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QUOTE OF THE DAY

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is a new state we deposited Rs 72,000 crore directly in the bank accounts of 70 lakh farmers. It is better if you know the subject. Modi, your allegations regarding this are completely false.

- KT Rama Rao, IT Minister

Mega clleanliness drive held across...

In response to the clarion call of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to commemorate Swachhata Diwas and to achieve visible improvement in Cleanliness Vijayawada Division held a Mega Massive Cleanliness Drive across the Division as a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi ji today i.e., 1st October 2023. Totally 365 locations were identified across the Division where Officers, Station Managers and staff were nominated to launch the cleanliness drive simultaneously at all stations from 10.00 am in the morning. Leading the ...

GGH being modernised to...

District Collector M Venugopal Reddy has said that the Government General Hospital is being modernised to provide better treatment. District Collector Venugopal Reddy, along with **Municipal Corporation** Commissioner Keerthy Chekuri, MLC Lella Appireddy, Municipal Corporation Mayor Kavati Manohara Naidu, MLAs Mohammed Mustafa and M Giridhar, inaugurated the the newly constructed operation theaters and the Government...

India a 'big hub' for blue collar...

Fountain, a provider of hiring automation software for frontline workforces considers India as one of the "big hubs" in this space, a top company official said. The company is present in the US, Western Furone - LIK France Germany as well as in South Africa, India, New Zealand and a few other countries. "The big hubs are India. UK and France." Founder and CEO of the company Sean Behr told PTI. "Fountain focuses exclusively on the blue collar and gray collar workforce. A vast majority of people..

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Sable becomes 1st Indian to win...

Avinash Sable became the first Indian man to win the gold medal in 3000m steeplechase at the Asian Games while shot-putter Tajinderpal Singh Toor defended his title with an amazing final throw to beat back the challenge from his Saudi Arabian rival here on Sunday. Sable, the 29-year-old national record holder earned India its first gold medal in athletics, completing the race in 8:19.50 seconds. Sable rewrote the previous Asian Games record of 8:22.79 held in the name of Iran's Hossein Keyhani.

Cash-for-vote case back to haunt Naidu

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SC to hear the high-profile case on October 4

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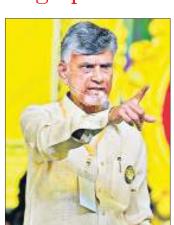
and health with cleanliness

Telugu Desam Party (TDP) chief N Chandrababu Naidu finds himself grappling with past controversies as a decade-old scandal resurfaces. The Opposition Leader's challenging times continue as the notorious Cash-for-Vote scam case is set for a hearing in the first week of October. The high-profile case is slated to be heard in the Supreme Court on

October 4, Wednesday.
Simultaneously, the much-anticipated quash petition filed by Chandrababu Naidu in the Skill Development scam case is scheduled for October 3. The following day, the Cash-for-Vote scam case, which has garnered significant attention, will take center stage in the Apex

On October 4, the Supreme Court will deliberate on the plea made by YSRCP Mangalagiri MLA Alla Ramakrishna Reddy. He has urged the court to include Chandrababu Naidu's name in the 2015 'Cash-for-Vote' scam case. The petition will be heard by a bench comprising Justice MM Sundaresh and Justice Sanjay

In his petition, Ramakrishna



Reddy argues that Chandrababu Naidu's name was repeatedly mentioned in the chargesheet filed by the Telangana ACB special court, and therefore, he should be implicated in the case. Previously, the Mangalagiri MLA had alleged that the ACB had failed to bring the case to a logical conclusion.

The Cash-for-Vote case sent shockwaves through Telangana when then-TDP MLA Revanth Reddy and two others were arrested by the ACB for allegedly offering a bribe of Rs 50 lakh to TRS (now

BRS) nominated MLA Elvis Stephenson to cross-vote and support TDP nominee Vem Narendar Reddy in the Legislative Council elections. Subsequently, the ACB disclosed details of a purported telephonic conversation between Naidu and Stephenson regarding the

Speaking to *The Pioneer*, former Judge and senior advocate in the AP High Court, Jada Sravan Kumar, expressed his belief that Chandrababu Naidu will receive much-needed relief in the quash petition for the Skill Development Scam case on October 3. He asserts that Naidu, as A 37, is likely to obtain a stay in the case due to what he perceives as an incorrect interpretation by the AP High Court in the quash petition.

Regarding the Cash-for-Vote scam case, Sravan Kumar opined that significant developments are unlikely, as he contends that the Telangana government is not giving the case its full attention. He anticipates that the case may be adjourned, which is a standard procedural step, or there could be delays if the accused is in remand and the advocate requests more time for preparation.



Bhuvaneswari, Lokesh to go on fast today

PNS VIJAYAWADA

Nara Bhuvaneswari, wife TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu, and their son Nara Lokesh, will be sitting on a one-day fast on Monday, the Gandhi Jayanthi day, in protest against the illegal arrest of Chandrababu.

Bhuvaneswari is observing the fast from 10 am to 5 pm on Monday at the Quarry Market Area in Rajamahendravaram in the name of 'Satyameva Jayathe' as Monday is the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Lokesh will be on the one-day fast from 10 am till 5 pm on Monday at 10, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi where he is camping now.

The TDP leaders made an appeal to the party activists and the common public to extend their cooperation to make the hunger strike a grand success and request the media to give wide coverage.



PNS VIJAYAWADA

Jana Sena chief K Pawan Kalyan has likened the Opposition's fight against the AP government to the epic Kurukshetra battle and declared the YSRCP's decline has begun. Addressing a massive gathering during his 'Varahi Vijaya Yatra' in Avanigadda on Sunday, Pawan Kalyan asserted that in the upcoming election, they represent the 'Pandavas' while branding the YSRCP leaders as the 'Kouravas' in this political 'Kurukshetra.'

He went on to predict that the YSRCP would likely secure only 15 MLA seats in the next election. He reminded the crowd that, in the previous election, they had put their trust in YS Jagan Mohan Reddy and the YSRCP, highlighting the current state of affairs in the state. Despite his defeat in the last election, Pawan Kalyan emphasized his continued presence and commitment to the people.

"Jana Sena can go ahead with an alliance with BJP alliance. But I do not know whether we can get the required number of seats to form a government. In order to protect the interests of the State. It would take a decade to rectify the damage caused by the YSRCP regime and steer Andhra Pradesh in the right



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PROTEST AGAINST NAIDU'S ARREST

TDP luring people for tonsures: MP

Says Nara Lokesh, Atchannaidu & Yanamala should offer their hair first.

PNS VIJAYAWADA

YSRCP Rajya Sabha member and national general secretary of YSRCP V Vijayasai Reddy said that if Chandrababu Naidu is caught in the act of looting public money and was arrested, it will be an even bigger crime to tempt common people for money and tonsure them.

The MP on Sunday responded to the incident of tonsuring common public by luring them with money in the name of protest against the government.

He said that if they want to protest against the government, the TDP leaders like Nara Lokesh, Atchannaidu and Yanamala Ramakrishnudu should offer their hair and show their concern to the TDP chief Chandrababu.

He recalled that the then Chandrababu government also arrested women under the charge of public nuisance when Kapu leaders took up noise protest against the TDP government. He said that the TDP called upon for people to make noise of bells, whistles and horns of vehicles for solidarity to a person who looted public money to the tune of Rs 371 crore.



Vijayasai finds fault with TDP for calling upon people to make noise of bells, whistles and horns of vehicles for solidarity to a person who looted public money to the tune of Rs 371 cr.

The MP said that the National Medical Council's decision to allocate medical education seats according to the population of the state was unfair. It should not be a setback to AP state for controlling population

He asked the Union Health Minister through Twitter handle to consider the state-wise approach in the allotment of medical seats.

NARAS OR NANDAMURIS?

Speculation rife on who will hold TDP reins

SNCN ACHARYULU

In the TDP circles there is a discussion about the future of the party, whether it will remain in the hands of Nara family or goes to Nandamuri family? While TDP supremo Nara Chandrababu Naidu is in the jail, there is speculation that his son Nara Lokesh may be arrested soon.

Chandrababu and Lokesh are the main pillars of the TDP. If both are in jail ahead of crucial Assembly elections, what will be the fate of the party is scaring the TDP circles. In the TDP circles, there are different opinions.



Corruption and commissions are sole agenda of family parties: PM

K VENKATESHWARLU

Blowing the Telangana Assembly posts, he added. nole at the 'Palamuru Prajagarjana' public meeting, Prime accepted by the people of Telangana Minister Narendra Modi said that with every passing day. two family parties are blocking Telangana's development. He said that the ide-

ology of the two family parties is just 'corruption' and 'commissions.' He said that the

BRS and the Congress have converted democracy into family rule. Members of the families get big posts and others

will have to obey their orders. Only Manager etc belong to only the fammembers of the family can be the party president or hold other key

He Modi said that the BIP is getting

There is a general impression in Telangana that Modi

will fulfil the assurances he had given The BJP is thinking about commoners and will take Telangana

to the top, he said. Modi said that family parties are

running govern-ments like a private company and that all key posts like the Director,

He said that the BRS government

is actually in the hands of AIMIM. People know who has the steeri of the BRS government, Modi said. Addressing a public meeting on

Sunday at Mahbubnagar, Modi said that the people of Telangana want a BJP government. They want change. The Telangana people want a government that implements what it says and corruption-free governance. People want a transparent government.

The people of Telangana strengthened the BJP in the last four years. Telangana doesn't need fake promises but needs performance at the ground level. The BJP will develop Telangana, he said.

AP teacher shortlisted for Global Teacher Prize

PNS ■ LONDON

Deep Narayan Nayak, a primary school teacher from West Bengal, English teacher from Andhra Varkey Foundation in collaboration 130 countries around the world.

shortlist for the 2023 Global Teacher Prize unveiled here recently

Facelift to Vizag roads amid talk of capital shift

Pradesh, have made it to the top 50 with UNESCO and in strategic partnership with UAE-based globrize unveiled here recently.

The shortlist for the USD 1-mil
Cares, was selected from over 7,000 and Hari Krishna Patacharu, an lion annual prize, organised by nominations and applications from

The prize is open to working teachers who teach children who are in compulsory schooling or are between the ages of five and eighteen. Nayak, a teacher at Tilka Manjhi Adivasi Free Primary School at Jamuria in Asansol, was selected for his innovative teaching methods



Through innovative cross-cultural sessions and a global network of educators, Hari Krishna Patacharu transformed his classroom, empowering students to express themselves confidently in English. His efforts extended beyond language, providing educational opportunities and bridging gaps through international connections," the Global Teacher Prize said.

Durga temple EO shifted ahead of Dasara

PNS VIJAYAWADA

In anticipation of the forthcoming Dasara Sarannavaratri festivities scheduled from October 15 to 23, the State government has made a significant administrative change. On Sunday, the government transferred Executive Officer D Bhramaramba, who was serving at the Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam situated atop

Indrakeeladri in Vijayawada. The government has appointed M Sreenivas, currently serving as Deputy Collector and placed under orders of posting as the District Revenue Officer in NTR district, as the new Executive Officer of the Kanaka Durga temple. This move has garnered considerable attention

and interest in Vijayawada. transfer. It's noteworthy, however, sources.

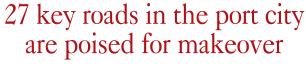


Outgoing EO

that the government did not announce a new posting for Bhramaramba.

According to sources, there had been ongoing disagreements between Chairman of the Durga Temple Trust Board, Karnati Rambabu, and Bhramaramba, the outgoing Executive Officer. These disputes are believed to be a key factor in her transfer, with political considerations also playing a

role, as suggested by insiders. The ruling YSRCP has cited the Chief Secretary KS Jawahar temple's lack of development dur-Reddy issued Government Order ing Bhramaramba's tenure as a rea-G.O.Rt.No.1944 in relation to this son for her transfer, as reported by



J LAKSHMANA RAO VISAKHAPATNAM

The bustling streets of Visakhapatnam are undergoing a major facelift as the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) launches an ambitious road expansion initiative. The project encompasses 27 key roads and routes, a response to the surging traffic levels in various zones across the city. Coinciding with this citywide transformation is the eagerly awaited relocation of the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) to Visakhapatnam during the

upcoming Dasara festival. Officials from the engineering department have revealed that an estimated Rs150 crore has been allocated to fund these vital road improvement initiatives.

Among the prominent projects on the list, the expansion of the road connecting Jagadamba Junction to Old Post Office Junction has long topped the wishlist of residents in the One Town area. Construction activities for this much-anticipated project commenced just a few weeks ago and are making swift

But this effort isn't confined to

a single road. It's a citywide initiative aimed at enhancing public safety and easing the ever-growing traffic woes. Roads between Polamamba Temple and Government Hospital for Mental Care (GHMC), leading up to

Beach Road, Akkayyapalem Road, Gajuwaka's 100-foot road, Kanithi Ŕoad, K. Nagarampalem to NH-16 road, Visalakshi Nagai Road, Jodugullapalem, Sithakonda, and the BRTS Road from NAD Junction to Pendurthi relocation of the Chief Minister's Office to Visakhapatnam are going on, it's crucial to understand that these road improvement projects have long been on the city's agenda, primarily aimed at benefiting the public."

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"While discussions

are all set to receive substantial upgrades. Furthermore, construction projects are also underway in the Pendurthi, Gajuwaka, and Anakapalli areas.





Monday Mirchi

Social media has an edge when it comes to communication from the Police Department. In Telangana, the Director-General of Police boarded a chopper for an aerial survey of the Ganesh procession. He himself filmed portions of it and said: "Send it (the video clip) to the press". Hyderabad CP C V Anand accompanied him. But his team created a reel and included it in the immersion overview. The buzz is that both are quite active on social media platforms, especially X (formerly Twitter). Anand is going out of the way in posting and his posts are reaching lakhs. In general, some IPS officers are known to be media friendly, but now the big wigs have become distinctly social media friendly.

DANCING COPS SHOW JHALAK OF FRIENDLY POLICING

Cops are known to approach crowds in a menacing manner with their lathis, regardless of whether the people in the crowd are resting or restive. However, during the Ganesh Immersion procession in Hyderabad dancing cops stepped into people's hearts. In Hyderabad's Central Zone, DCP M Venkateshwarlu, Saifabad ACP Sanjay Kumar, and Khairatabad Inspector Bala Gopal led the jigs. Not to be outdone, Warangal CP AV Ranganath did his part, bagging the 'coolest dancer' tag among CPs in the state while maintaining law and order. But his jhalak on foot was marred briefly as followers of the Majilis party as well as the BJP created a tense atmosphere near MP Bandi Sanjay's home.

LESSONS FROM AND FOR TEACHERS

Praveen Prakash, principal secretary to the AP government's School Education Department, must be delighted with the responses he has been getting for his YouTube videos. He has been running a series titled 'From the Desk of Principal Secretary', aired initially in English and of late in Telugu. In his latest episode, he shared that every week he visits a district as party of 'reality check' concerning his work. The officer shared that he was 'humbled' by the comments of the teachers' responses. A wag, talking of reality, commented: "While many of the comments seemed very genuine positive feedback, there were also some that appeared as if they were contrived."

JAINS CROSS 'LAKSHMI REKHA'

Bureaucrats rarely highlight the traits of people belonging to their respective community. Rajarshri Shah, District Collector of Medak, however, spoke glowingly about the Jain community to which she belongs. Traditionally a business community, Jains are known for their business acumen. They say it runs in their genes. Rajarshri Shah amplified that these days Jains are getting also into administration, judiciary, police, and the service sectors. "I am an example of Jains getting into administrative services. The major philosophy taught in Jainism is to keep tradition to heart". She went on to say that Jains, constituting less than 0.5% of India's population, are among the highest contributors to personal income. Besides, Jains are the only minority community in the country who have never sought any favours/reservations for being a minority group.

POST VALUED OUINOUENNIALLY

Babus are quite important in state administration, be it as a cog in the wheel or the most sought-after Chief Secretary or Special Chief Secretary or, better yet, Advisor postretirement. Still, none of them can garner as much attention as the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) at the time of elections. The CEO is in the limelight quinquennially, albeit

for a brief period. Ahead of the elections, the CEO is the go-to person, with all government officers, even those working directly under the Chief Secretary, also under his operational control. He thus seems more powerful than the Chief Secretary, with all political parties, including the one ruling the state, making complaints only to him against their perceived opponents. In the Telugu states, the CEOs are calling the shots right now as they need to report only to the Election Commission. It is a different matter that some babus call it a 'punishment' post. For, some CEOs retire or are transferred without any elections being conducted during their tenure. Come elections, they are any day busier than any of the other officers on non-election duties. A CEO, however, must walk the razor's edge when it comes to dealing with warring political parties and wily politicians; otherwise, he or she could court controversies. Whatever it may be, conducting elections smoothly will bring lasting lau-

AP CAPITAL SHIFT TO BEGIN ON DASARA?

Is the long wait for the shift of the executive capital of Andhra Pradesh to Visakhapatnam over? The answer seems to be in the affirmative, going by the recent oneday visit of Andhra Pradesh Chief Secretary KS Jawahar Reddy to the port city, where he took stock of ongoing activities. There are indications that Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy will initiate the process of shifting offices to Vizag on Dasara. A bird little bird revealed that the CS met key officials during the visit and discussed the possible locations for offices and residences of the officials. The capital shifting plan had been on hold for various reasons since the announcement regarding it in December

BLURRING THE LINE BETWEEN VOTER AND PARTY WORKER

Of late, retired babus have been voicing their informed opinions through civil society organization such as 'Citizens for Democracy'. For example, former AP State Election Commissioner Nimmagadda Ramesh Kumar recently underlined the necessity for free and fair elections as well as correct voter lists in a democracy by recounting that he himself had to fight for restoring his voting right in his native village in Duggirala. He pointed out that only after knocking on the doors of the Court he could get his name registered as a voter. For good measure, Ramesh Kumar added that electoral staff must adopt a humanitarian attitude while removing from the voters' lists the names of those who had migrated for employment vis-à-vis those who happened to be not at home during staff visit as part of the revision process. Further, according to Ramesh Kumar, there is a question mark over the impartiality of the election process, considering that leaders of the ruling party, during their speeches, are calling volunteers as their 'party workers'.

DRIVING HOME THE POINT EFFECTIVELY

Greater Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Corporation Commissioner Saikanth Varma recent opted to travel to his office by an APSRTC bus during the observance of 'vehicle-free day'. He drew accolades from environmentalists and healthcare experts. Leading by example, the Comm called upon citizens to use public transportation once a week-on Monday-to help contain pollution caused, inter alia, by vehicular exhausts. If people heed his call, cyclists and pedestrians -- otherwise endangered species -- can breathe easy at least on Mondays.

-- Yours truly

Facelift to...

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Residents of the Madhurawada, Rushikonda, and Bheemunipat-nam regions can also look forward to smoother journeys ahead, as several roads in these areas are currently undergoing improvements. A senior official from the GVMC underscored the need for these projects, citing an annual influx of at least 40,000 new vehicles, significant developmental strides, Department.

and a surge in VVIP movements in recent years as driving factors.

YSRCP Regional Coordinator, YV Subba Reddy, has already made an official announcement regarding this transformative move, highlighting the active efforts of officials involved. "While discussions surrounding the possible relocation of the Chief Minister's Office to Visakhapatnam are going on, it's crucial to understand that these road improvement projects have long been on the city's agenda, primarily aimed at benefiting the public," stated a senior official from the Engineering

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AP teacher shortlisted...

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underprivileged children facing educational and social challenges. Patacharu, a teacher at ZPHS Ilavaram at Bhattiprolu mandal in Guntur district, was chosen for his work as an English teacher and embarked on a mission to overcome language barriers and enrich his students' lives. "Through innovative cross-cultural sessions and a global network of educators, he transformed his classroom, empowering students to express themselves confidently in English. His efforts extended beyond language, providing educational opportunities and bridging gaps through international connections," the Global Teacher Prize said.

"From pen pal programmes to professional development, Hari Krishna's passion for teaching has transcended borders, making a profound impact on his students and the education community in his region," it added. Now in its eighth year, the prize was set up to recog-

nise one exceptional teacher who has made an outstanding contribution to the profession as well as to shine a spotlight on the important role teachers play in society.

"I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to Deep Narayan Nayak and Hari Krishna Patacharu. UNESCO is a proud partner of the Global Teacher Prize because teachers deserve our great recognition. They inspire and prepare children and youth to navigate a rapidly evolving world. Their efforts play a leading role in transforming education for the future," said.

Businessman dies after being attacked by robbers

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

In an incident reported from Gudimalkapur on Saturday, a businessman died after robbers attacked him and stole gold ornaments from him. The victim was identified as

Chinna Chowdry Anji Reddy (76) owner of GR Convention. He was attacked in the parking lot of the store while trying to get into his car. Reddy's relative Ravi Devinaini found the victim lying unconscious near his car and informed his family members.

The family members reached the store and informed the police that Reddy suffered injuries to his eyes and face adding that two gold rings and a gold chain were missing from Reddy's body.

Naidu deserves punishment

PNS VIJAYAWADA

Former Minister and MLA Perni Venkataramaiah (Nani) said that Chandrababu Naidu must be punished for his misdeeds.

Speaking to media persons on Sunday, Nani said that Naidu cheated Kapus and harassed Kapu leader Mudragada Padmanabham during the protest and none of the Kapus feel bad if Chandrababu is in jail.

The former minister stated that if the investigating agency probe into the various scams Chandrababu Naidu is involved, the court will sentence him to jail for life. Nani dared Babu to get his assets investigated by a sitting judge.



In all the corrupt cases Chandrababu is roaming free on bails all these days, said former minister Perni Nani.

He further said that the curse of people is haunting Naidu that landed him in Jail. The people very well know that Chandrababu has looted the money of the people and as a result there is no sadness among the people or the TDP

leaders who participate in the

The former minister pointed out that if the cases filed against Chandrababu are illegal and false why the bail is not granted by any of the courts. Chandrababu is involved in all the scams starting from Skill Development Corporation scam, Amaravati Inner Ring

Nani further said that while Chandrababu is remanded in Rajahmundry central prison, TDP general secretary Nara Lokesh is hiding in Delhi for the last 21 days. On the other hand Lokesh provoked the TDP cadre during Padayatra to take as many cases as possible

Road scam, Fibernet scam and

the Amaravati Assigned lands

so as to get a good position in the party after forming govern-

Nani criticized JSP chief Pawan Kalyan for being in alliance with BJP and simultaneously said that he will be in alliance with TDP. He further pointed out that PK says he wants a casteless society and tours in the constituencies of Kapus. Pawan says that he wishes to have a corruptionfree society and will roll on the roads for the one who is caught

in scams and remanded in jail. Responding to Telangana minister Harish Rao's comments on Chandrababu, Nani said that Harish will do to CM K Chandrasekhar Rao what Chandrababu did to Dr NT Rama Rao in the past.

Sanitation is responsibility of all: Union Minister

PNS VISAKHAPATNAM

Union Minister of State for Railways Darshana Jardosh, who is presently on a three-day visit to Visakhapatnam, on Sunday took part in the Swachchta Hi Seva programme organised by the Waltair Division of the East Coast Railway on Sunday.

The central theme for 'Swachhata Hi Seva' in 2023 is 'Garbage Free India,' with a specific emphasis on enhancing visual cleanliness and the well-being of SafaiMitras. A special initiative called "Ek Tareekh, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath" was also undertaken as part of the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign, marking the 9th anniversary of the Swachh Bharat Mission. Additionally, a '14-minute clean-up' protocol was diligently followed on the train stationed at the station.

She actively participated in the cleaning event called "Shramdaan" within the station premises, and even aboard a



train. Later, she interacted with the Safai mitras, inquired about their well-being and lauded contributions in maintaining the station's cleanliness. She also distributed fabric bags to station passengers, encouraging them to join the "Ban Plastic" initiative and refrain from using plastic in any form. gramme, she held detailed discussions with Divisional Officials and Gati Shakti representatives to formulate comprehensive initiatives aimed at addressing the issue of plastic pollution and improving garbage disposal practices. Furthermore, she deliberated on the Division's measures for ment, particularly concerning waste generated at stations and on trains. She commended the Division's endeavors in achieving the distinction of having the cleanest station in

Speaking to the Media, Darshana Jardosh said the Swachhata campaign is being observed by the Railways from September 15 to October 2 aimed to promote awareness through community participation for implementation of the Swachh Bharat Machine, and to inculcate the idea that sanitation is everyone's responsi-

As a prelude to Swachh Bharat Diwas on October 2nd, Darshana Jardosh highlighted that this initiative aligns with the vision of Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who envisioned Swachh Bharat as a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, and stressed that it is the collective responsibility of all to contribute to making Bharat

Pak cricketers relish Hyderabadi cuisine

PNS HYDERABAD

The Pakistan Cricket team on September 30 enjoyed HyderabadI cuisine for dinner. The team is in the City for warm-up matches ahead

of the Cricket World Cup.
A video shared on the official Twitter handle of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) shows Pakistani cricketers, including Babar Azam, Shaheen Shah Afridi, enjoying a meal at the Jewel of Nizam amid heavy security.
Following the dinner, the

cricketers were also seen taking pictures with fans. Pakistan is scheduled to play two league stage matches in the city. In its first match, Pakistan will face the Netherlands on October 6, followed by a match against Sri Lanka on October 10. The team will then travel to Ahmedabad to face archri-

'Yes, BRS is a family of 4 crore people'

PNS HYDERABAD

BRS Working President KTR responded to the comments of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who visited Telangana on Sunday and said that BRS is indeed a family party.

"The BRS is a family of the four crore people of Telangana said that the CM had waived and KCR is the head of that farm loans twice in the State

the place of a son by giving ments. pensions to the elderly, and stood as a brother to farmers by giving them Rythu Bandhu and Rythu Bheema schemes. "KCR is a member of every family in Telangana," he said.

He said that Modi cheated the people of Ramagundam by auctioning SCCL coal mines in an attempt to privatize

He said that the strategy of the Prime Minister is to push state-run companies into losses and later privatize them so that his corporate friends like Adani can make profits. Lashing out at the statement

of Modi on KCR not waiving

and asked the Prime Minister He added that KCR took not to make baseless com-In a satirical tone, KTR said that the people of India

were calling Pradani (Prime Minister) as Adani. He also added that the BJP will not be able to save its deposit in Telangana. Attacking the Congress

KTR said, "I don't know about pension for six decades and the six guarantees of the Congress, but if they come to



 KCR took the place of a son by giving pensions to the elderly, and stood as a brother to farmers by giving them Rythu Bandhu and Rythu Bheema

"KCR is a member of every family in Telangana.

power three things will happen for sure and that includes a three-hour power supply, a change of CM every year and a lot of scams."

KTR said that Congress is the party which gave Rs 200 as now they are promising to Rs 4000 as pension. People are

not ready to believe Congress leaders and their fake promis-

es, he said. Taking a dig at the Congress and BJP leaders who are visiting the State, KTR said that leaders from different parties start coming just before elec-

they do is make fake promises and I request you to be cautious, he added. KTR was addressing gather-

ings after launching develop-ment projects in Chennur, Ramagundem and Peddapalli on Sunday He highlighted the growth

the last nine years under the leadership of KCR and said that Peddapalli became a district headquarters bringing relief to the people in availing government services.

KTR thanked SCCL employees for their relentless efforts in achieving Telangana statehood along with other employees of the state government. He said that the Telangana government protions like singers visiting vided increments and jobs to houses before Sankranthi. All the dependants of employees. vided increments and jobs to

Speculation rife...

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Some leaders say that the party responsibilities should be taken up by the Nandamuri family and some leaders opined that the party should be in the hands of Nara fam-

In Nandamuri family, only two have the choice of holding the party responsibilities. One is Nandamuri Balakrishna and the other is Junior NTR. But, Junior NTR is not showing interest in politics at present because he is very busy in the cine field. Balakrishna also busy with his films. Some TDP leaders feel if that if Balakrishna takes the party responsibilities he will become another Pawan Kalyan.

Jana Sena president Pawan Kalyan is busy with his films and he is concentrating on politics only when he has no shooting. Balakrishna also will do the same if he takes the TDP responsibilities. Pawan Kalyan or Balakrishna cannot dedicate their full time to politics since they are acting in the films.

Meanwhile, the Nara family is making efforts not to lose hold on the party from their hands in the absence of Chandrababu and Lokesh. The wives of Chandrababu and Lokesh, Nara Bhuvaneswari and Brahmini respectively, are becoming active in politics. Bhuvaneswari is planning to conduct a bus yatra across the State to wake up the people to condemn the arrest of Chandrababu.

On the other hand, Brahmini is also showing interest on coming into politics under unavoidable circumstances. Balakrishna also may not

have any objection if his sister Bhuvaneswari or his daughter Brahmini hold the party responsibilities.

He may think that it is better holding the responsibility by the Nara family instead of going to others hands. In fact, there is no other

leader in the TDP to take up the party responsibilities. Once if any other leader takes the responsibility the party may get out of control.

Corruption and commissions...

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He said that robbery is taking place in Telangana in the name of irrigation projects and that the BRS is launching big projects for the sake of elections. The TS government is claiming that it constructed irrigation projects and canals costing thousands of crores but not a single drop of water is flowing in these canals, the PM added. He said that Telangana is the

land of brave women like Rani Rudrama Devi. The number of women will increase in

Legislatures with the passing of the Women's Reservation Bill. The Centre is giving PMAY funds to women constructing houses, Modi said.

He said that the BJP-led Centre constructed 2,500 km of NHs in Telangana in the last nine years.

The Centre is giving loans to street vendors through the Mudra Bank without any guarantee. The former Congress government gave Rs 3,400 crore to Telangana, but the BJP government is giving Rs 27,000 crore per year to TS for procuring food grains, Modi said. The PM said that the BRS government is looting Telangana farmers and that the BRS which benefited from the loan waiver promise ignored farmers later. Now the state government is waiving loans in view of elections, he said.

The Centre is depositing money directly in the bank accounts of farmers through the PM Kisan Scheme and it solved the problem of fertilizers by restarting the Ramagundam Fertilisers Factory, Modi said.

Jana Sena committed to people's...

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Warning the public, Pawan Kalyan cautioned that voting the YSRCP o power in the 2024 election would lead to an unfavourable future. He criticised Jagan Mohan Reddy's suitability for the Chief Minister position, describing him as solely driven by amassing wealth. For the betterment of Andhra Pradesh and its citizens'

prospects, he urged voters to support the TDP-JSP alliance in the upcoming election.

While Pawan Kalyan asserted that he had no personal aspirations for the Chief Minister post, he remained open to the possibility if circumstances allowed. Pawan Kalyan demanded that the government, headed by Jagan Mohan Reddy, release a 'white paper' on the tragic deaths of over 67,000 children.

He pointed out that a 'Gross Enrollment Ratio' survey conducted by the government indicated that 3,17,259 families had migrated from Andhra Pradesh in search of livelihood.

Assuring the public, Pawan Kalyan pledged to address all their concerns if given the opportunity in the next elections, emphasising his commitment to resolving their problems.

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BEGIN CLEANLINESS AT HOME, PEOPLE URGED

'Swachhta hi seva' campaign launched

PNS VIJAYAWADA

Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Special Chief Secretary Budithi Rajasekhar formally launched the State-level programme 'Swachhatha Hi Seva', aimed at garbage-free villages and towns, at Nunna near Vijayawada on Sunday. He started the 'Shramadanam' along with NTR District Collector Dr S Dilli Rao, and planted saplings on the bund of the drinking

water tanks.
Special Chief Secretary Budīthi Rajasekhar, Collector Dr S Dilli Rao, other dignitaries, people's representatives, Self Help Group (SHG) members, Sachivalayam staff and volunteers enthusiastically participated in the Swachhata Hi Seva inaugural programme.

Later, Budithi Rajasekhar and Dilli Rao felicitated Safaimitras (Sanitation Workers) with a shawl. Also, they participated in 'Coffee with Mitra. They distributed rice, dal, oil, sweet box and others sponsored by the Nunna gram panchayat.



Speaking on the occasion, Budithi Rajasekhar encouraged people to start the change from their houses by keeping their surroundings clean and green. "Every citizen should participate in the 'Swachata Hi Seva' campaign voluntarily. The programme aims to promote cleanliness in local communities through voluntary efforts for the welfare of Safai Mitras, he added.

Further, he lauded the services rendered by the sanitation workers. Thanks to the Safaimitras, our surroundings are becoming clean, he said. "Safai and Clap Mitras are

playing a pivotal role in keeping the people healthy. Sanitation work is very hard. These sanitation workers happily perform their duties without any hesitation. They are no different from the soldiers who protect the country from enemies,"

Rajasekhar said. Meanwhile, he gave a call to the people to participate in the cleaning activities in their areas to keep the community hygienic. Furthermore, he announced that the twin drinking water tanks of Nunna would be developed under the 'Amrit Sarovar' scheme. Under the scheme, the

State government would sanction funds to lay a walking track on the bunds. Also, they were planting coconut trees on the bunds to earn an additional income, he added.

Dr Dilli Rao said that Swachhata Hi Seva was being implemented in all 303 villages and five urban local bodies in the district. He appreciated the people for voluntarily participating in the campaign. Later, NTR District Water Management Agency (DWAMA) Project Director J Agency Sunitha took a pledge. Vijayawada Rural MPP

Chennu Prasanna Kumar, Nunna Sarpanch K Sarala, Upa Sarpanch K Brahmananda Reddy, Swachandhra Corporation Coordinator Urmila, Rural Water and Sanitation (RWS) Superintending Engineer (SE) D Venkata Ramana, DPO Jaya Chandra Gandhi, MPDO BLV Seshagiri Rao, Nunna PACS president Polareddy Chandra Reddy, Panchayat Secretary GTV Ramana, and others were present.

Minor reshuffle of Dy Collectors

PNS VIJAYAWADA

Peddi Roja, Deputy Collector presently working as Additional Commissioner, Municipal Guntur Corporation is withdrawn from MA & UD Department and she is posted as DRO, Krishna District vice P Venkata Ramana transferred.

The state government has affected transfers to four deputy collectors across the state, to this effect the chief secretary KS Jawahar Reddy issued transfer orders GO Rt

No 1944 on Sunday.
On transfer, P Venkata
Ramana, DRO, Krishna District is posted as DRO, Bapatla District in the existing vacancy. The services of M Sreenivas, Deputy Collector, who is under the Orders of posting as DRO, NTR District in the GO 2 read above, are placed at the disposal of Revenue (Endowments) Department for posting him as Executive Officer, Kanaka

Durga Temple, Vijayawada. SV Nageswara Rao, who is waiting for posting, is posted as DRO, NTR District in the existing vacancy.

The transfer order stated that the concerned authorities shall relieve the above officers immediately.

GITAM's Heritage Club members visit *Hawa Mahal*

PNS VISAKHAPATNAM

GITAM School of Architecture (GSA), affiliated with GITAM Deemed University, introduced a Heritage Club here on Sunday as part of its mission to offer students a well-rounded architectural education that combines modern practices with a deep appreciation of India's architectural heritage. This initiative extends learning beyond the classroom, allowing students to apply their architectural knowledge in real-world settings.

As part of this new initiative, the GSA-Heritage Club organised a programme at one of the Vizag's historic landmark buildings Hawa Mahal in collaboration with Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)

Vijjeswarapu Edward Paul from INTACH Vizag chapter skillfully depicted the evolution of Visakhapatnam city's development by citing historical evidence, showcasing images, and utilizing archival material. Additionally, Prof. Dr. Vibhuti Sachdev, the director and dean of GITAM School of Architecture, shared her





experiences and insights on the award-winning restoration and redevelopment project of Jal Mahal in Jaipur. This presentation offered students a captivating perspective on how to approach historic buildings and highlighted the crucial role of cultural history in the perpetuation of human creativ-

The occasion was graced by the Rajmata of Jaypore and Dr. Surendra Kumar, co-convener

of INTACH Vizag who offered their encouragement and support for the student initiative. The Heritage Club of GSA introduced its newest members and made a commitment to host a variety of exciting events in the near future, all geared towards delving into the wealth of Vizag's heritage. These forthcoming activities will encompass heritage walks, providing participants with a firsthand experience.

GOVT STRIVING FOR WELFARE OF PUBLIC: JOGI RAMESH

PNS VIJAYAWADA

Minister for Housing Jogi Ramesh has stated that Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has brought happiness to every home by providing pensions at the beneficiaries' doorstep. The minister on Sunday distributed pensions to the beneficiaries in Pedana along with YSRCP leaders.

The minister said that the government was showing its sincerity by distributing pensions on the first date of every month. He also said that the government was working hard for the welfare of the public. They are providing the benefits of all the welfare schemes irrespective of caste, creed, gender and party. The minister said they were striving for the welfare of poor people of the State by implementing various schemes. He also said that the Chief Minister had fulfilled all the election promises which were given during his Padayatra as well as in the manifesto of 2019. Pedana Municipal Chairperson Katakam Naga Kumari, Vice-Chairman Mohammad Khaza, eighth ward councillor Katakam Prasad, other councillors of the town, local public representa-

tives, secretariat staff, volunteers



Women participating in the Garba-Dandia Bhandani Day free event in Vijayawada on Sunday. Photo: Ch VIJAYA BHASKAR

NIDM southern campus officials take part in 'Swachhata hi seva'

PNS VIJAYAWADA

The National Institute of Disaster Management, Southern Campus, at Kondapavulur of Gannavaram mandal, under the patronage of NIDM Executive Director Rajendra Ratnoo and NIDM Southern Campus Manager Birendra Singh among others, participated in the cleaning and beautification of public spaces and streets at Nunna on Sunday.

Speaking on the occasion, Rajendra Ratnoo said that in a resolute endeavour to contribute to a cleaner and more pristine India, citizens from every corner of the nation united for a one-hour Shramadaan (voluntary labour) on Sunday. The nationwide event is designed to

promote the values of Swachhata (cleanliness) and advocate the importance of maintaining a clean and hygienic environment," he added.

NSS volunteers take part in Shramadanam

The National Service Scheme (NSS) volunteers of PB Siddhartha Arts & Science College, Mogalrajapuram, held a Shramadanam at Pathapadu of Vijayawada Rural mandal as part of the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign on Sunday. As many as 30 volunteers actively participated in the drive and removed plastic waste in the village.

NSS Programme Coordinator Pedapudi Subhakar and others participated in the drive.

Temple doors to remain shut for 8 hours

PNS TIRUMALA



Owing to a partial Lunar eclipse on hours October 29

the Tirumala temple will remain closed on the night of October 28 and reopened on October 29.

The partial Chandra Grahanam will be witnessed between 1:05am and 2:22am on October 29. As such the temple doors will be closed at 7:05pm on October 28.

The temple doors will be reopened at 3:15 am on October 29 after performing Suddhi and Suprabhata seva in Ekantam. The temple doors remain closed for eight hours due to Chandra Grahanam.

Sahasra Deepalankara Seva, differently abled and senior citizens darshan stands cancelled on October 28.

The devotees are requested to make note of this and plan their pilgrimage accordingly.

Solar sub-station cleaned

PNS VISAKHAPATNAM

and others were present.

As part of the 'Swachhta Hi Sewa' campaign, the Visakhapatnam Special Economic Zone (VSEZ) organised a special cleanliness programme called 'EkTaarikh, EkGhanta, EkSaath' here on Sunday. Srinivas Muppaala IRSME, Development Commissioner, and Roshni Aparanji Korat, led the efforts at designated locations, which included cleaning the solar substation, the Heavy Vehicle Parking Bay, and clearing

weeds from nearby footpaths. Interacting with the Sanskruthi School children who have participated in large

numbers, Roshni explained about the 'Shramdaan' activity and motivated the children to strive for excellence in their chosen fields and dedicate some of their time to making a positive contribution to society. She emphasized the importance of actively particsocial movement initiated by the Prime Minister.

More than 1,000 individuals in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana's SEZs have engaged in cleanliness efforts, including garbage removal and awareness campaigns to highlight the importance of proper sanitation and hygiene during the 'Swachhata Hi Sewa' Special Campaign 3.0.



Mega cleanliness drive held across Via Railway Division

In response to the clarion call of Prime Minister Narendra Swachhata Diwas and to achieve visible improvement in Cleanliness, Vijayawada Division held a Mega Massive Cleanliness Drive across the Division as a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi ji today i.e., 1st October 2023. Totally 365 locations were identified across the Division where Officers, Station Managers and staff were nominated to launch the cleanliness drive simultaneously at all stations from 10. 00 am in the morning.

Leading the Railway Contingent from the front at Vijayawada, Narendra A Patil, Divisional Railway Manager, Vijayawada Division, SCR actively participated along with Branch Officers at Vijayawada Railway Station today.

The drive started at Clock

Tower, East Entrance with the tick of 10.00 am and continued vigorously till 12.00 noon.



Narendra A Patil and Staff carried out Shramdaan at RRI Cabin, Clock Tower, Circulating Area, Parcel Office, Mango Siding and Railway Tracks. 700 bags of garbage waste, approximately 4 tonnes, were carried in multiple truck loads to the waste depot.

On this momentous occasion, Narendra A Patil also personally monitored the '14 Minutes Miracle Challenge on Vande Bharat Rake thrown by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw ji today at Platform no. 8. Mechanical & Cleaning Staff successfully accomplished the task of cleaning the entire Chennai-Vijayawada Vande

Bharat Rake in just a span of 14 minutes

Narendra A Patil, appealed to the esteemed traveling public to shun the use of single use plastic and to collectively strive to make India Garbage by committing ourselves to Swachhata and Clean & Green

M Srikanth, ADRM, Operations, Senior Railway Officials, around 1200 participants including Kendriya Vidyalaya No.1 NCC Cadets and Teachers, Bharat Scouts and Guides, OBHS staff and all the Departments took part in the Mega Cleanliness Drive at Vijayawada.

Jagan appoints new panel of YSRCP **Doctors Wing**

In a strategic move aimed at bolstering the YSR Congress (YSRC) party's standing in anticipation of upcoming elections, Chief Minister and YSR Congress (YSRC) president YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has announced a revamped committee for the YSRCP Doctors Wing.

Dr Bathula Ashok Kumar Reddy, hailing from Prakasam district, assumes the role of State president, while Dr Ulala Seshu Yadav from Srikakulam, Dr Mahaboob Shaik from NTR district, and Dr Adimulapu Satish representing Kurnool district have been appointed as vice-presidents of the YSRCSDWC.

Zone-1 Incharge: Dr. Pydi Maheswara Rao (Srikakulam district) Zone-2 Incharge:

Dr. Narasinga Rao

Zone-3 Incharge: Dr. Y. Murali Krishna (Dr. BR Ambedkar Konaseema) Zone-4 Incharge: Dr. Kolli Sivarama Reddy (Guntur)

> Zone-5 Incharge: Dr. Jeevan Chittithoti (Prakasam)

Zone-6 Incharge: Dr. Varanasi Pratap Reddy (YSR Kadapa)

Zone-7 Incharge: Dr. B. Harikrishna Kishore Reddy (Kurnool)

Zone-8 Incharge: Dr. DV Nagendra Kumar Reddy (Sri Sathya Sai)

Dr Madasi Venkaiah, Dr SM Basha, Dr Sanivarapu Sahitya, and Dr S Mahammad Rafi have been appointed as

members of YSRCP SDWC. Maxillofacial Surgeon Dr Mehboob Sheikh has been designated as the State vicepresident of YSRC SMDC.

Customised MBA courses for engineering graduates at IIM-Vizag

PNS ■ VISAKHAPATNAM

IIM Visakhapatnam, NIT Warangal, and IIIT Kurnool have collaborated to create a customized MBA program for BTech and MTech students. This initiative marks a significant milestone, potentially being the inaugural management education endeavor involving various centrally funded institutions in the Telugu-speaking states, and possibly even in the entire country. Notably, this initiative originates from an IIM, making it particularly noteworthy.

The Postgraduate Programme in Management for Centrally Funded Technical Institutions (PGPMCI), commonly referred to as a hybrid MBA program, spans a duration of two years. It will enroll BTech students starting from their sixth semester and

MTech students starting from

their second semester. In the event that a student decides to discontinue the program after completing their BTech/MTech and successfully finishing two modules of this course, they will receive a management diploma. On the other hand, students who complete all four modules will be conferred with an MBA degree. This program not only allows aspirants to expedite their MBA journey by a year but also eliminates the necessity of taking the Common Admission Test (CAT).

Prof. Bidyadhar Subudhi, the Director of NIT Warangal, and Prof. DVLN Somayajulu, the Director of IIITDM, emphasised the growing importance of techno-managerial skills in today's job landscape.

"Since the program will either instill or refine the managerial



abilities of enrolled students, many of whom may have already acquired essential technical skills prior to joining, it is expected to enhance their opportunities for employment and further education. By combining engineering proficiency with managerial skills, this program provides a holistic learning experience. As industries are

progressively seeking individu-

Prof. Somayajulu. This collaboration holds the promise of opening doors for a multitude of future courses between these institutions, potentially establishing a model for other educational organizations in the nation. When this

it will provide them a compet-

itive edge in the job market," explained Prof. Subudhi and

initiative was presented to authorities during a recent meeting discussing the progress of the new education policy, it garnered widespread praise," noted Prof. Somayajulu.

The Director of IIMV, Professor M. Chandrasekhar, indicated that the program would be delivered in a hybrid format. He emphasized that it will not only provide students with the technical expertise typically associated with centrally funded technical institutions but also instill strategic thinking and leadership skills crucial for managerial positions. Additionally, Professor Chandrasekhar highlighted the program's advantages, including students becoming part of the IIMV alumni network, which grants them access to a wide

array of professionals and

resources.

TTD's paediatric cardiac centre bags award

PNS TIRUPATI

TTD's Padmavati Children's Heart Centre was awarded the Best Paediatric Cardiac Centre in Andhra Pradesh sponsored by the Pride of Nation Award Asia Today Research and Media.

Director Dr N Srinath Reddy received the Award from the Governor of State, Her Telangana Tamilisai Excellency Soundararajan in an event held at Hotel ITC Kakatiya on September 30. Padmavathi Children's Heart Center, a sanctuary of hope for children battling heart conditions, has continued its remarkable journey of healing since its incep-

tion in October 2021. Within an astounding 23 months of operation, the center has performed 1910 life-



saving heart surgeries for children. These surgeries encompass not only the treatment of various congenital heart diseases but also the achievement of six heart transplant surg-eries, giving a new lease of life

to those who needed it most. Padmavathi Children's Heart Center has extended its healing touch far beyond

Tirupati, welcoming patients from states across the country, including Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha, and even neighboring country of Bangladesh.

The center's remarkable success rate of 95 % speaks volumes about the dedication and expertise of its medical the pioneer



Participate in cleanliness drive, Koyye urges people

Legislative Council chairman Kovye Moshenu Raju underlined the need for people's participation to achieve Swachhata Hi Seva Andhra Pradesh'.

Moshenu Raju participated in the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' programme organised here on Sunday, along with a group of students. He garlanded the statue of Dr BR Ambedkar at BN Road and took part in the Swachhata Hi Seva programme. Later, he also participated in the programme pear ipated in the programme near Hotel Abhiruchi at Gollavanitippa Canal along with a group of students.

Speaking on the occasion, Moshenu Raju said that in honor of the 154th birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, the Swachhta Hi Seva programmes were being organized in response to the call given by the Prime Minister.

"Villages and towns should be healthy only if there is cleanliness in all areas. If there is no tidiness in the environment, the whole society will get sick and face difficulties. All should strive to keep the environment clean and tidy," he appealed to the peo-

The Legislative Council Chairman reminded that the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, gave utmost importance to cleanliness and he used to participate in the environmental cleanliness programmes holding a broom and a cloth made by him, adding that everyone should stay clean and also keep the environment clean, only then it will contribute to building a healthy society.

Moshenu Raju also recalled that in the past there were open toilets which caused the outbreak of many diseases. Now there is no such a situation as toilets have been con-

structed for the poor by the governments.

He called upon people to keep clean not only their houses but also surrounding areas. Municipal Commission M Shyamala, Tahasildar Y Ravi Kumar, MPDO K Venkata Lakshmi and municipal engineer P Trinath Rao were among those who took part in the programme.



'Swachhta hi seva' will help keep environs clean: Collector

District Collector V Prasanna Venkatesh has said that the 'Swachhta Hi Seva' programme would help sensitise people on keeping the environment clean

The Collector along with the villagers and public representatives participated in the Swachhata Hi Seva programme at Malkapuram in Eluru rural mandal on Sunday.

Speaking on the occasion, Collector Prasanna Venkatesh said that under the Ministries of Jalasekthi, Housing and Urban Affairs the 'Swachhta Hi Seva' programmes are being organised from September 15, 2023 to October 2, 2023 across the country to keep the environment clean and tidy. As part of the programmes, Swachhta Hi Seva programme was organized at Malkapuram village on

The Collector underlined the need of keeping the environment in the urban as well as rural areas clean and tidy to protect the health of people. He also emphasized the need of encouraging alternatives to single use plastic materials. He appealed to the people not to use plastic

damage to the environment.

Prasanna Venkatesh said: "Eluru district has already stood first in the state in the implementation of "Swachhta Hi Seva"-2023 programme. With the same spirit, everyone should work together to make the district a cleaner district in the future as well." Everyone's encouragement and cooperation are required in creating a

Eluru district, he said, adding that the programme was being undertaken on a large scale throughout the district to increase participation towards

DRO Suryanarayana Reddy, DPO T Viswanath Srinivas and divisional panchayat officer Chandrasekhar were among those who took part in



YSRCP takes out rally

PNS NARASARAOPET

A large number of YSRCP activists took out a huge rally in Sattenapalli on Sunday in protest against the comments made by TDP leader and ex-Bandaru minister Satyanarayana.

The activists took out a rally from the YSRCP office to Taluka centre holding flexi banners and placards. They raised slogans opposing the absurd comments made by TDP leader and ex-minister Bandaru Satyanarayana.

They demanded the immediate arrest of the TDP leader. The YSRCP leaders lodged a complaint with the two police station against the TDP leader.

PNS VIJAYAWADA

Bramaramba.

in Vijayawada on Sunday. He was accorded a grand welcome by temple Executive Officer (EO) D

Justice Ramesh performed

special pujas to goddess Durga Devi. The Vedic schol-

ars gave him blessings at the

Mandapam. Durga Temple

Trust Board member B

Rambabu and others accom-

panied Justice Ramesh.

Ashirvachanam

District Collector M Venugopal Reddy has said that the Government General Hospital is being modernised to provide District Collector Venugopal

Reddy, along with Municipal Corporation Commissioner Keerthy Chekuri, MLC Lella Appireddy, Municipal Corporation Mayor Kavati Manohara Naidu, MLAs Mohammed Mustafa and M

GGH being modernised to

provide better treatment: DC

Giridhar, inaugurated the the newly constructed operation theaters and the newly built OPD counters at the Government Comprehensive Hospital. The operation theatres and OPD were constructed at a cost Rs.50 lakh.

They also opened the Super Specialty, Orthopedic, General Surgery operation theaters and blood donation center established on the first floor of the emergency department building. Later they inspected the medical equipment and their functioning. They planted saplingS on the hospital premises on the occasion.

PNS ■ GUNTUR

better treatment.

Speaking on the occasion, dis-

trict Collector Venugopal Reddy said that since there is only one Operation Theater in GGH, the new operation theaters have been started with full-scale stateof-the-art medical equipment for emergency surgeries. "Availability of operation the-

aters will help in better delivery of emergency medical services. Similarly, keeping in mind the rush of outpatients coming to the hospital, OPD counters have been set up with additional 11 computers," the Collector said.

The government is organizing the Jagananna Arogya Suraksha camps in the district as per the directives of the Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy to provide better medical services from the village level to the

doorstep of the people, he said adding that all necessary programs will be undertaken with the help of public representatives to provide better medical services to the people.

MLA Mohammad Mustafa said that the Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy is providing all kinds of facilities to the people in the Guntur Government Comprehensive Hospital which is the largest in Coastal Andhra, stating said that the officials and public representatives should strive hard to provide more services through the GGH to the people. Deputy mayor Vanama Bala

Vajrababu, Superintendent Dr. Kiran and other officials were present.

TSRTC arranges

Allahabad HC Judge visits Durga temple Allahabad High Court Judge Justice D Ramesh visited Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam atop Indrakeeladri

5,265 spl buses for Dasara fest

PNS HYDERABAD

The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) on Sunday announced that 5,265 special buses have been arranged for ferrying passengers during the upcoming festive season.

The special buses will operate from October 13 to 25. Speaking of the services, TSRTC Managing Director VC Sajjanar said, "Advanced reservation facilities are available for 536 services among these special buses. On October 22 Saddula Bathukamma, 23 Maharnavami

8 injured as RTC bus hits auto rickshaw

SRIKAKULAM: As many as eight persons were injured, six of them critically, when the auto rickshaw in which they were travelling was hit by an APSRTC bus at Kosangipuram on Sunday. Police said that the RTC bus wh going to Ichapuram hit the auto rickshaw in which eight people were injured. The condition of six



of them is said to be critical. At the same time, Fisheries Minister Seediri Appala Raju, who was travelling on the road, witnessed the accident. He immediately got down from his car and helped in extricating the injured from the ill-fated auto rickshaw. The Minister sent the injured persons to the GGH in his vehicle.

Eight tonnes of chicken meat waste seized

ELURU: The police seized 8 tonnes of chicken meat waste while being transported in two vehicles at Pedapadu on



Prasad said that on a tip-off, the police checked vehicles. They found a huge quantity of 8 tonnes of chicken meat waste was being transported in a truck and a tractor. The chicken meat waste is being used as a feed to the fish by fish pond owners. Using discarded chicken as feed to fish is illegal. The police registered a case on the drivers of the vehicle and the owners of the fish pond

State teams leave for MP for wrestling nationals

Commissioner of School Kumar hoped that the Andhra Pradesh State teams (under-14 and 17) return from the School Games Federation of India (SGFI) Wrestling National Championship, which will be conducted at Shamshabad in Vidisha district in Madhya Pradesh from October 3 to 8,

The boys' and girls' wrestling teams left Vijayawada for Vidisha to participate in the nationals on Sunday. CSE Suresh Kumar congratulated the AP team. School Games Federation State secretary K Bhanu Murthy Raju distributed sports kits to the team at

the Vijayawada railway station. Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner Suresh Kumar said that the State government was making efforts to encourage sports and games. Also, the government has given employment to outstanding international play-



ers. Every player should take inspiration from legends like Kidambi Srikanth, PV Sindhu, Koneru Humpy and others, he

Samagra Shiksha State Project Director (SPD) B Srinivasa Rao said that the department was providing sports kits such as sportswear, travelling allowance, and DA from this year onwards. So, all players should perform well and return to the State with medals, he suggested. SGFAP secretary Bhanu Murthy Raju announced that the State government would present cash prizes to those who win medals in the SGFI

wrestling nationals. SGFAP assistant secretaries KV Radha Krishna, AP Raju, AP team coaches Nuka Raju. T Vijaya Varma, T Sri Latha, Uday Kumar, Chandrasekhar, Sumalatha and Kirnamayi were present.

Make Vja a role model in cleanliness, residents urged

Andhra Pradesh Planning Vijayawada Central MLA Malladi Vishnu has urged the citizens to strive to make Vijayawada a role model in cleanliness to other cities and towns in the State. He said that Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy was taking special steps towards making the city clean

As part of the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' drive, he, along with NTR District Collector Dr S Dilli Rao, and Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Commissioner Swapnil Dinakar Pundkar, participated in cleaning activities at the railway track near the Pandit Nehru Bus Station (PNBS) in

Vijayawada on Sunday. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Malladi Vishnu said that the State government had taken many revolutionary cleanliness measures in the cities and villages to make the State garbagefree. Besides, the government has been undertaking awareness



activities in this regard. He also said that the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation had implemented stringent rules and regulations in terms of keeping canal bunds and its premises clean.

District Collector Dilli Rao said that they had been implementing various cleanliness activities for the past 15 days in the district under Swachhata Hi Seva. They were paying special attention to make all the villages clean. They had organised Swachhata Hi Seva programmes in 303 villages and five urban local bodies including

Vijayawada. The Collector also said that they were going to plant 10,000 saplings across the city to increase greenery.

The VMC Commissioner added that the support of the State government was unforgettable. He urged the public not to throw away garbage everywhere, but hand it over to the sanitation staff.

Connect Andhra Chief Executive Officer K Siva Sankar, VMC Additional Commissioners KV Satvavathi. K Sakunthala, CM & OH Dr P

Ratnavali, CE Prabhakar and others were present.

EMPOWERING WOMEN

Expectant mothers walk the ramp

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Anu My Baby Hospital marked their second anniversary with a heartwarming celebration on Sunday, drawing attention not only for their dedicated service but also for the inspiring sight of expectant mothers gracefully walking the ramp. The event featured popular movie heroine Poorna as the star attraction, with yesteryear heroine Amani adding to the festive spirit.

The guest list included women who had received care at Anu My Baby Hospital, children born there, and their family members, all gracing the anniversary program as chief guests. The highlight of the event was a ramp walk featuring 20 expectant mothers, whose enthusiasm and determination left a lasting impression. Poorna and Amani presided as judges for this

unique competition, applauding the pregnant women for their participation.

In her remarks, Poorna expressed her delight at being part of Anu My Baby's anniversary celebration. She commended the hospital for providing world-class facilities and highly experienced medical professionals, emphasizing the commendable nature of

Senior actress Amani lauded the innovative idea of incorporating a ramp walk with pregnant women as part of Anu My Baby's anniversary festivities. She also praised the hospital for its holistic approach to ensuring a smooth journey

from conception to delivery.

Dr. G Ramesh, Head of Anu My Baby, shared the hospital's vision of making pregnancy a joyful experience rather than a

medical condition. Dr. G Sridevi announced that, in honor of the anniversary celebrations, every case registered this month would receive VIP treatment, with special delivery services and facilities provided.

Participants in the program took the opportunity to share their experiences and express gratitude for the excellent care provided by the hospital's dedicated team

Tenant farmers to stage agitations on October 16 and 20

Sangham meeting demands identity cards for all 32 lakh tenant farmers

PNS VIJAYAWADA

Andhra Pradesh Koulu Rythula (Tenant Farmers) Sangham State committee is planning to stage agitations demanding the provision of identity cards for tenant farmers in the State this month. Also, the sangham demanded that they sanction crop loans as per Scale of Finance, register their crops in e-crop booking and implement the crop insurance scheme.

The State committee meeting that was held at Dasari Bhavan in Vijayawada resolved that the sangham had planned to stage protests at all district collector's offices on October 16 and banks on October 20.



The Sangham meeting, chaired by its State president A Katamaiah, discussed various issues being faced by the tenwere fake, he said.

ant farmers. AP Koulu Rythula Sangham State general secretary P Jamalaiah expressed unhappiness over distributing cards to only five lakh tenant farmers.

There are 32 lakh tenant farmers in the State. Of all five lakh distributed cards, 50 per cent

Further, he demanded that interest-free loans be provided to all tenant farmers in the State. He alleged the State government remarked that the ecrop booking concluded,

all tenant farmers. At this stage, Sangham has decided to hold agitations at all

despite the government having

not distributed identity cards to

district collector offices and banks on October 16 and 20, respectively. Andhra Pradesh Rythu

Sangham general secretary KVV Prasad said that a call was given by the Kisan Morcha to observe a 'Black Day' on October 3 at all mandal, district headquarters. Also, protests would be conducted at Raj Bhavan from November 26 to 28, he added.

AP Rythu Sangham leaders M Elamanda Rao, Jyothi Raju, Buddi Ramesh, V Ranga Reddy, N Ramakrishna and others were present.

AFSPA extended in four districts in Assam

he Assam Police on Sunday said the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act or AFSPA has been extended in four districts of the state for six more months. At the Assam Police Day 2023 celebrations here, DGP Gyanendra Pratap Singh said the 'disturbed area' tag, which allows enforcement of the AFSPA, has, however, been withdrawn from four other districts. "From today, only four districts in Assam will have AFSPA. These are

Dibrugarh, Tinsukia, Siyasagar and Charaideo," he said. The AFSPA has been withdrawn from Jorhat, Golaghat, Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao with effect from October 1. Singh said. The Assam government had last extended the 'disturbed area' notification under the AFSPA for another six months with effect from April 1 in these eight districts. The AFSPA empowers security forces to conduct operations and arrest anyone without any prior warrant, besides giving immunity from arrest and prosecution to



40 NGOs, rights groups take part in rally against animal cruelty eople from different walks of life participated in a rally to raise voice against cruelty to parimals at Jantar Mantar on the eve of the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

During the rally, signatures for a petition addressed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking his attention on the issue were also collected, an official statement from the organisers said. The rally was organised by India Unites For Animal Rights, a citizen-led

movement. As many as 43 NGOs and animal rights groups, including People for Animals (PFA) and Perroayuda Welfare Foundation, were part of the event. "Our aim is to spread awareness about the plight of animals in the country and demand strict action against people who torture them. Through this rally we also wish to guide on how to manage pets and prevent dog bites which have become a tool to justify crime against animals," Sanjay Mohapatra, founder of House of Stray Animals, an NGO



Govt official, wife sentenced in corruption case

A government official and his wife were sentenced to two years in jail by a court in Odisha in a 14-year-old corruption case. The special vigilance court sentenced N Prakash Patra and his wife N Santoshini Patra to two years in jail after convicting them in the corruption case. It was alleged that the couple amassed assets worth Rs 12.19 lakh when Prakash was posted as a junior clerk at the Patrapur community health

center in Ganjam district about 14 years ago. He is at present posted at the Patrapur Sub-Divisional Hospital. Special vigilance judge Arun Kumar Sahoo also imposed a fine of Rs 10.000 on each of the two. Delivering the verdict on Saturday, the judge said that they will undergo

imprisonment for another three months if they fail to pay the fine amount, according to public prosecutor Surendra Panda. The court convicted the couple after examining 25 witnesses, and analysing his properties found in raids at his houses, office quarter



PM for blending well-being and health with cleanliness drive

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday pitched for blending fitness and well-being with cleanliness as he led a nationwide 'Swachhata hi Seva' campaign that saw thousands participate in an hour-long "shramdaan" across the coun-

try.
Wielding a broom, the prime minister took part in the drive along with fitness influencer

Ankit Baiyanpuriya.

Sharing a four-minute video on his official 'X' account,
Modi said, "Today, as the nation focuses on Swachhata, Ankit Baiyanpuriya and I did the same! Beyond just cleanliness, we blended fitness and well-being also into the mix. It is all about that Swachh and Swasth Bharat vibe!"

People from all walks of life, from politicians to students, took up brooms and participated in the campaign in response to the prime minister's appeal for the cleanliness



Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry, more than 9.20 lakh sites across the country have been adopted for the mega

In a recent episode of "Mann Ki Baat", Modi appealed for "one hour of shramdaan (or voluntary labour) for swachhata" on October 1 by all citizens, saying it would be a "Swachhanjali" to Mahatma Gandhi on the eve of his birth anniversary.

Several Union ministers, including Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah, R K Singh, Piyush Goyal and Hardeep Singh Puri, participated in the mega cleanliness drive.

Shah took part in the drive According to the Union in Ahmedabad, while BJP chief



I P Nadda participated in it in Delhi's Jhandewalan area. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh led the "shramdaan"

activities, including a cleanli-

Accounts (CGDA) in Delhi

ness drive, beautification of the common area and a plantation drive, at the premises of the Controller General of Defence

In a post on 'X', Singh said that in recent years, awareness towards cleanliness has increased throughout the country and become a mass movement.

Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri led the cleanliness drive at Princess Park on Copernicus Marg in Delhi. Sanitation workers, students and residents of the area, along with senior officials from his ministry, attended it.

AFTER PM'S APPEAL

People across country respond to cleanliness drive

from politicians to students, participated in an hour-long 'shramdaan" on Sunday, responding to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal for a nationwide cleanliness drive. According to the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry, more than 9.20 lakh sites across the country have



heen adonted for the mega drive. In a recent episode of "Mann Ki Baat". Modi appealed for "one hour of shramdaan for swachhata" on October 1 by all

'Swachhanjali" to Mahatma Gandhi on the eve of his birth anniversary. Wielding a broom, Union Home Minister Amit Shah participated in a cleanliness drive in Ahmedabad, BJP chief JP Nadda also took part in the drive in Delhi's Jhandewalan area

BJP sharpening election strategies

Senior leaders meet at Nadda's residence to discuss plans for Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh polls

PNS NEW DELHI

The BJP's top leaders met at party chief J P Nadda's residence here on Sunday to discuss plans for the upcoming assembly polls in Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, both currently ruled by the Congress.

At the meeting, sources said, the BJP's core group leaders, who are engaged in preparing the party's poll strategy, discussed a range of issues and the names of candidates who could be fielded against the Congress nominees in Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh assembly polls due to be held later this year.

The meeting at Nadda's residence came ahead of the BJP's central election committee meeting that is scheduled to be held in the evening to deliberate on the draft list of party candidates for the elections in the two states.

Union minister and BJP's election incharge for Rajasthan Pralhad Joshi, co-incharge for Rajasthan polls Kuldeep Bishnoi, former Rajasthan chief minister Vasundhara Raje and party state unit chief C P Joshi were among those who

year's Lok Sabha elections and

said that the party has to

move forward by working on

In a statement issued here

on Sunday, the UP unit of the

BSP said, "BSP chief and for-

mer UP chief minister

Mayawati held a discussion

with senior and responsible

people of the party regarding

the preparedness of the party

for upcoming Lok Sabha polls,

the preparedness of the party

in Uttar Pradesh and in

Uttarakhand, and to increase

once again made it clear that

Bahujan Samaj Pary (BSP)

has to work by strengthening

itself, while maintaining com-

NDA and the opposition INDIA bloc," the statement

Mayawati urged party

members to be alert to fake

news, and said that anti-BSP

elements are still engaged in

propaganda and political con-

spiracy. "So, precaution has to

be taken at every level, so that

plete distance from the ruling

"During the discussion, she

the party's mandate."

its own strengths.



attended the meeting that was presided over by Nadda to discuss preparations for the Rajasthan polls.

Union ministers Arjun Ram Meghwal and Gajendra Shekhawat, and BJP national general secretary and incharge for Rajasthan Arun Singh were also present at the meeting.

In the BJP's core group meeting for the Chhattisgarh polls, Union minister and party's state election incharge Mansukh Mandaviya, state unit president Arun Sao, state organisation secretary Nitin Naveen and Leader of Opposition in state assembly Narayan Chandel were present. Home Minister Amit Shah

attended both meetings. The outcome of the two meetings will be discussed at the BJP's central election committee meeting. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Shah, Nadda and several other Union ministers are part of the apex committee that takes the final call on the party candi-

One has to face consequences for mistakes

Jharkhand Governor on CM's mining lease case

PNS RANCHI

Jharkhand Governor C P sonnél were being killed by Radhakrishnan on Sunday red rebels. quences for one's actions, referring to the mining lease case involving Chief Minister Hemant Soren.

In an interview to PTI, Radhakrishnan also stressed on the need for stern action against organised crime and Maoists in the state, expressing strong displeasure over the manner in which criminal gangs were "operating from jail" and security per-

ities from prisons and the killing of security personnel by communist ultras as worrisome" and "painful". The governor asserted in

his interview that "one should be ready to face the consequences for their actions", stating that "sensational issues cannot be addressed in haste" while



He termed criminal activities from prisons and the killing of communist ultras as 'worrisome" and

talking about the illegal mining case involving Chief

Minister Hemant Soren. A controversy broke out

Soren allegedly misusing his

power to allot a stone mining lease to himself.

BJP leader Raghubar Das accused Soren of wrongdo-

ing last year and sought his removal under Article 192 of the Constitution. The matter which was raised through a complaint state BJP unit was referred by the then Governor Ramesh Bais to the Election Commission

The courts of law are also hearing cases connected to the allegations, while a money laundering probe has also been launched by the Enforcement directorate against the chief minister.

over Chief Minister Hemant 'Mahatma's strong, vibrant ideology will always remain relevant'

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President Droupadi Murmu on Sunday said Mahatma Gandhi's strong and vibrant ideology will always remain relevant for the world and asked people to follow his values ??and teachings for the

welfare of the country.
"Gandhiji ideals of truth and non-violence paved a new way for the world. Gandhiji not only fought for non-violence throughout his life but he also took up the cause of cleanliness, women empowerment, self-reliance and farmers' rights and fought against untouchability, social discrimination and illiteracy," she said in a message on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti.

Gandhiji inspired the nation to participate in the freedom

struggle and led a huge movement that changed the course of history and got Independence, Murmu said.

"On behalf of all citizens, I pay my humble tribute to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, on his 154th birth anniversary," the President

She said Martin Luther King Jr, Nelson Mandela, Barack Obama and many other politicians of the world were influenced by Gandhiji's ideas.

"Gandhiji's strong and vibrant ideology will always remain relevant for the world. On the auspicious occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, let us pledge to follow his values ??and teachings in our thought, speech and action to dedicate ourselves to the welfare of the country," Murmu said.



Cauvery: Karnataka files petition before CWMA seeking review Deputy CM expresses respite with increase in inflow

PNS BENGALURU

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Sunday said the state has filed a petition before the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) seeking a review of its order on the release of river water to neighbouring Tamil Nadu.

CWMA on Friday asked Karnataka to release 3,000 cusecs of water daily to Tamil



Nadu till October 15, despite the state stating that there is not enough water. State Water Resources

Minister Shivakumar, howev-

er said the inflow of water to reservoirs in the Cauvery basin increasing to 15,000 cusecs, is a sign of respite.

"On Saturday afternoon itself we filed a petition before the Management Authority (CWMA) seeking a review, following the suggestions given by senior former Judges including Venkatachalaiah (Former Chief Justice of India),"

INDIA bloc: Mayawati PNS LUCKNOW reiterated her stand to maintain "complete distance" from the ruling NDA and the opposition INDIA bloc for next

BSP to maintain 'complete

distance' from NDA and

Samaj Pary (BSP) has to work by complete distance from the ruling NDA and the opposition INDIA bloc," the statement said.

our election preparedness is not affected," she said.

In the meeting, Mayawati took note of BJP government's "new election strategy" but said that people are still facing issues such as inflation, extreme poverty, unemployment, decrease in income, bad condition of roads, law and order, and poor health and

problems will become serious

educational facilities.

But it is unclear if these

Amid rain, J'khand Guv sweeps ground

PNS RANCHI

in Ranchi, Jharkhand Governor Radhakrishnan on Sunday took part in cleanliness drive 'Swachhata Hi Seva'.

He wielded a broom and swept the ground on Ranchi University campus along with other university students, and then joined volunteers in picking up garbage from the ground.

Speaking on the occasion, Radhakrishnan said, "No country can be clean unless there is an urge among people to keep the surroundings clean. We need to make India clean and green.

The governor said that 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign is a service to the society, and it also focuses on promoting sanitation and cleanliness practices among

the people.
Senior BJP leaders, including party state president Babulal Marandi, participated in the drive in different parts of the state.

Pollen data helps decode first humans' migration into Eurasia

PNS NEW DELHI

Pollen grains analysis helps understand how the first humans migrated from Africa across Europe and Asia, research in Science Advances

The pollen data showed that warming temperatures supported forests that expanded into Siberia and facilitated early human migration there. researchers from the University of Kansas, US, said in their

They compared Pleistocene vegetation communities around Lake Baikal in Siberia, Russia, to the oldest archeological traces of Homo sapiens in

is considered two million to 11 thousand years ago and as the time of human evolution.

In this study, the researchers use the "remarkable evidence" to tell this migration story from about 45,000-50,000 years

This research addresses long-standing debates regarding the environmental conditions that early Homo sapiens faced during their migration into Europe and Asia around 40,000 to 50,000 years ago," said co-author Ted Goebel, professor of anthropology at

the university.

'It provides critical insights into environmental conditions



at Lake Baikal, using pollen records to reveal surprising warmth during this period,"

said Goebel. Dispersal of people occurred during some of the highest

Pleistocene, which also would have featured higher humidity, the ancient pollen record suggested, said the researchers, adding it also showed that coniferous forests and grasslands characterised the region, supporting foraging and hunting by humans.

However, the environmental data, combined with archeological evidence, tell another

story, said Goebel. "This contradicts some

recent archaeological perspectives in Europe," said Goebel. "The key factor here is accurate dating, not just of human

fossils and animal bones associated with the archaeology of

these people, but also of environmental records, including from pollen. 'What we have presented is

a robust chronology of environmental changes in Lake Baikal during this time period, complemented by a well-dated archaeological record of Homo sapiens' presence in the region," said Goebel. The researchers also con-

nected the pollen data to evidence in the archeological record of early human migra-

Goebel said the emergence of full-fledged Homo sapiens in the archaeological record corresponds to changes in culture and behaviour.

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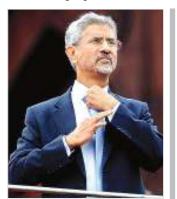
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Resilient

Taking on challenges from the West, India walks with confidence to strengthen ties with the US

mid the diplomatic brouhaha following the killing of India-branded terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Canada, India has embarked on a determined and nuanced offensive to present its side of the story on the global fora. During an interaction with Indian journalists in Washington DC, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar criticised Canada for "normalising" violence, threats and intimidation against our diplomats and missions. Tensions between India and Canada have escalated following Justin Trudeau's allegations of Indian involvement in the killing of Nijjar, a Khalistani extremist. Jaishankar highlighted ongoing issues with Canada's "permissiveness" toward terrorism and extremism, as well as the lack of response to extradition requests. He emphasised the need to address the larger issue, rejecting the idea that threats and intimidation should be justified as freedom of speech. The Minister, at an Indian community event in Washington DC, also highlighted the resilience and growth of the India-US relationship, emphasis-



ing the need for continued collaboration between the countries. He underscored the unprecedented trajectory of the India-US partnership, describing it as "desirable, optimal and comfortable". Jaishankar expressed optimism regarding the future of bilateral ties, drawing a parallel to India's historic Chandrayaan mission. He praised the US for its "invaluable support" in ensuring the success of the G20 Summit. The Minister said he believed that the partnership would continue to soar, "possibly even beyond the moon".

Amid diplomatic discussions, he dismissed Trudeau's allegations of the Indian Government's involvement in Nijjar's murder as "inconsistent with

India's policy". Jaishankar's stance sought to vindicate India's position on the matter. In a separate meeting with US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin, the two explored avenues for strengthening bilateral defence ties, including the co-production of defence items. Meanwhile, across the Atlantic, a meeting of the Indian High Commissioner with the Indian community was disrupted by a few persons with anti-national credentials, bolstering Jaishankar's claim that hardline anti-India elements have taken roots in the West and they get all the leverage to carry out activities against India's interests in the name of freedom of speech. The West must realise that such elements are not fighting for anybody's rights or freedom, they have amassed ill-gotten wealth and wield significant power by claiming to fight for a "just cause" against India. But the fact is that their ideology is based on exclusion, intimidation and violence and that they have no support base in India. An ordinary Punjabi does not identify with them or subscribe to their views. The West must be wary of their presence and activities as these go against its own democratic principles. The Indian External Affairs Minister is doing the proper thing in taking up the cudgels to unmask these elements and show the world that they are just a bunch of desperadoes masquerading as freedom fighters.



Gandhian approach to world peace



Mahatma's ideas of nonviolence act as lighthouse in the modern day world where storms of hatred and factionalism rage

n a world marked by con-flict and division, the pursuit of global peace remains an enduring aspiration of humanity. It is a quest that has been championed by leaders, thinkers, and activists throughout history. One of the most prominent figures in this quest was Mahatma Gandhi, whose philosophy of nonviolence continues to inspire people around the globe. The concept of nonviolence stands as a beacon of hope and a path toward sustainable peace.

As the world commemorates the International Day of Nonviolence and celebrates Mahatma Gandhi's birthday on October 2, it is crucial to move beyond the celebration and understand it as a solemn commitment that global leaders must undertake (read acknowledge) for the betterment of humanity, hich in future can offer a transformative vision that should guide us through the turbulent waters of our times.

Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy, of Satyagraha (truth-force), emphasized the power of truth and love to transform societies and resolve conflicts. Gandhi's influence extended far beyond the orders of India, leaving an indelible mark on the global struggle for peace. Historian Eknath Easwaran captured Gandhi's significance when he vrote that "Gandhi's teachings on nonviolence and his fearless commitment to justice resonate not as relics of the past but as timeless lessons for a world still grappling with violence and injustice.

The universality Nonviolence stems from the fundamental recognition of human dignity and the shared aspiration for peace. Drawing inspiration from diverse religious and philosophical traditions, Gandhi synthesised the principles of 'Ahimsa' (non-harm) and 'Satyagraha' (truth force) into a powerful tool for social and political change, demonstrating the efficacy of nonviolent resistance.

Gandhi's influence resonated globally, inspiring figures like Martin Luther King Jr., who championed Civil Rights in the United States. King's commitment to nonviolent resistance was deeply rooted in his Christian



faith and the teachings of Gandhi. In his famous "Letter from Birmingham Jail," King wrote, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere," underscoring the interconnectedness of humanity and the necessity of nonviolent action in the face of injustice. He went on to state that "Nonviolence is a powerful and just weapon which cuts without wounding and ennobles the man who wields it".

Similarly, Nelson Mandela had unquestionable faith in the power of nonviolence. To him, Gandhi's philosophy of nonviolence and the truth is the only lasting legacy we have. All other political systems have failed. Ours is the only approach that can guarantee world peace because it is the only approach that can guarantee that mankind will be relieved of the curse of war."

Further, Desmond Tutu's struggle against apartheid in South Africa showcased the transformative power of nonviolence. Tutu emphasized that nonviolence was not just a tactic but a way of life. To him, "Forgiveness and reconciliation are not just ethereal, spiritual things. They have concrete, pragmatic applications." The International Day of Nonviolence observed on the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, serves as a reminder



of the global significance of this philosophy. The United

UNIVERSALITY OF NONVIOLENCE STEMS FROM

FUNDAMENTAL RECOGNITION OF **HUMAN DIGNITY** AND THE SHARED **ASPIRATION FOR** PEACE

Nations, recognising the importance of nonviolence in resolving conflicts and promoting peace, has actively championed this day. The UN has recognised the intrinsic connection between peace and sustainable development in its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In a world grappling with complex geopolitical tensions, the efficacy of nonviolence as a strategy for conflict resolution cannot be overstated. Peace activist and granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi, Ela Bhatt underscored this connection. She believes that "Without peace, development is impossible, and without develop-ment, peace is not achievable."

In recent years, nonviolent movements have emerged as powerful forces for change in various parts of the world. From Rosa Parks, who refused to give up her bus seat, to Malala Yousafzai, who stood up for girls' education in the face of violence, to 'The Arab Spring' in the Middle East, to The Umbrella Movement' in Hong Kong, and the global climate strikes led by Greta Thunberg are examples of how nonviolent resistance remains relevant in contemporary global struggles. The protests, fuelled by a desire for

democracy, social justice and environmental concerns for leaders to awake from their slumber, demonstrated that the collective power of nonviolent action could challenge established norms and demand change.

The birthday of Mahatma Gandhi and the International Day of Nonviolence is a clarion call for action. In a world grappling with diverse challenges, the principles of nonviolence offer not just a historical legacy but a roadmap for the future. As Mahatma Gandhi himself had declared, "Nonviolence is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind."

Without exaggeration, it can be said that education stands as a formidable tool for nurturing the values of nonviolence from an early age. Nelson Mandela's insight, from his "Long Walk to Freedom" that people must learn to hate but can also be taught to love, underscores the transformative potential of education. Curricula that incorporate teachings on conflict resolution, empathy, and understanding lay the foundation for a more peaceful and tolerant world.

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Tourism as a green investment for the future BIJU DHARMAPALAN



Green investments in the tourism sector are needed for sustainable economy that strikes a balance between growth growth and environmental protection

¬ourism is intricately connected with aesthetics. Aesthetics in the context of tourism refers to the appreciation and experience of beauty, whether it's in natural landscapes, architectural marvels, cultural expressions, or artistic creations. It is the only sector where the public wants nature to be preserved, unlike other sectors where people support the destruction in the name of development.

Tourism is the pillar of our economy. In the year 2021, the travel and tourism sector in India made a substantial contribution of approximately 178 billion US dollars to the nation's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). In the year 2017, the nation experienced the arrival of more than ten million international tourists, resulting in a substantial influx of foreign currency amounting to approximately 27.31 billion USD. The power of tourism is enormous. In many states tourism is the backbone of the rural economy generating employment opportunities for thousands. But many is "Tourism and Green Investments". This emphasis- diversity. For this, we have to

times tourists act as a destructive force in polluting the environment. We can see plastic bottles and bags floating in the Dal Lake.

To promote global awareness of the importance of tourism and its social, cultural, political, and economic value World Tourism Day is celebrated on September 27th under the auspices of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).

Each year, World Tourism Day is celebrated on a specific theme, chosen by the UNWTO, to highlight different aspects of the tourism industry. These themes often revolve around current global issues, trends, and challenges facing the tourism sector. The designated theme for the year 2023

and more precise allocations of resources towards the Sustainable Development Goals of the UN.

talking about building and taking care of places that are friendly to the environment. eco-friendly hotels and lodges, and using less polluting vehicles like electric or hybrid cars. Tourism and green investment are interconnected in several important ways. Green investment in the context of tourism refers to allocating financial resources towards sustainable and environmentally friendly practices within the tourism industry.

This can involve initiatives that aim to minimize tivises a change towards negative environmental impacts, conserve natural resources, and promote sustainable development.

Tourism and biodiversity conservation are closely linked, and when managed responsibly, tourism can play a significant role in the protection and preservation of

es the necessity for increased take the local community into confidence. Usually, people in rural places want their place to develop like a metros. They forget that When we mention green changing the geography will investment in tourism, we're badly affect their economic prosperity. Engaging local communities in tourism activities can lead to a sense This involves things like of ownership and stewardship over natural resources. When communities see direct benefits from conservation efforts, they are more likely to be supportive.

Ultimately, green investments in the tourism sector are necessary for the creation of a sustainable and resilient economy that strikes a balance between economic growth, environmental protection, and the well-being of local communities. It incenmore environmentally conscious and socially responsible tourism practices that are beneficial to both the natural world and the sustainable growth of the tourism indus-

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TROUBLE OVER POETRY

Sir — Rashtriya Janata Dal MP, Manoj Jha, is under attack for the mere recitation of the poem, "Thakur ka Kuan," during the recently concluded special session of Parliament. Poet Om Prakash Valmiki laments, "Oven is made of mud, mud is from the pond, the pond belongs to the Thakur." Munshi Premchand's story by the same title was the inspiration for poet Valmiki. The main character in the story, Gangi, a lower caste, makes a vain attempt under the cover of darkness to fetch some 'clean' water from a Thakur's well for his ailing wife, Jokhu. Manoj Jha read the poem to capture the upper caste dominance over all aspects of life in a village. We read Thakur is a title used by feudal landlords in the past.

It is a fact that cruelty towards people belonging to lower castes is on the rise in new India. Social ostracism and discrimination based on caste refuse to disappear. It was reported recently that in Kantasan village in Patan district of Gujarat, a ration shop owned by a Dalit faced a boycott from the Thakor community. In an inaugural function in a temple in Kannur district of Kerala, a priest refused to pass on the small lighted lamp to Kerala Minister for Temple Affairs, K Radhakrishnan, who belongs to the Scheduled Caste community, to light a bigger traditional lamp. RJD MP Professor Manoj Jha's recital of the poem in Parliament and the DMK Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin's caustic comment on the prevailing social injustice and inequality in Sanatana Dharma emerged from a multitude of such incidents in the country. Mahatma Gandhi wanted to dismantle the caste system "root and branch." Haridasan Rajan | Kozhikode

RBI EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR 2K NOTES

Sir —The recent decision by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to extend the deadline for the deposit and exchange of Rs 2,000 denomination banknotes until October 7, 2023, is a welcome move. This decision comes after the initial deadline of

'Annadata' Dr Swami Nathan is no more

THE EDITO



he progress in agriculture should be measured not on the basis of agricultural income or growth, but on the basis of the increase in the income of the farmers. Dr Swami Nathan Commission maintained this opinion. In 1966, Nathan created a high-yielding wheat variety by hybridizing wheat seeds from Mexico with local wheat from Punjab. Similarly, the cultivation of improved varieties of rice, the staple food of India, was always striving for the economic upliftment

of poor farmers. Poverty disturbed by the failure of farmers' agriculture due to inadequate credit and the vagaries of nature, the commission headed by Dr. Swami Nathan, concerned with the suicide of farmers in debt, said that the progress in agriculture should be measured on the basis of farmers' income and not on the basis of agricultural income or growth. Dr. Swami Nathan aimed to achieve the objectives of food security, easy supply to agriculture, development of dryland farming, increase in profit by increasing agricultural productivity reduction of imports, adjustment of prices of agricultural products to the global market, and preservation of the environment and ecosystem, among other things. His efforts were valuable. Dr. Swami Nathan was truly the "Annadata" of Indians

Dattaprasad Shirodkar, | Mumbai

September 30 had passed, providing rency note in 2016 and the cessation of its much-needed relief to citizens who may still possess these notes.

The RBI's decision to review the situation and extend the deadline demonstrates a considerate approach to the circumstances of the people. It recognizes that some individuals may still hold these notes, and it ensures that they have a fair opportunity to exchange or deposit them.

Furthermore, the clarification that banks will cease accepting Rs 2,000 banknotes for credit to accounts or exchange into other denomination banknotes from October 8 is essential information for the public.

The provision allowing people to approach the 19 RBI Issue offices to exchange the Rs 2,000 banknotes, up to a limit of Rs 20,000 at a time, is a practical solution for those who may have a significant amount of these notes. The option to send the banknotes through India Post for crediting respective bank accounts, subject to relevant regulations and due diligence, adds a convenient avenue for compliance.

The article's background on the introduction of the Rs 2,000 denomination cur-

printing in 2018-19 provides valuable context for readers. It highlights the RBI's goal to ensure an adequate supply of currency in other denominations.

Maimul Safui | Howrah

HC STOPPED FROM HOLDING MEETING

Sir — High Commissioner, Vikram Doraiswami, was reported to have been stopped from entering a Gurdwara by Khalistani extremists in Glasgow. It is shocking and outrageous. It is an insult to us. Of late, the rising of anti-India forces on foreign soil is a matter of concern. Reports of desecration of temples in Canada, Australia, the USA, and the UK are on the rise. The breeding of terror on foreign soil is unacceptable. It needs to be condemned. Respective governments should not allow such unlawful activities on their soil. India should take up the mat-

ter at the highest political level. Sravana Ramachandran | Chennai

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MAGIC OF MUDRA PRANAYAMA

The science of 'mudras' is intrinsically related to the esoteric knowledge of Yoga



RAVI VALLURI

he Yoga Sutras of Patañjali is a collection of sutras on the theory and practice of yoga as elucidated in his treatise. The sutras are known for their reference to Ashtanga or the eight elements of practice culminating in samadhi. The eight limbs are yama, niyama, asana, pranayama, pratyahara, dharana, dhyana and samadhi. Pranayama is the fourth principle of Ashtanga Yoga as delineated by Maharishi Patanjali. Pranayama should be coupled with mindful eating and breathing.

The yogic science of mudras

Lord Krishna in the Bhagavad Gita says, "There is nothing as sacred as knowledge." Knowledge can be acquired by the human mind through the 5Ds- dedication, determination, dynamism, devotion, and discipline and one H- Humility. The human mind can harness this potential only if it is in the present moment. By practising proper breathing techniques, like Sudarshan Kriya and Nadi Shodhan pranayama and through regular meditation the mind becomes alert to delve deep into knowledge. It is indeed efficacious to learn about mudras. The practice of mudras is not just in the domain of dancers, painters, and artists, even stock individuals who have nothing to do with the art world ought to learn about mudras.

The science of mudras, is intrinsically related to the esoteric knowledge of yoga and which can be further segregated into the five elements, the five life forces (or subtle forces of energy called the pranas) and the three doshas. The five elements are namely - Akash (ether or space), Vayu (air), Agni (fire), Jal (water) and Prithvi (earth), and the five life forces or pranas are prana, udana, samana, apana and vyana and the three doshas are vata, kapha and pitta. Humans unconsciously practice mudras. For instance, a young child begins learning to walk with his thumbs raised



which is called the Meru Dand mudra. An infant in a deep slumber, his index finger would involuntarily touch the thumb and the other three fingers are on the base of the palm (Chinmaya mudra). The universe in its auto-mode conjures these processes to take place. We are oblivious to the occurrence. Some other mudras which need to be practised are: (a) Jnana mudra

This is performed to increase brain power, improve memory and for the removal of negative thoughts. Thereby one attains peace and bliss. (b) Prithvi mudra

This helps in balancing the five sense organs, improves blood circulation and enhances our energy levels. Practising this mudra assists in increasing our alertness.

(c) Apana mudra

This facilitates an improved elimination process, revitalizing the digestive system, improving the gums and strengthening immunity.

(d) Prana mudra

This mudra addresses the problem of fatigue; it provides essential vitamins to the body besides increasing stamina and vigour. It also helps in maintaining the health of our eyes.

(e) Dhyana mudra

Essentially, this mudra helps in making us mindful and wakeful. Over

a period, we attain peace of mind. (f) Shunya Vayu mudra

The practice of this mudra helps in combating problems of flatulence and gastric ailments. The gut houses our solar plexus, which is also referred to as the second brain. We need to take adequate care of our abdomen as most human ailments arise from this part of the body. Thus, there is enormous merit and wisdom in the adage, that your health is in your hands.

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India's space Odyssey: To Moon and beyond



India has taken a formidable lead in Moon exploration, though it would be a while before Moon's resources would be available for development purposes

ndia is riding high on the success of India's Chandrayaan-3, which scripted a glorious history worldwide. It is not only a matter of national pride but has larger implications on varied dimensions. It has opened up further deliberations on technological capability, resource exploration, international collaboration, scientific contributions, space exploration and diplomacy, geopolitical landscape, global leadership and coopera-

The success of Chandrayaan-3 has redefined the relationship between national prestige and technological capability. Successfully launching and operating a lunar mission showcases a country's technological prowess and capabilities. It can boost national pride and reputation on a global stage, potentially influencing how other countries perceive and engage with that nation. International collaboration is now buzzing around. Lunar missions often involve collaboration with other countries and space agencies. The use of space missions, including lunar explorations, as a means of advancing diplomatic ties is referred to as space diplomacy. The development of international partnerships for space exploration can open up chances for discussions, disagreements, and alliances with other nations, potentially having more significant geopolitical repercussions. These partnerships can foster diplomatic ties and strengthen international relationships, leading to potential geopolitical advantages.

SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS

Without scientific contributions, India's mission could not have been possible. Lunar missions contribute to scientific advancements by conducting experiments and collecting data about the Moon's geology, atmosphere, and other characteristics. Sharing such data and findings can position a country as a leader in scientific research and innovation. Resource Exploration is another area that can be discounted in India's journey in space. If future lunar missions, including Chandrayaan missions, discover valuable resources on the Moon, such as rare minerals or water ice, they could have significant economic implications.

SPACE VOYAGE & GEOPOLITICS

Control or access to these resources could influence a country's geopolitical standing. The ability to conduct space missions, including lunar missions, can be used as a tool for diplomacy. It can open channels for negotiations, discussions, and partnerships with other nations interested in space exploration, which can have broader geopolitical implications. Furthermore, a long-running space race may pick up speed in response to the successful lunar mission, which follows Russia's failure. India became the first nation to land a spacecraft on the south pole of the moon. As the Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft successfully touched down on the lunar south pole last week, India became just the fourth nation to perform a soft landing on the moon. That area of the moon has not yet been visited by any other country. The trajectory of the Chandrayaan-3, which blasted off from southern India more than a month ago, has captured the attention of the Indian public and dominated headlines for

Soft Power Projection is something that India is going to capitalize on. Successfully



Launching lunar missions requires the development of advanced technology, infrastructure, and skilled workforce. These developments can have a positive impact on the country's overall technological capabilities and economic growth, indirectly affecting its geopolitical position. Precisely, this ievement will enhance the infrastructure and capability building. Now, global leadership and cooperation have come to the fore for further discussions. If a country like India successfully conducts lunar missions, it could position itself as a leader in space exploration, especially within the developing world. This leadership role can lead to collaborations and alliances, shaping geopolitical dynamics. A nation like India has the potential to become a leader in space exploration if its lunar missions are carried out successfully, especially among developing nations. This particular leadership position has the potential to promote alliances and partnerships.

A long-running space race may be accelerated by the Chandrayaan-3 mission, ushering in a new stage of great power competition. Russia and India, who are allies on Earth, have been vying to be the first nation to set foot on the lunar south pole; a Russian attempt was a failed one. The presence of water raises the

possibility that other nations could use the region of the lunar south pole as a base for further space exploration in the future. The United States established the Artemis Accords in 2020, which seek to foster space cooperation through shared rules and principles, possibly in anticipation of such competition. Several allies and partners, including India, joined. Russia and China have not. The way people on Earth view the moon—and beyond—could change as geopolitical competition in space is set to

MOON ECONOMY

Limiting climate change's harmful effects and ensuring a transition to sustainable energy sources have become the two biggest problems the world community has been facing recently. The lack of critical minerals, which are crucial elements of the transition to renewable energy, as studies suggest, makes the transition less seamless than anticipated. Considering the moon economy's importance and potential sources for these essential minerals is necessary in this context. Along with this, a country typically gains a tactical advantage from a space mission when operationalizing satellite communication, in addition to a variety of other benefits. This includes enabling and supplying consistent satellite data, which aids in forecasting many things, including the monsoon and can greatly aid defence forces in maintaining surveillance on other nations.

The moon is a rich source of raw materials, so it should be noted that this will be a geopolitical region where future conflict and cooperation may occur. It is necessary to take a comprehensive look at the essential minerals that have grown in significance recently. According to an ISRO study, the Moon, especially the South Pole, is currently home to enormous amounts of water. A significant amount of hydro-energy could be in the space.

produced if this were to be investigated.

Similar to this, a report by Popular Science Magazine titled 'The elements we might mine on the moon" suggests the presence of other critical minerals, including plutonium and helium 3, which can be used for the fusion of nuclear energy, as well as cobalt, lithium, titanium, and other critical minerals. In a similar vein, the Energy Information Administration, in its numerous reports, has made predictions of these vital minerals that can be sourced for the RE sector.

The countries that establish bases on the moon first will have the first-mover advantage to benefit from a variety of space projects and businesses on and around the Moon. The geopolitics of lunar colonialism are still unknown, but we do know that they will have an impact on world politics. In a few decades, India may be one of the few nations in charge of the largest portion of the moon economy. A PwC report states that the lunar economy encompasses all of the activities involved in the production, use, and exchange of lunar resources on the Moon's surface, in lunar orbit, and on Earth.

The United States, Russia, China, Japan, and France are just a few of the nations that have congratulated India on Chandrayaan-3's successful landing. These nations are all interested in space exploration and are probably closely observing India's development.

These responses demonstrate the widespread acclaim and admiration that India has received for its performance on Chandrayaan-3. It is a significant accomplishment for India and evidence of its expanding space exploration capabilities.

Other nations may be inspired to pursue their space exploration programs as a result. Now, the moon is India's ventured place. Let's wait and watch on the world's relations with India to shape up the journey



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Growing need for awareness about mental health

Approximately every fifth person across the globe experiences mental health issues at some point during his lifespan

n 1992 the World Federation of Mental ■ Health recognised the need to be more vocal about mental health issues as people with mental illness often suffer silently, fearing social stig-ma, lack of understanding and discrimination.

Approximately every fifth person across the globe experiences mental health issues at some point during their entire lifespan. While Depression and Anxiety disorders are the most common mental health conditions, suicide is one of the leading causes of premature and untimely deaths. It is a serious concern for mental health professionals for timely intervention. The spate of (The writer is a retired professtudent suicides in Kota (Rajasthan) speaks volumes of the gravity of the situation and Hamdard, views are personal)



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Mental health refers to

overall mental well-being, a holistic concept that is also about physical and social wellbeing. Promotion of mental health through understanding, support, and access to mental health resources is crucial to de-stigmatizing mental illness and breaking down the negative attitudes and beliefs surrounding it.

Unfortunately, public health developments during recent years have adversely impacted the mental health of elderly and the children alike. It becomes important to make children understand that sound mental health is vital to their emotional development. It is evident from the studies that since the COVID-19 pan-

the urgent need to address the issue.

demic began, more children are reporting higher levels of anxiety and depression than ever before. That makes now the perfect time to break down the stigma connected with mental illness by openly discussing the issue.

The recent United Nations Human Rights Report highlights that people with mental health conditions and those with psychosocial disabilities experience disproportionately higher rates of poor physical health and reduced life expectancy. Discrimination, harmful stereotypes and stigma in the community, family, schools and the workplace prevent meaningful relationships, quality social interactions and the inclusive environments needed for the wellbeing of individuals with men-

tal illness. These issues hurt a person's ability to cope with life situations.

There is a need to educate the public to create a society where everyone feels comfortable seeking help and support without prejudice and discrimination. It is the responsibility and obligation of the State and the global organizations to ensure access to mental health services, which can no longer be ignored. Access to better living conditions, security, food, shelter and housing are all human rights issues necessary for people's mental health. Mental health is a universal right of all citizens of the world and consistent with the 1948 founding principles of the World Federation of Mental Health (WFMH).

Mental Health Day reaffirms every year the commitments made and the action taken. While last year's World Mental Health Day theme was 'Make mental health and wellbeing for all a global priority, 2023's theme is to celebrate the

power of community kindness. Mental Health Day 2023 is an opportunity for people and communities to renew their commitment to the theme 'Mental health is a universal human right" to improve knowledge, raise awareness and drive actions that promote and protect everyone's mental health as a universal human right. Mental health must be placed in a human rights framework to re-cast the aspiration for sound mental health as a fundamental human right. By doing so a better, more

accepting and supportive society can be created where the mentally ill stay included in the larger society with comfort and confidence. Active participation in the events that support World Mental Health Day such as walks, runs, workshops, or panel discussions helps create awareness and clarify misconceptions that often prevent people from seeking available help. Donations to the organization or charity that provides resources and support to those struggling with mental health issues must be made. Devoting and investing time and working voluntarily with the welfare organizations that support mental health can go a long way in creating awareness within a community. Money is needed to carry out these Anniversary year.

activities for which funds can be raised by organizing one's event or participating in a fund-raising challenge.

One also needs to self-educate about mental health and the various issues surrounding it through reading books, attending workshops, or simply having conversations with others or following some of the social media accounts that provide genuine information.

This year's theme highlights a range of issues to involve a variety of stakeholders and global citizens to work together to ensure that a clear message is delivered and an effective campaign to support World Mental Health Day 2023 is carried out on 10th October, particularly when we celebrate WFMH's 75th

Department of Fisheries organises 'swachhata' campaign

epartment of Fisheries on Sunday organised a campaign to clear garbage and scrap piled up outside the office of National Federation of Fishers Cooperatives Ltd (FISHCOPFED) at Sarita Vihar here and the surrounding market place. The department comes under Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying. "In pursuance of Government's vision of "Garbage Free India", Department of Fisheries organized a Swachhata (Shramdan) Campaign under the

Programme 'Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2023' outside the office FISHCOPFED," an official statement said. The shramdan programme was led by Abhilaksh Likhi, Secretary, Department of Fisheries along with Sagar Mehra, Joint Secretary (DoF) and Neetu Kumari Prasad, Joint Secretary (DoF). Officers/officials of Department of Fisheries, FISHCOPFED and citizens from neighbouring areas participated in the activities. "About 200 persons participated in the programme and cleaned the garbage/scraps piled up around the office and the market place."



Tata Motors total sales in domestic mkt up to 80,633 units _ata Motors Ltd on Sunday reported a 2 per cent rise in its total domestic vehicle sales

at 82,023 units in September, as against 80,633 units in the same month last year. Passenger vehicle sales in the domestic market, including electric vehicles, were down 6 per cent at 44,809 units last month, as compared to 47,654 units in September 2022, Tata Motors said in a regulatory filing. Electric vehicle sales, including in international

markets, were at 6,050 units as compared to 3,864 units in the year-ago month, a growth of 57 per cent. "Passenger vehicle sales remained strong in Q2 FY24 driven by new launches and pre-festive offtakes. Tata Motors posted guarterly sales of 1,38,939 cars and SUVs in Q2 FY24, about 2.7 per cent below our highest ever quarter, Q2 FY23," Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd and Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd Managing Director Shailesh Chandra



Hyundai reports highest ever monthly sales

yundai Motor India on Sunday said its total wholesales increased 13 per cent year-on-year to 71,641 units in September, its highest ever in a month. The year-on-year to 71,041 units in September, its implications of country's second largest carmaker had dispatched 63,201 units to dealers in September last year. Domestic sales last month rose to 54,241 units, up 9 per cent from 49,700 units in September 2022, Hyundai Motor India said in a statement.

Exports were higher at 17,400 units last month from 13,501 units in September 2022, an increase of 29 per cent. "While the industry grew by 2 per cent last month, our domestic dispatches were up 9 per cent. The share of SUV sales in our overall volumes continues to grow," Hyundai Motor India COO Tarun Garg told. The ongoing festive season has resulted in strong sales momentum, helping the automaker achieve 9 per cent growth.



Reserve Bank to retain benchmark rate at 6.5%

Interest rates for retail, as well as corporate borrowers, may remain stable as experts expect the Reserve Bank to retain the benchmark rate at 6.5 per cent at its forthcoming bi-monthly monetary policy review, scheduled later this week, in view of elevated inflation and global factors, say experts.

The Reserve Bank started increasing the policy rate in May 2022 in tranches, in the wake of the Russia-Ukraine war and took it to 6.5 per cent in February this year. Since then, it has kept the rate unchanged in the last three successive bimonthly monetary policy

The RBI Governor-headed six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) is scheduled to meet for three days beginning October 4. Governor Skhatikanta Das will announce the decision on Friday (October 6).

"The credit policy this time will most likely continue with

the existing rate structure as well as policy stance. Hence, the repo rate will be retained at 6.5 per cent with the stance of withdrawal of accommodation, opined Madan Sabnavis, Chief Economist, Bank of Baroda. He further said retail inflation is still high at 6.8 per cent and expected to come down sharply in September and October, but there is still some pessimism on Kharif output especially relating to pulses which has the potential to push up prices further.

ry is downwards a rate hike can be ruled out. However, we may

have to wait for a longer time for

the MPC to cut the repo rate,"

Karthik Srinivasan, Senior Vice President & Group Head -Financial Sector Ratings, ICRA Limited also expects the MPC to maintain status quo on the policy rate as well as the stance. The significant tightening in liquidity that was seen in the second half of September is unlikely to sustain, particularly with the release of liquidity

in previous policy," he said.

He further said, the RBI is likely to remain cautious on sharp rise in interest rates in developing economies since the last policy review and the impact it may have on the capital flows, forex reserves and the exchange rate as well.

The Reserve Bank has been mandated by the government to ensure the Consumer Price Index (CPI) based retail inflation remains at 4 per cent, with a margin of 2 per cent on either side. President of realtors' body association NAREDCO Rajan Bandelkar said the RBI's accommodative stance is expected to persist during the October MPC

"While there has been a lengthy pause (on repo rate), there is a pressing need to shift our attention towards the real estate sector, especially during the ongoing festive season. Positive actions by the RBI at this juncture could play a pivotal role in achieving our hous-

GST mop-up rises 10% to over Rs 1.62L cr in Sep

Crosses Rs 1.60 lakh cr mark 4th time in FY24 PNS NEW DELHI

Helped by improved compliance, GST collections increased by 10 per cent to over Rs 1.62 lakh crore in September, crossing the Rs 1.6 lakh crore mark for the fourth time during current financial year.

Gross GST revenue collected last month was Rs 1,62,712 crore. Of this, Central GST was Rs 29,818 crore, State GST was Rs 37,657 crore, Integrated GST was Rs 83,623 crore (including Rs 41,145 crore collected on import of goods) and cess was Rs 11,613 crore (including Rs 881 crore collected on import of goods).

The revenue in September 2023 was 10 per cent higher than the GST revenue of Rs 1.47 lakh crore in the same month last year, the finance ministry said in a statement on Sunday. "During the month, the revenues from domestic transactions (including import of services) are 14 per cent higher than the revenues from these sources during the same

India, Bangladesh discuss steps for FTA talks

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India and Bangladesh have discussed preparations to agreement between the two countries to promote economic ties, an official statement said on Sunday.

It was discussed during an official-level meeting of the Joint Working Group on Trade (JWG) between India and Bangladesh, which was held last week in Dhaka.

The meeting "discussed a host of bilateral issues such as removal of port restrictions, ground work on commencement of Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), harmonization of standards, and mutual recognition of standards, supply of essential commodities to Bangladesh,'

the commerce ministry said. CEPA is a kind of free trade agreement, under which two trading partners significantly reduce or eliminate customs duties on the maximum number of goods traded between them.

Besides, they also ease norms to promote trade in services and investments.

They also deliberated upon issues related to development of road and rail infrastructure, regional connectivity through multi-modal transportation and creation/ strengthening of infrastructure in Land Customs Stations/ Integrated Check

Posts, border haats. These meetings are held on an annual basis to discuss key trade related issues and explore opportunities for

laboration, promotion, facilitation, expansion and diversification of trade between the two countries.

"These meetings play a vital role in quick resolution of bilateral issues by removing trade barriers, simplifying customs procedures, improvement of infrastructure, logistics, and transit facilities to facilitate smoother cross-border trade," it said.

The bilateral trade has dipped to USD 14.2 billion in 2022-23, from USD 18.13

Markets to focus on RBI's interest rate decision

PNS NEW DELHI

RBI's interest rate decision. macroeconomic data, global trends and trading activity of foreign investors are the crucial factors to drive equity week ahead, analysts said.

Markets would remain closed on Monday for Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti.

"While global cues will continue to dictate trends in local markets, focus will shift to RBI's monetary policy announcement on Friday. Although the market is expecting a status quo on interest rates, global concerns like rising US dollar index and bond yields coupled with surging crude oil prices continue to weigh on investors' minds.

"Further, persistent FII selling in emerging markets, including India, in September has taken a toll on markets," said Shrikant Chouhan, Head of Research (Retail), Kotak Securities Ltd.

Markets will closely monitor the Reserve Bank's monetary policy committee (MPC) meeting, which is scheduled from October 4 6, 2023, Pravesh Gour, Senior Technical Analyst, Swastika Investmart Ltd, said.

Market participants will be keeping an eye on the movement of the rupee against the dollar and crude oil prices. Investments by Investors (FIIs) and Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) will also be monitored.

"Market participants will be keeping an eye on the movement of the rupee against the dollar and crude oil prices. Investments by Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) and Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) will also be monitored," Gour said. Among domestic macro-

economic numbers to be announced this week are PMI (Purchasing Managers' Index) data for the manufacturing and services sector.

Auto companies would also remain in focus amid monthly sales data announcement.

FPIs (Foreign Portfolio Investors) turned sustained sellers in September, said V $\rm K$ Viiavakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services.

FPIs turn net sellers after 6 months of investment

Withdraw Rs 14,767 cr in September

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

last six months, FPIs have out of over Rs 14,767 crore from Indian equities in September, primarily due to dollar appreciation, steady rise in the US bond yields, and a spike in crude oil prices.

According to data with the depositories, Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) have sold shares to the tune of Rs 14,767 crore in September.

After sustained buying in the

Going forward, the outlook for FPI flows in India is uncertain, as it will depend on the performance of the Indian economy, the RBI's October monetary policy, and the outcome of the September quarter earnings, Mayank Mehra, smallcase, manager and principal partner at Craving Alpha, said.

The latest outflow came after FPI investment in equities had hit a four-month low of Rs 12,262 crore in August. Before the outflow, FPIs were incessantly buying Indian equities in the last six months from March to August and brought in Rs 1.74 lakh crore during the period.

India has scope for 130-150 more wide-body aircraft PNS NEW DELHI

India's fast-growing civil aviation market has the scope to

have 130-150 more wide-body planes as airlines expand their operations and there is also the potential for more such aircraft to be deployed in dense domes-Asia CEO Vikram Rai said. GE Aerospace, a leading air-

craft engine maker, sees a "great potential" in India, which is also the world's third largest aviation market and domestic airlines have nearly 1,500 aircraft on order.

While emphasising that "India is a focus market and a priority market for GE Aerospace", Rai said that in his view, domestic airlines would consider having more widebody planes in their fleet and also deploy them in dense domestic routes.

a growth path for us and the airlines which is a win-win (scenario)," he told PTI in a recent interview.

Currently, India has around 700 commercial planes in operation and out of them, there are only about 50 wide-body air-



craft. Air India has around 49 wide-body aircraft in its fleet while IndiGo has two wetleased wide-body planes in operation.

In the current wide-body

ments required. So, there is scope to add 130-150 widebody planes in India," Rai said and added that rising interna-tional passengers from the country also augur well for the wide-body segment. With rising air passenger

fleet, there would be replace-

working on ways to develop international aviation hubs in India so that domestic carriers can ferry passengers directly to various overseas destinations. Currently, a majority of the

people flying from India to international destinations trav-

el by connecting flights operated by foreign carriers.

"We have to get to a point where we can get end-to-end carrying our passengers. That is the next step of growth we are talking about," Rai said.

The civil aviation ministry has also been pitching for Indian carriers to have more wide-body planes to capture a higher share in the long haul segment. Rai said there is potential for deployment of wide-body planes in dense domestic routes as that would also help in addressing the slot

DHFL BRANCH AUDITS

NFRA penalises 18 auditors; debars them for 6 months to 1 year

PNS NEW DELHI

The National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) has imposed penalties on 18 auditors and also debarred them for varying periods for lapses with respect to audits of various branches of housing finance company DHFL.

Penalties totalling Rs 18 lakh or Rs 1 lakh each has been imposed on the auditors for their professional misconduct, according to 18 separate

orders passed by the regulator. Also, they have been debarred for a period of six months to one year from "being appointed as an auditor or internal auditor or from undertaking any audit in respect of financial statements or internal audit of the functions and activities of any company or body corporate". Out of the 18 auditors, 4 have been debarred for 6 months and the remaining 14 auditors have been

restrained for 1 year.

"In Germany, you really

Electronics industry body seeks PLI scheme for non-semicondcutor sectors

PNS NEW DELHI

Electronics industry body ELCINA has requested the government to come up with a production linked incentive scheme for non-semiconductor or computer chips sector which is dominated by imports, a senior official of the organisation said.

According to Electronic Industries Association of India (ELCINA) report, total elec-

tronic component market in the country was estimated to be around USD 39 billion, of which 68 per cent requirement was met through imports in

While speaking at 48th ELCINA Award Ceremony, organisation's new President Atul B Lall said that the government's scheme for devices has been hugely successful and the incentive scheme for semicon-

ductor sector is seeing a lot of

traction and some investments have started flowing in.

"Our humble submission and perseverance is going to be to do the same for non-semiconductor component sector also. For which we request government's intervention," said Lall, who is Vice Chairman & Managing Director of Dixon

Technologies.
ELCINA is the oldest electronics industry body of the country established in 1967.

India a 'big hub' for blue collar economy

PNS NEW DELHI

Fountain, a provider of hiring automation software for frontline workforces, considers India as one of the "big hubs" in this space, a top company official

The company is present in the US, Western Europe - UK, France, Germany as well as in South Africa, India, New Zealand and a few other countries. "The big hubs are India, UK and France," Founder and CEO of the company Sean

Behr told PTI. "Fountain focuses exclusively on the blue collar and gray collar workforce. A vast majority of people ... don't ...do PowerPoint or Excel, they do things on the frontlines of our economy," Behr said, adding that hiring and retaining workers in the blue and grey collar economy has never been more

India is the "most natural place" to invest, and to expand as there is a huge opportunity and growth rate in the blue/grey collar market, Behr noted. "China has some similar dynamics, but obviously there's

India you have a bigger population and a very good place for technology to invest in this market," he said. Behr pointed out that India has more people in the workforce with a payment-enabled

geopolitical challenges, while in

the United States. "With 8 million manual informal processes, there is absolutely no way to scale to 25 million workers and still be using manual processes. You

smartphone as compared to the

330 million total population of



need to bring technology that will standardize the process for these workers and it benefits paper" system. both the worker and actually

more importantly the compa-Fountain aims to bring standardised technical processes to

an "informal, disorganised, spreadsheets - forms and

Behr said Fountain hired over 3 million blue and gray collar workers in 75 countries using 35 different languages in

He pointed out that a country like India poses scale and complexity problems owing to the diversity aspect here.

"In Germany, you really only need one language, here that doesn't work. You have to have technology that is smart

enough to know that... if I'm recruiting in Karnataka, or Delhi, I may (be) interacting with an applicant (and) need to have the ability to switch languages," he said.

Behr also outlined IPO plans for Fountain, which marks his fourth entrepreneurial venture after starting up in e-commerce, advertising and car rid-

ing business. 'It's a couple of years away for us it's an incredible investment. You have to hire lots of people build all the right financial reporting, legal which takes you away from building the

business," he said. The company last raised funds in Series C round in 2022, amid a challenging environment for late-stage startups, and said "there's enough cash in the bank" for

India's share in global exports in labour-intensive sectors declining

PNS NEW DELHI

India's labour-intensive export sectors such as apparels, marine products, plastics, and gems and jewellery are showing a "troubling pattern" as the country is experiencing a decline in global market share across these segments during the last five years, a FIEO

report has said. Apex exporters body Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) also said that a note of caution is warranted regarding a distinct spike in export growth of roughly USD 40 billion as this particular surge is likely attributed to a rerouting of crude oil trade routes via India to Europe. This phenomenon may not be sustainable in the coming years, it said. It added that the most "pressing concern" regarding the negative export growth is the "poor" perfor-



mance of labour-intensive sectors. In a country like India, these sectors hold immense significance not only for their job creation potential but also for their substantial contribution to net high-value addition.

"Addressing this challenge requires a proactive approach that delves into the underlying factors contributing to the loss of mar-ket share. It calls for a comprehensive analysis of the dynamics at play, ranging from maintaining the competitive advantage, reducing the production costs and increasing efficiency to quality and innovation," the report said.

what's brewing?



Jee Le Zaraa shelved due to creative differences between Farhan and Priyanka: Reports

arhan Akhtar announced Jee Le Zaraa in 2021. The film was supposed to star Alia Bhatt, Katrina Kaif According to reports, the and priyanka Chopra in lead roles. However, since the announcement no major update has surfaced citing a delay. There have been speculations that Katrina has that 'Priyanka didn't like the backed out of the film causing major changes in the lead cast of the film. A new report by the Hindustan Times has now clarified that the film is on halt because of creative differences between Farhan Akhtar and Priyanka Chopra.

In a recent interview with Variety, Farhan Akhtar opened up about the speculations around the delay of his film Jee Le Zaraa. He said that there have been issues with Privanka Chopra's date due to the Hollywood SAGA strike.

Farhan added that the strike has put Priyanka's dates in a huge 'tizzy'. He revealed that he relevant."

actual reason why the film is on halt is because there are creative differences between Farhan Akhtar and Priyanka Chopra. A source told the publication script' and said 'no to doing the

The source added that Priyanka was supposed to sign the contract for Jee Le Zaraa in September during her visit to India for Parineeti Chopra's wedding. However things didn't work out because of 'creative differences.'

The source shared that the film is currently on halt because the delays have caused the story of the Jee Le Zaraa to feel 'dated.' "Zoya and Farhan look into all these details and try to envisage the film in a new way to ensure that the story remains

Aamir Khan and Sunny Deol's film receives a massive offer from an OTT giant

espite just being in the-atres for five days, *Gadar* 2 is making a splash. With daily record-breaking earnings of CTT player, this is still a com-524.75 crore, the movie has surpassed Shah Rukh Khan's Pathaan and is closing in on Jawan. And Sunny Deol's career has benefited from this enormous success. Sunny Deol's 22-year career is at its pinnacle right now, and he deserves it. Although Sunny Deol's next movie, which

pletely bizarre experience for Sunny Deol.

According to reports, the OTT juggernaut has promised the movie's producers close to 100 crore, although work on the movie hasn't even begun yet, and Sunny Deol hasn't even approved the script or set a

thing works out as planned. The shooting could start in 2024, the next year. And Sunny Deol, not Aamir Khan, will play the lead

role in the movie.

During his visit on the Aap Ki
Adalat chat programme, Sunny Deol, who is overjoyed by the enormous popularity of Gadar 2, was even seen sobbing as he expressed his wish to make Gadar 2 a big success.



OR SWIFT & TRAVIS LOVE STORY OFFICIAL

espite the fact that they haven't publicly acknowledged their relationship, Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce appear to be dating steadily. According to a source, they are currently deciding what to dress up as for Halloween and may even attend Heidi Klum's party. Taylor's name was briefly involved with singer Matty Healy after splitting with Joe Alwyn, but the relationship quickly ended. Swift was reportedly seen supporting the footballer during his game last month, which sparked speculations of their purported affair. Afterward, they were also photographed getting cosy, and now this!

A source close to Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce had shared that the two are preparing their Halloween costumes. They will reportedly pair up and dress as Barbie and Ken from this year's Margot Robbie-led movie. The source claimed, "Taylor is accustomed to the whirlwind that this relationship has started, and Travis is cool with it. Before she begins her international tour, he wants to spend as



leading portal that she would adore inviting Travis Kelce and Taylor Swift to her Halloween party. She said, "I'm sure no one at

the door will turn them away if they just show up. Unless the disguise is so convincing that nobody can identify them, like mine. According to the informant, the claimed pair may be iffy at parties, but Heidi's party is definitely on the list for them." The insider further added,

"Heidi Klum's Halloween party is a very big option for them to attend; they haven't much time as he can with her." Additionally, Heidi them to attend; they haven't made it 100 per cent, but

official in other ways that they have even started a relationship, they are really feel-ing it all out, and they might want to make that night be the night they go, red carpet official.

Speaking of Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce's relationship, the source further claimed, "This is the relationship they put them-selves into, and they are prepared to see it through and see where it goes and are looking to take advantage of everything it brings on the outside along with the personal enjoyment that comes

James Cameron recalls 'punching *The* Abyss DOP' for the sake of his life

n the *The Abyss* set, sight the whole time. But they James Cameron came dangerously close to passing away. Yes, the 69-year-old director was in charge of the science fiction movie from 1989 about a team of researchers searching for a missing Navy submarine.

When James was shooting underwater and the oxygen tank was running low, he was in a life-or-death scenario but had no method of getting in touch with the photographer above the surface.

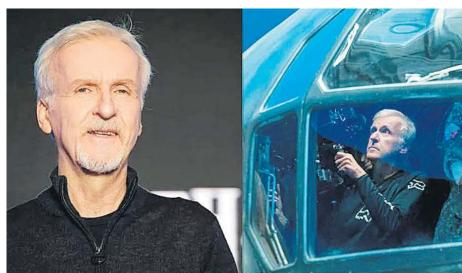
James Cameron told Variety: "We had the 'angels', which were the safety divers that were right there, and each one was assigned to one or two of the actors and just kept them in

weren't watching me. Everybody's setting lights and nobody's watching. I'm trying to get [underwater director of the to small all Cilia. photography] Al Giddings' attention on the (public address). But Al had been involved in a diving accident, and he blew out both eardrums. So, he was deaf as a post. And I'm wasting my last breath of air on an underwater PA system going, 'Al ... Al ...', and he's working away with his back to me. At that point, it was almost checkout point and the safety divers are taught to hold you down so you don't embolize and let your lungs

overexpand going up."

Despite acknowledging that

the sequence in issue was a game-changer in terms of visual possibilities, James Cameron continued to argue that he "knew" what he had to do and had "no way" to warn his colleague. As a result, he punched him in the face, swam to the surface, and lived. But I was aware of what I was doing, the director of Avatar 2 continued. He would not let me leave, and I was unable to inform him that the regulator was broken. I thus hit him in the face, swam to the surface, and lived. I believe that moment opened the door for the beginning of the computer-generated explosion because it had a significant impact and demonstrated what was possi-



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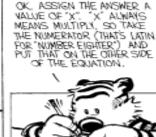


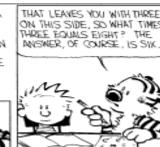












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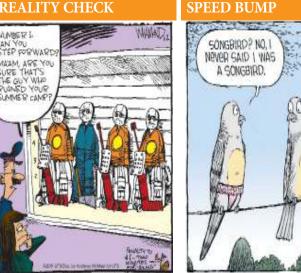
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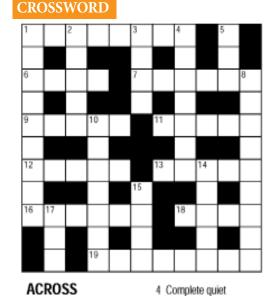




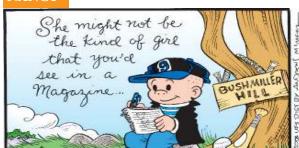


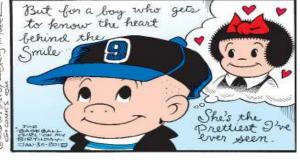
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Actress Divyani Gandhi, who recently enraptured hearts in the recent show Bambai Meri Jaan, gets candid with The Pioneer about getting the right acknowledgment, her character in the show being her manifestation, and more.

SHIKHA DUGGAL

A nother iteration of the oft-told story of the rise of Bombay mafia don Dawood Ibrahim in the 1970s, and his flight from the city a decade before it became Mumbai, Amazon Prime Video's *Bambai Meri* Jaan is the first web show that fictionalises the gangster's early life.

The actress Divyani Gandhi also The actress Divyani Gandhi also appears in this thrilling historical crime drama. Not just her, but the whole cast was exceptional and she brought authenticity cum that high-voltage power performance. Her tenepisode retelling of a saga does a reasonable job of presenting an account of a megalopolis' turbulent past. She was electrified! Well, we had an exclusive interview with the *Kaafir* fame and she interview with the Kaafir fame and she squawks — "This was my second web series. Finally, I am being noticed! My Instagram DMs are full. It's been so long since I had been looking for so much acknowledgment. Eventually, I did

something right."
Produced by Excel Media & Entertainment, and created by Rensil D'Silva, the show's director rustles up a cocktail of organized crime, violence, and vengeance and delivers it in a manner that focuses as much on the bloody gang wars on the streets and dockyards of Bambai as it does on the emotional dynamics that are at work in the life of a boy determined to change his and his family's fortunes. The actress continued, 'This character was my manifestation. Despite being a part of Kaafir, I was rather interested in Dia Mirza's role. I was so motivated because of Dia that I took the present role. All of us have experienced the emotions of betrava but to portray it on-screen is a different feeling and craft altogether. Even if my role was so little, it was a privilege to be a part of this fictional world. It was

like why not." Lit and lensed, Divyani pits up godfearing patriarchy. That's how she bamboozles her way into a life of crime. We needed more details! "So grateful to the casting team that they could sink in me. Auditions were very simple but the

interesting part was, that I was called for another character role. I think my life saga is as simple as that rabbit tortoise story. Slow and steady wins the race! It's okay for me to move to a leisurely place in this industry. I need not be sorry about it. Actresses like me come from small towns, and all of us want to do meaningful roles. Supporting parts are also fine but don't make us the side-

She was six years old when the actress and the entrepreneur strictly decided to be on the television sets. "I was wearing my school uniform, sitting on the couch and my grandmother was cooking. I saw Kareena Kapoor Khan on screen! As a child, I was wondering who is this woman and why is she looking so glamorous. It was my mother who motivated me to be an actress. Little does everyone know my father also wanted to be an actor. I am fulfill-ing his dream," adds the Miss India Chandigarh title holder.

One of the key characters in the series, Divyani dishes some more anecdotes, "Being an actress is not the only career I have. I run a business of my own! I sell scented candles and exclusive perfumes. Both professions satisfy me equally. All my unsaid emotions come out on the screen, a better outlet. Whereas my entrepreneurial skills let me dvelve into so much creativity. I am always scratching my head for a new inventory!" There are no dream roles for her, she wants to play that every character coming her way. But she's obsessed with playing gangster, badass roles She wants to shoot and be powerful. Even as a viewer, she loves watching crime-genre movies. Women are hardly explored in negative connotations, as an anti-heroine in our industry," she said.

Well, on the work front, up next is her Netflix series with the creator of *Mirzapur*.

Actor



ungal infections, previously regarded as mild irritations, have been on the rise in recent years. the rise in recent years, posing major health hazards to people of all ages. Although typically not life-threat-ening, fungal infections can cause discomfort, agony, and occasionally major health issues if left untreated.

health issues if left untreated.
Recognizing the causes of this increase and adopting preventive measures to prevent fungal infections is critical for sustaining good health.

According to the journal Open
Forum Infectious Diseases, over fifty million Indians are infected by significant fungal diseases, 10% of which are caused by potentially hazardous mould infections. infections.

Experts at three Indian teaching hospitals: AIIMS in New Delhi, AIIMS Kalyani in West Bengal, and PGIMER in Chandigarh, in collaboration with The University of Manchester, predict that 57 million individuals, or 4.4% of India's 1.3 billion inhabitants, are likely to be affected.

THE SURGE OF FUNGAL INFECTIONS

Mould infections impacting the respiratory tract and brain were the primary cause of death, involving approximately 250,000 people. More than one million individuals are believed to have potentially blinding fungal eye disease, and over 200,000 have mucormycosis. According to the National Centre for Biotechnology Information, this study comprised 103 cases of clinical dermatophyte infection. There were 66 female patients (64%) and 37 male patients (36%). Sixty-three percent (61%) were young people (18-40 years old).

FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THE GROWING: PREVALENCE OF FUNGAL INFECTIONS

Due to causes such as stress, poor diet, and underlying medical disorders, an increasing number of people have weaker immune systems. A weakened immune system is less capable of protecting the body from fungal invaders.

Climate change, such as increased humidity and higher temperatures, creates excellent circumstances for fungus growth. This can increase the probability of fungal infections, especially in areas where these illnesses are common.

TREATMENT WITH HOMEOPATHY

By reinstating natural healing mechanisms that aid in the battle against fungal infections, homeopathic therapies for fungal infections thrive. Homoeopathy relieves rashes and symptoms like itching, burning, discharges, and discomfort.

Sepia is a homoeopathic medicine used to cure fungal infections, particularly ringworm of the skin (tinea corporis), and Tellurium is the ideal therapy to use when many ring-shaped lesions are connected together, forming intersecting rings that press over each other. Graphites is quite effective for fungal infections in skin folds, and Silicea is the finest remedy for fungal infections in the foot.

LIFESTYLE CHANGES

Wash your hands frequently and keep your body clean.

- In hot and humid conditions, consider
- Make sure your home is well-ventilated, and use dehumidifiers to reduce humidity levels if necessary. This can aid in the prevention of mould and mildew growth.
- Maintain clean and dry feet, especially in regions prone to athlete's foot. Wear on a regular basis

By taking these precautions, health professionals at Dr. Batra's share that one can protect themselves and communities from the growing threat of fungal infections in an increasingly interconnected world. Always prioritize your safety and well-being by seeking adequate medical attention and following the advice of a qualified homeopath.

From Naseeruddin Shah's tutelage to Sahil Vaid crafting his own legacy

TEJAL SINHA

astering his skills one at a time, Sahil Vaid has made a mark in the industry with his in a class of its own spark into any project. Well, there's really something about him that makes him a oneof-a-kind actor.

But as we rang a call to him for a fun chat, a reason we noticed for the actor today that he is, surely credits—family. Having grown up in a family of businessmen and soldiers, Sahil was always surrounded by people who've been an inspiration to not just him, ration. When I was shooting for the, I would call it but also many. So of course, there was huge pressure, but his dad kept pushing him to be the best and get him out of his comfort

zone. Basically, he says, "I was happy with doing theatres in Delhi, but my dad sent me to a film school, which was expensive for us. He always told me getting out of my comfort zone is going to be difficult, but once it's done you're going to be your own man. I'm glad he pushed me out of the

house and pulled me out of the theater in Delhi. I still do continue theatre here but I now do it in a different way. Life for me has somewhat changed since 2007.

Now cut down the lane, he recently added another remarkable performance in his repertoire with his character in Bajao. And now for him, he says things have been so effortless. Why not? It wouldn't be wrong to say that he is a product of Dharma Productions, and Yash Raj Films. He even recalls how after watching the series, people have called him down saying how his character in Bajao is a 'Stupido version' of Poplu (Humpty Sharma ki

would do theatre, and Anurag Kashyap spotting him for a part in *Gangs of Wasseypur*, today he's glad Anurag Kashyap, who knows of him, really hopes to

Quite a journey he's had! But did you know, while a lot of preps go behind to get into the skin of the character, the Humpty Sharma ki Dulhania on the other hand, had to unprepare a lot. Because, "Before Bajao, I was shooting with Nagesh Kukunoor, and working with him is not easy. He is fun but a taskmaster. He makes you go through the basics of prepaa 'Nagesh Kukunoor show', there I'm this very realistic person who is a police officer and the

> reason he cast me in the show was that I looked exactly like him. He was a Punjabi guy who could speak Tamil. Life became

Sahil Vaid, who very easy for me on set. In my wildest dreams, I never has created a niche for thought I would be cast himself, gets candid with by someone who is such serious about his craft. **The Pioneer** about his craft, Coming from there on to working with Raftaar, Bajao was like, I had to let go of a lot of stuff, making different roles as especially when you're doing things to entertain his opportunity, and people. There they are shootmore. ing a very documentary style of filmmaking, very real, and hav-

> ing conversations that are very intelligent. On the contrary, here I am playing Kuki the strongest character who comes up with some great observations. The Jio Cinema series had also marked the well-

loved rapper Raftaar's acting debut and Sahil was all praised for his co-star. Working with Raftaar, he says was a 'Charm'. "One has this preconceived notion that rappers might be this rude person. Not at all! Raftaar is like a brother now. I didn't feel like I was working Dulhania). From imagining himself as someone who with a rapper but with an actor. Although he claims

He knows what he wants, he knows how to do it. I remember meeting his dog in Delhi when we were shooting in Connaught Place, my god the time we spent. Lovely guy lovely bunch of friends he has and I'm glad now I'm a part of his friends' gang. We look up to him, he looks up to us.

Having built a repertoire of films over the years, something that we looked up to was the screen space that this adroit artist has, seems like that doesn't really affect him much. Is it true, we ask, and he says, I have been acting for 27 years now. But I can tell you with all honesty that breaking into this industry is not a walk in the park. I am okay with doing all kinds of roles, if you go back and look at the repertoire, none of my roles match with others. What I am trying to do and what my strategy tries to speak is to do as many different kinds of roles and hope somebody spots me and says he's an amazing actor, we want to experiment with him." True that, it was the casting director Shanoo Sharma, who saw him in *Humpty Sharma ki Dulhania* and cast him in *Bank* Chor. Though the film didn't work, "Whoever watches it tells me that we did not expect this from you. An actor is only good at the opportunities he gets. I'm trying my best to grab opportunities so I can show people what I have prepared in these 27 years. I have played several roles on stage. What I'm trying to do with the different kinds of roles is create a sense of what my teacher Naseeruddin Shah had done; play different kinds of roles and make a place for himself. My current co-actor Manoj Bajpayee also did something similar. There were friends of mine who were far better actors than me but they were nowhere there because they refrained from doing roles as I did in Humpty or with less screen time. I would also do the project if I just had one scene to do there is this Sriram Raghavan film coming in December you'll understand what point I'm trying to make and how

much I love working. He even recalls a mishap situation where he was announced.

in all the interviews that we are his seniors but to be very honest with you, that man is very sorted in life. misquoted for regretting doing *Shershaah*. "So this reporter wanted to take my interview and I was like I hardly have a role in it. Later on, the WhatsApp group that I was in with the team was agitated saying 'What did I even say!' I had never said that I regretted doing Shershah, and I even told the same to Karan Johan at the success party. It was my third Dharma film,' he recalled adding what the whole chaos was about saying, "I met the director right before the shooting and said sir if you can cast me in the part where I get to wear the uniform. Basically, let me share with you, that I wanted to play Shiv Pandit's role since I knew about the soldier and had been following the Kargil war like a hawk. I really wanted to play a soldier. But the director had decided in his head that he wanted me to play Sunny. He was like 'You're sure ly going to play a soldier in your life, and I don't have anybody to play Sahil. I was disappointed but that was not with the film or story. I was fine with it. never regret doing anything. I worked on a film Happi when I was in film school, which we shot in 2008, but it was released in 2019 in Zee 5. If I had that in me I would have given up long back.

On the work front, he has completed shooting for Silence 2, and he says this time, but the same team solving the case. Show by Nagesh Kukunoor's Trail of Assassin, and I hope there might also be a part in Shubhash

Ghai's next

to be





Sable becomes 1st Indian to win 3000m steeplechase title

PTI ■ HANGZHOU

vinash Sable became A the first Indian man to win the gold medal in 3000m steeplechase at the Asian Games while shot-putter Tajinderpal Singh Toor defended his title with an amazing final throw to beat back the challenge from his Saudi Arabian rival here on

Sunday.

Sable, the 29-year-old national record holder, earned India its first gold medal in athletics, completing the race in 8:19.50 seconds.

Sable rewrote the previous Asian Games record of 8:22.79 held in the name of Iran's Hossein Keyhani set at the 2018 Jakarta Games.

Sudha Singh had won a gold in women's 3000m steeplechase in the 2010 Asian

Games in Guangzhou.

Toor, the 2018 Jakarta Asian Games gold medallist, came up with a mighty throw of 20.36 metres on his sixth and last attempt to overhaul his Saudi rival Mohamed Daouda Tolo's distance of 20.18 metres.

Toor, however, could not break his own Asian Games record of 20.75m set in 2018 Jakarta. But the 28-year-old's final throw was way too good for his Saudi rival to overhaul in his final attempt.



silver while Ajay Kumar Saroj and Jinson Johnson won silver and bronze respectively in the men's 1500m.

Earlier, the toast of the nation in the last edition. In the 1500m for women, Indian heptathlete Swapna India's Harmilan Bains won a Barman's one "last shot" at

glory at the Asian Games turned into a nightmare as she struggled with injuries to virtually go out of medal reckoning after the javelin throw event.

The defending champion, who boasts of a personal best

of 52.55m in javelin throw, managed a throw of just 45.13 in the penultimate event of the gruelling two-day competition.

Javelin throw was one of the two events Swapna had won in 2018 en route to becoming the first Indian heptathlete to win an Asian Games gold.

Overall, Swapna was ranked fourth with 4840 points, 11 points behind her nearest rival Jingyi Liu of China ahead of the 800m

India floored by China in basketball; qualify for quarterfinal

PTI N HANGZHOU (CHINA)

The Indian women made it to the quarterfinal despite being pummelled by China in their 5x5 basketball final group-stage match in the ongoing Asian Games here on

Indian team suffered a crushing 53-111 defeat, which was its maiden loss in the sport this term, having won the previous two matches versus Indonesia (66-46) and Mongolia (68-62).

The quarterfinal qual-

ification in the sport is earned by the combined ranking of the teams in the tournament post-completion of the group stage, i.E. The top eight-ranked sides, where the Indians are currently ranked sixth.

It is India's fifth appearance in the competition in this sport, having finished ninth in the previous edition in Jakarta-Palembang 2018, whereas its best performance came in its first appearance in New Delhi 1982, finishing

race, which is the last segment

of the seven-event competi-

5.94m jump. With her career ravaged by a spinal injury, the six-toed The other Indian in the fray, Nandini Agasara notched a personal best of 39.88m in javelin throw that Indian athlete had contemplated retirement last year. But she took one last shot at glory and came to Hanghzou in her title defence bid.

took her overall ranking to This year she won the Earlier in the day, Swapna Inter-State meet and also Barman leapt 5.71m in the bagged a silver medal in the long jump, while Nandini Agasara had a season-best build-up to the Asian Games. She also avoided surgery so as

miss her training despite a bad back.

"But her body condition could not cope up and she failed to get a good start," her coach Subhash Sarkar told

"She was expecting a good result in high jump but a fourth place finish shattered her and she couldn't recover from there," he added.

Swapna had a jump of 1.70m, which was nowhere close to her personal best of 1.87. "The poor start has affected her morale and it showed in today's javelin throw event. It's as good as over," Sarkar said of Swapna's

prospects this time.
Earlier, India's Amlan
Borgohain finished at the
third position after clocking
21.08 seconds in the men's
200m heats and advanced to the semifinal.

The first three athletes in each heat make the cut for the semi-finals. The top four times from all the heats who have not made the cut will also advance to the semifinals.

The sprinter from Assam, currently the country's fastest, holds both the men's 100m and 200m national records.

However, Jyothi Yarraji failed to make the cut for the women's 200m final. The Indian had a timing of 23.78s.

Yarraji, however, is in contention for a medal in women's 100m hurdles.

India sign off with first-ever team silver after losing to China

PTI ■ HANGZHOU

Injured HS Prannoy's absence hurt India as they went down fighting 2-3 against badminton powerhouse China to sign off with their first-ever silver medal in the men's team champi-onships at the Asian Games here on Sunday.

After world No. 7 Prannoy was ruled out due to a back injury, Lakshya Sen produced a gutsy show in the first singles and doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty then bossed over their opponents to put India 2-0 ahead.

So, it was once again left to Kidamby Srikanth to carry the team on his shoulders. The former world No. 1, who had produced a gritty show against South Korea in the semifinals, couldn't go the distance this time despite a healthy lead and multiple game points as China fought back to make it 1-2.

The defending champions then won the remaining two matches to maintain their hegemony in the Asian Games. With Prannoy missing the summit clash, Sen was handed the responsibility of leading the Indian charge. Sen recovered from a mid-game



decider and put India ahead with a 22-20 14-21 21-18 win over world No. 6 Shi Yuqi in an 83-minute opening slugfest.
World No. 3 men's doubles pair of

Satwik and Chirag then went on a smashing spree to outclass world No. 2. Liang Wei Keng and Wang Chang 21-15 21-18 in 55 minutes to extend the lead to 2-0.

18-14 lead and multiple game points in the first game to go down 22-24 9-21 against All England champion Li Shifeng in the third singles to expose India's weakest link -- the second dou-

bles and third singles matches. Scratch pair of Dhruv Kapila and Sai Pratheek Krishna Prasad then lost 6-21 15-21 to world No. 8 Liu Yu Chen and Ou Xuan Yi, while Prannoy's replacement Mithun Manjunath, ranked 53, went down 12-21 4-21 against world No. 20 Weng Hong Yang in the third singles as India finished second best. Despite the loss, it is a creditable performance from the Indian team as it sealed India's second silver medal in badminton at the continental championships with two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu winning the first in women's singles in the 2018 edition.

The last time the Indian men won a badminton medal in the team championships was at the 1986 edition in Seoul where Sen's mentors Prakash Padukone and Vimal Kumar played a crucial role.

India now has 11 badminton medals in the Asian Games, including three individual singles medals, one silver and three bronze in the men's team. two women's team bronze and one medal each in men's doubles and mixed doubles.

Up against Shi Yuqi, Sen dictated the pace of the rallies to lead 11-6 at the interval. The duo played some exciting rallies with Sen keeping the pressure on his Chinese rival with his resolute defence to lead 15-10.

Nikhat signs off with bronze

PTI ■ HANGZHOU

fifth place.

Two-time world champion Nikhat Zareen's long winning streak came to an end as she signed off with a bronze medal while Parveen Hooda grabbed a Paris Olympic quota at the Asian Games here on Sunday.

Competing in the women's 50kg category, Zareen lost a fiercely contested 50kg semifi-nal battle 2-3 to two-time world championships medallist Raksat Chuthamat of Thailand. Parveen, who won the

bronze medal in the 63kg at the 2022 World Boxing Championships, moved past Uzbekistan's Sitora Turdibekova by unanimous verdict to move the 57kg semifinal and confirm India a

The in-form Zareen, who as dropped down from her preferred 52kg weight class as it doesn't feature in the Paris Olympic, hasn't lost a bout since October's National Championships in 2021. She had even out-punched Chuthamat at the world championships earlier this year.

But on Sunday, Chuthamat



came well prepared for the Indian pugilist, who has stamped her authority in the international arena.

After losing the first round on three cards, the Thai boxer cramped Zareen and resorted to clinching every time the Indian tried to mount an

Zareen has enjoyed an incredible run in the past couple of years, winning the prestigious Strandja Memorial boxing tournament, two world championships and the Commonwealth Games.

She returns home with not only a bronze but also an

Olympic quota. Parveen and wins quota, Jaismine crashes out

Parveen, the reigning Asian champion was in her elements from the word go, using her long arms to throw punches from a distance and control the proceedings.

She switched l left jab and the right cross to unnerve the 21-year-old Uzbek. Parveen fought a strategic bout as after going on the offensive in the opening round, she waited for Turdibekova to come forward, only to pummel her with accurate scoring punches.

Slow bowling issue but can't rule them out

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Never judge a book by its cover and rule out an Australian cricket team from title contention at your own peril, are the two old concrete jungle sayings.

The five-time ICC ODI

World Cup champions, at least on paper, can't be rated ahead of India and England during this edition of the tournament.

But the quality of this team is such that one won't be surprised if it pulls a rabbit out of the hat at some point in time during the tournament.

Australia begin their cam-paign against India in Chennai

on October 8. Here's the SWOT Analysis STRENGTH

The strength of this Australian team is certainly its batting, which does have a lot of depth with capable hitters right down till No. 9 in the lineup. David Warner is no doubt playing his last ODI tournament and has been in ominous form during the pre-cursor against India.

The maverick southpaw would like one final hurrah and a second 50-over silverware in his cabinet before calling time on his illustrious career. Travis Head's injury has given Mitchell Marsh a chance to open and the big all-rounder has taken to the role like fish to water. Steve Smith, Cameron Green, Glenn Maxwell and Marcus Stoinis are all big hitters and good players of spin bowling, which is an advantage.

WEAKNESS The real weakness of this side is the spin bowling department which only has one specialist spinner Adam Zampa. Missing Ashton Agar's restrictive wicket to wicket bowling in sub-continental conditions is going to affect them on tracks where there would be some turn on offer and the odd ball will be gripping off the surface.

Maxwell's part-time off-



spin is likely to come in handy as it was evident in Rajkot during the third ODI last week. But expecting 10 overs on most days from Maxwell will be a bit too much and Zampa's form

since the tour of South Africa has tapered off a bit. He has been pretty expensive in the

> **OPPORTUNITIES** The number of all-

rounders in the Aussie ranks gives them the chance to create opportunities like no other team. Green, Stoinis, Maxwell, Marsh (if he bowls) give the team a multi-dimensional look and there remains a lot of cover in case one of them has an off-day. Not to forget when Travis Head gets fit, he can also bowl some part-time spin. Also the experienced skipper Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc and Josh Hazlewood is possibly on par with Pakistan and India if not better. Left-armer Starc could be inconsistent but the day he gets deliveries to dart in, most top batters find him unplayable.

year-old had no qualms in admitting that he did not have the best of times in Asia Cup

where four of his six wickets

came against Nepal and he

ended with an average of 40.83.

"The Asia Cup didn't go well but that's the beauty of cricket you learn from your

mistakes and there is always an

opportunity to learn and play

good cricket. After we lost the

Asia Cup we got good rest and I believe it's no more a skill

game but a mental game and it's the World Cup situation. You can take good decisions when



India, South Korea play out 1-1 draw in women's hockey

PTI ■ HANGZHOU

The Indian women's hockey team was held to a 1-1 draw by South Korea but the Savita Punia-led unbeaten side still continued to lead its pool in the Asian Games here on Sunday.

Navneet Kaur (44th min) scored the equaliser for the higher-ranked India after Cho Hyejin (12th) had put South Korea ahead at the Gongshu Canal Sports Park Stadium. Thanks to the draw, the

Indian team, currently ranked sixth in the world, held onto the top spot in Pool A by goal dif-ference over 12-ranked Korea.

The top two teams from each pool will qualify for the semi-finals.

India crushed Singapore to take the lead in the fourth and final quarter but their efforts did not translate into

Malavsia. Both teams looked to score from the word go but the Koreans had the first opportunity of the match when Cho However, Deep Grace Ekka effected a fine save to keep India from going behind. The Koreans, though, took

Udita inside the circle. The first quarter ended with Korea 1-0 ahead with the Indians lacking the finishing

the lead minutes later as Cho

Hyejin scored off a penalty

stroke after she was fouled by

skills upfront. Desperate to find the equaliser, India earned a few penalty corners but none of them resulted in a goal as the

first half ended with South Korea leading by a goal. The third quarter also went along similar lines until Navneet found the back of the net off a penalty corner.

The two teams tried hard

goals, as they shared honours. India failed to convert a penalty corner towards the end and they also had a player advantage at that stage of the

Floored by Rohit's talent, fascinated by Singham: Shadab and hospitality wise it's been really good," Shadab told mediin the middle-overs and the 24-Indian bowler.

PTI ■ HYDERABAD

 $T^{ackling\ a\ marauder\ like}_{Rohit\ Sharma\ is\ right\ at\ the}$ top of leg-spinner Shadab Khan's check-list but when the Indian skipper doesn't occupy his mind-space, the Pakistan vice-captain doesn't shy away from expressing his love for Bollywood movies and local

Ajay Devgn would have little clue about how big an impression he had made on

Glancing at the top cop from Hyderabad police manning the media conference room, the leg-spinner couldn't help saying: "Singham bhi aaye hain yaha pe. (I see Singham is

also present here)."



Bollywood cop movie wasn't lost on anyone as Shadab spoke with a lot of warmth about how

with open arms.

The welcome was fantastic at the (Hyderabad) airport the 'City of Nizams' have and also a lot of people have received their cricket team been thronging the team hotel

tasty and the support staff (all South Africans) are worried that we end up increasing our fat percentage (laughs). Hope, we get the same love in Ahmedabad where we play India (laughs)," said Shadab referring to his team's much-awaited clash against the arch-

apersons during the first offi-cial media conference organ-

to tickle everyone's taste buds

and Shadab is no different.

Hyderabadi food is meant

"The food has been really

ised by the team.

rivals on October 14. As the discussion turned towards cricket, the reverence for Rohit was there to be seen. He also picked up Kuldeep Yadav as the most dangerous

lot and among the leading batsmen in the world he is the

"I admire Rohit Sharma a

most difficult to bowl to. Once he gets set he becomes very dangerous. Among the bowlers, since I am a leg-spinner, it will be Kuldeep Yadav given his recent form," said Shadab. 'We have learnt from our

Asia Cup mistakes"

Pakistan failed to defend 346 against the New Zealand and have plenty to think about in the bowling department including the form of premier spinner Shadab who did not bowl in the warm-up but had a forgettable Asia Cup. The next warm-up game is against Australia on October 3. His form is key for Pakistan

ty of becoming a superstar.

Shadab is already a star but he knows the World Cup provides him with the opportuni-

you are relaxed mentally."

Hyejin shot at the goal.

Vijayawada | Monday October 2, 2023 SALAAR VS OUNTILIA

Prabhas called unprofessional by fans for clashing with SRK

Salaar starring Prabhas is the most-awaited film of the superstar, and the constant delay was leaving his fans upset. A few days ago, it was announced that Salaar would be releasing in on December 22 2023, and since then, the clash between Salaar and Dunki has been making headlines on the internet. This will be the clash of titans, as it is the first time Shah Rukh Khan and Prabhas

opposite each other, and the netizens are very keen to see who wins at the box office.

Having said that, Shah Rukh Khan fans are mighty upset with this clash and are slamming Prabhas for the same and calling the makers and everyone connected with the film unprofessional due to the fact that, despite knowing that *Dunki* is releasing on the same date, the makers chose

the same day.

One user on Reddit slams Prabhas and commented, "Very unprofessional of Salaar makers to do so out of nowhere. If the same thing

was done by SRK/Dunki makers then all hell would've been broken and people would've called SRK names." Another user wrote, "Stupidity by the makers of Salaar. Unfortunately both the

Earlier, Salaar was supposed to release ahead of two weeks of Jawan, and it was claimed that the makers were worried about box office numbers getting affected, which is why they postponed, and now they are being ques-tioned about why they are

movies will be affected".

clashing with *Dunki*.

Prabhas and Shah Rukh

Khan are the real box office kings, but going by the past, the *Baahubali* star hasn't had mega hits, and this release is a box office litmus test for the superstar, but now that the film is releasing with Dunki, we wonder that it will affect the box office numbers as Shah Rukh Khan has been ruling and overpowering all the films at the box office with his latest



tollywood

Renu Desai, who has been an actor, producer, and director, is set to return Sunday, the filmmakers revealed the first look of Renu Desai from the film. to the film industry. Her last acting role was in the movie In Tiger Nageswara Rao, Johnny, alongside her ex-hus-band Pawan Kalyan. Following

she ventured into directing and producing Marathi films.

Now, she is making a comeback as an actor in the pan-Indian film *Tiger Nageswara Rao*, starring Mass Maharaja Ravi Teja. This film, directed by Vamsee, features Nupur Sanon and Gayathri Bharadwaj as the heroines alongside Ravi Teja. After a significant hiatus from the film industry, Renu Desai is making her comeback in this highly anticipated project. ON

her divorce with Pawan Kalyan,

Renu Desai portrays the reallife character of social reformer and writer Hemalatha Lavanam, as revealed in a character poster. She is seen wearing a white saree, holding a small baby, sporting large glasses, and wearing a bright smile. Tiger Nageswara Rao is a pan-Indian project with a substantial budget, produced by Abhishek Agarwal of Abhishek Pictures. The movie's trailer is set to release in Mumbai on the 3rd of this month, followed by a pre-release event in Hyderabad on the 15th of this

Allu family inaugurated Allu Business Park in honour of Dr. Allu Ramalingaiah

ne of the most well-known families in Telugu cinema is the Allu family. They have three generations of experience in the entertainment industry, business, and politics. Dr. Allu Ramalingaiah, a renowned actor and comedian who appeared in more than 1000 films, founded the family. Although he passed away in 2004, his children and grandkids continue to carry on his legacy.
Allu Aravind has been a success-

ful producer and distributor who has been the man behind Geetha Arts, one of the top production companies in Tollywood.

Allu Arjun, one of the most paid and most well-known actors in Telugu films, is his son. Allu Arjun is well recognised for his fashionable and multifaceted characters, and his most recent movie, Pushpa, was a tremendous success all over India.

The megastar and politician Chiranjeevi, who has appeared in more than 150 films, is another sonin-law of Dr. Allu Ramalingaiah.Ram Charan, another notable actor and producer in Tollywood, is his uncle as well. Nagendra Babu and Pawan Kalyan, Chiranjeevi's brothers, are both producers and actors, and their offspring are also creating a name for themselves in the movie business.

Allu Sirish, an actor and host, Niharika Konidela, an actress and producer, Sai Dharam Tej, an actor and singer, Varun Tej, an actor and model, and Kalyaan Dhev, an actor and businessman, are just a few of the many other members of the Allu family that are engaged in various industries. The Allu family is celebrating the 101st birthday anniversary of Dr. Allu Ramalingaiah on Sunday,

October 1st, 2023. They've done two things to honour his life and accomplishments: they opened the Allu Business Park, a brand-new business

release



that will give many people jobs and opportunities, and they unveiled a bronze monument of Dr. Allu Ramalingaiah at their Hyderabad home. Allu Ayaan, the son of Allu Arjun and Sneha Reddy, unveiled the statue. All members of the family were present, with the exception of Allu Arjun, who was busy filming *Pushpa 2*. They remembered the contributions that their beloved patriarch had made to Telugu cinema as they paid their tributes to him.

Dr. Allu Ramalingaiah has been honoured by the Allu family on the anniversary of his birth as a sign of their love and gratitude. By being outstanding in their various industries. they have additionally demonstrated their dedication to upholding his

Kannada actor Nagabhushana arrested after his car hits couple on footpath, woman dies

agabhushana, a well-known Kannada actor, was detained after his automobile struck a couple in Bengaluru who were using the pavement. According to reports, the collision happened on Saturday at 9:45 p.m. on Vasantha Pura main route. According to reports, the actor had a FIR filed against him for speeding and careless driving. It's unclear if the car in the trending social media images is related to the same event.

The actor who was granted station bail has not yet spoken out about the incident. was heading from Uttarahalli to Konanakunte when he first collided with the couple and then a power pole. According to the account, the actor personally drove the couple to the hospital. Prema, a 48-year-old lady, died on the way to the hospital, while Krishna, a 58-year-old man, was hospitalised with injuries to his knees, head, and stomach. Partha, the victim's son, filed a complaint against the actor. According to reports, he



said, "I work at a company and my parents stay with me. On September 30 around 10 pm I was on Kanakapura road when I got a call from a person staving in my apartment. My parents have met with an accident. They said that a car hit them both." He added that his mother passed away with severe injuries on her face and head

Kiran Abbavaram: The film has been made to make you all laugh ules Ranjann is slated to hit the people. Director Rathinam Krishna blockbuster Jathi Ratnalu has served Producer Divyang Lavanya and presenter AM Ratnam are among as an inspiration for his latest movie. attributed the project's successful

Ratnam described the film as a "pleasantly entertaining" one, adding that its songs have already been received well by the audience. He spoke about his journey in brief.

Speaking on the occasion, Kiran Abbayaram said that the film is a thorough entertainer. The song 'Naalo Nene Lenu' from the movie is his most favourite, he added. "From the first day, Neha Shetty has been very friendly. Our song Sammohanam is surely going to be loved by the audience on the big screen. My biggest joy is crossing paths with and working with good

them. Thanks to this project, I have got to work with the likes of the warm and supportive Hyper Aadhi, Vennela Kishore, Nellore Sudharshan, Viva Harsha, and Goparaju Ramana, among others. It was incisive to learn about their journeys. This film has been made to make you all laugh. Please watch our movie with your families on October 6. In the last few years, I have seen both highs and lows," Kiran added.

Director Rathinam Krishna said that the scenes between the male lead and his onscreen friends are the most entertaining portions of Rules Ranjann. He suggested that the 2021

'Most of the technicians who have worked on this movie are not even 30 years of age. I am older in comparison. Right from the cinematography to the music and dance choreography, everything is refreshing here," he added.

It was revealed that Vennela Kishore is the film's second hero. The last 30 minutes of the movie will crack the audience up, the makers added. "Neha Shetty insisted that there should be a dance number because she hasn't done one before. Sammohanuda was conceived and the song is such a big hit already" the director said

completion to his team. Producer Murali Krishna Vemuri described presenter AM Rathnam as a legend. He added that director Rathinam is diligent and meticulous. Producer Ambika Krishna was present as a guest. Hyper Aadhi delivered a speech

with viral moments by speaking about the unique greatness of almost all Telugu heroes since the time of NTR to the present



SHRUTI HAASAN ECSTATIC WITH HER H'WOOD DEBUT THE EYE **BEING NOMINATED**

> ctor-singer Shruti Haasan is really excited for her next film The Eye. She used Instagram to express her opinions on the movie, which has been receiving positive reviews at a number of important international film festivals. She writes a passionate statement that makes it clear how proud she is to have been a part of this movie. "The Eye! Sometimes you get to be a part of something magical, emotional and truthful - this was that

special movie for me - I can't wait for all of you to see it *The Eye* has been nominated for best director @daphneschmon and best dop @jameschegwyn at the Greek international film screenings - nominated for best film at the London independent film festival *The Eye* was filmed in corfu and made with love and care for the environment as well, the entire cast and crew worked toward reducing the environmental and carbon impact using the green shoots sustainability platform.," she wrote on her Instagram page.

The Eye, according to reports, is about a young widow who returns to her home island to scatter her husband's ashes. But when she discovers the circumstances surrounding her husband's passing, her life takes a drastic turn, and she is compelled to face the evil powers that

given the option to bring her husband back, the supernatural element of the story also seems to be present. The film's presentation was overseen by Shruti Haasan earlier this vear at the Cannes Film Festival. S h e admitted that Diana

> was most power-

the

ful character

cussing the role

she had ever played when dis-



Trivikram congratulates Pulagam Chinnarayana, says, 'He should write more books like 'Jai Vittalacharya'

▼anapada Brahma B. Vittalacharya's folklore films are known to one and all. Telugu movie lovers hold the yesteryear filmmaker in high esteem, thanks to his tireless work that has been admired by people down the generations. Senior journalist and writer Pulagam Chinnarayana, a passionate film lover himself, has written a book named 'Jai Vittalacharya' to introduce the legend's style and cinematic treatment to the new generation. The book encapsulates Vittalacharya's journey comprehensively and meticulously. Zeelan Basha Shaikh has published this book under the auspices of Movie Volume Media.

The book launch event was held on Sunday in the presence of star director and 'Matala Mantrikudu' Trivikram Srinivas on Sunday. The first copy was received by Ravi Padi, the senior civil servant and bureaucrat with the Indian

> Chinnarayana, whom he has known for years. "I have read his earlier books as well. Vittalacharya is the Father of Telugu Mass Cinema and the Father of Folklore Cinema. Before the VFX era, he was a great technologist who made adventurous and ambitious films in his heyday. Neither his immense success ratio, nor the reach of his movies, nor his popularity is known to the present generation. Most of today's

nels that broadcast old movies. I

wholeheartedly appreciate the efforts by Chinnarayana to bring out his life and works. Congratulations to him, Ravi and publisher Zeelan Basha Shaikh. Bringing such books is not a profitable business. It shows their love for the cinema. As a person who loves books, I hope that such efforts will increase a book-reading culture among people. In Telugu writing, recording history is not widespread. The history of Telugu cinema is an area that has not been explored thoroughly so far. Pulagam Chinnarayana should write more books. He has that energy and inter-est. So, I sincerely want to write books like this," the director-writer said.

Pulagam Chinnarayana said, "I wrote

this book as fast as Vittalacharya used to make movies. Superstar Krishna garu, Kaikala Satyanarayana garu, Jamuna garu, Vani Sri garu, Rajasree garu, Jaya Malini garu, and Narasimha Raju garu, among other titans, have been introduced for this book. Also, I talked to the family members of Vittalacharya and learned about him personally. I have prepared this book with behind-the-scenes features of 39 movies directed by the iconic filmmaker. Besides, several interesting anecdotes and pieces of info have been documented for the first time ever. I am very happy that this book launch program has been held in the presence of Trivikram, who is very fond of movies and Telugu literature."

