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given to AP, TG would have become a desert. The people of Telangana should appreciate Modi for not giving special category status to AP.

- Alleti Maheshwar Reddy,

BJLP Leader

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resolution states that the Centre has completely ignored these pleas and

has 'discriminated' against Telangana

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy,

speaking in the Legislative Assembly,

criticized the Centre's 'discriminato-

ry' practices. He said that he had met

the Prime Minister thrice and

Central ministers 18 times to safe-

guard the constitutional rights of the

state and to request funds for

Telangana, but the Centre did not

in budget allocations.

BRS supports resolution

Licences of 20 medical...

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Anxiety in older adults may ...

■ The resolution highlights the Centre's neglect of promises made ■ in the AP Reorganization Act, in pacting the state's development. Expressing strong protest and unimppiness over the Centre's bias agains Telangana, the Assembly adopted a resolution appealing to the Centre to render justice to Telangana by amending the budget proposals.

Amend Budget, render justice

CM Revanth decides to boycott NITI Aayog meeting

icizes the Centre for failing to fulfil the promises made in the

Reorganization Act, which has neg-

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After the 'people's government'

assumed power in the state, the

Chief Minister and ministerial del-

egations have met the Prime

Minister and Union ministers sev-

eral times to appeal for financial

assistance, release of funds as per the

Act, and the resolution of long-pending state issues. However, the

As a mark of protest against the injustice in fund allocation and the 'violation' of Telangana's rights, Chief Minister Revanth said that they would boycott the NITI Aayog meeting scheduled on July 27.

The TG Assembly calls on the Centre to amend the budget to ensure justice for Telangana. The resolution states that India is a union of states as per the Constitution written by Dr BR Ambedkar and it is the responsibility of the Centre to ensure the holistic development of all

states in the country.

The Centre has forsaken this federal spirit, and Telangana has been treated unfairly in the Union Budget. The resolution accuses the Centre of adopting an indifferent attitude towards Telangana.

The resolution also notes that the Union Government is responsible for taking steps for the sustainable development of the two states as per the AP Reorganization Act. It crit-

Ready for fast uP2 death if KCR joins

Six guarantees to TG demands Centre,passes resolution against neglect of the state CM Reventh decides to have all Numbers

Cong govt's first budget today may focus

The Congress government in Telangana will present its first fullfledged budget on Thursday. The government is expected to make substantial allocations for imple-

menting its six guarantees. The Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy will approve the budget on Thursday morning. Sources said that there will be allocation for waiving farm loans, Rythu Bandhu and Rythu Bhima.

The waiving of farm loans needs Rs 31,000 crore. In the vote-onaccount budget, the government had earmarked Rs 15,000 crore for the Rythu Bharosa scheme. Under this scheme, which has not been lamched so far Rs 15,000 will be provided to farmers as investment support for every acre annually.

The Telangana government has devised a route map to speed up the constrution of irrigation projects and the allotment for that is around Rs 11,000 crore.

There will be emphasis on skill development. Sources said the Chief Minister wand to set up a temporary Skills University immediately and there is a collaboration agreement with Tata to improve ITIs.

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu



Finance portfolio, will be making Budget proposals in accordance with the government's priorities.

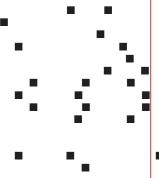
Official sources said the size of the budget may not be very different from the Rs 2.75 lakh crore proposed in the vote-on-account budget presented early this year. On February 10 Deputy CM

Vikramarka presented a vote-onaccount Budget of Rs 2.75 lakh crore for 2024-25, down from the Rs 2.90 lakh crore in the previous financial year.He had pegged the revenue and capital expenditure at Rs 2.01 lakh crore and Rs 29,669 crore respectively. In FY24, they were at Rs 2.11 lakh crore and Rs 37,525 crore respectively. While revenue expenditure in the full budget may remain unchanged, capital expenditure is likely to be hiked.

The Telangana Government passed a resolution in the Assembly on Wednesday patesting against the Centre's 'discrimination' in allocatir**■** funds to the state in the Union

RBI tightens norms TR gifts weavers a smile for cash pay-outs Announces aid for the kin of weavers

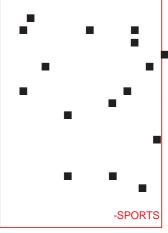
Distributes laptops to 100 students



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Indian women team's mantra



BRS working presdent KTR has once again launched a humanitarian programme on the occasion of This time, he decided to support

the families of 13 weavers who committed suicide by providing financial aid for their children's educa-■ tior and future needs. KTR met his father KCR and took blessings along with his family. KTR celebrated his birthday in the presence of students in

Smile' initiat**≡**e

Hyderabad, where he distributed laptops to 100 students of the State Home. He said the laptops would be useful for the students' higher edu-In 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, KTR decided to celebrate his birthday by helping others and

launded the 'Gift A Smile' initiative. Hacalled upon his well-wishers, fas, BRS leaders and workers to participate in this programme. Every year after that, KTR has been involmed in various service acts as p∎t of 'Gift A Smile' programme.

In the last five years, he has protablet PCs to 6,000 students for event.



competitive exams, as well as three wheelers for 1,400 differently-abled individuals. He said that he had intended to give laptops to State Home students last year but couldn't due to the elections.

KTR expressed great satisfaction with the programme he has been running for the last five years. He stated that, as elders say, only birth and death are certain, while everything in between is uncertain. Thus activities like this bring me happiness, he said. KTR's wife Shailima, son Himanshu and daughter vided around 100 ambulances and Riyanshi joined him during the

Trust deficit between farmers and govt, says SC

SHARE IN CENTRAL TAES

Marginal hike for Telangana **Environmentalists**

The share of Telugu states in Central taxes and duties for 2024-25 has gone up, according to the Union

While the share of Andhra Pradesh has gone up substantially, the hike is

Andhra Pradesh's share has gone duties for all states (Rs 12,47,211.28 up by nearly 13 per cent over the crore) during the current financial

get Rs 50,474.64 crore in central taxes, which is Rs 5,775.65 crore higher than 3,000 crore over the previous finanits share in 2023-24. Andhra Pradesh was 23,216.52 crore in the 2023-24 crore in the previous financial year. Andhra Pradesh's share is 4.047 per marginal in the case of Telangana. cent in the total central taxes and

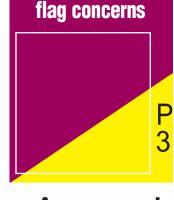
previous financial year. The state will

cial year. The state was allocated Rs Telangana accounts for 2.102 per

cent in terms of percentage in overall allocation of central taxes and duties for all states and Union Territories.

year. Telangana's share in central taxes and duties has been fixed at Rs

26,216.38 crore, which is about Rs



Make KCR attendinemployment rocks Assembly Assembly sessions'

Telangana Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasada Kumar asked BRS MLAs to make their leader K. Chandrasekhar Rao attend Assembly sessions.

During the discussion on a resolution criticising the Union Budget on Wednesday, KT Rama Rao said that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has to stage a hunger strike till death at the Jantar Mantar in New Delhi to get Central funds.

Responding, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy said that he is ready to stage a hunger strike in New Delhi if KCR joins him.

The BRS protested against the Congress government for ignoring unemployment. BRS MLAs held placards and walked out of the Assembly raising slogans asking the government to solve the problems of the unemployed.

KTR requested the Speaker for an adjournment motion in the Assembly on issues facing the unemployed. The Speaker rejected the request.At the Assembly Media Point, BRS MLA Harish Rao commented on TGSRTC workers' issues such as recognizing TGSRTC workand accused the government of evading responsibility.

He stated that TGSRTC workers

ers as government employees and for reviving the RTC union.

Harish said that he resigned as the are observing the government's honorary president of the TGSRTC actions. The government has not union after becoming a minister and taken any action so far on issues criticized the government for regarding the unemployed.

adjourning the Assembly without answering the questions raised by

He also said that the Speaker rejected the adjournment motion they had moved in the Assembly

Kishan rules out privatising SCCL

There is no question of privatising the Singareni Collieries (SCCL), Union Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy said.

Responding to a question posed by Peddapalli MP Vamshikrishna in the ΜP Sabha Wednesday during question hour, Kishan said the Centre has no plans to privatise any coal mine across the nation.

has no idea to privatise SCCL. He also made it clear that the Centre

TG government's stand is important if one wants to privatise SCCL as it has a 51 per cent stake in it.Meanwhile, Kishan said that both BRS and Congress leaders had

competed with each other in criticising Prime Minister Modi. Speaking to the media in Delhi on Wednesday, Kishan said that the TG government

was diverting Central funds. The Congress government is not spending money for the people except for votes. He said the Centre spent Rs 6 lakh crore on The Union Minister said the social welfare schemes.

Recritment boars to fill a cancies

'TGSRTC prepares guidelines and roster system

recruitment in the corporation. Based on that,

recruitment boards would fill the vacancies.

These posts would be included in the job

For the first time in the history of the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC), the recruitment to various posts in the corporation would be handled by state recruitment boards.

Around 20 days back the government approved recruitment to fill 3,035 posts in the TGSRTC. Of the 3035 posts, there are 2000 posts of drivers, 743 of labourers, 114 Deputy Superintendent (Mechanic), 84 Deputy Superintendents (Traffic), 25 Depot Manager/Assistant Traffic Manager, 23 Assistant Engineers (Civil), 15 Assistant Mechanical Engineers, 11 Section Officers (Civil), 7 Medical Officers (General) and 7 Medical Officers (Specialist).

According to sources these posts

would be filled by the Telangana

Public Service Commission

calendar, which would be announced soon," sources said. Police Recruitment Board (TGL-

PRB) and Medical Boards. "TGSRTC prepares guidelines and roster system for recruitment in the corporation. Based on that, recruitment boards would fill the vacancies. These posts would be included in the job calendar, which would be announced soon," sources

The last recruitment in the TGSRTC was in 2013. "So for recruiting manpower the corpora-(TGPSC), the Telangana State Level tion should arrange everything like Deputy Superintendents (Traffic),

centres, biometric systems, invigilators and various other

things. If the corporation assigns this job to recruitment boards it will not be difficult for them as they have been doing it every year. But if it is conducted by the TGSRTC, everything should be arranged by the corporation itself," a source said. The source said that 84 posts of 743 labourer posts and 2,000 posts of drivers would be filled by the TGLPRB. 11 Section Officer (Civil), 7 Medical Officer (General) posts would be filled by the medical board and other posts would be filled by the TGPSC.

The source said that TSLPRB filled 225 driver operator posts in the 2022 recruitment. In that drive, the TGSRTC also assisted them during training. In the same way, during the driver recruitment process also the TGSRTC trained the

trainees. However, hundreds of employees have retired from the corporation and new buses will be coming in the next few months. So to fill those vacancies, the TGSRTC would send proposals to the government to fill around 6,000 more posts.



18 killed as plan crashes in Nepa

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A Nepalese airliner crashed and caught fire shortly after taking off from the Tribhuvan International Airport here on Wednesday, killing 18 people aboard, including a child, and seriously injuring the pilot - the lone survivor, in the latest aviation disaster to hit the Himalayan nation.



CM's language under 'diplomatic' lens

tiest thing in the nicest way. Naturally, most of them will be aghast at the tone and tenor of some of our hard-boiled netas' language. No wonder, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's occasionally ungraceful language, especially the derogatory remarks he makes against his bete noire in the political arena, is under diplomatic lens these days. Certain diplomatic circles are showing undue interest in the Chief Minister's choicest words in this regard. Their studied observations do mirror their diplomatic credentials, but are not in the least flattering to the head of the government in the state. Representatives of certain consulates, during their inter-

actions with the media, discreetly question the appropriateness of Telangana Chief Minister's use of certain

words even during his public speeches. Diplomatic niceties apart, reporters are neither obliged nor ready to defend the Chief Minister's inelegant discourses to placate 'outsiders'. Caught in a cleft stick, a scribe, who shares her roots with Revanth Reddy, made what appeared to be a face-saving remark by pointing out that 'regional dialects change every 120 kilometers'. That surely did not work; for, the consular representatives left no one in doubt that they were not convinced. Finding themselves in a pickle, the scribes could only mutter among themselves: "He's our Chief Minister, but how do we defend his language in front of outsiders?" Well, soon they arrived at a situation-specific consensus: silence speaks louder than

around and how for KTR!

There's a saying, 'What goes around comes around. The brass of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi seems to have realised this the hard way. Recall how Bharatiya Janata Party leader Bandi Sanjay found himself in hot water for his not-so-flattering comments following MLC Kavitha's arrest in the 'Delhi liquor scam'. It being BRS regime, Sanjay was

words: "Should she (Kavitha) be kissed if not arrested in the liquor scam?" Back then, Sanjay had yielded quietly, flanked by BJP Mahila Morcha leaders who were quite conveniently allowed inside. Fast-forward to Praja Palana where women have free bus ride. The disturbed distaff side is now after KTR. Of course, KTR went to the Commission's office and apologized for his off the cuff remark about women being able to do "break dance or record in RTC bus with free travel". Hang on; there is more to it than meets the eye. The present chairperson of the women's panel is no stickler for rules or propriety. KTR's entourage of women leaders found themselves cooling

When the mud sticks

When you throw mud at someone or some organization, usually at least some of it sticks. Raising eyebrows in media and other circles, TDP legislator from Srikalahasti B Sudheer Reddy reportedly threatened the reporter of a media house known for its out and out 'yellow' journalism for writing an article against illegal sand mining by certain MLAs in the local area. Rubbing salt into the wound, the MLA questioned the scribe why he had chosen to keep quiet when the sand mafia was active during the erstwhile YSRCP government. Some politicians' brazen attempts to continue

their illegal sand mining activities have drawn the attention of the media, though after the TDP-led NDA government took the reins in AP,

their heels outside. What if they are Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu had made it clear that sand should be supplied free to beneficiaries transparently and that the government would release its Sand Policy on September 11. For some lawmakers, all good things can

When the 'source' has nothing to share

Scribes thrive on juicy information shared off the record by netas. The more rebellious the neta in a party, the more is he or she a darling of the journalistic fraternity. Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee working president T Jagga Reddy, known among scribes as an 'evening star' for his prolonged, almost daily sessions past 4:00 pm, has suddenly gone silent for reasons best known to nim, saying he won't come to Gandhi Bhavan for 10 days. Curious scribes later got to know that he has "no specific issues about which he could speak to the media". Some reporters who had read too much into the fading of the evening star later heaved a sigh of relief. They do long for a 'source' that feeds them always, rain

(With inputs from Naveena Ghanate, Pradeep Kumar and K Venkateshwarlu)

I have deep respect for women, says KTR

Appears before Women's Commission, controversy over Rakhi

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Bharat Rashtra Samithi working president KT Rama Rao appeared before the Telangana Women's Commission on Saturday in response to notices issued regarding certain remarks he made regarding "break dance or recording" during a recent BRS meeting.

Accompanied by a large contingent of BRS women activists including MLAs Sabitha Indra Reddy, Sunitha Laxma Reddy and several BRS councillors, KTR addressed the concerns raised by the Commission.

The Women's Commission had summoned KTR following his controversial remarks that drew widespread criticism. KTR, who arrived at the

Telangana Bhavan at 10 am, came to the Commission's office by 11 am, where he met the Chairperson to clarify his statements.

During the meeting, KTR

Asaduddin, Rahmani

discuss of Waqf law

changes with CM

Barrister Asaduddin Owaisi,

alongside Maulana Khalid

Saifullah Rahmani and Faheem

Qureshi, the Chairman of

TMREIS, emphasized the grave

concerns regarding the pro-

posed amendments to the Waqf

Act during a meeting with

Chief Minister Revanth

Reddy.The delegation from

AIMPLB highlighted the poten-

tial dangers the amendments

pose to the rights and manage-

ment of Waqf properties, stress-ing the need for secular parties

to stand united against the

Bill.In a bid to garner support,

Asaduddin and Rahmani are on

their way to meet Revanth as

part of AIMPLB's outreach

programme, aimed at briefing

Chief Ministers of secular par-

ties on the implications of the

Telangana's Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti

Vikramarka met Union

Finance Minister Nirmala

Sitharaman here on Saturday

and sought financial assistance

and pending dues in accordance with the state reorgani-

In addition, Vikramarka

requested rescheduling of the

non-budgetary loans taken by

the previous government in the

southern state and reduction in

Waqf Amendment Bill 2024.

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sation Act.

interest rates.

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the Secretary of the Commission to issue notices to the involved members and to initiate disciplinary action. In addition to addressing the controversy surrounding his remarks and the Rakhi inci-dent, KTR took the opportuni-ty to highlight the increasing offered a personal apology for atrocities against women in Telangana in the last eight his offhand comment, emphasizing his deep respect for

Telangana

Commission's Chairperson

The Chairperson directed

strongly condemned the act.

women and the importance of months under Congress rule. He, along with his team, maintaining decency in politihad prepared a complaint cal discourse. However, KTR's visit was not without controverdetailing these incidents, which they intended to file with the sy. In an unexpected turn of events, six members of the Women's Commission. However, due to the commo-Women's Commission engaged in what has been deemed as an tion caused by Congress inappropriate act by tying a activists, the filing was delayed.

Rakhi on KTR during his visit. KTR said they would return The gesture, although to file the complaint and benign, sparked criticism for requested the Commission to compromising the impartiality take action against those behind of the Commission. The

'Inform govt about encroachment on ponds'

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Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar has given a call to the people to inform the government about the encroachment of ponds across the state to protect the environment.

"If people have information about the encroachment of ponds anywhere in Telangana or the twin cities, bring it to the attention of the government. Voluntary organizations should come forward for conserving ponds across the state. If big ponds are encroached upon the authorities will take action. It is our responsibility in today's society and the gift we give to future generations," Ponnam Prabhakar said.

"Where have ponds been grabbed, how big are the ponds, inform the government about them," he said.

Ponnam said that as the incharge minister of Hyderabad, he would like to request the people of Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy district to protect the ponds in their area for future gen-

What goes around comes

dragged before the Women's Commission for his loud thinking in questionable

BRS MLA Palla

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of a lake.

Rajeshwar files House

Motion Petition in HC

BRS MLA Palla Rajeshwar

Reddy approached the High

Court, filing a House Motion

Petition amidst arguments

regarding the construction of

a college on the embankment

The court asked Hydraa to

act as per norms. The Irrigation Department filed a

case against Anurag institu-

structed buildings in the

buffer zone. However, Reddy

asserted that all necessary

approvals, including NOCs

from relevant departments,

were obtained before the

construction of the medical

land in question is neither

within the Full Tank Level

(FTL) nor the lake's Buffer

Zone, and that the HMDA

approvals were duly secured.

that despite having all

further action is taken.

Reddy expressed concern

He emphasized that the

college and hospital.

Women iournalists' ultimatum: Enough is enough Enraged by vicious attacks on field and

women? Aren't they on the 'wrong' side?

Oh, how the tables have turned

trolling on social media, a group of women journalists in Telangana have just given an ultimatum: "Enough is enough. Firstly, establish a support system o quickly respond to problems of women journalists. Secondly, hold the political parties concerned responsible for trolls and attacks orchestrated by their supporters". These fiery scribes have had their fill of the daily dose of drama dished out by certain political bigwigs and their unthinking followers, who seem to think that making life difficult for bold women scribes is part of their job and an index of their lovalty to the party concerned. The situation seems to have gotten so out of hand that these fuming journalists are wondering if their jobs are more about dodging verbal bullets than reporting news that powers that be would rather suppress. Why should they face harassment when, after all, they are doing their duty by uncovering unpalatable truths camouflaged by political statements that are based on half-truths or downright lies, instead of being supported by facts and figures?

Harish lashes out at govt for ignoring public health service

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BRS MLA Harish Rao sharply criticised the Congress Government's handling of the public health sector, describing the current situation as serious and urged immediate corrective measures.

He accused the Congress Government of 'reversing' the Congress progress made during the rule, that administration allowing the healthcare system to deteriorate to an alarming

Speaking on Friday, Harish recalled how Telangana's healthcare sector had emerged as a national model during the BRS's nine-year rule, implementing revolutionary schemes that were admired across the country.

Through planning and

decisive action, we lifted Telangana's healthcare from the bottom to the top," he said. "But in iust nine months of

been undone. The healthcare system has collapsed, reminding one of the old Congress days he said.

Harish expressed particular concern over the impact of this neglect on the most vulnerable citizens.

Release funds for BAS scheme immediately

RS MLA Harish Rao Bhas written an open letter to Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, requesting him to release funds for the Best Available Schools (BAS) scheme, education in private schools to 25,000 underprivileged students.He criticised the Congress government for not releasing Rs 80 crore of pending funds for the BAS scheme and the additional Rs 130 crore allocated this year.

Revanth govt enacting high drama in HYDRAA name: Kishan

Law must be made applicable to all, says Kishan

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Making it clear that the law should be applied equally to all, the Union Minister of Coal and Mines, G. Kishan Reddy, said that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's government was enacting a

drama in the name 'HYDRAA'. He said the government which permitted illegal buildings in the past is now carrying out demolitions.

Speaking to the media, Kishan said, "Hyderabad has become a centre of high drama. Those who permitted to construct buildings are now creating drama by demolishing illegal structures. How did they give permission then? How did they provide electricity, water and road facilities?

cussed in depth. Any decision taken by the government should be applied equally to all. It is not right to do as you like. mission."

The Congress government should also take action against the officials who gave the per-

'Demolitions intended to threaten BRS MLAs and make them join Congress'

demolitions of some buildings are intended only to threaten BRS MLAs to make them join the Congress, the BJP's Medak MP, M. Raghunandan Rao, asked Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, who had described the Janwada farmhouse as illegal before coming to power, to explain why he is not ordering its demolition. Speaking to the media at the State BJP office here on Saturday, Raghunandan said the

government spent Rs 480 crore

to install CCTV cameras near

tanks and added how much

time the government needs to identify the FTLs of tanks and their buffer zones. He asked the CM to protect the 2,500 tanks, which were identified by the High Court if he and HYDRAA were sincere. He also asked the CM to mark out the FTLs and buffer zones of these tanks. Saying that it is painful to see buildings on the canal on Rai Bhavan Road, Raghunandan demanded that former Municipal Minister KT Rama Ran should rub his nose on the ground after taking responsibility for permitting illegal buildings during

Farming possible in buffer zone areas of water bodies: Madhu

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required permissions, cases Saying that he doesn't have a farmhouse to enjoy life like were being filed under pressure. He appealed to the BRS working president KT Rama Rao, TPCC Campaign High Court to ensure that proper notices are issued, Committee Chairman Madhu allowing for an examination Yashki Goud said that it seems of the approvals before any that KTR does not have the minimum understanding that agri-

culture can be carried out in the FTL and buffer zones of water bodies. Speaking to the media on Saturday, Madhu said that KTR constructed a building against GO No: 111 and is maintaining a farmhouse through proxies.

"I don't have luxurious farmhouses like KTR. I used to be among the people. I lead a

commoner's life. We have a mango plantation and a sapota plantation near Gandipet. There is a small house for the watchman's family. There is no farmhouse. But it is a shame that KTR has mentioned many times recently that I have a farmhouse and that it is in the FTL and buffer zones of a water body.



"I explained the state's financial situation to the Union minister and requested for assistance. I also reminded them about the release of funds for centrally-sponsored

TG seeks financial aid, loan restructuring from Centre

Deputy CM Bhatti meets Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

schemes and the funds that are due as per the reorganisation Act," Vikramarka told reporters after the meeting.
The Congress leader said the

previous government's bor-

rowings at higher interest rates have resulted in an additional interest burden of Rs 31,795

"Currently, the interest pay ments on loans exceed the amount spent on salaries. I brought a total of eight such issues to the finance minister's attention," he added.

Vikramarka also sought the release of the pending funds for the backward districts of Telangana and requested for the Centre's intervention in obtaining dues from Andhra Pradesh for electricity.

TODAY **ALMANAC** Month & Paksham Aug 25 05:31 AM Tithi: Saptami: to Aug 26 03:39 AM Ashtami: Aug 26 03:39 AM Nakshatram: Bharani to Aug 25 04:45 PM Krithika Aug 25 04:45 PM to Aug 26 03:55 PM Rahukalam 4:58 PM to 6:31 PM 12:18 PM to 1:51 PM Yamaqandam: Varjyam: 04:20 AM to 05:52 AM 3:24 PM to 4:58 PM Amritakalam: 12:13 PM to 01:43 PM Abhijit Muhurtham: 11:53 AM to 12:43 PM HYDERABAD WEATHER Forecast: Scattered Showers **Temp:** 28° Humidity: 78% Sunrise: 6:01 AM Sunset: 6:35 PM **Updated:** August 24, 2024 5:00 PM

BRS questions complete repeal of Dharani law

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Former BRS MP Boyinapalli Vinod Kumar said that the moment the Congress government came to power in TG, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy announced plans to change the Dharani Portal's name.He said that the government intends to introduce the Telangana Records Rights Bill 2024. Vinod emphasized that the Bill would be open for public consultation and suggestions would be sought from various stakeholders, including citizens, lawyers, revenue officials, and retired officers.

He added that until Sunday evening, the gov-ernment had provided an

opportunity for feedback on the Bill.Vinod Kumar, who practised law in Warangal, conducted a thorough discussion on revenue laws with fellow lawyers from Warangal and Karimnagar. Vinod Kumar explained that the Bill comprises 20 sections, which been deeply studied.Vinod questioned the necessity of repealing the law, noting that laws are typically repealed when they have outlived their usefulness or when their objectives have been fulfilled.He and his colleagues submitted their opinions to the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration (CCLA) and attached relevant documents.

PM will bring peace between Russia, Ukraine: Gudur

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The efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to bring about a peace deal between Russia and Ukraine would fructify soon and the conflict between both countries would end, BJP state executive committee member Gudur Narayana Reddy said on Saturday.

He praised Prime Minister Modi as a messiah of peace as he toured war-torn Ukraine on August 23 and Russia last month carrying the message of

In a media statement, he said that the tour of the Prime Minister in Ukraine has taken the peace efforts a step ahead. The PM also expressed his



readiness to facilitate negotiations between both countries. Gudur said that during his

visit to Russia the Prime Minister had said that a solution to the Ukraine conflict is not possible on the battlefield and that peace talks do not succeed amid bombs, guns

"He conveyed the same mes-

sage to Volodymyr Zelenskyy during his visit to Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine," Gudur said. The Prime Minister told the Ukraine president that India was in favour of peace and was not on the side of any country involved in the war. The BJP leader said that India was always in favour of a settlement of issues through discussions and never considered war as an option. The Prime Minister reiterated the same stand during his tours to Ukraine and

Russia. He pointed out that the war between Russia and Ukraine and the attacks of Israel have become threats to world peace.

TGSRTC to buy new buses, says Ponnam

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Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar announced the acquisition of new buses as part of a broader set of reforms aimed at revitalising the TGSRTC.

The announcement was made during the Pragathi Chakra Awards ceremony held at the RTC Kala Bhavan, where the best employees of TGSRTC were recognized for their outstanding service.

Addressing the gathering, Ponnam emphasized the urgent need to upgrade the TSRTC fleet, which has not seen the purchase of new buses in the last decade.

"For too long, the corpora-

tion has struggled with ageing vehicles and the absence of new recruitments. This has placed an undue burden on our employees, who have been working tirelessly under difficult conditions. The introduction of new buses is a crucial step towards improving our services and providing relief to our staff," he stated.

As part of the new initiatives, TSRTC will not only purchase new buses but also recruit 3,035 new employees to strengthen

workforce. During the ceremony, Ponnam also handed over a Rs 1 crore accident insurance cheque to the family of Merugu Sampath, a TGSRTC driver who recently passed away.

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CITY EVENTS

Krishna Janmashtami

International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) to organise Sri Krishná Janmashtami Mahotsav. Programmes are Krishna Darshan, Abhishekam, Cultural Programme, Kirthan and

prasadam distribution.

HMT Swarnapuri Colony Community Hall,

Ameenpur, Miyapur August 26, 7 am to 11 pm Nandotsavam & Srila Prabhupada Vyasapuja on August 27 at same

International Start-up Festival

venue.

Investor Connect & Curtain Raiser ceremony.

T-Hub, Hyderabad August 27 (Tuesday) TIME: 11.00 AM onwards

Hyderabad Runners Society

The Flag-Off and the Run The 13th edition of NMDC HYDERABAD MARATHON Powered by IDFC FIRST BANK

Venue

People's Plaza, Necklace Road August 25 Full Marathon at 4.30 am, Half-Marathon at 5.30 am.

Pathare Prabhu Cusine

By chef Bimba Naik.

Sheraton Hyderabad Hotel, August 26 to 30. Lunch: 12.30 pm to 3 pm. Dinner: 7 pm to 11 pm

Bridal Asia

Jewellery brands to look forward to.

Venue

Hitex Exhibition Centre August 31 to September 1.

Akshayakalpa Farm

Experience the Good Food Journey Walk, Food & More

Venue

Akshayakalpa Organic / Regenerative Farming -R&D Facility -Hyderabad - August 25 | 9:30am to

5:30 pm **Journey of Rhythms**

Presented by Shivansh and Tatvaa Arts

Global Peace Auditorium, Gachibowli, Hyderabad August 31, 6.30 pm onwards

Jewellery World Exhibition

Venue

Hotel Taj Krishna, Hyderabad, from August 23rd to for an unforgettable experience. 10 am to 8 pm daily

Monopoly Moves

KING's latest album, on KING's Monopoly Moves Listening Party Tour.

Air live, Gachibowli, Hyderabad Date: Friday, August 30, 2024 Time: 7 pm onwards

City Pioneer



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NO MORE POWER OUTAGES DUE TO LIZARDS AND SQUIRRELS

TGSPDCL to replace metal clamps with silicon ones to curb tripping

PNS HYDERABAD

In a bid to safeguard small creatures and ensure uninterrupted power supply, the South Telangana Power Distribution Company Limited (TGSPDCL) has announced an innovative initiative to replace existing metal clamps with specially designed silicon clamps in its electrical infrastruc-

This move comes after a detailed analysis revealed that a significant number of feeder trips were being caused by reptiles and other small animals, leading to both interruptions in power supply and the unfortunate electrocution of these creatures. The initiative was spearheaded by Musharraf Faruqui, Chairman and Managing Director of TGSPDCL, following the discov-ery that nearly 14% of feeder trips were linked to incidents involving animals such as lizards, cats, pigeons, squirrels and monitor lizards.

These creatures often crawl over or come into contact with live points and earth points on Horn Gap (HG) fuse sets, breakers, and insulators located near transformers. When these points are connected via metal clamps, the animals inadvertently complete the electrical circuit, resulting in fatal electrocutions and triggering feeder trips that disrupt the power supply to large areas. Recognising the

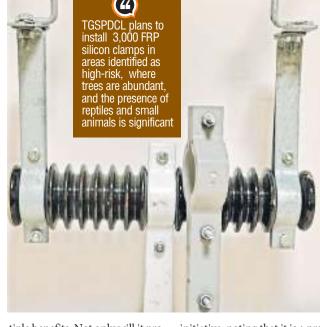


vent both the harm to these creatures and the operational disruptions, Faruqui and his team have proposed the replacement of these metal clamps with Fiber Reinforced Polymer (FRP) silicon

Unlike metal, these silicon clamps are non-conductive, meaning they do not allow electricity to pass through them. As a result, even if animals come in contact with these clamps while crawling, there is no risk of electrocution. To

begin with, TGSPDCL plans to install approximately 3,000 FRP silicon clamps in areas identified as high-risk, particularly where trees are abundant, and the presence of reptiles and other small animals is significant.

These areas have been chosen because they are most likely to experience the types of incidents that lead to feeder trips and the electrocution of these small creatures. This small yet significant change is expected to yield mul-



tiple benefits. Not only will it protect the lives of countless creatures, but it will also contribute to more reliable power distribution by reducing the frequency of feeder trips caused by such incidents.

The company anticipates that the reduction in feeder trips will improve the overall efficiency of the power distribution network, resulting in fewer interruptions for

Musharraf Faruqui expressed optimism about the impact of this

initiative, noting that it is a proactive step towards both environmental conservation and operational efficiency.
He stated, "This small change

reflects our commitment to sustainability and the protection of small creatures. By preventing these unfortunate incidents, we are not only safeguarding these animals but also enhancing the reliability of our power supply, which is crucial for the communities we



NSS volunteers participating in a cleanup drive at the School of Humanities on Saturday

UoH's cleanup drive at the School of Humanities

PNS HYDERABAD

The National Service Scheme (NSS) at the University of Hyderabad held a cleanup drive at the School of Humanities on Saturday as part of the Swachhata Pakhwada campaign, inspired by the Prime Minister's vision to make cleanliness 'everyone's business.'

NSS volunteers cleared dry leaves around the premises and on the terrace.

around the premises and on the terrace. They also trimmed bushes and tree branches that were damaging walls and classrooms. The volunteers removed dry logs and transported them to a dump yard using a tractor. Despite continuous rain, the volunteers worked for nearly 4 hours, from 7 to 11 a.m.

NO MONKEYPOX CASES REPORTED IN STATE

TG reports 4,459 dengue cases as seasonal diseases surge

Telangana is currently grappling with a surge in seasonal diseases, including Dengue, Malaria, Chikungunya, and H1N1. Speaking to the media in Hyderabad, Director of Public Health, Dr Ravindra Naik has confirmed that 4,459 cases of Dengue have been reported across the state so far this year, with 10 districts being particularly affected. Of these, Hyderabad district has seen the highest number of cases, with 1,697 reported, followed by significant numbers in Sangareddy and Khammam districts. Dr Naik assured the public that coordinated efforts are underway with district officials to address the outbreak. Measures include house-to-house surveys, testing, and the provision of necessary treatment to those affected. Addressing concerns about Monkeypox, Dr Naik noted that while the virus poses a growing challenge globally, Telangana has not reported any cases so far.

Transfers at Hyderabad Nehru Zoo Park



Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad, Deputy Curator A Nagamani being felicitated upon her transfer on Saturday

PNS HYDERABAD

Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad, A Nagamani, Deputy Curator, has been transferred to Aranya Bhavan, Forest Department head office, Saifabad. Barnoba, Assistant Conservator of Forests, is the new Deputy Curator at the zoo. A farewell function was held for both the outgoing and incoming officers at the Bioscope Hall on

As part of staff transfers at

Dr Sunil S Hiremath, Director (FAC), honoured the transferred staff with shawls, mementos and photo

frames, appreciating their service. He specifically appreciated Nagamani, A. Satish Babu, Asst. Curator-1, and Dv.R.O., NZP, Hvd, Anitha for their long-term contribution to the zoo. He also commended the staff for implementing new technologies like online ticket booking and a mobile app.

Newly joined staff include Barnoba as Deputy Curator, Vishnuvardhan as Assistant Curator-1, and others in various roles, Amrutha as Asst.Curator-2, NZP, Hyd. R Devender as Dy.R.O.NZP, Hyd; Venkat Rao as FSO, NZP, Hyd and Srinivas as Sr Assistant, NZP, Hyd.

Cyber Crime Police crack FedEx and trading frauds

HYD DOC THREATENED BY ACCUSED POSING AS MUMBAI COP

PNS HYDERABAD

The Cyber Crime Hyderabad City Police has cracked down on three cases involving cyber fraudsters who duped residents through

FedEx and trading scams. The main accused, hailing from Gujarat, has been apprehended making total seven arrested in connection to these

Among the arrested indi-Sagar are Goradhanbhai, Parmar Kirit Nathubhai, Chudasama Kuldeepsinh Anopsinh, Jedeja

Nikuni Kishorebhai and Pravinbhai Kalubhai Vasoya.

One notable case involves a doctor who fell victim to fraudsters posing as Mumbai police officers. The accused, impersonating

as law enforcement officials, coerced the victim with fabricated cases and fraudulent documents purportedly issued by the RBI and Supreme Court. They extorted a significant sum from her through a FedEx fraud scheme.

In another instance, a

Daivatsinh Kiritsinh, Sinojiya Hyderabad resident was Ketan Sureshbhai, Kanani deceived via WhatsApp with promises of a 500% p in online stock market trading. The victim was induced to invest approximately Rs 2 crore through multiple bank trans-

actions, only to be defrauded. In the third case, a chartered accountant and another individual cheated resident into a trading scam under the guise of Motilal Oswal Securities. The man was persuaded to install a seemingly legitimate application and subsequently made investments under false



Police officials holding a review meeting on cyber crime in Hyderabad on Saturday

PHONE-TAPPING CASE

Main culprits misusing visas of other countries



PNS HYDERABAD

The phone-tapping case remains active as police continue their investigation, with the accused currently behind bars. Despite efforts to secure interim bail, none has been granted, stated a top official during a press conference on Saturday.

"The main culprits in the phone-tapping case are misusing visas from other countries. The Blue Corner notice hasn't been effective because it doesn't allow us to request other countries to produce the accused to hand over to us," said CP Kothakota Srinivas. He added that the process

of issuing a Red Corner notice is underway, emphasising that the case is progressing in

The investigation will advance once the main culprits, who are currently absconding, are apprehended. The police have also reached out to the US Consulate General regarding the matter. CP Srinivas reiterated that

the case is active and the seri-

ousness of the crime invading

individuals' private lives has

prevented the accused from receiving interim bail. When asked about the possibility of issuing notices to political leaders, he noted that while it's possible to move up the hierarchy, they prefer to proceed step by step to avoid

CP Srinivas said, "Yes, it is possible to jump from middle to top but there will be a problem at the bottom. So, we will go on step by step.'

Rs 85 lakh to fund higher edn for 11 TGMREIS students

PNS HYDERABAD

Secretary of the Telangana Minorities Residential Educational Institutions Society (TGMREIS), Aisha Khanam, Masarath announced on Saturday that Support for Educational & Economic Development (SEED) will fund the higher education of 11 TGMREIS

These students have secured



SEED's executive director Syed M Hussaini handing over Rs 85 lakh cheque to TGMREIS on Saturday

admissions in prestigious institutions such as IIPE Vizag, IIT Khanapur, IIT Gwalior, V Smart Academy, and others. SEED's Executive Director

Syed M Hussaini, handed over a cheque of Rs 85,00,000 to the TGMREIS Secretary. According to TGMREIS, overall, these 11 students have received Rs 8,51,458 for their tuition fees to continue their higher education.

Queen of folk music **Anasuya captured** in docufilm

SAMANA ANASUYA, a documentary film, is a heartfelt tribute from a daughter to her mother. Directed by Seetha Ratnakar, it describes the extraordinary musical journey of Vinjamuri Anasuya Devi, which was screened in the city at Saptaparni, a treasure trove of art, music and culture. Anasuya composed tunes for almost

300 songs whose lyrics her uncle renowned poet Devulapalli Krishna

Sastri wrote in his early years. From

1935 to 1950, practically every liter-

ary or cultural function in Andhra

used to also feature a talk by Devulapalli, along with light music by

est in folk music at an early age and introduced a folk song at the end of her light music concert when she was 11. It was well received and soon she started giving full length folk music

Culture & Her

Vinjamuri sisters, as they became

popularly known, eventually became

a phenomenon that took the music

world by storm. Anasuya was a multi-

talented artiste who excelled in music

of every genre, though folk music was

Invaluable legacy

Seetha Ratnakar is a freelance film-

his nieces Anasuya and Seetha . The categorised her vast collection of

her passion.. She developed an inter- inspiration for the title of this docu-

maker. In 2014, her documentary, Cosmic Connection, bagged the Gold Remi Award at the Worldfest International Film Festival, Houston. In Asamana Anasuya, Seetha has woven Anasuya has bequeathed an invaluable legacy to the world of music. She together a colourful tapestry of Anasuya's life that highlights her musi-

songs and original compositions in 7

volumes and published them along

with lyrics and musical notations. At

94, she wrote her autobiography,

Asamana Anasuya, which was pub-

lished when she was 95. It became the

cal journey, interactions with contemporary poets and dignitaries and everything that is uniquely Anasuya.

complications.

Seetha Ratnakar started ground work on Asamana Anasuya more than 16 years ago, but started digitising all the archival material only in 2021. This docufilm, her labour of love, has won

an award at Kolkatta's Chalachitra International Film Festival. The docufilm was also the official selection at the Hollywood Best Indie Film Awards and the New York Film and Cinematography Awards 2024. It was also nominated at

the San Diego Independent Cinema awards and the Jaipur international Film Festival, 2024.

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AGENCY AREAS REELING UNDER SEASONAL FEVERS

Dengue, chikungunya pose health risks in north TG

NS RAO **■** WARANGAL

Dengue and chikungunya cases are rampant in north Telangana districts. Not less than 70 reportedly died of dengue fever in Warangal, Karimnagar districts alone. Four people died due to dengue within a few weeks.

According to a bereaved family, a four-year-girl, named Hatwika died in Torrur town in Mahabbubad district. Most of the tribal villages witnessed a rise in sessional fevers like chikungunya and dengue. A week ago, in a tragic incident, a pregnant woman T Shirisha, a resident of Narayanpur village under Yellsreddypet mandal in Rajanna Sircilla district died due to dengue. During the treat-ment, she gave birth to a baby girl. However, both of them died due to poor health conditions.

Recently some dengue suspected cases increased across Telangana districts. All the gov-



Patients under treatment in a hospital in Warangal

ernment hospitals in these districts are overwhelmed with patients, including children and the elderly. Most of the government hospitals lack facilities to provide quality treatment to an overwhelming number of patients. Poor people also are forced to approach private hospitals. Some private hospitals on the pretext of dengue fever col-

lected huge amounts of money from patients. There is no proper supervision of private hospitals in Warangal

Remote villages in agency areas are reeling under season fevers. The District Collectors have been holding review meetings to discuss steps to be taken to prevent the spread of seasonal fevers. Undivided Adilabad witnessed the spread of seasonal fevers like dengue.

The situation is reportedly alarming in the rural areas of the district. In some families, more than two people are approaching hospitals with colds and coughs. There are not enough beds in the government hospitals, so they are being treated in the outpatient department.



Honey badger spotted in forest abutting Telugu states

PNS NAGARKURNOOL

The forest department officials have tightened their belts to protect the species of honey badger, the world's most fearless animal, which was sighted in the Nallamala forests along the border of Andhra and Telangana states.

In fact, the species was apprehended to have faced extinct 150 years ago. It survives in forests by savouring on honey available on trees. The hyper sensitivity infrared cameras fixed in Bogguchintala, Pasarutla and Tirumalakonda forests along the borders of Telugu states cap-

tured footage of the honey badger.
Nicknamed as "Jungle Rowdie", the honey badger fears for no wild animal. It moves sin-



gle in forest areas. Whenever it needs intoxication, it digs through the snake pits and eats poisonous parts of snakes and scorpions and gets its dose of intoxication and relaxes. It would not hesitate to lock horns with a wild animal that crosses its path. It would not hesitate to attack tigers, lions, bears and leopards.

MP invites Guv to

tour Khammam dist

Khammam MP Ramasahayam Raghuram Reddy calling on Telangana Governor Jushnuvdev Varma at Raj Bhavan on Saturday

PNS KHAMMAM

Khammam MP Ramasahayam Raghuram Reddy on Saturday called on Telangana Governor Jushnuvdev Varma at Raj Bhavan as a matter of courtesy. The MP's father Ramasahayam Sunder Reddy also accompanied the MP to Raj Bhavan.

Explaining the significance of Khammam district, the MP invited the Governor to undertake a tour of the district to give wide publicity to the tourist attractions in the district.

The MP said that the district is popular spiritually and from the perspective of tourism. The district has a famous fort at Khammam, the largest Budhhist stupa, Siva temple built at Kusumanchi by the erstwhile Kakatiya Rulers, the Sitaramaswamy temple in Bhadrachalam, SCCL, Central government, industries, progovernment industries, projects and forest conservation centres.

The MP appealed to the governor to undertake a tour of the district as early as possible. Responding to the invitation, the government assured the MP that he would visit the district as early as possible.

9 take ill after drinking borewell water

PNS BHADRADRI KOTHAGUDEM

Nine persons at old Suraram village under Paloncha mandal in the district took ill on Friday after consuming polluted water. They were ferried to Paloncha government hospital. One of the villagers, whose condition is stated to be serious. was admitted to Government General Hospital in Kothagudem. Members of three families in the village had drank water from borewell when they attended a family function on Friday.

Following the incident, health officials set up a medical camp at the village and examined the villagers. The villagers were advised to use tap water and boil water before consuming it.

Tummala lays stone for development of roads

PNS KHAMMAM

Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao has said that measures are being initiated to develop roads and drainages 100 per cent in Khammam

The Minister took part in a series of development works in the second division of Khammam city and laid the foundation stone for develop-ment of CC Roads in Pandurangapuram on Saturday.

Addressing the gathering, he said that measures have been initiated to develop roads, which are indices of development, wherever they are needed in the constituency.



Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao laying the foundation stone for development of CC Roads in Pandurangapuram

The officials should focus on accomplishing works within the set deadlines without compromising on quality, he said. Everyone should feel respon-

sible to keep the city neat and clean, he said asking the government officials to send pro-posals for development of roads to new housing colonies.

Conductor finds bag containing cash, jewellery

PNS MIRDODDI

A Good Samaritan RTC conductor Devamma on Saturday found a bag of a lady passenger containing Rs 3000 in cash and some gold jewellery worth Rs 2.5 lakh but handed it over to Dubbaka RTC depot manager Sukhender.

The depot manager enquired about the bus passenger and handed over the bag along with cash and jewellery to the commuter Rajamani who alighted the bus at Yadaram village leaving the bag behind in the

According to reports,

the bus was bound for Kamareddy Dubbaka. A commuter called Rajamani boarded the bus to travel to Yadaram village of Kamareddy district and got down hurriedly leaving behind her bag containing valuables in the bus.

Noticing the bag in the bus, the conductor opened it and found Rs 3000 in cash and jewellery in it. She handed it over to the depot manager, who promptly retured it to the passenger.

The RTC drivers and officials appreciated the gesture of Devamma.

BEL donates mobile science lab to Asifabad dist

PNS ASIFABAD

Collector Venkatesh Dhotre has rated the science experiments featured in mobile science laboratories are highly useful to the students.

Bharat Electronics Limited director Vikram handed over the mobile science laboratory to the additional collector (local bodies") Deepamk Tiwari at a programme held at the ZP girls' high school here on Saturday.

Venkatesh Dhotre, addressing the gathering, said that the mobile science laboratory is useful to increase scientific temper among t he students. He asked the students to prepare proper plan to use the mobile science laboratory. Explaining subjects to students using experiments will increase their creativity.



Collector Venkatesh Dhotre inspecting the science experiments in mobile science lab in Asifabad on Saturday

BEL director Viram spoke. District Educational Officer Ashok, district science officer Katukamu Madhukar, BEL GM Srinivas, DRDA director

Ramakrishna and others were

ZP High school head master Subhash and others were present.

Collector's ire over lack of sanitation at Godavarikhani Govt Hospital



Collector Koya Sriharsha holding a review meeting at Godavarikhani General Hospital on Saturday

PNS PEDDAPALLI

Collector Koya Sriharsha has expressed his impatience over severe negligence in maintaining in sanitation in Government General Hospital at Godavarikhani. He underlined the need for improving sanitation in the hospital.

Taking part in Godavarikhani

General Hospital development committee held on Saturday, the collector reviewed the medical and health services being provided to patients and the style of working of doctors and hospital personnel.

The Collector called for closely monitoring the sanitation contractor's services and foolproof implementation of the sanitation with the help of the hospital every week.

the sanitation workers, he said laying emphasis on improving the sanitation in the hospital.

If there was no improvement in the sanitation in the hospital, the Collector suggest-ed change of the sanitation contractor.

Further, the Collector called for taking steps to prevent ragging from taking place at any cost in the Medical College at Ramagundam. The construction of 355-bed medical college affiliated hospital should be completed on time i.e. by next July, he added.

The conduct of the hospital staff towards the patients should be closely monitored, he said asking the hospital authorities to review the working of

Loan waiver scheme is not yet over: DCC chief

PNS SIDDIPET

Former MLA of Gajwel and Siddipet DCC president Tumkunta Narsa Reddy has categorically stated that the prestigious loan waiver scheme of the State government is not yet over and is continuing.

Addressing an awareness meeting on loan waiver at Rytu Vedika in Gajwel on Saturday, the DCC president alleged that the local MLA and former CM KCR failed to render justice to the peo-

PNS ■ NAGARKURNOOL

ple of his Gajwel constituency in spite of serving as the CM of Telangana for two terms.

Collector Badawat Santosh has

directed officials concerned to

dispose of the Layout

Regularisation Scheme applica-

tions as per the government rules.

Bangiralla Sunita, Eerolla

Pakeeraiah, Eerolla Balappa,

Eerolla Veeraiah, V Nakulaiah

He inspected the sites of

DCC president Narsa Reddy addressing an awareness meeting in Gajwel on Saturday



All farmers will derive benefit the people, he alleged. In the past, loan waiver of loans up to Rs 1 lakh ahul Gandhi, of the Rs 31,000 could not be waived, he said. under the loan waiver as promised by Rahul Gandhi, of the Rs 31,000

listed under survey numbers 401

and 646 on the outskirts of

the documents of the site owners

from the government officials. He

asked them to check the land

specifications and its distance from

the road. First the officials should

proceed with the case where the

documents in order and upload

The Collector enquired about

Tadurmandal on Saturday.

crore loan waiver scheme, loans up to only Rs 18,000 crore could be waived, the rest of the Rs 13,000 crore funds were with the banks. So farm, 60-65 per cent of the farmers have been benefited, he said. Farmers vho did not benefit under the loan waiver, can give their applications at the Rytu Vedika, he said. KCR, in spite of being a two-time CM, did not

fulfill at least one of 450 promises he had made to

them online for the approval. The

cases where the documents are not

in order should be kept pending.

The Collector thoroughly veri-

fied the options available in the mobile app for regularization of the layouts. He sought the reports

of revenue and irrigation officials

He wanted the officials of vari-

Donates books worth Rs 60,000 to BVK Library

PNS KHAMMAM

Tottempudi Srinivasa Buchhibabu, son of BGNR degree college retired lecturer late Tottempudi Sivarama krishna, on Saturday presented books worth Rs 60,000 to BodepudiVignanaKendram library in memory of his

Impressed by the activities of of BVK like conduct of medical camp, computer training facility and hostel being run for students of academic and competitive courses, Buchhibabu assured to support the BVK Library in future financially.

should work with coordination to

dispose of the plot regularisation

applications. In case of any objec-

tions, the applications should be

kept pending.

Later, he visited the Tahsildar office and enquired him about Dharani portal. He directed

Tahsildar Prameela to dispose of

33 Dharani complaints, which

PART -1 EXTRAORDINARY PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY Divide: 22.08.2024 District Gazette No.A3/49 /2024 **GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA** OFFICE OF THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER, KHAMMAN PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION FORM - VI

(See Sub-Rule (1) of Rule-19 and Section -11 of the Act-30/2013 Collector File Rc.No.G1/1027/2018, Date: 12.68.2024 LAO IRDO, Khammam File Rc.No.C1/4690/2018, Date: 05.08.2024

Whereas it appears to the Government of Telangana/Collecto that a total an extent of Acs.00-18% gts land is required in the Bonakal village of Bonakal Mandal of Khammam District for public purpose, namely for the proposed 3rd Railway line with electrification between Kondapalli to Kazipet Section in the village limits of Bonakal village of Bonakal Mandal and the notification is issued under Section 11(1) of the Right Fair Compensation and Transparency in land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlemen Act-2013 and the Publication is Made as shown in the below schedule.

The District Collector, Khammam has appointed the Revenue Divisional Officer, Khammam as Land Acquisition Officer, vide proceedings Rc.No.G1/1027/2018, dated: 02.08.2018 for acquisition of Patta Land for the proposed 3rd Railway line with electrification between Kondapalli to Kazipet Section in the village limits of Bonakai Village of Bonakai Mandal

Therefore, it is notified that for the above said project in Bonakal village of Bonakal Mandal of Khammam District a piece of land measuring an extent of Acs.00-18% gts of standard measurement, whose detail description is as following, is unde-

SCHEDULE Village: BONAKAL Mandal: BONAKAL District: KHAMNAM

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of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act-2013(Act No.30/2013), to all whom it my concern.

Aplan of the land may be inspected in the office of the District Collector, Khammam & in the office of the Revenue Divisiona Officer, Khammam on any working day during the working hours. The Government of Telangana/Collector-cum-Appropriate Government is pleased to authorized Officer & Revenue Divisional Officer, Khammam and his staff Olo the Revenue Divisional Officer, Khammam to enter upon and survey land, take levels of any land, dig or bore into the sub-soil & do all other acts required for the proper execution of their work as provided and specified in Section – 12 of the said Act.

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

Objections to the acquisition if any may be filed by the person erested within (60) sixty days from the date of publication of this notification as provided under Section-15 of the Act before District Collector, Khammam.

Land Acquisition Officer & Additional Collector District Collector Revenue Divisional Officer, (Revenue), Khammam Khammam.

Bonalu celebrated in Kothur with fervour



The annual Bonalu festival was celebrated with great enthusiasm and devotion in Kothur municipality. The event, marked by the rhythmic beats of drums and spirited dances by devotees, saw the entire village come together to

honour their deities.

Municipal Chairperson Batuka Lavanya Devender Yadav participated in the festivities, expressing her hope for abundant rains and a prosperous har-

vest. She joined the villagers in offering prayers, emphasising the importance of these rituals in safeguarding the community from diseases and ensuring the well-being of the crops.
Under the leadership of local

villagers, women carried traditional bonams to the village deities, Ellamma and Maisamma, as part of a grand procession. The event, characterised by vibrant displays of devotion, culminated in a special puja performed by Batuka Lavanya Devender Yadav.

During the ceremony, Chairperson Lavanya Devender Yadav highlighted the significance of the festival, stating that these traditional practices are essential for invoking the bless-ings of the deities for the wel-fare of the village.

The event was attended by several prominent figures from the village, including Sadanandam Goud, Councilor Madaram Narasimha Goud, Srinivas Goud, former deputy sarpanchs Srinivas Reddy, Ganesh Goud and others.

Rs 51,000 aid for girl's higher education

ous government departments have been kept pending.

PNS RANGAREDDY

LRS SCHEME Collector inspects lands of applicants

In a significant step towards supporting higher education, Allampally Hansika was awarded financial assistance of Rs 51,000 by the Arya Vaishya Organisation of People's Alliance (AVOPA). The presentation ceremony was held under the leadership of AVOPA president Erkurthy Nagaraju, with general secretary Siva Karthik and finance secretary Dharmapura Manoj playing key role in organising the event.

The financial aid was generously contributed by several donors, including Kalpaguri Venkatesh (Rs 5,500), G

Srinivasulu Goud from BAM College (Rs 5,500), Gaddam Nandakishore (Rs 5,000), Bonthapalli Vidyasagar (Rs 5,000), Penugonda Ashok (Rs 5,000), Naveen Kumar (Rs 2,000), Yacham Raghavender (Rs 2,000), Pola Shashi Raghavender (Rs 2,000), Pola Shashi (Rs 2,000), Gudipalli Venkataramana (Rs 2,000), MVS Suresh (Rs 2,000), Bonthapalli Veeraiah (Rs 2,000), Elukurthi Srinivas (Rs 2,000), Malipedda Srinivas (Rs 2,000), Yamsani Srinivas (Rs 2,000) and Neela Narasi Mhulu (Rs 2,000).

Speaking on the occasion, Erkurthy Nagaraju emphasised the organisation's commitment to supporting education and empowering the youth.

ACROSS THE STATES



Mumbai: Man kills wife after quarrel, informs cops

26-year-old man allegedly killed his wife with a sharp weapon following a quarrel and arrived at a police Astation to inform about the attack in the western suburbs here in the early hours of Saturday, police said. Intekaaf Idris Ansari walked into Malwani police station in the western suburb of Malad around 6 am and informed officials that his wife fell unconscious after he attacked her, an official said. A team was dispatched to Ansari's house, and his wife Ayesha (22) was found lying in a pool of blood, he said. The accused has confessed to slitting his wife's throat with a sharp weapon after an argument the official said. Ansari has been arrested under relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS) and further



Fake call centre busted in Gurugram, 20 arrested

fake call centre being run in three flats of Flora Avenue 33 society on Sohna road was busted with the Avenue 33 society on John a fact that the said arrest of 20 people, including 4 women, police said on Saturday. The accused were duping foreign nationals on the pretext of providing online technical support, they said, adding that 25 mobile phones, 16 laptops and Rs 50,000 cash were recovered from their possession. According to the police, they got a tip off that a fake call centre is being run in flat A-20, 21, and 22 in Flora Avenue 33 society wherein foreign nationals are being defrauded on the pretext of online technical support. Following the tip off, a raid was conducted by the team of cybercrime south police station on Friday night where the men and women were found busy on laptops and mobiles, they said. Most of them were busy making calls in English using their headphones. On asking they could not show any valid OSP licences of Department of Telecommunications or any other agreement/MoU related to their work, said police.



Body of 3-year-old girl found inside bag in Muzaffarpur

he body of a three-year-old girl was found inside a bag hidden near her home in Bihar's Muzaffarpur on Saturday, police said. The girl had gone missing a day ago. The girl was a resident of Nirala Niketan locality and according to her father she had left home on Friday afternoon along with her mother to attend a function. "The father of the deceased said the mother and daughter did not return home and that he was unable to contact his wife as her mobile phone was out of reach. Today, his neighbours informed the police about a bag hidden in the bushes near his home. When we opened it we found the body," said Mithanpura police station SHO Ram Igbal. "We have sent the body for post-mortem. We shall not comment as to whether there were injury marks, which could indicate murder, till forensic experts complete their investigation," he said. The SHO also said attempts are being made to track down the girl's mother by placing her mobile phone under surveillance.

Hydraa demolishes Nagarjuna's ...

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N-Convention approached the High Court. In 2016, the final notification was

The High Court directed that due process of law should be followed for determining the FTL. Accordingly, the FTL survey was conducted in the presence of the N-Convention management and the survey report was communicated to them.

N-Convention approached the Miyapur Additional District Judge Court regarding the survey report in 2017. This case is pending and there are "no stay orders" from any court, it said.

N-Convention has been clearly "manipulating" the systems and process and continuing commercial activity through unauthorised buildings built in the FTL and buffer zones, it assert-

N-Convention encroached on one acre and 12 guntas in the FTL area and two acres and 18 guntas in the buffer zone and raised "unauthorised" structures, the HYDRAA said, adding that the GHMC has not given any building permission to N-Convention.

N-Convention had tried to regularise the "unauthorised" structures under the Building Regularisation Scheme (BRS) but it was rejected by the authorities, it said. Due to the unchecked encroachments in and around Tammidikunta Lake and the connecting drains, the area around Madhapur among others is facing serious water log-

ging, it said. N-Convention is managed by N3 Enterprises and jointly owned actor-cum-producer

Nagarjuna and Nalla Preetham. Nagarjuna said he is pained by the "unlawful" manner in which the demolition of N-Convention was carried out, contrary to existing stay orders and court cases. "I thought it fit to issue this statement to place on record certain facts for protecting my reputation and to indicate that we have not done any act violating the law. The land has title deed and not even an inch of the tank was actually encroached," he

The actor said no notice was issued before the demolition. Regarding the building constructed on private land, there is a stay order against any illegal demolition notice, he added.

"As a law-abiding citizen, if the court before which the matter is pending had decided against me, I would have carried out the demolition myself. I am placing this on record for the purpose of correcting public misimpression about illegal buildings and encroachment by us," he asserted.

India-US discuss 'key' strategic matters Defence Minister Rajnath meets US NSA Jake Sullivan

PNS ■ WASHINGTON

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has met the US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan and shared perspectives on "key" strategic matters of mutual interest, a day after India and the US signed two key agree-ments to further boost their comprehensive global strategic

partnership.
Singh arrived here on Thursday on a four-day official visit to further boost the comprehensive global strategic partnership between the US and India.

"Delighted to meet the National Security Advisor of the United States @jakesullivan and share perspectives on key strategic matters of mutual interest," Singh said in a post on X after his meeting on

He also had a "fruitful" exchange with leading US defence companies and invited them to work with Indian partners to accelerate the Make in India programme.

"Had fruitful interaction with leading US defence com-

panies at the Defence Industry Roundtable organised by @USISPF (US India Strategic Partnership Forum). Invited them to work with Indian partners to accelerate our Make in India programme towards achieving Atmanirbharta in defence sector. Together, Indian and US companies will co-



develop and co-produce for the world," he said in another post.

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"At a luncheon roundtable with USISPF Board members and leaders from the defence industry, the Defence Minister

after his meeting on Friday

touched on the evolution of the US-India defence relationship, its phenomenal growth, and how the defence sector and

investments from American companies will play a central part in India's growth story and vision 2047," USISPF said in a post on X.

It said that Singh "echoed building on the defence cooperation and elevating the strategic partnership through deeper defence engagements at

multiple levels". President and CEO of USISPF Mukesh Aghi said that Singh touched on the "evolution of the defence relationship and the strategic depth, where the private sector now plays an epochal role in driving deep defence synergy in new areas of critical and emerging technology, such as cyber, drones, AI,

space, and quantum." Earlier in the day, he met US Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin to review and further deepen the existing defence cooperation activities between

CBI takes over investigation to probe financial irregularities at RG Kar College

PNS NEW DELHI

The CBI on Saturday registered a case of alleged financial irregularities at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College where a trainee doctor was found dead in a bloodied state on August 9, officials said.

The agency took over the investigation from the Special Investigation Team (SIT) constituted by the West Bengal government on the directions of Calcutta High Court.

The high court which had already handed over the probe into the rape and murder of the medico also transferred the

probe of financial irregularities to the CBI "in the interest of ensuring a comprehensive and unbiased inquiry".

...this Court directs that the investigation be transferred to the CBI, given that the case involved serious allegations and multiple agencies handling different aspects of the case could lead to inefficiencies or inconsistency for comprehensive justice, unnecessary delays in the judicial process and potential misinterpretation of information thereby undermining effective and credible enforce-

'India to be free of Naxal menace by 2026' Time for final assault: Amit Shah

Shri Amit Shah

India will be free from Left Wing Extremism (LWE) by March 2026 and a strong and ruthless strategy is required for the final assault against the menace, Union Home Minister Amit Shah asserted on Saturday. The minister stated this dur-

ing a press conference here after he along with Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and senior central and police officers reviewed the Maoist issue in the state and adjoining areas.

Urging Naxals to shun violence, Shah announced that the

would announce a "new look" surrender policy in 1-2 "A strong and ruthless strat-

Chhattisgarh government

egy is required for launching the last assault against Naxals,

The home minister said Naxal violence is a challenge to democracy and the menace has

He said there was a 53 per cent drop in Naxal incidents during 2014-24 as compared to

claimed about 17,000 lives in

2004-14. It is time to deal the final blow to the problem of Left Wing Extremism with a

strong strategy, Shah said. The minister said the government has been working to fill the security vacuum in LWE-hit areas and the security personnel have undertaken operations along with develop-

ment works. He said that besides the security forces, central agencies like NIA and ED have also worked to dismantle Maoist

'We believe we will be able to free the country from Left Wing Extremism by March 2026," Shah said.

Law & order has deteriorated in K'taka: BJP

PNS BENGALURU

Alleging that law and order in Karnataka had deteriorated in a big way and incidents of murders, extortion and rapes have become rampant, the state BJP on Saturday claimed the situation after the Congress govsuch that criminals don't fear the police.

Also claiming that drug mafias were growing and a jihadi mindset is expanding in Karnataka, the principal opposition party also said the Congress government had lost the moral right to govern

The attack against the government on the law and order

Prepare master ...

He examined the master plans

prepared by consultants through a

PowerPoint presentation and pro-

vided suggestions for improvement.

Principal Secretary for Municipal Administration Dana Kishore,

Special Secretary for Roads and Buildings Harichandana, KUDA

Vice Chairman and Commissioner

Ashwini, Municipal Administration

Director Gautam, KUDA CPO Ajith

Reddy, consultants and other officials.

The meeting was attended by the

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Says Cong govt has lost moral right to rule



situation comes in the wake of a 24-year-old woman being allegedly kidnapped, drugged and raped after being taken to a secluded place in Karkala in

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The sources emphasized

that the Act made it clear that

the Governor's decisions in

these matters were final and

that the Governor had no

obligation to follow the advice

of the Cabinet or the Chief

The Centre had also appointed a retired IAS offi-

cer and a retired IPS officer as

advisors to the Governor,

both of whom had completed over 10 years of service

The sources described the

legal framework of Sections 5

before their retirement.

Minister.



'KCR was cautious ...

Udupi district.

The incident was reported from Karkala town police station limits on the night of August 23, police said,

and 8 as a constant threat to

Telangana's control over

Hyderabad, likening it to a

"sword hanging over Telangana's head" until the

expiration of the common

capital status on June 2, 2024.

'Vote for Note' case, stating that the Andhra Pradesh govern-

ment under Chandrababu

Naidu might not have left Hyderabad in 2015 if not for

the case. Despite these chal-

lenges, sources credited KCR

for his vigilance and strategic

handling of the situation which

ensured that Hyderabad did

not fall under the Governor's

was fine, but when the chopper

reached Paud area, which has

been receiving rains since last

They also pointed to the

adding two persons have been arrested in connection with the case.

"The law and order situation has deteriorated in the state in a big way, after this (Congress) government came to power there is a situation where there is no fear of police. Incidents rapes are increasing daily," BJP's state BJP General Secretary and Karkala MLA Sunil Kumar said.

Speaking to reporters here, he said, at the time when the drug mafias are growing, jihadi mindsets are expanding, leaving aside politics, the government should come forward to save women and

control during the last decade

as stipulated by Section 8.

They added that this careful

management allowed the cur-

rent Congress government to

establish the organization

'HYDRA' on July 1, 2024,

after the common capital sta-

cern that certain media out-

lets, with vested interests, have

deliberately downplayed or

ignored these issues, preventing the public from fully

understanding the complexi-

ties and risks involved in the

governance of Hyderabad

mitigated, he said. There were

no reports of the chopper expe-

riencing any technical prob-

The occupants were iden-

lems, the official said.

during this period.

The sources expressed con-

tus of Hyderabad ended.

Cabinet nod to 'BioE3' policy for innovation-driven support to R&D

PNS NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet on Saturday approved the 'BioE3' (Biotechnology for Economy, Environment and Employment) policy for fos-tering high-performance bio-

manufacturing of the Department of Biotechnology. According to Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, the BioE3 policy seeks to include inno-

vation-driven support for

research and development and

entrepreneurship across the-

matic sectors. This will accelerate technol-

mercialisation by establishing biomanufacturing and bio-AI hubs and biofoundry, he said.

Along with prioritising regenerative bioeconomy models of green growth, this policy will facilitate the expansion of India's skilled workforce and provide a surge in job creation.

An official statement said, the policy will further strengthen the government's initiatives such as a 'Net Zero' for Environment' and will promoting a 'Circular

ogy development and com-

carbon economy and 'Lifestyle steer India on the path of accelerated 'Green Growth' by

KTR hints at connection ...

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KTR pointed to the involvement of bars and gold shops in the scam and questioned their connection to the Congress. He referred to a statement made by Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, confirming that Rs 90 crore was embezzled in the scam.

One of the most provocative statements came when KTR

addressed the implications of a remark made by Karnataka Minister Satish Jarakiholi, who allegedly claimed that the Telangana government could fall if Siddaramaiah was removed. "If Karnataka Minister

Satish Jarakiholi says that the Telangana government could fall if Siddaramaiah is removed, what does that mean? The people have a right to know the truth," he said.

"Conspiracies"...

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He said the redeveloped station will have modern architecture and world-class passenger amenities. The project symbolises the

commitment of the government to enhance passenger experiences by modernising infrastructure, ensuring safety, preserving the stations historical importance by blending tradition with modernity. Secunderabad Railway sta-

tion will be completely transformed and will be on par with airports to reflect the aspirations of New India, the Minister said.

It would be a green energy station with solar panels for harnessing energy, sewerage treatment plants for reducing the water pollution, he added. He also stated that 119 rail-

way stations are being developed under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme with an expenditure of more than Rs 5,000 crore on SCR, the release added.

BRS files plaints ...

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Consequently, Mandal BRS President, Karre Venkataiah, filed a complaint at the Yadagirigutta Police Station, urging them to register a case against Revanth under BNS sections for 'hurting' religious sentiments.

Similarly, Urban BRS President AV Kiran Kumar and Mandal Party President Janagam Pandu filed complaints at the Bhongir Police

Hyd-bound private

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The chopper, belonging to Global Vectra aviation company, crashed at Kondhwale village around 2 pm, he said. Locals rushed to the rescue

of the occupants as it came down. "When they took off from Mumbai, the weather

night, it encountered difficulties. The pilot tried to land but it hit a babul tree and then crashed to the ground," said inspector Yadav. Ås the fall was broken by the tree, the impact of the final crash appeared to have been

tified as Captain Anand, Veer Bhatia, Amardeep Singh and S P Ram. A video of the helicopter spiraling down went viral on social media.

employee organisations in

some other states have raised

demand for the same. Briefing media, Cabinet Secretary-designate TV Somanathan said the new scheme is applicable from April 1, 2025. The benefits of the Unified Pension Scheme

Central staff ...

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Last year, the finance ministry set up a committee under Finance Secretary TV Somanathan to review the pension scheme for government employees and suggest

any changes, if needed, in light of the existing framework and structure of the National Pension System. Several non-BJP-ruled states

have decided to revert to the DA-linked Old Pension Scheme (OPS) and also

are applicable for those retired and retiring till March 31, 2025, with arrears, he added.

FOOD, IN THE END, IN OUR OWN TRADITION, IS SOMETHING HOLY. IT'S NOT ABOUT NUTRIENTS AND CALORIES. IT'S ABOUT SHARING. IT'S ABOUT HONESTY. IT'S ABOUT IDENTITY — LOUISE FRESCO



Nestled in the vibrant heart of Delhi's Khan Market, Sly Granny has finally unveiled its much awaited new menu which boasts of blending classics with contemporary flair

BY SHARMILA CHAND

n a sultry afternoon, I walk in at Sly Granny in Khan Market to see how the mischievous adorable Granny is wooing her diners with the new menu. The buzz here perks up my mood, almost all tables occupied with diners busy chatting and eating, servers attending hurriedly with spectacular food, the colorful décor with pictures from Granny's travels amp up the spirits and build my appetite all the more. I love the cheery vibes, lively music, quirky flair, and finally get a table to settle down. Sly Granny is damn interesting, what a vibrant personality, I think to

'Yes, she is," says the Co-Founder, Rahul Khanna. "Sly Granny is the embodiment of a wickedly sassy, witty, and sly character-she's a mashup of everything quirky and cool. We've designed the restaurant to be as layered and unpredictable as Granny herself, blending her love for art, music, travel, entertainment, and pop culture into every nook and cranny. Whether it's the quirky décor, the eccentric vibe, or the adventurous menu, every aspect of Sly Granny is a nod to her multifaceted personality. She's constantly evolving, just like our space, making sure that every visit feels like a new, exciting chapter in her ever-entertaining story.'

INDIGENOUS & CONTEMPORARY **FOOD SYMPHONY**

The new menu features seasonal Indian produce which is caringly selected and mindfully prepared for all cuisines here. For example, Indian amla (Gooseberry) is picked and used in salads. Lotus stem and sweet potato is popular as chips.



CHEF ANUBHAV MOZA SLY GRANNY

seed from the state of Uttarakhand is processed to make a dip which is used in mezze platter. Similarly jackfruit is braised

with bbq sauce and used in making tacos. It is evident that the focus is to keep the menu fresh, seasonal with a flair of contemporary techniques and yet highlight importance of Indian produce. Anubhav Moza - Assistant

Brand Chef explains, "Our vibrant tapestry of Granny's eclectic passions-each dish is inspired by her travels, her love for music, quirky art obsessions, and her unapologetic affection for good drinks and pop culture. We've infused her playful spirit into every bite, blending classic flavors

with unexpected twists. Granny's food is all about the joy of discovery, where each dish tells a story of her adventures and her ever-evolving taste. It's a celebration of the bold and fun, in the world of gourmet. Our aim to give healthy and seasonal fresh produce from the farms in India and serve in European flavors. For example, amongst other indigenous produce, we also use phalsa, another Indian berry for making compote and serving with our chocolate desserts."
The meal begins with 'Shish Tawook

Broccoli' - a fusion of chargrilled broccoli and tender Shish Tawook. The addition of sautéed chickpeas and a kalemashed potato makes it a delightful combination. Next up is the 'Greek Vegetable Medley' with Candied Pumpkin adding the fun element. Spiced pumpkin steak is an interesting variation served with seasonal vegetables and

creamy tahini, a great way to showcase myriad flavours and textures. Not to be missed is the intriguing Roots & Halloumi, a symphony of slow-roasted carrots, beetroot, sweet potato, and savoury halloumi complemented

labneh, chilli garlic oil, and candied walnuts - a true delight for discerning palates.

For Seafood aficionados, the an Salmon, served with crème fraîche, pan-tossed vegetables, and a delicate beurre blanc sauce embodies coastal elegance at its best. Also gracing the menu is the Paprika Chicken and Caramelized Onion Pizzaa perfect harmony of paprika-infused chicken, caramelised onions, jalapeños,

its presentation and taste, turned out to be the best. With spiced pita, lavaash, cheese cracker, yam kebab, falafel, spinach and cheese borek, and the olives, pickled greens, I couldn't have been happier. 'Pesto Al Genovese' comes next. A lovely rendition of pasta along with broccoli, asparagus in basil pesto, tossed with burrata crumble. I especially loved the texture of the pesto-creamy,

savoury goat cheese atop a crispy crust,

like velvety. 'Sly Tiramisu' looks outstanding to conclude gastronomic journey as it's a decadent ensemble of mascarpone-

caramel popcorn, and exquisite finale to 'Chocolate Torte' absolutely heavenly

with strawberry ice cream, hazel nut crunch and phalsa compote that refreshes my palate. **NEW SEASONAL COCKTAIL MENU**

promising a burst of flavours. For me Ğranny's Mezze, spectacular in showstopper 'Hemp seed dip', marinated

soaked sponge, coffee ice

cream, cocoa crunch, Baileys ganache, an exceptional 🛝

and connoisseur or simply seeking a refreshing beverage, there is a drink for everyone to enjoy.

Sly Granny has revisited historical favourites and given them a modern twist. Take, for instance, the "Castel Del Monte," which captures the essence of the Italian sunshine in a delightful blend of gin, roasted pineapple, Campari, and sweet vermouth. For a spicy kick, "Wildcat of Bombay" offers a fiery concoction of tequila, yellow pimento, lemon, cilantro, and a hint of jalapeno

that will get the evening going. These

reinventions honour bar classics while

adding a unique Sly Granny flair. new cocktail menu is inspired flavours from around world, ensuring that every sip takes you on an exotic adventure.

From the cinematic streets of India to the serene landscapes of Italy, the drinks are crafted to transport you to different corners of the globe with just

one sip. Not forgetting the classics, The "Posh G&T" elevates the traditional Gin & Tonic with cucumber, touch of citrus. Whisky lovers rejoice with "The

Betty Ford Tribute," a sophisticated mix of whisky, orange, kaffir lime, jaggery, and lemon. For a touch of nostalgia, indulge in Whether you're a seasoned cocktail "Granny's Dirty Martini," a perfectly

balanced dirty martini with your

choice of vodka or gin.
There's a wide selection of nonalcoholic refreshing mocktails as well. The "Almodovar" is a vibrant blend of watermelon juice, peppermint, and a touch of saline, while "Jungle Love!" takes the heat up with guava juice, basil, Granny's hot sauce, and a hint of jalapeno yet is a perfect cooler on a hot

TO CONCLUDE

Sly Granny not only wows it's discerning diners with all day dining menu, but also offers Breakfast on weekends, serving some classic and of course, some of her quirky breakfast dishes from 8:30 am to 11:30

> Go and explore Granny's menu, renowned for its culinary wizardry vibrant atmosphere. Chef Anubhav Moza's dedication to culinary excellence

throughout the menu, making Sly Granny Khan Market a must-visit destination for food enthusiasts seeking refined flavours unforgettable dining moments.

CHECK OUT

Sly Granny 4, Khan Market, New Delhi

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THE PINNACLE OF GOURMET EXCELLENCE

The Purple Plate, under the visionary leadership of Ishaan Kapoor, has redefined the luxury catering landscape. With a meticulous approach that combines traditional flavours with contemporary techniques, the company delivers unparalleled experiences, making each event a memorable celebration of taste and elegance, says SAKSHI PRIYA

In the world of luxury wedding Catering, where every detail is meticulously planned and executed, *The Purple Plate* has emerged as a distinguished leader. Since its inception in January 2017 by Ishaan Kapoor, this innovative company has set new standards in opulent dining experiences. Combining traditional flavours with contemporary techniques, The Purple Plate has catered over 2,000 global events, earning a reputation for excellence and creativity.

What truly sets The Purple Plate apart is its relentless pursuit of perfection in every aspect of its service. The company follows a rigorous 21-step process to ensure each dish meets the highest standards of quality and presentation. This meticulous approach is complemented by a unique policy of catering one event per day. This exclusivity allows The Purple Plate to offer unparalleled personalised service, ensuring that every detail of the event receives the utmost attention and care.

A hallmark of The Purple Plate's service is its innovative use of interactive live stations and passaround dishes. These features are designed to create an engaging and memorable dining experience. Interactive live stations allow guests to interact with chefs, watch the culinary process and customise their meals. This not only adds an educational and entertaining element but also deepens the connection between guests and the food. Pass-around dishes, on the



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other hand, enhance social interaction by circulating among guests, encouraging mingling and conversation in a relaxed and

informal setting.

The Purple Plate's philosophy blends traditional and modern IN EVERY ASPECT OF ITS culinary techniques, starting with a deep respect for classic recipes and enhancing them contemporary methods and innovative presentation. This approach ensures each menu respects culinary heritage while offering fresh and engaging experiences. As the company looks to the future, it aims to incorporate intelligence artificial personalised menu

recommendations, introduce more plant-based and locally sourced ingredients, and explore immersive dining through augmented and virtual reality. These forwardthinking innovations will elevate the dining experience and solidify











The Purple Plate's leadership in luxury catering.
The Purple Plate's dedication to extends beyond

culinary artistry to a deep commitment to sustainability. The company integrates eco-friendly practices by carefully planning to

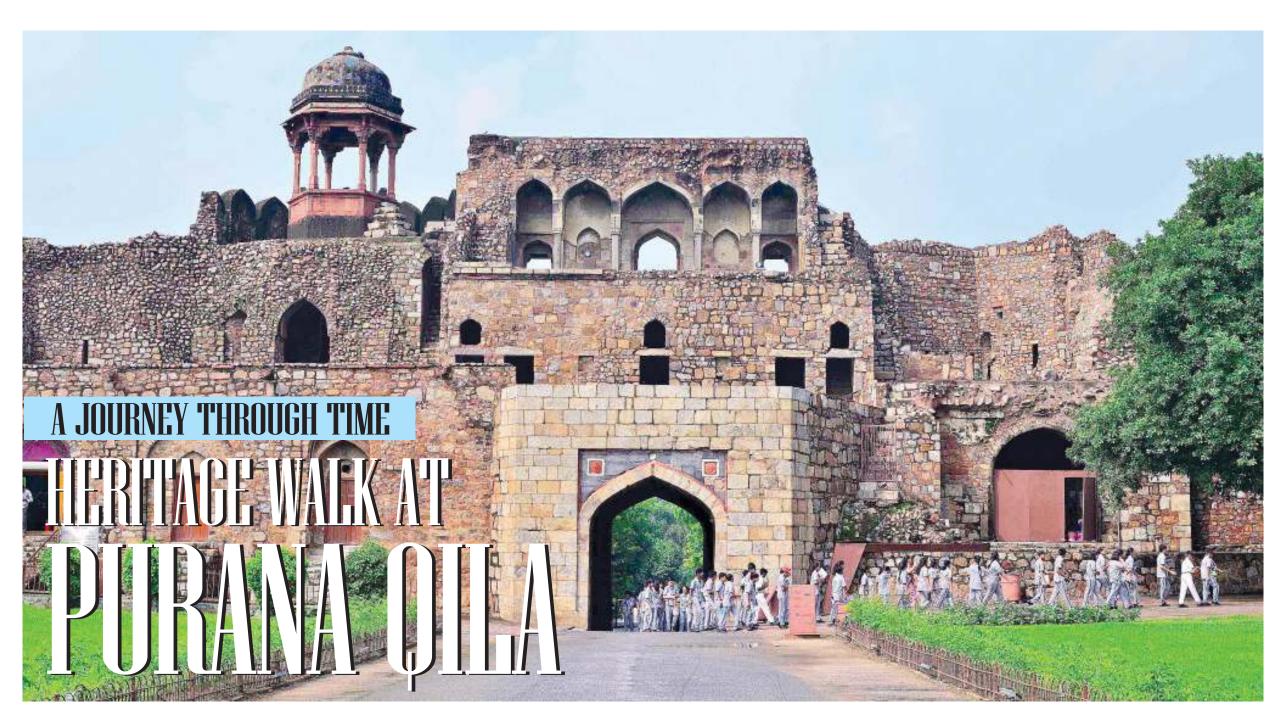
food wastage, biodegradable materials sourcing local ingredients, thus supporting communities and minimising its carbon footprint. As it prepares to enter the Middle Eastern and Asian markets, The Purple Plate will adapt its offerings to regional tastes while upholding its high standards. Through comprehensive training, the team will be well-prepared to navigate cultural nuances, ensuring that exceptional catering experiences are delivered across diverse global

settings.
Ishaan Kapoor's background in hospitality management and culinary arts has played a crucial role in *The Purple Plate's* success. His extensive training and practical experience have provided him with a profound understanding of both the operational and creative aspects of luxury catering. Kapoor's commitment to quality and

innovation is reflected in every event. As he puts it, "We're not just serving food; we're crafting an experience that combines artistry and excellence in every bite." Beyond its culinary achievements,

The Purple Plate remains deeply committed to making a positive impact on society. By supporting NGOs like Shanti Sahyog, the company demonstrates dedication to giving back and using its success to contribute to meaningful causes. This commitment social responsibility not only reflects The Purple Plate's values but also sets a precedent for the hospitality showcasing industry, importance of community engagement and ethical business practices. In every dish and every event, The Purple Plate strives to deliver not just an exceptional deliver not just an exceptional dining experience, but also a

lasting positive impact.



Historian Vikramjit Singh Rooprai led a captivating Heritage Walk through Purana Qila, offering participants a blend of history and architectural insights. This immersive experience highlighted the fort's significance, revealing hidden stories and the interconnectedness of its historical and ecological aspects, writes SAKSHI PRIYA

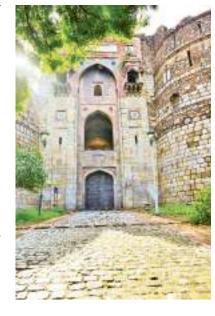
s part of his second series of the Delhi Heritage series, historian and Vikramjit Singh Rooprai led an insightful walk through Purana Qila, one of Delhi's most famous and second-most visited forts. Inspired by his upcoming book, *Delhi Heritage: Top 10 Forts*, this exclusive Heritage Walk offered a select group of history enthusiasts rare insights and thoughtful details about the fort that are not widely known. Against the backdrop of the ancient walls of Purana Qila, Rooprai embarked on a journey to unravel the ecrets of this historic myth, history and architecture as he explored one of Delhi's most significant yet often overlooked monuments.

Purana Qila or the "Old Fort," is one of Delhi's oldest forts, with a history that stretches back centuries. It is often overshadowed by more famous landmarks like the Red Fort and Qutub Minar, yet it holds a crucial place in the narrative of Delhi's evolution. The fort's origins are shrouded in mystery, with legends linking it to the ancient city of Indraprastha, the legendary capital of the Pandavas from the Mahabharata. Rooprai, with his deep knowledge and passion for Delhi's history, made it clear that much of this association is based on later folklore rather than historical evidence. The fort as we see it today is primarily the work of two great rulers, Emperor Humayun and Sher Shah Suri, whose contributions to its construction have left a lasting legacy.

The exploration began at the grand entrance of the fort, the Bada Darwaza, where the sheer scale and architectural prowess of the structure immediately impressed upon visitors the importance of this site in Delhi's history. Rooprai explained how this massive gate, with its towering height and intricate carvings, served as a formidable barrier, protecting the fort's inhabitants from invaders. The Bada Darwaza, like much of the fort, reflects a blend of Islamic and Hindu architectural styles, a syncretism that has always been a hallmark of Delhi's culture. This gate is not just an entrance but a symbol of the fort's strategic importance in the defense of the city.

As the group moved deeper into the fort, Rooprai guided them towards the imposing Talaqi Darwaza, a gate that remained sealed for centuries until it was rediscovered in the early 20th century. The name "Talaqi," meaning "separation, intrigued many. Rooprai mentioned that if we look closely at the interior detailing at the top of Talaqi Darwaza, we can still see some remnants of its original colors, a subtle yet vivid reminder of the fort's rich past. He narrated how this gate, with its intricate carvings and lofty chhatris (domed pavilions), had been sealed shortly after its construction, its purpose shrouded in mystery. Some historians speculate that it might have been closed due to superstitions or security concerns, while others believe it was simply never completed. As Rooprai spoke, it was easy to imagine the fort as it once was, a bustling hub of activity, a place where history was made.

One of the most captivating aspects of the walk was Rooprai's discussion about the







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inscriptions near Talagi Darwaza, discovered by the British during their restoration efforts. These inscriptions implore the preservation of "the house of Humayun," adding a layer of intrigue to the fort's history and sparking curiosity about their true meaning. During the walk, Vikramjit emphasised the challenges of accessing historical resources, sharing anecdotes about the British efforts to clean and preserve the gates. These efforts uncovered inscriptions pleading to "save this house of Humayun," a phrase that sparked debate among historians. Some interpreted it as a reference to Emperor Humayun, while others saw it as a metaphorical plea to protect the sanctity

The architectural grandeur of Purana Qila is not just limited to its gates. The fort's walls, towering over the surrounding landscape, are a witness to the engineering prowess of the time. Built using large stone blocks, the walls are interspersed with bastions and watchtowers, which would have provided a vantage point for the fort's defenders. Rooprai pointed out the changes that had occurred over the centuries, especially the eastern wall, which once overlooked the Yamuna River. The river, which has since shifted its course, played a crucial role in the fort's defense, providing a natural barrier against invaders. Today, the fort's strategic location remains evident, offering stunning views of the city and a reminder of its importance in Delhi's history.

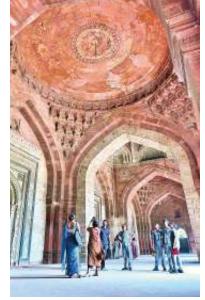
Ecological insights were also an integral part of Rooprai's narrative. He highlighted the green layer on the lake within the fort, which plays a crucial role in supporting various forms of life, including fish and birds. This lake, once a part of the Yamuna River's floodplain, has



now become an isolated water body. Rooprai discussed how the lake's ecosystem is a delicate balance, with the green algae on the surface providing oxygen for aquatic life while also serving as a breeding ground for insects that are crucial for the survival of birds and other animals. Any disruption to this delicate ecosystem could have a significant impact, underscoring the interconnectedness of human history and the natural environment.

The tour culminated at Humayun Darwaza, another significant gate of the fort. Rooprai highlighted how much of the fort's construction, including these gates, may have been initiated by Humayun himself, despite the popular attribution to Sher Shah Suri. The Humayun Darwaza, with its grand archways and intricate tile work, stands as a symbol of the Mughal emperor's ambition to create a lasting legacy. The fort's story, Rooprai noted, is one of resilience, evidence to a city that has been built, destroyed and rebuilt countless times. Through this walk, Rooprai not only guided the visitors through the physical space of Purana Qila but also through the complex narrative of Delhi's history. He emphasised that while Purana Qila is often overshadowed by more famous structures like the Red Fort, it remains an essential part of Delhi's heritage, a silent witness to the city's evolution.

The active involvement of a 14-year-old boy during the walk was particularly noteworthy. Deeply engrossed in the exploration, the boy actively engaged with Vikramjit, asking thoughtful questions that enriched the experience for everyone present. His curiosity and enthusiasm reflected the walk's success in sparking interest across different age groups, showing the importance of making history accessible and exciting for all generations. The boy's questions ranged from the significance of the inscriptions to the architectural details of



the fort and Rooprai patiently answered each one, providing insights that captivated both the young participant and the older attendees.

As the tour came to an end, Rooprai left the group with a deeper appreciation for this ancient site. Purana Qila was no longer just an old fort but a living part of Delhi's rich and varied history, a place where myths and facts converge, creating a story that is both beautiful and complex. Through his insights, Rooprai had brought Purana Qila to life, making the past palpable and the stories within its walls a part of the present. The fort's layers of history, from its ancient origins to its role in the Mughal Empire, were laid bare, offering a glimpse into the lives of those who walked its grounds centuries

ago. Vikramjit Singh Rooprai's approach to history is not only informative but also His ability to work deeply engaging. His ability to work together factual history with the legends surrounding Purana Qila makes the past resonate with present-day audiences. He reminds us that history is not just about dates and events but about the stories of people, places and cultures that have shaped our world. This walk was more than just a tour - it was a journey through time, offering a rare insight into the layers of history that have shaped Delhi. It's clear that such events are crucial in building a deeper appreciation for the rich heritage that surrounds us. Rooprai's work is a tribute to the importance of preserving and sharing our history, ensuring that future generations can continue to learn from and be inspired by the past.

The Heritage Walk at Purana Qila was an enlightening experience that left the participants with a profound respect for the history and architecture of one of Delhi's oldest forts. Through Rooprai's expert guidance, the group gained not only knowledge but also a sense of connection to the city's past. The walk was a reminder that history is all around us, waiting to be discovered and that by exploring it, we can gain a better understanding of the world we live in

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IN BRIEF



Indian telcos aim for 10 pc share in 6G patents

ndian telecom players are targeting a share of 10 per cent of all 6G patents and one-sixth contributions to global standards in the next three years, an official statement said on Saturday. Telecom industry players have proposed to systematically align research to 'India's needs' and put in place a vibrant "Standards Community".

The proposal came up during the second meeting of Stakeholders Advisory Committee (SAC) on Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) which was chaired by union telecom minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Friday.

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Govt cuts drawback rates on exports of jewellery

he government has reduced the drawback rates on exports of gold and silver jewellery by more than half to adjust for the significant cut in import duties on these precious metals in the Budget. A notification regarding this was issued by the Department of Revenue. On the export of gold jewellery, the drawback rate has been brought down to Rs 335.5 from Rs 704.1 per gram of net gold content in the article. The rate of silver jewellery and articles of silver have been cut to Rs 4,468 per kilogram of net gold content in an article. The Duty Drawback Scheme refunds import duties and internal taxes, which are paid while importing goods, which are, in turn, used for manufacturing products for exports. In the Budget, the import duty on gold and silver to 6 per cent from 15 per cent. Through this notification, "duty drawback on gold and silver jewellery was reduced as the duty on gold and silver lowered in the budget", Federation of Indian Export Organisations Director General Ajay Sahai said.



Goodveda plans to raise USD 1 mn to fund growth plans

oodveda, a D2C startup offering a range of Gsupplements, ayurvedic remedies, snacks, and wellness programmes - expects a significant expansion in revenue and customer base, helped by the demand for healthy and convenient snack options. Founded in September 2023, Goodveda recently secured a pre-seed funding of Rs 2 crore. Moreover, to fund its expansion plans, Goodveda has plans to raise USD one million this year, he added. It currently has a revenue of Rs 1.9 crore and expects to have a turnover of Rs 12 crore in the current fiscal Goodyeda Founder and entrepreneur Abhishek Gaggneia said. Goodveda currently has a user base of over 20,000 and its monthly revenue has increased to Rs 87.8 lakh in July this year. In the June quarter, it had a business of Rs 1.74 crore. The company aims to become a known nutritional food brand in India, expanding its offerings and reach, Gaggneja said. The D2C brand currently has 12 SKUs, which are mainly focused on diabetes, liver health, obesity and

TARGETTING \$14 TRILLION ECONOMY

India needs 400 million more women in workforce: Report

India requires an additional 400 million women in the workforce to contribute USD 14 trillion to the economy which would necessitate nearly doubling the current female labour force participation rate (LFPR) from 37 per cent to 70 per cent by fiscal year 2047,

according to a new report.

Non-profit The/Nudge Institute has unveiled a new report, Labour Force Participation Distillation Report, outlining a crucial element for India's economic future. The report is based upon Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) over the years.

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14 trillion to the economy. This would necessitate nearly doubling the current female labour force participation rate (LFPR) from 37 per cent to 70 per cent

by fiscal year 2047. With only 110 million women projected to join the labour force by then, an additional 145 million women need to be integrated to meet this

The report reveals a stark disparity in job security and recovery between men and

Women were found to be seven times more likely to lose their jobs and eleven times more likely not to recover from job loss. By 2020, nearly half of the women employed in 2019 had exited the workforce, the report said.

Women predominantly work in low-productivity sectors, such as agriculture and manufacturing, where they

According to the report, in construction, women represent just over 12 per cent of the workforce, often earning significantly less than men in unskilled roles. The pandemic has exacerbated these issues, with many rural women forced back into work due to income loss or job loss by primary earners, underscoring the fragility of female employ-

To address these challenges, the report outlines three key pathways to increase female abour force participation.

First, redefining work through platform jobs and digital microwork could activate fractural employment.

Second, enhancing entrepreneurship opportunities via digital commerce infrastructure could invigorate the sec-

Third, addressing bottlenecks, such as mobility and digital access, is crucial to improving women's participation in the labour market.

Quality control orders to protect MSMEs: Goyal

The quality control orders (QCOs) issued by the government for different products will protect MSMEs from unfair competition and help cut the import of sub-standard goods, Commerce and

Ĭndustry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Saturday.

He said that through these orders, the government is supporting the MSMEs (micro, small and medium enterprises).

"We are giving time to MSMEs to meet the QCO require-

ments," he said, adding that MSMEs will benefit from these orders as "it stops substandard goods imported at strange rates from outside the country and thus helps the MSME sector by protecting it from unfair competition".

MSMEs should not be looked upon as merely a small enterprise, he added.

The entire ecosystem ment

enterprises comprises thousands of MSMEs, without whom they cannot succeed, he said, adding that MSMEs act both as suppliers and customers of big industries.

The sector also plays an important role in the tourism

and infrastructure develop-ment of the country and has a big share in India's exports.

"Today, sever-al SMEs have

listed their firms at BSE," he said. Under these orders, items cannot be produced, sold, traded, import-

ed and stocked unless they bear the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) mark. These orders are issued for goods like smart meters, nuts, bolts and fasteners.

Mandatory QCOs help curb the import of sub-standard products, prevent unfair trade practices and ensure the safety and well-being of consumers as well as the environ-

Chevron to invest Rs 8,300 cr in K'taka

Chavron

PNS BENGALURU

Chevron, a global leader in providing energy solutions, on Saturday announced an investment of Rs 8,300 crore to set up its Engineering and Innovation Centre of Excellence here.

was announced during a high-profile meeting attended by the Karnataka Minister for Large Medium Industries and Infrastructure

The investment

Development, M B Patil and "Karnataka has been consis-

tently leading the way in promoting economic growth and development. The collaboration between the state government and Chevron company in implementing this Rs 8,300 crore investment is a clear indication of the significant progress in engineering and

state government is committed to promoting innovation, economic growth and job creation," he said.

Akshay Sahni, Country Head of Chevron India, shared the company's vision for the new centre and said, "It will provide

opportunity for India's exceptional talent to work with the resources and expertise of our global network to provide affordable, reli-

able clean energy."

According to a statement shared by the Minister's office, the centre will hire 600 engineers by 2025 in engineering and digital services to accelerate energy system technology innovations. The state has taken exemplary steps to promote technological progress through progressive policies that have created an enabling

RAPID GROWTH OF QUICK COMMERCE PLATFORMS

FMCG raises concern, seeks scrutiny

PNS NEW DELHI

FMCG distributors have raised concerns over the "rapid and unregulated growth' of quick commerce platforms, saying it needs immediate scrutiny.

In a letter written to Commerce & Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, FMCG distributors' body AICPDF said this unchecked expansion of quick commerce platforms, which typically deliver goods within 10 to 30 minutes, is creating an "uneven playing field", threatening the livelihoods of millions of small retailers and distributors who have been the backbone of India's retail sector for

The All India Consumer Products Distributors Federation (AICPDF) also suspected potential violations of FDI regulations by these quick-commerce companies and sought an immediate investigation into the operational models of these platforms.

The rapid growth of quick commerce platforms like Blinkit, Zepto and Instamart has posed significant challenges to the traditional retail sector and the established fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) distribution network.



small "mom-and-pop" stores and a shift in the FMCG distribution landscape, as these platforms are increasingly being appointed as direct distributors by major FMCG companies, side-lining traditional distributors," AICPDF said in the letter. While raising concerns regarding the compliance of foreign direct investment (FDI) regulations by the quick-commerce platforms, it said AICPDF suspects them of blurring the lines between the marketplace and inventory-based mod-

"The FDI rules clearly prohibit e-commerce entities operating under the marketplace model from holding inventory or exercising control over the inventory sold on their platforms.

"However, it appears that these quick commerce platforms may be engaging in practices that blur the lines between a marketplace and an inventory-based model, potentially violating FDI norms,

It also requested the government to "initiate a thorough investigation into the operational models of these quick commerce platforms to ensure compliance with FDI regulations" and to "implement protective measures for small retailers and raditional distributors to safeguard their interests and prevent monopolistic prac-

AICPDF has urged the government to facilitate a dialogue between all stakeholders, including representatives from the retail sector, FMCG companies and quick commerce platforms, to establish fair and equitable business practices.

It also appreciated Goyal's recent remarks, where he lambasted the e-commerce companies, questioning their business model that has been impacting

INFY DENIES ALLEGATIONS

Cognizant files lawsuit against Infosys over trade secrets

PNS NEW DELHI

IT major Cognizant's subsidiary TriZetto has slapped a lawsuit on Infosys in a US federal court, accusing the Bengaluru-headquartered company of stealing trade secrets and information related to healthcare insurance software. Infosys, in a statement, denied all allegations. The company asserted it is aware of the lawsuit and will defend its position in the court.

Cognizant in a lawsuit filed in Texas federal court has accused Infosys of illegally accessing data from TriZetto's software -- Facets and QNXT -- and using the same to develop and market a competing product. Cognizant offerings include TriZetto's Facets and



QNXT, which healthcare insurance firms use to automate tasks. Teaneck, New Jerseybased Cognizant has the bulk of its employees in India.

Cognizant has reportedly alleged that Infosys misused TriZetto's software to create "Test Cases for Facets," which repackaged its data into an Infosys product.

Further, it has reportedly alleged that Infosys created

Cognizant

software to extract data from QNXT, that contained confidential TriZetto information.

It is interesting to note that just this week, Cognizant named former Infosys executive Rajesh Varrier as global head of operations and India Chairman and Managing Director, following the resignation of Rajesh Nambiar, who is set to take over as Nasscom

Carraro India files draft papers for Rs 1.812-cr IPO

PNS NEW DELHI

Carraro India Ltd, manufacturer of transmission systems for off-highway vehicles and other agricultural and construction equipment, on Saturday filed draft papers with markets regulator for Sebi for its Rs 1,812-crore initial public offering (IPO).

The Pune-based company's initial share-sale is completely an Offer-For-Sale (OFS) by Carraro International S.E, according to the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP). Since the entire issue is an

OFS, all the proceeds from the IPO will go directly to the selling shareholder, rather than to the company. Founded in 1997, Carraro

India, a subsidiary of Carraro S.p.A, began its manufacturing journey with transmission systems in 1999 and axles in 2000.



PNS NEW DELHI

Hero Motors Ltd, the autocomponents firm of the Hero Motors Company (HMC) Group, on Saturday filed preliminary papers with markets regulator Sebi to raise Rs 900 crore through an initial public offering (IPO).
The IPO is a combination of

a fresh issue of equity shares worth Rs 500 crore and an Offer-For-Sale (OFS) of shares valued at Rs 400 crore by promoters, according to the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP).

The OFS includes Rs 250 crore worth of shares by O P Munjal Holdings, and Rs 75 crore each by Bhagyoday Investments and Hero Cycles.

The company may consider a pre-IPÔ placement of Rs 100 crore. If such placement is completed, the fresh issue size will be reduced.

Proceeds from the fresh



issue to the tune of Rs 202 crore will be used for debt payment, Rs 124 crore for purchase of equipment required for expansion in capacity of the company's facility in Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh.

Hero Motors is India's leading automotive technology company engaged in designing, developing, manufacturing and supplying high engineered powertrain solutions provider to automotive OEMs in the United States, Europe, India, and the ASEAN region.

Work-life balance poses challenge for women: Report

PNS MUMBAI

Fewer flexible work options, work-life balance and family responsibilities pose substantial challenges for women trying to re-enter the workforce and are the main reasons for quitting their jobs, according to a

report. A survey by Naukri.com has revealed that work-life balance poses a significant concern, as 39 per cent of the women respondents cited it as a key reason for leaving their

jobs.
"These issues pose substantial challenges for women trying to re-enter the workforce, with 41 per cent identifying a

and 35 per cent highlighting family responsibilities as significant barriers to continuing with their jobs," the report said.

The report is based on a survey conducted by online recruitment company Naukri.com among job seekers registered on its platform. The report found that 73 per

cent of women interviewed said equal opportunities exist for both men and women in employment and leadership positions, and 79 per cent of men agreed that both genders get equal chances at work-

Despite a majority of respondents viewing that workplaces



offer equal opportunities to both genders, the report revealed that 24 per cent of women felt men have better growth prospects compared to only 8 per cent of men hold-

ing the same view. On the other hand, 13 per

cent of men interviewed said women have better opportunities at the workplace, however, only 3 per cent of women shared this opinion.

"Our report highlights an encouraging trend towards gender equality in the work-

women recognising that equal opportunities do exist today.

"It also reveals lingering challenges in areas of work-life balance and career advancement, underscoring the need for strategic interventions by industry to ensure continued progress," Naukri.com Chief Business Officer Pawan Goyal said. Even the gender pay gap remains an area of concern, with 31 per cent of women per-

ceiving unequal compensation relative to 16 per cent of men. It also found that 53 per cent of respondents said that salary compensation is entirely equal for both genders in the same

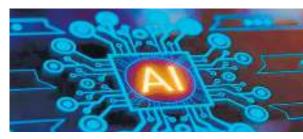
ICAI plans to leverage AI for professional growth of members

PNS ■ KOLKATA

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) is planning to harness the potential of artificial intelligence for the professional growth of students and members, its president Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal said.

He said ICAI has set up a committee – 'AI in ICAI' – to explore how the idea can be leveraged, and will also explore and prepare a roadmap for using it in the

operations of the institute. The official said a similar



'ICAI CA GPT' was launched in July 2024 for the members and students.

ICAI has also come up with an initiative to educate the masses about the basics of taxation, banking, insurance and

Agarwal said. Besides, the institute is conducting certificate courses for

accountants of panchayats and municipal bodies, he

other areas related to finance

the pioneer

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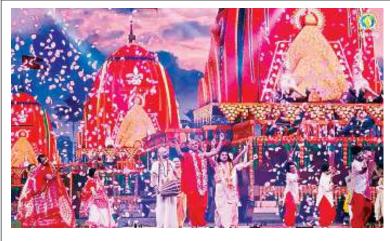




n the stillness of the midnight hour, when the world is wrapped in darkness, a divine light descends upon the earth, heralding the birth of Lord Krishna. Janmashtami, a festival that transcends time, celebrates this miraculous moment when the cosmos rejoiced, and the universe conspired to bring forth a savior destined to restore dharma and vanquish evil. As the bells ring out and devotees gather in reverence, the story of Krishna's birth is retold-an epic tale of love, courage, and the triumph of righteousness. It is a night when the heavens dance in celebration, and hearts are filled with the timeless wisdom of the one who forever changed the course of humanity. Krishna Janmashtami, also known as Krishnashtami, Janmashtami, or Gokulashtami, is a major Hindu festival celebrated with devotion across India and by Hindu communities worldwide. ccasion marks the birth of Lord Krishna, the eighth avatar of Vishnu, whose life and teachings inspire millions. Observed on the eighth day (Ashtami) of the dark fortnight (Krishna Paksha) in Shravana Masa (amanta tradition) or Bhadrapada Masa (purnimanta tradition), Janmashtami typically falls in late August. The festival is not just a religious event but a celebration of the values Krishna embodied.

Krishna's birth is a tale of divine drama in Hindu mythology. Born to Queen Devaki and King Vasudeva in Mathura, his arrival was marked by peril. Devaki's brother, the tyrant King Kamsa, imprisoned the couple after hearing a prophecy that foretold his death at the hands of their eighth child. Kamsa had already killed six of their children. To protect Krishna, Vasudeva secretly transported the newborn across the Yamuna River to Gokul, where he was raised by Nanda Maharaj and Yashoda. Krishna's escape and triumph over Kamsa symbolize the victory of good over evil, a central theme of Janmashtami. The festival reminds devotees of the eternal struggle between righteousness and wickedness, urging them to uphold virtue. Krishna's life represents divine intervention that restored justice, reinforcing the timeless value of standing against injustice. The metaphor of Janmashtami is rich in symbolic meaning, depicting the eternal battle between good and evil and the soul's journey toward spiritual awakening. Kamsa symbolizes the destructive ego, while Devaki represents human consciousness carrying divine potential. Vasudeva symbolizes human will aligned with divine purpose. Krishna, the incarnated soul, nurtured in a righteous environment, eventually overcomes the ego (Kamsa) to establish peace and harmony, reflecting the soul's journey to transcend ego and realize its divine nature.

Sadhvi Tapeshwari Bharti Ji of Divya Jyoti Jagrati Sansthan eloquently describes the metaphors surrounding Krishna's birth, noting that Kansa represents the ego, with its demon-like qualities such as arrogance, pride, and ignorance. According to her, Devaki symbolizes the part of the human self that harbors consciousness, while Vasudeva represents the will attuned to divine command. Krishna, as the incarnated soul, must separate from the



Where to celebrate?

DJJS Shri Krishna Janmashtami 2024 at Dwarka, New Delhi Divya Jyoti Jagrati Sansthan (DJJS) Shri Krishna Janmashtami Mahotsav 2024 under the theme "Darshan Itihaas Ka, Parivartan Aaj Ka" (Recalling the Values of the Past & Transforming the Present) on August 25th and 26th, 2024. The festival will be held at DDA Ground, Sector 10, Dwarka, New Delhi, starting from 7 PM each evening.

This year's celebration features several unique and innovative elements designed to enhance the festival experience. A major highlight will be the Environment Conservation initiative, showcased through a remarkable Govardhan Mountain 3D Model. Echoing Lord Krishna's dedication to environmental preservation in the

Govardhan Leela, this massive, cutting-edge model will incorporate digital and lighting elements. The model wi feature Sankalp/pledge placards representing various commitments to environmental conservation. The event will unfold with captivating performances, including 15 dance ballets and theatrical presentations depicting significant episodes from the life of Jagatguru Shri Krishna. Key performances will include dramatic interpretations of the 'Slaying of Tyrant Ruler Kansa', 'Virat Roop Darshan of Shri Krishna', 'Slaying of Kaliya Snake', 'Paundraka-The Fake Krishna', Devotion of Social Reformer Meera Bai', and 'Iovful Birth Celebration of Lord Krishna'.

lives toward devotion, humility, and

love. In today's world, marked by



ego to fulfill his purpose, much like the soul must detach from worldly desires to attain spiritual enlightenment. Divya Guru Shri Ashutosh Maharaj Ji, founder of Divya Jyoti Jagrati Sansthan, further elaborates on this symbolism. He suggests that the soul, nurtured in a holy and righteous environment (symbolized by Yashoda and Nandlal), must evolve to ultimately overcome the ego, leading to inner peace and harmony.

Sri Gaur Prabhuji, Vice President of ISKCON Temple Dwarka, Delhi, emphasized that Janmashtami is a profound reminder of Lord Krishna's teachings for humanity's upliftment. Celebrating the 5251st anniversary of His appearance highlights the enduring relevance of the Bhagavad Gita, guiding pandemics and conflict, Krishna's divine wisdom is essential. This festival is a key moment to reconnect with dharma and strengthen the bond with the Supreme Personality In today's chaotic world, Krishna's teachings provide insights for managing stress, leading an ethical life, and fostering personal growth. The Bhagavad Gita's emphasis on equanimity and detachment offers tools for navigating modern pressures. Krishna's principles of selfless duty and moral values guide ethical decisionmaking and achieving a balanced life. His focus on self-realization encourages introspection, helping us understand our true selves amid distractions. This philosophy extends to Janmashtami foods, chosen to reflect Krishna's principles of balance, purity, and nourishment. The simple, nutrientrich ingredients like fruits, nuts, seeds, and grains not only sustain the body but also maintain mental clarity and spiritual focus. Just as Krishna's teachings guide us toward a balanced life, these foods nourish both body and soul, reinforcing the connection

Dr. Sangeeta Tiwari, Clinical Nutritionist at Artemis Lite, NFC, New Delhi, explained that Janmashtami foods are designed not only to sustain energy during fasting but also to offer numerous health benefits. Ingredients like fruits, nuts, seeds, dairy, and gluten-

between what we consume and how we

RECIPES

Black rice and coconut kheer

By Aditi Dixit, Chief, CYK Hospitalities

INGREDIENTS

FOR BLACK RICE KHEER

- Black Rice (washed & soaked) 50 gms Coconut Milk - 500ml
- Full fat Milk 1 ltr Jaggery - 135 gms
- Coconut (fresh, grated) 80 gms Cashew nuts (fried) - 30 gms
- Raisins (fried) 30 gms
- Walnuts (fried) 20 gms Chironji (fried) - 10 gms
- Cardamom Powder 5 gms Cinnamon Powder - 3 gms
- Ghee 45 gms

FOR FOXNUT ROSE PRALINE

- Granulated Sugar 200 gms
- Foxnut (roasted) 15 gms Rose petals - 8 gms

METHOD

OR FRIED NUTS In a pan, add ghee

and let it warm. Once the ghee is moderately hot add raisins and fry them. Once done take the raisins

off, drain the excess ghee in the pan

Put cashew nuts, walnuts and chironji in the ghee and lightly stir them till golden brown. Once done take them off the pan and drain the excess and let it

and let it cool down.

FOR ROSE FOXNUT PRALINE

In a heavy bottom pan take granulated sugar and let it melt nicely and slowly. Do not stir the sugar while it is melting.

Bring the sugar to a beautiful bronze shade, and pour it on a silicon mat or a well oiled granite top or thali. Once poured, put roasted fox nuts and dried rose petals on it and keep it aside in a well ventilated room.

- Once done, break it randomly and store
- in an airtight container.

FOR KHEER

- Soak washed black rice for at least 30 minutes. Once done, dry them in the air for another 30 minutes. Blitz it very coarsely for 2-3 seconds and keep it
- Take all the milk in heavy bottomed
- kadai and cook the milk till first boil.
- Add the grated coconut flesh to the milk, stir it for 2-3 minutes. Once done, add black rice to the milk and cook it for at least 40-45 till the rice is cooked and milk is reduced to half,
- take it off the cooktop to rest for a minimum of 3-4 hours • In a different pan take jaggery and 50
- ml water and cook it and make a syrup.
- Once the syrup is cooled down add the syrup to cold kheer for the sweetness.
- Adjust the sweetness according to the taste and add cardamom powder.
- Add fried nuts to kheer and leave some
- for garnish Pour the kheer in a beautiful bowl, garnish it with fried nuts, coconut flakes

and rose fox nut praline

Kaju Badam Astrian laddo, Safawi khajoor and Manna Anjeer By Richard Charlie, Chef, Namaste Dwaar Resort

INGREDIENTS

- Almond-50gm
 - Cashew 50gm
- Pista- 30gm
- Melon seed- 25gm
- Raisin 25gm
- Pure ghee- 25 ml
- Dates- 20 gm
- Fig 20 gm Apricot - 20 gm Jagary - 15gm

- On a medium flame add the desi ghee and roast the almonds and cashew until slightly aromatic, add pista and roast again for 2 to 3 min
- Roast melon seed and raisin in a small
- amount of ghee until it cracked
- Add dates and fig to the mixture and
- mix all the ingredients togather, Keep it in a cool and dry place for 45
- Add jagary into it according to taste and
- roughly blend it partially
- Make small round balls according to your size and your delicious and healthy laddoo are ready to serve

the chop nuts and dry fruits

min and then again mix well by adding

HEALTH TIPS— dry fruit ladoo are full of vitamin E, magnesium and full of Zinc, and other essential nutrients Which helps in giving energy to the body organs If a person feel low in energy, a good note of dry fruit and dates ladoo will make you feel rejuvenated of energy.

Sahi tukda

Amandeep Singh Executive Sous Chef, The Westin Mumbai Garden City

- **NGREDIENTS** 6 slices of bread
- 1 cup milk 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup ghee (clarified butter) ■ 1/4 cup cashews, chopped
- 1/4 cup almonds, chopped 1/4 cup raisins
- 1/2 teaspoon cardamom powder A pinch of saffron strands (optional) Silver vark (edible silver foil), for

garnish (optional)

 Trim the edges of the bread slices and cut them into smaller pieces or quarters.

free grains such as buckwheat and

amaranth provide essential nutrients

that support overall well-being. Fruits

are rich in vitamins and antioxidants,

aiding hydration and digestion. Nuts

for sustained energy and brain health.

Dairy ensures gut health and muscle

support, while grains like buckwheat

provide slow-releasing carbohydrates to

and seeds offer healthy fats and proteins

 Heat ghee in a pan over medium heat. Fry the bread pieces until they turn golden brown and crisp. Remove them from the pan and set them aside on a paper towel to drain excess

In the same pan, add cashews, almonds, and raisins. Sauté them until they are golden. Remove and set aside.

 In another pan, bring the milk to a boil. Reduce the heat and add sugar cardamom powder, and

and hydration during the fast,

Janmashtami is more than just a

promoting overall health.

maintain energy levels. Together, these

celebration of Lord Krishna's birth; it is

a profound reflection on the eternal

struggle between good and evil, the

importance of righteousness, and the

path to spiritual awakening. As devotees

saffron strands (if using). Mix well and let it simmer for a few minutes until the sugar dissolves and the milk thickens

slightly. Add the fried bread pieces to the milk mixture. Gently mix

to ensure the bread is coated with the milk. Allow the bread to soak in the milk for about 10-15 minutes,

letting it absorb the flavors Serve the Double Ka Meetha warm,

garnished with fried nuts and silver vark

come together to celebrate this festival, they are reminded of the timeless

foods ensure balanced energy, digestion, wisdom that Krishna imparted, wisdom that continues to guide humanity toward a life of purpose, peace, and harmony. In a world that often feels disconnected from spiritual values, Janmashtami serves as a beacon, illuminating the path of righteousness

and divine love.

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LAUGHTER,

MOMENTS

FLAVOR AND

UNFORGETTABLE





INGREDIENTS

- cottage Cheese 140 gm chimichurri 30 gm pimento couscous 120 gm
- Bell pepper 40 gm
 Zucchini 40 gm
 Broccoli 30 gm
 Oil 10 gm
 Onion 5 gm
- pepper 2 gm chilli flakes 2 gm creamy pepper sauce 40 gm micro green 2 gm

For The chimichurri

- parsley 45 gm Coriander 135 gm red bell pepper 24gm jalapeno 14 gm
- fresh oregano 6 gm red wine vinegar 18 gm Salt 8 gm
- Pepper 4 gm
 Evoo 32 gm
 olive oil 18 gm For The pimento couscous

boiled couscous 500 gm bell pepper 200 gm olive oil 20 gm salt10 gm

- pepper 5 gm butter 10 gm

For The creamy pepper sauce

- water 20gm coconut cream 45gm
- butter 5gmsweet paprika 3gm
- salt 2gmpepper 2gm

For Serving:

- Cooked Couscous
- Grilled Or Roasted Vegetables (Zucchini,
- Bell Peppers, Broccoli, Etc.)

Fresh Herbs Or Microgreens For Garnish

BEETROOT CHEVRE SALAD

INGREDIENTS

For The Salad

- Roasted Beetroot 70gm
- Malta Orange 40gm Passion Fruit Dressing 20gm
- Salt 0.5gm
 Pepper 0.5gm
- Evoo 2gmIce Berg 50gm
 - LoLo Rosso 20gm Romaine 60gm
 - Candid Walnut 15gm
 - Roasted Peanut 2gm Fried Wild Rice 3gm
- Goat Cheese Chevere 10gm Passionfruit Dressing:
- Passion Fruit Pure 100gm
- Salt 2gmPepper 2 Gm

1. Roast The Beetroots:

- Preheat Your Oven To 400°F (200°C) Wash The Beetroots Thoroughly And Trim The Tops And Roots
- Wrap Each Beetroot In Aluminium Foil And Place Them On A Baking Sheet.
- Roast The Beetroots In The Preheated Oven For 45-60 Minutes, Until They
- Tender When Pierced With A Fork.
- Once Done, Let Them Cool Slightly, Then Peel Off The Skins And Cut The
- Beetroots Into Wedges Or Cubes.

2. Prepare The Dressing:

 In A Small Bowl, Whisk Together Passionfruit puree With Salt And

Pepper To Taste. Set Aside.

3. Assemble The Salad:

- In A Large Salad Bowl Or On A Serving Platter, Arrange The Mixed Greens.
- Place The Roasted Beetroot Wedges Or Cubes On Top Of The Greens.
- Scatter The Crumbled Chevre (Goat
- Cheese) Over The salads. Add The candied Walnuts, peanuts, and wild rice Thinly Sliced Malta

4. Dress And Serve:

CUBANO HOTDOG

- Drizzle The Prepared Dressing Over The Salad Just Before Serving.
- Toss Gently To Combine, Ensuring The Dressing Coats All The Ingredients
- Serve The Salad Immediately.

METHOD

Prepare The Chimichurri Sauce:

- In A Bowl, Combine The Finely Chopped Parsley, Cilantro.
- Add The Olive Oil, Red Wine Vinegar.
- Stir In The Dried Oregano And Red Pepper.
- Season The Sauce With Salt And Pepper To Taste.
- Mix Well, Then Set The Chimichurri Sauce Aside To Allow The Flavors To Meld • While You Prepare The Cottage Cheese.

2. Marinate The Cottage Cheese:

- In A Shallow Dish, Mix Together The Olive Oil, Smoked Paprika, Salt, And Pepper. • Add The Cottage Cheese Slices To The Marinade, Tossing Gently To Coat Them Evenly.
- Let The Cottage Cheese Marinate For At Least 15-20 Minutes To Absorb The

3. Cook The Cottage Cheese:

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- Heat A Non-stick Pan Or Regular Skillet Over Medium Heat.
- Once Hot, Add The Marinated Cottage Cheese Slices To The Pan.
- Cook The Cottage Cheese For 3-4 Minutes On Each Side Until They Develop A Nice Golden Crust. Be Careful Not To Overcook, As Cottage Cheese Can Become Tough

4. Assemble The Dish:

- On A Serving Plate, Spread A Bed Of Cooked Couscous.
- Place The Grilled Or Roasted Vegetables Around Or On Top Of The Grains.
- Arrange The Cooked Cottage Cheese On Top Of The Grains And Vegetables.
- Generously Spoon The Chimichurri Sauce Over The Cottage Cheese. Pour Paprika Sauce on side.

5. Garnish And Serve:

- Garnish With Fresh Herbs Or Microgreens For A Fresh Touch.
- Serve Immediately, Allowing The Vibrant Flavors Of The Chimichurri To Complement The Creamy Cottage Cheese And The Hearty Grains

INGREDIENTS

For The Hotdog Sandwich: Hot Dog Buns (Preferably Hoagie Rolls

- Or Soft Sub Rolls) 1 no marinated Cubano
 - chicken 165gm
- BBQ sauce 18gm Cubano seasoning
- powder 2gm garlic butter 10gm
- cilantro mayo 10 gm
- cilantro mayo 10gm romaine 5gm
- potato wages 100gm cocktail mayo 40gm

CUBANO CHICKEN INGREDIENTS:

- chicken leg 470 gm
 - oil 15 am salt 3 gm

pepper 2 gm

garlic 6 gm

COCKTAIL MAYO INGREDIENTS:

- mayonnaise 100 gm sriracha sauce 30 gm
- red tobacco 10 gm

tomato ketchup 50 gm

set the lettuce into the bread, and

Grill Or Cook The Hot Dogs breeds:

- Preheat Your Grill Or A Stovetop Griddle To Medium Heat.
- Heat cooked Cubano chicken.
- 2. Toast The Buns: Place The Buns On The Grill Or

METHOD

Griddle, Cut Side Down, And Toast Them Until • They Are Golden Brown And Crispy. This Should

Take About 1-2 Minutes. 3. Assemble The Sandwich:

- Spread garlic butter cilantro Mayonnaise, and cocktail mayo On
- The Toasted Sides Of Each Bun.

spread Cubano chicken on it. • Top The Hotdog with Cubano

 Cut The Sandwich In Half Diagonally For Easier Eating.

Serve The Cubano Hotdog

Sandwich Immediately With potato wages and cocktail

Garlic Butter

4 Serve:

- Mayo On The Side. • For Extra Flavour: Brush The Outside Of The Bun With A Little
- Before serving For An Added

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HEALTH TALK

STAYING INFORMED WITH M POX

th monkeypox cases reported in China, Delhi and other

WHAT IS M POX? It is a virus illness caused by the monkeypox virus, which is

Department officials to stay vigilant and screen travellers

arriving at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport.

places, the Telangana health minister has directed Health

variola virus (responsible for smallpox).

Dr. K. Krishna Swaroop Reddy, Senior Consultant in **Pediatrics and Neonatology at Apollo Cradle and Children's** Hospital in Jubilee Hills, highlights a few symptoms, which

part of the Orthopoxvirus genus, the same virus family as the

• Fever: A sudden onset of fever is

- common. Headache: often intense.
- muscle pain. • **Back pain:** Another common

Swollen lymph nodes

Muscle aches (myalgia): general

- (lymphadenopathy): This is one of the key distinguishing features
- Chills and exhaustion: fatigue and chills are frequently reported. • Rash: develops 1-3 days after the
- Progresses through different stages: macules, papules, vesicles, pustules and scabs

fever starts

HOW IS M POX TRANSMITTED?

Mpox is transmitted through contact with an infected animal

"Transmission of the infection happens through direct contact with the sores, scabs, respiratory droplets, or oral fluids of an infected individual, typically during close, intimate interactions such as cuddling, kissing, or sexual activity. Research is currently in progress, but specialists are uncertain if the virus can be transmitted through semen or vaginal fluids," explains Dr. Sheetal Rao, an infectious disease physician, adding, "Transmission from animals to humans happens through injuries on the skin such as bites or scratches, or by coming into contact with an infected animal's blood, body fluids, or

IS M POX CURABLE?

lesions.'

Dr. V. Ramesh, infectious disease expert and pediatrician, guides us: "Mpox typically resolves on its own within two to four weeks, without the need for treatment. After the diagnosis, your healthcare provider will observe your condition, alleviate symptoms, prevent dehydration and

administer antibiotics for any secondary bacterial infections that may arise.

DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT Dr. Krishna further shares the diagnosis and treatment for a better understanding:

Diagnosis:

• Clinical evaluation: based on symptoms, especially the characteristic rash and history of potential exposure.

- **Laboratory tests:** · polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing of samples from
- blood tests for virus identification. Serological tests can detect antibodies in some cases.

Antiviral medications:

Tecovirimat (TPOXX): An antiviral medication specifically approved for the treatment of smallpox and monkeypox. It can reduce the severity and duration of the illness. Cidofovir and Brincidofovir: These antiviral drugs may be used in severe cases or for patients with weakened immune systems, though their use is off-label and typically

PREVENTIVE MEA-

mpox will experience a full

The majority of individuals with

recovery within a period of 2-4

weeks. Ways to manage symptoms

and avoid spreading the infection:

insights for your protection

Health experts have recommended

that Hyderabad, which is a popular

further education, raise awareness

about mpox. To provide thorough

information on this outbreak, *The*

professionals to gather additional

Pioneer connects with health

choice for African students pursuing

Remain indoors and within your personal space whenever you can. Frequently wash your hands with

DO'S

SURES

soap, water, or hand sanitiser, particularly before or after coming into contact with wounds. Wear a mask and conceal any sores when in the vicinity of others until your skin condition improves. Keep dry skin uncovered unless in the presence of another

person Refrain from touching objects in shared areas and regularly sanitise shared spaces. Utilise saltwater rinses to treat mouth sores.

Utilise sitz baths or warm baths with baking soda or Epsom salts to help relieve body sores. Use non-prescription medications such as paracetamol (acetaminophen) or ibuprofen for pain relief.

DONT'S

the rash to different areas of the body, and lead to infections in the sores. Shave regions with open wounds until scabs are no longer

Popping blisters or scratching sores can delay healing, spread

present and new skin has formed beneath. The disease is generally self-limiting.

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Invoke the presence of Buddha Ji's energies. This can be

done by chanting specific mantras or prayers that you have

and training before performing the healing.

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during your training to channel the healing energies. These movements help direct the energy flow and remove

Healing process

It involves use of specific symbols that are activated during the session. Visualise or draw these symbols on the energy centers (chakras) of the person or place to receive the healing.

Hand movements Use specific hand movements and gestures as instructed

symbols for sealing the person's energy field to protect in the session.

them from any negative influences. 8- Express gratitude - Thank the higher energies, spiritual guides, and the person receiving the healing for participating

Closing the session

9-Hydration - Ensure the person receiving the healing is properly and advise them to drink plenty of water to help flush out any released toxins. Lots of love n blessings to readers!

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negative energies. Pay special attention to balancing the

chakras, as they are key energy centers in the body.

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the healing to identify areas with negative energies or

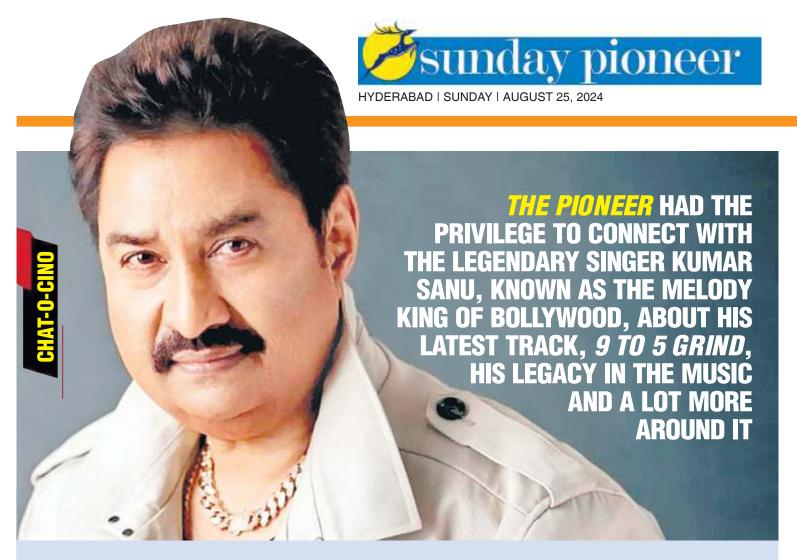
(The author, Gita Katyal, is a vastu-astro consultant, numerologist, Lama Fera healer, counsellor and founder of Shubhaarambh.)

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NEGATIVE ENERGIES THROUGH LAMA **FERA HEALING**



'PURE ENOTIONS THROUGH SONGS NEVER FADE AWAY,'

KUMAR SANU ON HIS LEGACY

TEJAL SINHA

umar Sanu, who we know as the Melody King of Bollywood, beyond a doubt has a voice that cures your inner pain. His voice brings out the song's aura so well that it makes the track a classic hit! His discography has romantic songs like Tu Kaun Hai Tera Naam Kya, Paas Woh Aane Lage, Dil Hai Ke Maanta Nahin, or the Aashiqui tracks and groovy songs like O Laal Dupatte Waali, Yeh Kaali Kaali Aankhein and Main Khiladi Tu Anari; well, the list is endless. That's the legacy that he has created! From our parents humming his songs, they are to date as out-of-the-ordinary as they were in the past. The mark that he has created in the history of Indian music is something of an honour.

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The man who is known for breaking his own record is 'The Kumar Sanu' and we had the privilege to connect with the king himself as he was much-keen on interacting with us about his latest track, 9 to 5 Grind, along with his daughters Shannon and Annabelle. The song delves into the daily grind of people with traditional 9-to-5 jobs and how it affects their ability to follow their true passions. This emotional track

daily grind of people with traditional 9-to-5 jobs and how it affects their ability to follow their true passions. This emotional track is intended to connect with audiences worldwide, promoting the appreciation of small moments in life.

The excitement for the singer gradually grew. How? He shares with us, "I initially didn't want to do the song. After hearing the track and concept of the song, I agreed to sing it. My daughters left no stone unturned to get me on board. At last, they convinced me and I think the song came out to be great."

What really surprised us when doing our research before the chat was that Kumar Sanu has sung songs in not one or two languages but twenty-eight other languages? English, being one of them and this latest

track also being in English, the vocalist tells us, "I have sung English in the past, but my main concern was getting the American accent down. Because I was singing along with my daughter Shannon, I had to make sure that I sounded just as good. I learned the dialect of certain words and sang them accordingly."

Guess what? The Chaand Sitare singer humor-

Guess what? The *Chaand Sitare* singer humorously shares an anecdote: "In this whole process, my daughters were much more relaxed and I was the one on the hot seat. There was laughter along with focus-driven creation as well."

Well, hahaha, isn't that how daughters work with their dearest dads? With great excitement, this time being guided by his daughters, he goes on, "It was certainly a very special feeling for me as a father to see my daughters creating and working handson with their craft. I loved their teamwork and enthusiasm. As an artist, I had been directed by great music directors and now being directed by two Gen Z little girls was definitely something fresh and new for me."

The millennials or Gen Zs who certainly enjoy old songs, especially those of Kumar Sanu, wouldn't be aware, but it was Nadeem Akhtar Saifiand and Shravan Kumar Rathod who played a major part in his journey, from giving him his biggest break with *Aashiqui* songs to his name being changed and later being named Tiger!

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35 years down in the industry, his charm and aura to date remain the same. Honoured with this love he's to late been receiving, the *Dil Jigar Nazar Kya Hai* singer says, "I am truly grateful to all my fans who've loved me and my voice for the past 35





years. It's all because of them, and I feel even more surprised to see that the current generation is also enjoying the songs I've sung. It shows that pure emotions through songs never fade away and that the connection you build with your listeners through music is a concrete bond."

Going ahead in this chat, the *Do Dil Mil Rahe Hain* singer puts in a positive light about why he doesn't prefer to listen to his own songs. He shares, "I think the current industry is going through another phase where they are experimenting with the western sound. There are still some music directors who are creating 90s music keeping that sound within, but I believe once people start demanding for 90s music to return, I shall be singing a few more songs as well."

His music has made people go crazy since a time when there was no social media, no PR and just organic fans. Now, he shares, whatever happens on social media stays on social media. "Promotion, marketing, making it to the charts and having millions of followers and streams don't define whether a song is successful or not. I'm old-school, so in my opinion, it defines it if every single person in the room knows the lyrics and melody to your song and is singing along with you. A successful song is one in which you don't need to think about the next line of the song. It's engraved inside of you. The memories you may have created with the song and how it may have touched your soul. That is the definition of a hit song. But I think nowadays this is also a new change that if a song is famous on social media, it's considered a hit," gushes the Dheere Dheere Se Meri Zindagi singer. Who would you believe doesn't listen to his own songs? Well, yes, that's true! He tells us, "When I listen to my songs today, I feel like I could've sung them differently or I could've added something in this section, which is why I end up translating them through my live performances. That's where I change up a bit and sing how I could've sung in the recording."

You know there was also a time when he recorded 28 songs in just one day and this was something unintended. "I had a 40-day US tour and all the music directors had wanted me to sing their songs," tells us *Tukur Tukur Dekhte Ho Kya* vocalist as he continues, "I decided to call them all to the studio to get their songs recorded. I was so

engrossed in the recording that I didn't realise it until the next morning when I saw that." Damnnn! Now we understand why he is called the 'KING'. Well, there have been many records that he broke, but winning back-to-back Filmfare awards stands out as the ultimate record for him.

There was also an unfortunate day in singer's journey when he lost his dad and on the same day, he had to perform live. But he believed that 'the show must go on' and performed with his charming smile. Well, that's how dedicated he has been to his craft.

We further hear, "The industry is going through a phase where they are heavily influenced by the west but have forgotten that our culture is deeply rooted within our Indian music. It's not that certain lyrics and sounds have not been used in the past, they have, keeping the culture in mind. The music directors and lyricists back then would only create such songs if it was required as per the situation or scene in the movie. It's all about how you convey it. Music is a powerful element that heals your souls."

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Many of his songs, like *Tumhe Apna Banane Ki Kasam*, among many others, have been remade. "I am happy that the remakes are being made because the songs are being reintroduced to the current generation," says the *Dil Ka Aalam* singer. That being said, he shares, "I'd prefer if the remake versions were sung by the original singer. When you go ahead and get another artist to sing the song, the first thing people do is compare the original to the new version. Regardless of how well or poorly you sang, you'd get compared and it won't work!"

Brushstrokes of heritage, goggles and humour

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AARTI SREENATH

n the heart of Vijayanagaram, amidst the echoes of royal footsteps and the intricacies of palace architecture, a young boy grew up immersed in the art that surrounded him. Today, that boy is A. Rajeswara Rao, a celebrated artist who seamlessly translates the elegance of his childhood memories into his artwork. His journey is one of deep sensitivity, profound creativity and unwavering dedication, reflecting a life steeped in artistic heritage.

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Rajeswara Rao's early years were spent in a uniquely privileged environment. "We lived near the King's palace," he recalls, "a vast, protected area of about thirty acres with front and back gates. The palace grounds were our playground and its majestic curtains, intricate windows and arches left a lasting imprint on my imagination." These childhood experiences, wandering through the royal corridors, laid the foundation for his artistic expression. "The designs and details I saw as a child continue to influence my work even today," he says. Unlike many artists who draw inspiration from books or external sources, his creations stem directly from his personal experiences. "It's all about what I lived through, which makes it easy for me to channel these memories into my art."

His artistic journey was significantly shaped by his father, Antyakula Paidiraju, a traditional artist renowned for his modern art forms in Andhra Pradesh. "Until Loom-

His artistic journey was significantly shaped by his father, Antyakula Paidiraju, a traditional artist renowned for his modern art forms in Andhra Pradesh. "Until I completed my BFA, I was always in close contact with him, absorbing his techniques and philosophy." Paidiraju was known for his realistic and creative art, with a strong leaning toward folk and decorative styles, which undoubtedly influenced his own artistic development. He later ventured to Hyderabad Central University (HCU) for his Master's in Fine Arts (MFA). The influence of his home environment, filled with the constant hum of artistic activity, also played a significant role in his development. "My father never forced anything on me," he remembers. "He was a softspoken man, very artistic and gentle. He allowed me to explore the world on my own terms, always encouraging but never pushing."

After completing his intermediate studies, his father was called to start a fine arts department at Andhra University. Following in his father's footsteps, he pursued his BFA in Fine Arts. After completing his studies, he embarked on his pro-fessional journey with a small job as an art teacher in Garividi. However, the artist in him longed for more. He returned to Hyderabad to pursue his master's, and upon completion, he joined forces with four friends to establish a studio in the old city. "I wanted to go to Shantiniketan but didn't get a seat," he shares. "However, I was second on the waiting list at HCU and that's where my journey continued, under the mentorship of Laxma Goud." For five vears, he and his friends lived together in the studio, creating art and navigating the challenges of the time. "We faced many challenges, especially with smoke in the area, so we had to move from one place to another," he recalls. "But those were formative years, filled with creativity and camaraderie."

The decision to move to Hyderabad marked a pivotal moment in his life. "Coming to Hyderabad meant stepping out of my father's shadow," he says. "I couldn't go back to my village; it would have meant returning to a life of dependence. I had to make my own decisions and find my own path." The city, with its vibrant art scene, offered the perfect backdrop for Rao to explore his individuality and professional aspirations. "We lived in the old city, cooking our meals, working and sleeping on the floor, he recalls with a smile. Despite the hardships, he was determined to carve out a professional identity independent of commercial constraints. "I didn't want a job that would bind me. I wanted to create freely, without the pressures of a regular income."

His decision to marry Padma, an artist with a stable job, was also a strategic one. "I knew I needed someone who understood my world, who could support me financially and emotionally. Padma understands my world," he says with deep gratitude. "Her stable job has been our anchor, enabling me to create freely without worrying about income."

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For him, art is not just a profession—it is life itself. "Without art, there is no Rajeswara Rao," he declares. "I can't do anything else. I can't even book a cab on my own; my wife and children handle everything. My mind is solely dedicated to art, nothing else." His dedication to his craft is evident in every word he speaks and every memory he shares. "People talk about politics or weddings, but I don't engage. My world is art and that's where I find my true self."





One day, inspired by a story his maid told him about her aunt, who struggled to get married due to societal expectations, he began to explore themes of transformation and imitation in his art. "I imagined a fat woman wearing goggles, drinking Pepsi, with a motorbike and an almirah and this vision became the subject of my art," he recalls. "People started asking about my paintings and when I explained them, they found them humorous. This led me to start giving titles to all my artwork. Without humour, goggles and titles, my paintings wouldn't be the same." His use of goggles in his artwork became a signature element, symbolising the attempt to mask one's true self. Students who came to learn from me thought couldn't draw eyes and that's why I used goggles in my paintings," he says with a chuckle. But when I showed them my realistic work, they realised I could and they were confused about the goggles. I explained that I use goggles to hide emotions, as eyes reveal a lot about a person's feelings. The point is, people may try to imitate higher society, but their rural background remains visible and when they wear goggles, their appearance changes dramatically, which has become a central theme in my work."

As he looks ahead, he is excited about the upcoming release of a book celebrating the hundred years of the King's reign in Vijayanagaram, for which he has been asked to do the illustrations. "It's a full circle," he says with a smile. "Going back to those memories, those influences—it's like reconnecting with a part of me."



BRIAN



When Brian takes over as CEO of Starbucks next month, he will have an exceptionally long journey to work. Every day, Mr. Niccol will travel 1,600 kilometers to the company's Seattle headquarters by corporate jet.



A shocking video has surfaced from Hyderabad. To attract people's attention towards his content, a YouTuber suddenly started blowing wads of rupees on road, after which a chaotic situation was created there.

Maharaja, the mostwatched Indian film on Netflix in 2024, is a new record in Indian cinema, thanks to Vijay Sethupathi. In addition to captivating viewers in theatres, Nithilan Swaminathan's action

thriller has had a big

influence on digital

platforms too!





Big Dawgs, the most recent song by HanuMankind, achieved yet another accomplishment by being among the Top 10 songs on the Billboard Global 200 singles.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi made an official visit to Poland, becoming India's first Prime Minister in 45 years (after #Morarji Desai) to be visiting the European nation.

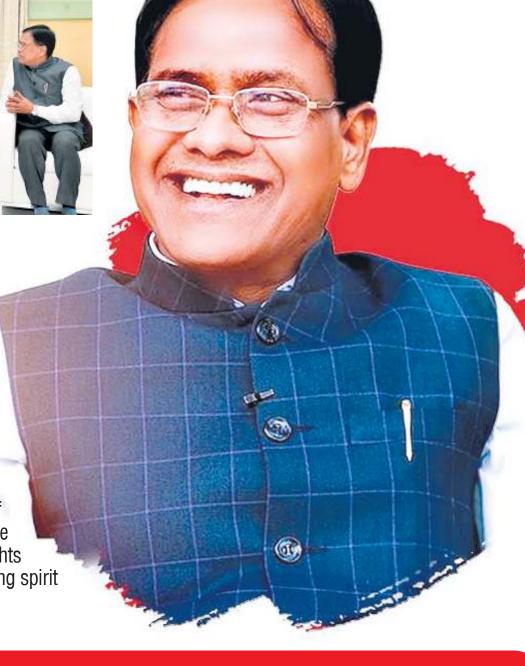






A farmhand who went on to become an educationist

Having learnt valuable lessons from the school of hard knocks early in life, Prof R Limbadri, Chairman of the Telangana State Council of Higher Education, in conversation with **Deepika Pasham** of *The Pioneer*, looks back on his rise as an educationist from the seeds of success sown in his mind by his dad through letters to him and his family. Even though these are times when technology has supplanted heart-to-heart letter-writing, Prof Limbadri's insights along his incredible journey from a remote village in Nizamabad to TGSCHE reflect the undying spirit of a fighter who has triumphed the most formidable odds in life









CHILDHOOD IN A REMOTE VILLAGE

I grew up in Ravutla village, previously known as Ragutla, in Sirkonda mandal of Nizamabad District -a place without electricity or transport facilities. Farming was my dad's initial occupation. Without owning any piece of land, he used to work on another farmer's field. Realising that income from this work was not enough to support the family, my father left for Mumbai in search of better opportunities. Although I had chosen to continue working in the fields, my father, determined to ensure a better life for me, sent word from Mumbai that I should be educated.

LIFE-CHANGING LETTER

My father first communicated through a letter, asking the family members to join him in Mumbai. Once we got there, I was enrolled in a school. I quickly progressed through the first and second grades in a single year. However, due to cramped living conditions, the family returned to the village. I continued my education, walking long distances to attend classes, eventually moving to a hostel. In the eighth grade, I had fallen ill and missed a month of classes, prompting me to drop out due to shame. My father, upon coming to know of this, wrote a letter directly to me, urging me to return to school fortwith

MEMORIES OF MUMBAI

I fondly recall a photograph taken in Mumbai during a family visit. Amid a massive strike in the my father decided to leave for Duhai to find work The family had nathered in Mumbai, where we took a photograph that reminded me of how much I resembled my father. Though the photo is now lost, the memory of that moment remains.

ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITIES EARLY

During my tenth grade. I had discussed with my mother the need to contribute to the family's income, considering that father alone could not support all of us. I made attempts to find work in Mumbai, even by paying a middleman to help secure a job. However, after days of fruitless efforts, my father intervened, writing a letter to the middleman, asking him to return the money and send me home with a train ticket.

STRIVING FOR ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

I was not an extraordinary student; yet, I was sincere and driven by the need for recognition. In a class of sixty, I aimed to stand out by excelling in specific subjects. One night, I studied intensely for a unit test on a chapter in biology, determined to answer every question correctly. When the teacher called my name, praising my score of 23 out of 25, I proudly stood up, savoring the

SHIFTING FOCUS: FROM MEDICINE TO PROGRESSIVISM

Initially, I had aspired to become a doctor, performing well in science subjects. However, during the second year of BPC, I realised that the interest in progressive ideologies growing in me was also distracting me from my studies. I decided to pursue Bachelor of Arts instead; thereafter, becoming active in student politics and eventually served as the president of the student wing.

FIRST JOB OPPORTUNITY

During my M Phil studies, a faculty member at Dr. BR Ambedkar College left for a position at Osmania University, creating a vacancy. The Head of the Department then encouraged me to apply for the position. Amid competition with another candidate, I was selected for my teaching skills. I began teaching public administration, earning Rs 700 per month.

MARRIAGE ON STAGE

Six to seven months into my first job, I got married to a girl I had known from my days in Nizamabad. Our wedding was a simple affair, conducted on a stage with no dowry and only the exchange of garlands. My wife now works as the Principal of Dr. BR Ambedkar College.

OSMANIA UNIVERSITY: A PROFESSIONAL PILLAR

Osmania University played a central role in my career, providing me with numerous opportunities -- from my first job to various leadership positions. I served as the Assistant Coordinator, Vice Principal, Joint Director of the Audit Cell, twice as Registrar, OSD to the Vice-Chancellor, Vice Chairman, Officiating Chairman and now, Chairman.

INVOLVEMENT IN AGITATION

Throughout my career, I have participated in the phases of the Telangana movement in my own way. Alongside two experienced colleagues, I spoke out during the agitation. They invited Prof Jayashankar and others to Nizamabad, organising a successful meeting in Tilak Garden. This was followed by similar events in Warangal and other areas

BOYCOTTING MEDIA HOUSE IN A VILLAGE

During these meetings, the idea of boycotting news channels and papers to avoid government retaliation gained traction. This movement spread and a village in Nizamabad, Mothe, decided to boycott the daily and channel of a popular media house. I, along with Prof M Kodandaram and Mallemalli Laxmiah, visited the village to study the situation, noting its similarities with Telangana's struggle. The village had a vagu (rivulet) on both sides but it had no water just as Telangana had Krishna and Godavari but no water. Prof M Kodandaram wrote a book on the subject and we assisted him

FIRST MEETING WITH EX-CM KCR

Today when we go back to the time spent with Prof Jayashankar and Prof Kodandaram, we remember how much experience we had gained. We still have respect and consider them our teachers. The first time we were introduced to former chief minister K Chandrashekhar Rao it turned out to be a beautiful experience.

FAMILY LIFE

I acknowledge that I have been criticised for not spending enough time with my family. I have two siblings and two children -Sanket, who works in the USA and Shrestha, who works with Uber. Despite the challenges, we are a happy and comfortable family.

NEVER AFTER POSTS

Throughout my career, I have never asked for promotions or positions. Instead, my work was recognised by both the state governments, which entrusted me with responsibilities to implement reforms in educational institutions. I remain committed to my duties, with no

IMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR STUDENTS

As Registrar, I focused on improving facilities for students, such as providing purified water in girls' washrooms. One day an engineer raised a complainant with the Vice Chancellor and I was present there, laughing all the while. For, I could explain that the water came from the Sriram Sagar Project pipeline, while the purifier was donated by the State Bank of India. So, what is the problem and why are my students are losing hair due to water supply? I had taken the step because my role is to work for students' welfare, not just sit in air-conditioned offices.

CHAIRMAN OF TELANGANA STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Currently, as Chairman of the Telangana State Council of Higher Education, we have been instrumental in implementing studentfriendly initiatives like DOST, an online registration system that allows students to enrol from anywhere. Recently we initiated efforts to come up with a toll-free number for curbing drug influence on students.

FIRE Fav hero: Never bought a ticket

Fav food: Non-vegetarian

for a movie in a year

Fav colour: In 10, shirts eight are white



