi in Varanasi. He explains, "Kashi is the place where you realize life. The view of the Ganges is divine. The aartis on ghat are such pure, blissful, and peaceful moments that it feels like you were always here. I feel that there's somebody who will take care of me while I sit on the steps on the ghat. I have been to Badrinath and Valley of flowers also. Whenever I go there I feel the divine and spiritual power is healing me. The temples tell you stories from history and their significance fascinates me alot. When you visit such places the analytical part of the brain should subside and you surrender yourself to the divine power. It is beautiful! It is magical! When I come back rejuvenated I am able to concentrate more and the mind freshens up to absorb the things."

Guhan hails from Chennai and his native place is Coimbatore. He

doesn't remember much from his childhood days traveling because he informs us that he mostly visited to the temples with his parents. The strong impulse or yearning for travel began when he decided to enter the industry of filmmak-



Essential nutrients for your children's optimal physical & mental development



ealthy growth and development in children, irrespective of any age bracket, are heavily reliant on nutrition, and therefore, it must be given the utmost importance. Adequate levels of each nutrient are required to support vital body functions and facilitate mental and physical growth. In addition, children may face serious health issues later in life without proper nourishment in the early days. Parents need to be educated about the vital nutrients crucial for children growing bones and high activity, exploring the benefits of each nutrient, the rich foods, and the recommended daily intake for different age groups. Here, we will delve into the benefits of each nutrient, the rich foods, and the recommended daily intake for different

Ensuring your toddler's diet includes these essential nutrients can help them with the increased nutrient needs from physical activity, growth spurts and education, building a solid foundation for lifelong health and well-being. Whether a new parent or an experienced caregiver, this article will equip you with the insights and tools to support your toddler's growth and development. Help you in your struggle to decide how much and what; you should feed your toddler by sharing the recommended dietary allowance for kids.

Nutrients can be segregated into macronutrients- proteins, fats, carbohydrates, and micronutrients- vitamins and minerals. Although each of these holds importance for certain bodily functions, it is essential to maintain a balance between the two

Protein plays a crucial role in building and repairing tissues and producing enzymes, hormones, and other essential molecules. Protein, the primary component of cells, aids in a child's body's ability to convert food into energy, ward off infections, and transport oxygen throughout the body. Twenty amino acids make up protein, which aids body repair, and animal proteins are a complete protein source, whereas plant proteins are not. Therefore, when depending on a plant-based diet, mixing various protein sources like beans or pulses with a grain like rice or quinoa is recommended. Some animal- based proteins are red meat, poultry, fish and eggs. The recommended daily protein intake varies depending on the child's age. For example, for children between the ages of 1 and 3, the recommended daily intake is 13 grams of protein per day, whereas for ages 4 to 8 is 19 grams of protein per day.

Calcium is crucial for children's healthy development of bones and teeth and plays a vital role in energy production, immune system regulation, and nerve and heart function. Some calcium-rich foods to be included in a toddler's diet are dairy products, such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, and leafy green vegetables, like kale and broccoli. The age of the child determined the daily intake recommendation. The recommended daily intake is 700 milligrams of calcium for children between 1 and 3. For kids between the ages of 4 to 8, the recommended daily intake is 1000 milligrams of calcium

A nutrient for children's cognitive development and immune system also aids in producing haemoglobin, which carries oxygen throughout the body to support energy levels and reduce fatigue. Iron nutrient comes in two forms - haem, and non-haem iron, with haem iron from animal sources and non-haem iron from

Therefore, iron-rich foods in a toddler's diet can promote healthy blood development. Some iron- rich foods include red meats. whole grains, beans, nuts, eggs, and dark green leafy vegetables. For children between 1 and 3, the recommended daily intake is 8 milligrams of iron daily. For children between 4 and 8, the recommended daily intake is 10 milligrams of iron daily. Therefore, special attention must be ensured that their children are getting enough iron in their diets by offering a variety of iron-rich foods and considering Vitamin C-rich foods to improve absorption of non-haem iron.

Vitamin A plays a vital role in developing and maintaining respiratory and gastrointestinal epithelia and regulates immune function. In addition, an adequate level of Vitamin A has been shown to have a preventive effect on all-cause and diseasespecific mortality in children under five. Vitamin A-rich foods that should be in a toddler's diet are sweet potatoes, carrots, dark leafy greens, squash, and liver for their overall development. The recommended intake of Vitamin A is 390 µg for toddlers between the ages of 1 and 3, and for children between the ages of 4 and 8, it is 400 micrograms of Vitamin A per day.

Omega-3 Fatty Acids

Omega-3 fatty acids benefit children's brain functioning, development, and heart health. Besides being anti-inflammatory and supporting skin health, it maintains cells' health and structure. For your body to absorb the fat-soluble vitamins; vitamins D, E, K and A, omega 3 is necessary full-fat milk, yoghurt, cheese, olive oil, coconut oil, avocado, fish, nuts, and seeds are rich in fats and should be included in a toddler's diet to promote healthy growth and development. The recommended Omega-3 Fatty Acids intake varies depending on the child's age. Children aged 1 and 3 years are recommended to intake 700 milligrams of Fatty Acids daily. And for one between the ages of 4 and 8 years, 900 milligrams is recommended. Given that kids are fussy when it comes to food, however, making food appealing to the eyes and the palates is essential. New food should be provided, mixing the old and new to inculcate the habit of not hesitating to try a unique taste. Teach kids to choose healthy snacking habits, as educating them about the importance of nutrients will help them develop good habits

Reminisce the 'first love' moment once again

Ctarring Ashlesha Thakur and Vishesh Bansal, Amazon miniTV's latest teen romance series *Gutar Gu* has captivated audiences with its fresh take on the coming-of-age romance genre, portraying relatable everyday characters and

Produced by Oscar-winning filmmaker Guneet Monga under the banner Sikhya Entertainment, this six-episode series focuses on the issues and challenges that affect Ritu and Anuj's relationship, and how intense parental pressure adds to their woes. Gutar Gu is currently streaming exclusively for free on Amazon miniTV. Following the success of the series, *The Pioneer* interacted with the lead cast and director Saqib Pandor, who spoke about the success, the relatability of their respective characters, and more. Beginning with Saqib Pandor, a filmmaker most renowned for his work on *Gupt Gyaan, and Mochi* is overwhelmed by the support the series has been receiving. "I'm very happy with the response that we're getting for Gutar Gu. I'm getting a lot of messages from people asking for the second season, and most of the comments are that they've relived their first love. It makes me really happy that at least I could make something where you could relieve the moment of the past and be very happy about it. I'm getting unanimous responses from people who say they've loved the show and that it's creating a nostalgic feeling. I'm really proud of what we've done."

Equally amazed with the response, Ashlesha Thakur, who plays the character of Ritu, said, "I think it started with Saqibthe amount of attention, focus, and love that he had for the script is what he was doing, only he knew it, and we were just following him. The amount of hard work that's put behind the project is commendable, and to be a part of something like this, I feel really grateful." Adding to Ashlesha, Vishesh Bansal, who plays the character of Anuj, enthused, "It feels so good when your and the entire team's hard work pays off."

Gutar Gu is a continuation of Saqib's previous series, Gupt Gyaan, which highlighted two youngsters, Ritu and Anuj, find themselves in a fix after Ritu's delayed period combined with their half-baked knowledge about sexuality convinces them that she is pregnant. The precocious teenagers must find a way to navigate through this dilemma. "Technically, it's the same story that we were expanding into a new universe, and that is why we chose the same cast," shared the helmer.

"Playing Ritu was an exciting experience. I was most intrigued by her new perspective on things because she's so outgoing and extroverted. I believe that a lot of girls nowadays may relate to this character and her life," shared the *Family Man 2* actress, who also relates to the character because of Ritu's mature, confident, and sensible

nature. However, on the contrary, Vishesh doesn't feel his character is relatable to him in real life. "In real life, I'm not afraid to take up any challenge, and I guess that's the beauty of being an actor—you can act like a sweet, innocent boy who doesn't know much about the world or the wrongs about the world. I'm very different from Anuj in real life."

The director, who has earlier worked as an assistant director with renowned director Anurag Kashyap on Sacred Games, Raman Raghav 2.0, and Ugly, doesn't see if he's got to tell a message from any story. "I'm just a storyteller. I just feel that if there's some drama in a story and if it's a universal story that touches my heart with the right emotion, an honest emotion, I'll try to bring that story to life in the best possible way. The genre doesn't matter. The story should connect to a larger audience; that's what drives me to it," said the filmmaker, who revealed that he's got a habit of watching a film or series every day, as according to him, it shouldn't be one person that inspires you. "One thing or even one sequence in a film can inspire you, and it can be any story or any director for that mat-ter; thats what I look for, and there's not one thing that inspires you but a lot of things that can inspire you."

While Vishesh shared that his main goal as an actor is to work in a feature film and see himself on a bigger screen, Ashlesha, on the other hand, shared, "Honestly, there's not a particular thing that I go with, but when it comes to choosing a project, I really have to go with what I have to do in the story and what I have to serve as a performer and as an actor. If I feel connected to it, I just go with my gut feeling

The Saqib Pandor-directed series Gutar Gu has been well received by the audience and the critics. Following the success of the sixepisode series, *The Pioneer* interacted with the lead cast and director Saqib Pandor, who spoke about the success, the relatability of their respective characters, and more.





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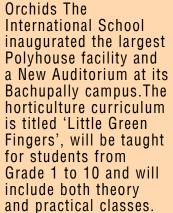
The Hyderabad International Jewellerry Show (HIJS) 2023, organised by United exhibitions, will be held at the Hitex exhibition centre in Hyderabad, from May 19 to May 21. HIJS is supported by all major and top jewellery trade bodies from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Karnataka.



Integrated Preschool Teachers Training Academy (IPTTA), organised a one-day IPTTA-Fest-10, which was inaugurated by Anil Swarup, IAS (Retd.) former secretary, school education, Govt. of India, at the State Gallery of Fine Arts in Madhapur.



Hirize Developers announced the foray of the group into its latest premium 2,3 BHK gated community project - Hirize Elysia, in the heart of Golden Triangle at Kokapet.







Nirman NGO, along with the support of Cigniti Technologies in collaboration with M.N.J. Institute of Oncology and Regional Cancer Hospital, organised a free Gynaecology cancer awareness and screening camp, at Chacha Nehru Nagar community hall in Bansilalpet.



Dr. Hypno Padma, handed over the book written by Dr. Hypno Kamalakar, to former vice president of India, M. Venkaiah Naidu.



Hegde Fertility, has now forayed into Attapur with the launch of its state-ofthe-art 5th fertility center in Hyderabad. The center was inaugurated by T. Prakash Goud, MLA, Rajendranagar and Dr. Shantha Kumari, president of TCOGS.

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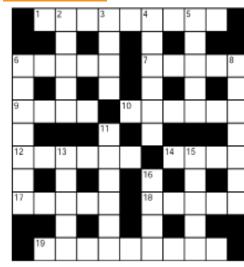




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n Thursday, Megastar Chiranjeevi took to his Twitter to appreciate Nani's *Dasara*. Chiru wrote that Dasara is a brilliant film and appreciated the entire team for the success.

He tweeted, "Dear Nani, CONGRATULATIONS. Watched Dasara! What a brilliant film!! You killed it with your makeover & performance. Amazed to know this is @Odela_Srikanth's first directorial. Appreciate his superb craftsmanship. Our *Mahanati*@Keerthy_Official is just Wow!! The young @DheekshithS also held his own. @Music_Santosh rocked! Kudos to the entire team of Dasara." Nani is a huge admirer of Megastar, and in many instances in the past, he said that it was Chiru who inspired him to enter the film industry.

Now that his idol appreciated his film and praised his performance to the sky, there are no boundaries to Nani's happiness.

Nani, replying to his tweet, said, "You will always be our Megastar, sir. Not just on screen but Megastar for the mega heart you have in always being there for Cinema and for everyone

who belongs to it".

This reply is one of the best things to see on the internet today and is winning the hearts of netizens.

Megastar praises Nani's Dasara, said 'killed it with the performance'



Shreyas Talpade recalls a fun memory from his dubbing session for **Pushpa: The Rule teaser**

Thile actor Shreyas Talpade's professional front is buzzing with lots of projects, we only feel happy to see him soaring to greater heights. And looks like at the moment, Shreyas is basking in the glory of one of his dubbing ventures. Well, why shouldn't he? After all, it is one of the biggest Indian projects of recent times. For those who don't know, Shreyas Talpade has dubbed the dialogues for the Hindi has dubbed the dialogues for the Hindi version of *Pushpa: The Rise* and also for the teaser of the sequel *Pushpa: The Rule.* And with the teaser of *Pushpa 2* releasing yesterday, everyone has only been gung-ho about how the Allu Arjun and Rashmika Mandanna starrer

has only gotten bigger. Well, amidst all this praise what caught our attention was a fun anecdote Shreyas recalled from the

dubbing of the film.

On Allu Arjun's birthday, Shreyas took to social media and posted a heartfelt wish. There he also shared how when he dubbed for the teaser of the second part, this one particular line in the last, 'Ab Rule Pushpa Ka' hit him hard and made him realize how big this film has gotten.

Talking about the same Shreyas says, "When I dubbed for the first part, I had never imagined for the film to go so big, and this time when I returned to dub, I knew how huge a project this was. But that particular line, in the end, was what hit me hard, it gave me goosebumps, and that nostalgia of my journey with Pushpa was just amazing to revisit. I am so proud and glad of being associated with this film and I am sure people will love the sequel too."

As we mentioned, Shreyas has a pretty busy work front as of now, he has Emergency coming up where we will see him play the role of Atal Bihari Vajpayee, The actor-director-producer is also doing a lot in Marathi cinema and television. Honestly, for us, it looks like the sky's the limit for Shreyas.

Save The Tigers brings a rib-tickling take on marriage

taining series Save The Tigers trailer is out ahead of its premier on 27 April and the response is crazy.
Featuring the dominating

wives in contemporary marriage relationships, the series depicts how husbands are to be saved just like depleting tigers on a hilarious note. Mahi V Raghav is the showrunner of the series. Noted actor Teja Kakamanu is debuting as director and Pradeep Advaitam is producing his story for this

Starring Priyadarshi, Jordar Sujatha, Pavani, Abhinav Gomatam, Chaitanya Krishna,

isney+ Hotstar enter- Devayani as the leading pairs, the trailer shows an out-n-out entertaining series awaited for audiences.

While the drama between wife and husband is always seen as an engaging factor, this series might make it more interesting with the play between dominating wives and frustrated husbands.

Expected to be a complete family entertainer, a clean comedy is known to be served with exceptional making values on Disney+ Hotstar.

More promotional content will be out soon as the series heads for its OTT release on



NTR Jr. hosts special dinner for James Farrell, VP International at Amazon Studios of Naatho Nenu

ollywood stalwart Mohanlal has announced his new project. The star hero's next film has been titled *Vrushabha* and it will have a pan-Indian release. *Vrushabha* will primarily be shot as a Malayalam and Telugu bilingual and then dubbed in Hindi, Tamil and Kanada

Mohanlal's ambitious pan-India film Vrushabha announced

In the announcement video that was released on Thursday morning, Mohanlal said that Vrushabha is an ambitious project for him and sought everyone's blessings for him and his team. Vrushabha will be high on emotions and VFX. The film revolves around the conflict between the two emotions that run the world - Love vs Revenge. The film is touted as an intense father-son drama, with Mohanlal playing the role of the father. The regular shoot

will commence from July 9.

Vrushabha will be directed by Nanda Kishore and produced by Abhishek Vyas, Praveer Singh, Vishal Gurnani and Juhi Parekh Mehta of AVS Studios in association with Shyam Sunder. Stay tuned for further updates.

Star NTR Jr. hosted the vice president of Amazon Studios, James Farrell and a few dignitaries from the industry for an intimate dinner at his house in Hyderabad recently. Some prominent

including S.S. Rajamouli, Koratala Siva, Trivikram, Shobu Yarlagadda, Mythri Naveen, Sirish Reddy, and Nagavamsi also attended the exclusive dinner.

NTR shared a few pictures from the dinner party. He wrote: "An evening well spent with friends and well-wishers. Was great catching up with James and Emily. Thanks for keeping your word and joining us for

The RRR actor kept his look simple and classic in a black t-shirt and ash grey pants. As soon as the pictures surfaced on social media, fans were quick to point out if this was the beginning of a new project following his global success as Bheem in RRR.

NTR Jr. is currently shooting for Koratala Siva's NTR 30 in Hyderabad which will release in theatres on April



Writer VijayendraPrasad launched the first look

Taatho Nenu is a film produced by Prashanth Tanguturi under the direction of Shanti Kumar Thurlapati (Jabardasth fame) with new actors. Rajya Sabha member Vijayendra Prasad released the first look poster of this film at Film Chamber recently. "The title is good. Sounds like a feel good love story. This effort of new producers should be a great

Saikumar said, "Shantikumar is making this film with a good story. I am happy to be a part of it. Vijayendra Prasad, who is a good man for a good story, is happy to come and bless it."
"I wrote a good story and found the first producers. They

liked my story and agreed immediately. Saikumar supported my first attempt. Good advice is given. I have written a good story. I am saying that I will show it well on the screen and I will work towards it," said director Shantikumar.

Meanwhile, the producer said, "We are making this film based on the story told by the director. Thanks to Vijayendra Prasad who came as per our invitation despite being busy. We are going to show a good movie to the audience."

Malli Pelli's teaser delayed due to technical reasons

Veteran actor Naresh and Pavitra Lokesh will be seen together next in *Malli Pelli*. Directed by ace producer and director MS Raju, the movie will be released soon in theaters.

The actor announced that the teaser was supposed to be out at 11:11 AM on Thursday but due to some unforeseen issues, the makers have postponed the teaser release to an unannounced date. A new date will

be announced very soon. Jayasudha, Sarathbabu. Vanitha Vijayakumar, Ananya Nagella, Roshan, Ravivarma, Annapoorna, Bhadram, Yukta, Praveen Yandamuri, and Madhooo played significant roles in this movie. Suresh Bobbili and Arul Dev provide music for this movie. MN Bal Reddy handles the cinematography, and Junaid



Pooja Hegde responds to KISI KA BHAI KISI KI JAAN trailer trolling

A ctress Pooja Hegde, who is set to share the screen with Bollywood superstar Salman Khan in the upcoming theatrical movie *Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki* Jaan, has reacted to a section of Internet users trolling the film's trailer for its over the top action and hard to digest sequences. Soon after the film's trailer released, some people started brutally trolling the trailer as they felt that it was "cringe," "far from reality" and had "loose editing."

Pooja said in a conversation with a news portal: "It's okay if

some people don't like the trailer. It's not possible to keep everyone happy. Films are very subjective, if some people like it, a section of the audience may not like it as well and rightly so. We all have the right to like or dislike something."

But, she mentioned that she would like people to give the film a chance and assured that it will entertain them.

"However, I hope that their perception changes once they see the film. I can promise that you will have a good time in theatres watching the film," she added. *Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan*, produced by Salman Khan Films, stars an ensemble cast of Venkatesh Daggubati, Palak Tiwari, Siddharth Nigam and Shehnaaz Gill. The film will arrive in theatres on April 21 on the occasion of Eid.



Santicipated project in the combination of Victory Venkatesh and HIT fame Shailesh Kolanu went on the floors last month. The film has already wrapped up its first schedule in Hyderabad. Meanwhile, the latest news is that the film has kick-started its second schedule in Vizag. An official announcement regarding the same came out this morning. Venkat Boyanapalli is producing this pan-India project which will be released in Hindi, Tamil, Kannada, and Malayalam languages along with Telugu. Noted Kollywood music director Santhosh Naravanan is scoring soundtracks. Manikandan is cranking the camera for this prestigious project. The film marks the 75th project of Venkatesh. Nawazuddin Siddiqui in playing the antagonist role in this thriller.Being bankrolled by the Niharika Entertainments banner, Venkatesh will be seen in an action avatar in Saindhav which is scheduled for December 22nd release

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GT RESTRICT PBKS TO 153-8

edium pacer Mohit Sharma marked his return to the IPL with excellent figures of 2/18 as holders Gujarat Titans restricted Punjab Kings to 153 for eight here on Thursday.

Playing in his first game in the league since 2020, Mohit was exceptional in the penultimate over, giving away as little as six runs.

Matthew Short top-scored with a 24-ball 36, but it was Masood Shahrukh Khan's nine-ball 22 that helped PBKS cross 150.

Sent in to bat after the coin landed in favour of the returning Gujarat Titans skipper Hardik Pandya, PBKS lost Prabhsimran Singh in the second ball of the over when his attempted flick off a length ball from Moĥammed Shami went straight to Rashid Khan at short midwicket. Prabhsimran departed without scoring.
Short walked in at number three

and he got off the mark with a boundary, striking the ball through point. The next ball was short, and Short pulled the seasoned India seamer through the square leg region for another four.

Sharing the new ball with Shami, Joshua Little was welcomed with two boundaries by the in-form Shikhar Dhawan. While the first one was lofted over cover, Dhawan produced a delightful shot in the next ball, caressing the ball past mid-off in what was a high-class cover drive.

Australia's Short, who has done well for Adelaide Strikers in the Big Bash League back home, took on Shami and hit him for back-to-back fours including an authoritative boundary through mid-off.

However, just when PBKS seemed to be putting GT under pressure Little gave his team a huge breakthrough, dis-

Sunrisers Hyderabad are not intimidated by the sensa-

tional batting display of Rinku

Singh and Shardul Thakur in

KKR's last two IPL matches, and

skipper Aiden Markram on

Thursday said he is confident of

their bowlers executing their

ed consecutive 200-plus totals

courtesy the duo's power-hitting

en route to securing splendid wins over Royal Challengers

Bangalore and Guiarat Titans in

make-up as a whole, they are

going to play aggressively and an attacking brand of cricket. On

each one's given day, they can

certainly be a massive threat for

us," Markram told reporters on

strengths out in the middle, that

will give us the best chance to

execute whatever plans we have.

Guys have been doing very well for KKR, they (Shardul and

Rinku) have been finishing well.

some good plans in place, we

have some good experience in

our camp, some really good

death bowlers as well, we are

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"But we are going to have

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their last two matches.

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Kolkata Knight Riders post-

plans at the death.

Markam pins hopes on death bowlers



missing the dangerous Dhawan (8) who came down the track to play the lofted shot, only to end up giving a catch to Alzarri Joseph.

Defending champions Gujarat Titans got another big wicket when the ever-reliable Rashid (1/26 in 4 overs) foxed a well-settled Short with a goo

gly with PBKS's score reading 55 for

three in the seventh over. Having struck a flurry of fours and a massive six off Joseph, Short had settled down nicely but looked clueless when Rashid decided to bowl the

Short's dismissal set PBKS a bit, and

it became trickier when Jitesh Sharma (25 off 23 balls) was sent back by Mohit, thanks to a smart piece of work by

Wriddhiman Saha behind the wickets. Sam Curran (22) struck a muchneeded six -- a big maximum over deep midwicket after star leg-spinner Rashid missed his length.

Sri Lankan Bhanuka Rajapaksa did not convince in his 26-ball 20, until his stay in the middle was cut short by

Shahrukh Khan smashed the first

ball he faced for a six over deep midwicket, before picking up another maximum off Shami.

Raĥmanullah Gurbaz.

experience with Chandru from

the start. I love his honesty. He

gets around all the players. He

to KKR after being traded from absence of their skipper Shreyas Gujarat Titans along with Iyer and star allrounder Shakib-Ál-Hasan and were written off Playing under an Indian coach in Chandrakant Pandit, by many following a low-key auction, suddenly have become Ferguson said he's doing a great job in creating a fine team atmosphere. "It's been a great the side to beat this season. That the two wins have

PTI ■ KOLKATA

On a high after Rinku Singh's phenomenal knock, Kol-

kata Knight Riders will be gun-

ning for a hat-trick of victories

when they face a resurgent Sun-

risers Hyderabad in the Indian

Premier League here on Friday.

campaign with a reversal against

Punjab Kings at Mohali, KKR

found two unlikely heroes in two

matches to get their campaign

up and running.
First, it was Shardul Tha-

kur's storm with the bat that

took a star-studded Royal Chal-

lengers Bangalore by surprise as

the pace bowling allrounder's 29-ball 68 led KKR to their first

win of the season, a dominant

season after pulling off the greatest heist in T20 history by

scoring 31 runs in the last over

champions Gujarat Titans by three wickets in their den, the

Narendra Modi Stadium in

Ahmedabad, courtesy Rinku's astonishing power-hitting. The two-time former cham-

pions, who were hit hard by the

KKR defeated the reigning

Then the low-profile Rinku become the flavour of the

31-run victory

to win a match.

Having started off their

come without any significant contribution from their star power-hitter Andre Russell and skipper Nitish Rana, make them an even more dangerous side. While Shardul and Rinku

knows how the team's morale is have undoubtedly provided the finishing options, KKR think-tank would be keen to prove that

these two wins were not a fluke. By his standard, Russell, their season opener.

KKR eye hat-trick of wins

With scores of 0 and 1 in the next two matches, Russell would be keen to prove his credentials as he sweated it out during practice ahead of the match on

KKR have tried out different opening combinations in the three matches so far and it is likely to be changed again against SRH, with England opener Jason Roy likely to be included in place of Rahmanullah Gurbaz.

The Afghanistan player has impressed with a fighting fifty against RCB, but with Roy being included as a replacement for Shakib, the Englishman is likely to be included, while Narayan Jagadeesan may don the wick-

etkeeping gloves.
As for SRH, the Aiden
Markram-led side looks strong on paper after some big buys like Harry Brook, Mayank Agarwal and Heinrich Klaasen at the auc-

Overflowing with white-ball specialists, SRH, however, have failed to impress in their first two matches. However, a Rahul Tripathi special — 48-ball unbeaten 74 — led them to their first win of the season when they defeated Punjab Kings by eight

The high-profile Brook, who has been signed for Rs 13.25 crore, has so far managed scores of 13, 3 and 13.

A member of the England side that won the T20 World Cup last year, Brook has looked out of sorts in the opener's role, and it would not be a bad idea to bring him down the order.

They also have a potent spin attack in Washington Sundar and Mayank Markande, fresh from his 4/15 against Punjab Kings, while the pace attack, led by Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Marco Jansen, will give KKR a

tough fight. A win for KKR, currently

Don't think Russell is underperforming: Ferguson

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Andre Russell may have had a quiet campaign so far in the IPL but pacer Lockie Ferguson on Thursday believed that his star Kolkata Knight Riders teammate will turn things around in their match against Sunrisers Hyderabad.

Russell got out cheaply for 0 and 1, even as KKR secured splendid wins over Royal Challengers Bangalore and Gujarat Titans in their previous two matches. But Ferguson said a big knock is due from the explosive Jamaican batter.

"I don't think Andre is underperforming. He played Punjab Kings), then he had a my first season and first experi- 2019. The Kiwi pacer returned front," he said.



would say he's far from under-

"We all know what Andre

couple of early dismissals. I ence of Andre, and Jesus! I've not seen a guy hit a ball like that. I'm sure he will put us a show for us tomorrow night," he said, recall-

bing after bowling two overs,

Fleming said, "For us again, it's

losing another player — that's

it (injuries) to stop."

CSK's list of injured play-

ing the game due to a heel

injury, while pacer Deepak

out of IPL 2023 due to a ham-

string injury he sustained dur-

and how we are going to go about our business as a team. "Probably from the outset, it's just win or loss but it's about that consistency and try to create a culture and a team value that has Chandru brought into

the team from an early stage. It's

the fearsome Jamaican powerhitter, has looked a shadow of his rain-hit loss to Punjab Kings in the top of the table.

> naments. It is about how can a player secure his financial future and at the same time play enough to secure his cricketing

legacy and help his country. "Ýou want guys like Bumrah and Jofra playing at their best with cutting edge pace. That is what when they have great value. Be very meticulous and specific with when you want them to play," he said.

In 2020, the great Michael Holding had expressed his doubts over Bumrah's longevity considering he generates a huge amount of pace with a short run-up and a unique

action. For Bishop, changing action following injuries did not work and he believes Bumrah is past

that stage too.
"Everybody has got a unique way in how they formulate their action and Jasprit is more unique than most others so I think he has got to use the physical gifts he was blessed with and fine tune it as he goes along.

It is too late to change action: Bishop's advice to Bumrah

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Jansen, and they will also have the fiery Umran Malik in a Comeone who has endured three-pronged pace attack. Smultiple back injuries him-Having released Rashid self, former West Indies fast Khan, SRH have the spin duo of bowler Ian Bishop can imagine Washington Sundar and what a "generational" talent like Jasprit Bumrah is going through at the moment.

Bishop, who could have

played a lot more than 43 Tests

and 84 ODIs if it wasn't for

injuries, feels it is too late for

Bumrah to change his action at

this stage of his career and he can

only be "managed" by picking and choosing tournaments amid

Starting the season with back-to-back losses, SRH got The 29-year-old underwent their campaign back on track a surgery in New Zealand last month following recurring back issues that have kept him away when they rode on an unbeaten 74 from Rahul Tripathi to defeat Punjab Kings by eight from the game since September Bumrah is now racwickets. ing against time to get fit for the ODI World Cup at home in A former KKR player, Tripathi will look to give his

valuable inputs to the team. "It's always nice having someone in your team who has been a part of the team who you are going to play against. Definitely, we will use Rahul's susceptible to injuries. experience, knowledge as best as

can execute nicely, on the night

Bhuvneshwar Kumar to lead the

pace attack, which is bolstered

by the addition of Markram's fel-

low South African Marco

Mayank Markande.

SRH have Indian veteran

"It's great to see a player like Rahul in form, he's really entertaining to watch and the way he goes about his work. It's great to have him in that frame of mind at the moment," Markram said.

"Any fast bowler worth his soul can play all formats of the game all year and maintain his cutting edge pace, it is just too demanding. The sprint up and and down, the hamstring, the workload of the body. It has to be managed," Bishop told PTI in an interview.

"I don't think there is any one recipe (to manage work-load). Because we don't decide on the minds and bodies of these outstanding athletes. That decision has to be made by the individual and administrators close to him but I will throw one thing October-November.

Bumrah's "unique" action out for governing bodies, it is has worked wonderfully for just an advice. You can't play him but it has also put a lot of these guys (Bumrah and Co.) in load on his back, making him every tournament," he said.

The 55-year-old from Trinidad is not only worried about Bumrah's future, he is equally concerned for the likes of Jofra Archer, Anrich Nortje and Shaheen Afridi who too have battled injuries.

"With so much cricket going on, the players will have to start



MSD nursing a knee injury: Fleming

Chennai Super Kings captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni is nursing a knee injury, which is hindering his movement somewhat, said head coach Stephen Fleming after the four-time IPL champions lost a last-ball thriller to Rajasthan Royals by three runs.

Adding to the injury worries, CSK's South African pace bowler Sisanda Magala too suffered a split webbing at the MA Chidambaram Stadium on Wednesday night.

"He (Dhoni) is nursing a knee injury, which you can see in some of his movement, hindering him somewhat. His fitness has been professional. He comes in months before the tournament starts. He does some nets in Ranchi, but his main pre-season is a month

before he comes to Chennai," Fleming told reporters at the post-match press conference after CSK suffered their second defeat in four games this sea-

Seamer Sandeep Sharma nailed a couple of perfect block-hole deliveries to earn a hard-fought victory for the Royals. Chasing 176, Dhoni (32) and Ravindra Jadeja (25) were on course requiring 21 runs off the last over. CSK's final score was 172/6 as Dhoni couldn't end his 200th game for CSK in a manner he would have wanted to on home turf.

Fleming, though, expressed confidence that the former India captain will manage his injury well and will continue to



into match form, and you can still see he is playing pretty well. So we always have confidence about how he manages himself.

"He works his way back He always keeps himself up to speed," said Fleming, allaying concerns about Dhoni's fit-

ing the match against Mumbai "Magala's hand was split

unfortunately, so he was unable to bowl those last two overs. On Magala, who had to And same with Deepak Chahar

in the last game, so we're operating on pretty thin resources. But we're not the only team to leave the field with a split webhave that.'

"I think a lot of players coming out of a big domestic season are a little bit broken, but we just keep having to find solutions," Fleming said.

two games in a row -- and we're already pretty thin, so we'd like "So we'll do that in the next four days. But, yeah, it's not ers is growing by the day with England all-rounder Ben Stokes, bought for Rs 16.25 crore at the IPL auction, missideal yet. The captain has to then think on his feet (if bowlers keep getting injured). Moeen Ali had to come back (after Magala hurt his webbing), and he hadn't had a great Chahar has been almost ruled day but he got the wicket of (Jos) Buttler which was good.

"And you've got young players like Akash (Singh) who s coming in for his first game, having to bowl some key overs. It's not how we plan, but T20 very rarely goes to plan," the CSK coach added.

Samson fined ₹12 lakh for slow over-rate



PTI CHENNAI

Rajasthan Royals skipper Sanju Samson has been fined Rs 12 lakh for maintaining a slow over-rate during their Indian Premier League (IPL) match against Chennai Super Kings here.

Over rate is proving to be an issue in the IPL again with a lot of games stretching past the four-hour mark.

"As it was the team's first offence of the season under the IPL's Code of Conduct relating to minimum over-rate offences. captain Sanju Samson was fined Rs 12 lakhs," read an IPL media

Rajasthan had pulled off a last-ball win over CSK on Tuesday with Sandeep Sharma bowling a brilliant 20th over to deny M S Dhoni and Ravindra Jadeja. It was Rajasthan's third win in four games while CSK suffered their second loss of the