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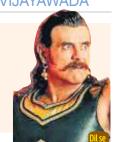
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

- Yennam Srinivas Reddy, Congress MLA

Trial runs begin for...

Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) started trail run Fateh Nagar and Khaja Kunta Sewage Treatment Plants (STP) on Saturday.HMWSSB MD K Ashok Reddy directed officials to prepare Fateh Nagar and Khajakunta STPs for opening.On Saturday, he visited Fatehnagar and Khajakunta STPs which are being constructed in Package-3 as part of the STP projects. First, he went to Fatehnagar STP, where he inspected the wet well, sequencing batch.

Experts outline priorities for...

Echoing the urgency of healthcare reforms ranging from restructuring of Ayushman Bharat Yojana (AB-PMJAY) to accelerating the digital health mission, experts and industry leaders have outlined key priorities for the Modi government in its third consecutive term. Their statements highlight the importance of prioritising preventive healthcare measures, strengthening infrastructure, and increasing healthcare spending. Healthcare experts have expressed concerns about whether the government in its new term will make any difference..

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Egypt, EU hold an investment...

Egypt and the European Union on Saturday opened a two-day investment conference to advance the implementation of their strategic partnership agreement that includes a 7.4 billion-euro cash-strapped Middle Eastern nation. The March aid package includes both grants and loans over the next three years for the Arab world's most populous country. Most of the funds — 5billion euros (US\$ 5.4 billion) are macro-financial assistance to help Egypt shore up its economy, which is hit by .. -PAGE: 6

Why Earth has only one moon...

Connecticut, On Earth, you can look up at night and see the Moon shining brightly from hundreds of thousands of miles away. But if you went to Venus, that wouldn't be the case. Not every planet has a moon - so why do some planets have several moons, while others have none? I'm a physics instructor who has followed the current theories describing why some planets have moons and others don't. First, a moon is called a natural satellite Astronomers refer to satellites as objects in space that orbit larger bodies. Since a moon isn't human-made, it's a natural satellite. Currently, there are two main theories for why some planets have moons. Moons are either gravitationally captured if

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Asks officials to prepare 'Master Plan 2050'



CM Revanth Reddy addressing a meeting on Saturday in Warangal

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Chief Minister Revanth Reddy stressed the need to develop Warangal like Hyderabad and directed officials to prepare 'Master Plan 2050' for Warangal's develop-

The CM also directed officials to develop Warangal as a Heritage City and to complete land acquisition for the Inner and Outer Ring Roads. He asked them to provide details of the funds required for land acquisition and to ensure that the Outer Ring Road connects the National Highway.

He also called for the establish-

ment of road connectivity from the Outer Ring Road to the Textile Park.

The Chief Minister emphasised the importance of developing an underground drainage system under the Smart City Mission and installing drinking water supply lines.He directed officials to prevent encroachments on drains and the in-charge minister to conduct a review meeting every 20 days on the development of Warangal city.

Revanth expressed readiness to support the city's development and called for action to find a permanent solution to the waste dumping problem in Warangal.

CM: Need to develop Warangal like Hyd Asks officials to prepare 'Master Plan 2050' Digital health profile Cards for Citizens Soon

Chief Minister Revanth inaugurated the Medicover Hospital in Warangal on Saturday and announced a plan to issue a 'digital health profile card' to all citizens.

This initiative is aimed at providing free medical care to all residents in the state, as per the government's goal to improve medical facilities. "Every resident of Telangana will

be given a health card soon. Many are using ration cards for Arogyasri. I want to delink it. The health card will have full medical data from blood group to complete medical profile," the CM said.

He said sometimes CMRF funds are being misused as people with no medical problems are claiming them. Such things can be prevented by using the health card, he

During his speech, the Chief Minister expressed happiness in opening a new hospital that supports the government's vision. He emphasised that providing educa-



tion, medical care and power supply are the keys to developing a global city.

Revanth highlighted the development of Hyderabad into a global city, particularly its prominence in the pharma sector and attributed it to the vision of Indira Gandhi. He noted that the IT sector of Telangana progressed due to the initiatives of Rajiv Gandhi.

The Chief Minister announced

Telangana as a medical tourism hub and said that pharma villages would be established to support the state's

pharma industry. The government is planning to create a medical tourism hub on 1,000 acres at Shamshabad which will offer comprehensive medical services. He said the government is seeking technical assistance from the medical community regarding

The objective is to enable people to leave hospitals with a smile, focusing on the quality of care rather than the number of patients.

Declaring healthcare as a social responsibility, the Chief Minister urged the medical fraternity to extend their services with a serviceoriented mind.

He also announced that Warangal would soon have an airport and that a textile park is already being developed. The government has also plans to develop eco-tourism in Warangal, the CM

Kaleshwaram probe panel's term extended



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The Telangana Government has extended the deadline of the Kaleshwaram Project Inquiry Commission by another two months. The government took the decision as the Commission's term is ending on Sunday.

Due to the inability of the Commission to complete the inquiry within the stipulated 100 days due to Parliament elections, the Telangana Government has granted it time till August 31.

The extension was necessitated as the Commission could not function fully by holding hearings due to the Lok Sabha polls. Justice Ghose began work in May and started hearings in June. About 50 officials submitted their affidavits to the Commission on June 26.

Meanwhile, the Justice Narasimha Reddy Commission began its job on April 7 and started calling officials and retired officials in June.

Changes sought in Jagdalpur-Vijayawada highway: Tummala

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Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageshwara Rao said that he had requested the Centre to make some changes in the Vijayawada-Jagdalpur

Špeaking to the media at Khammam on Saturday, Tummala said that he had placed some proposals before the Centre regarding the construction of roads.

the Centre to construct a by-pass road as the Vijayawada-Jagdalpur

Andhra Dy CM Pawan

offers prayers at

Hanuman temple

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief

Minister Pawan Kalvan offered

prayers at the famous Lord

. Hanuman temple at Kondagattu in

Jagtial district of Telangana on

Kalyan, who arrived at the tem-

ple by road from Hyderabad, was

accorded a traditional welcome by

officials at the temple and the

This was Kalyan's first visit to the

temple after the runaway success of

his party Jana Sena and the NDA

in the recent Assembly elections in

Kalyan, an ardent devotee of

Lord Hanuman at Kondagattu,

had performed special puja at the Kondagattu Hanuman temple

before embarking on his 'Varahi

Yatra' in Andhra ahead of the

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priests blessed him.

Andhra Pradesh.

Assembly polls.

Saturday.

Highway is going through some vil- and lages in Khammam district.

'We have already proposed a Ring Road around Khammam city. However, the BRS government kept the Ring Road aside as it failed to allocate Rs 180 crore. Approval was given for widening roads in Bhadrachalam to town.

from Jaggaiahpet to Kothagudem via Waira and Tallada," Tummala said. He said that a 32 km

road constructed between Kodad and Khammam for Rs 1,039 crore will be ready for use by August 30. The Minister said that permission was given

earlier for the construction of He said that he had appealed to Proposals were sent to the Centre for a 37 km road costing Rs 445 crore 4-lane highway from between Khammam and Korivi and

Kejriwal to be in Judicial custody till July 12



No consensus vet on new TPCC president

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The Chief Minister stayed in New Delhi for five days, however, it is learnt that there is no consensus regarding the new TPCC President. However, hopefuls are confident that they are going to get the post. One BC leader has been telling his close aides that he is going to get the post.

However, the Congress high command has asked Telangana Congress leaders to come to New Delhi to discuss the matter. Sources said Telangana Congress leaders may go to New Delhi on Monday. The high command may announce the name of the new TPCC President in July's first

There is also no consensus on new Ministers. The high command is moving forward carefully to ensure that there will not be any controversy after cabinet expansion.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had said that Minister posts would not be given to MLAs who had joined from other parties. MLAs elected on Congress B-forms are happy after the Chief Minister's announcement. One Congress MLA told The Pioneer that it is a good sign for party MLAs as they will not lose out.

However, things will become clear only after the next round of talks in New Delhi regarding the new TPCC President as well as Cabinet expansion.

Veteran Congress leader DS no more

Leaders pay last respects by draping his body with party scarf, flag



Former United APCC President and Minister Dharmapuri Srinivas (76) aka DS died on Saturday. He has been suffering from medical problems for the last two years.

Former Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu, Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy, senior Congress leaders V. Hanumantha Rao, P. Sudarshan Reddy, Madhu Yashki Goud, Minister Ponnam Prabhakar and others paid floral tributes to

his last rites would be held with state honours. Congress leaders honoured

DS by covering his body with a party scarf and flag as per the party's tradition fulfilling DS's last wish. Deputy Chief Minister Mallu

Bhatti Vikramarka, IT Minister D. Sridhar Babu and TPCC Senior Vice-President G. Niranjan placed the Congress flag on DS's body along with



they are within..

OBTUSE ANGLE

India clinches T20 World Cup title





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On an emotion-filled day, India ended their 11-year wait for a ness end of the match by seven Trophy in 2013. runs to emerge champions in the

T20 World Cup here. It was India's second T20 World Cup victory after they had won it in 2007 under the legendary MS global trophy, overcoming South Dhoni in South Africa, and first Africa, who chocked at the busi- since winning the Champions

Centre clears merger of Cantonment Board's civil areas with GHMC

civil areas under the Cantonment Board with the GHMC, fulfilling a long stand-

a pivotal role in this development by consistently bringing up the matter with the Defence Minister during his visits to New Delhi. He also made a personal request to the Prime Minister during his March 5 visit.

The Centre has decided to abolish all Cantonment Boards, which have exist-

ing guidelines for the merger. On June 25, the Defence Secretary held a video conference with state government offi-cials and the state expressed its readiness to speed up the merger.

Following the meeting, the Defence

According to these guidelines, all facilities in the Cantonment's civil areas will be transferred to the GHMC at no cost. The Cantonment Board's assets and liabilities will also be transferred to the municipality along with leases already granted. The GHMC's jurisdiction will extend to residential areas within the Cantonment but excludes the military station. The GHMC can impose taxes in areas within its jurisdiction, while lands and properties under the Centre will remain with the Central authority. The Centre emphasized that during the division of these areas, priority must be given to the security of the armed rces.

Cantonment Board authorities have been advised to address any doubts according to the Centre's guidelines.



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TRAIN TICKET, HE WANTS TO CHECK ON 'KAVACH" PROTECTION ON THE ROUTE



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The Centre has approved the merger of ing demand of Secunderabad Cantonment residents. Clear directives regarding this have been issued.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy played

ed since the British era and to merge them with municipalities. In line with this decision, Telangana

Chief Secretary Shanti Kumari recently

wrote to the Defence Ministry request-

Ministry sent a letter outlining the procedures for merging the civil areas of the Cantonment with the GHMC.

State government officials and

KCR's farmhouse is now his 'simple' residence

farmhouse and official residence Pragati Bhavan were targets of opposition parties' criticism and mud-slinging. There was much hullabaloo over 'KCR staying always at the farmhouse, which was then bandied about as extremely plush and swanky. Today, KCR is operating entirely from his farmhouse so much so that it is being referred to as his 'Eravelli residence. There is a steady stream of visi-

tors to the farmhouse these days as the BRS chief has been meeting party cadre for giving constituency-wise pep talk. What is surprising

to the cadre as well as other visitors is that Chief Minister much against the wishes it is 'a simple house'. They vouch that even the room in which KCR has been conducting meetings is 'merely a shed'. A little bird told us that, during the elections, when KCR was prompted to debunk the myths surrounding his farmhouse, he was like: 'Why should I? Why would voters believe that I live luxuriously?'

Incidentally, Pragathi Bhavan, which had been hyped by opposition parties as "a ruler's bungalow", has lost its sheen now, with BRS taunting Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka to 'expose' all the claims made previously by the Congress, including the so-called 'bullet-proof washrooms' etc.

Blaming it on KTR's 'arrogance'

Telangana's former chief minister and BRS chief K Chandrasekhar Rao has seen unprecedented defeat, his daughter Kavitha has been in jail for 106 days, and he fell in the bathroom injuring his hip, to mention a few of his musibat in quick succession. Still, BRS has not got sympathy among the public yet. Interestingly, KCR's son and BRS working president KT Rama Rao is being blamed for the entire musibat. According to the party's wings that gauged public pulse, only due to KTR's 'arrogance and attitude' BRS is not able to get sympathy from the public. As per recent surveys, there is grow-

'Comedian Daniel

cancels show after

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here was cancelled.

Raja Singh's warning'

Stand-up comedian Daniel

Fernadez's comedy show which was scheduled to be

held at 4 pm on Saturday

It is learnt that the show

was cancelled due to a

Fernandez's comments

against Jains in a comedy

video became controver-

video that Jains had pur-

chased goats on Bakrid

day. However, a great

uproar broke out regarding

this video and BJP MLA

Raja Singh warned

Fernandez that there

would be serious conse-

quences if he came to

Raja Singh also warned

that Fernandez should

remember what happened

in the Munawar Farooqi

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he would not tolerate if

Fernandez spoke about

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Fernandez said in his

sial.

Then Bharat Rashtra Samithi president K Chandrasekhar Rao was in power, both his KTR. They say KTR's complacence stems from his arrogance. It looks like it is time for KTR to get a different kind of image makeover.

What it means to be a Congressman

Congress karyakartas are normally proud to be part of the grand old party. Although Revanth Reddy became the

of some leaders in TPCC, the 'original

Congress leaders' are proud of how the

party handles crisis. For instance, when

eevan Reddy sounded mutinous, senior

leaders, including Deputy CM Bhatti

Vikramarka and Minister Sridhar Babu,

queued up at his house to convince him.

It did not matter to them that Jeevan

Reddy had lost both Assembly and Lok

Sabha elections recently. If it were any other party, they would have shown him

the door. Further, Congress leaders

draped the party flag on the mortal

remains of D Srinivas who passed away

on Saturday, with Bhatti and Sridhar Babu

noticeably among those who paid their

last respects. D Srinivas visiting Congress

office had become a point of contention

when he was briefly in BRS. His son is BJP

MP. "When they say 'I want to do die as Congressman,' this is what they mean",

When reporters get more than

what they bargained for

ficult for media persons to get leaders of

the ruling party to talk on burning issues

and policy matters, given intra-party

curbs and insistence on flow of informa-

tion through a 'proper channel'. After a 10-

year hiatus, since December 2023 to be

precise, the Congress Legislature Party

office has come alive once again with a

Under normal circumstances, it is dif-

remarked a Congress leader.

dedicated Media Hall, where newly elected MLAs interact with scribes almost every day, reminding scribes of the good old days before bifurcation. Other party leaders as well as defeated MP and MLÁ candidates have been addressing newsmen at Gandhi Bhavan as usual. Media personnel, having got more than what they bargained for, are having a tough time juggling between the two media centres which invariably bustle with activity. A little bird told us that the party has directed the MLAs and MLCs to counter oppo-

sition parties' criticism pronto. So, not a day passes without party leaders, MLAs, MLCs, or MPs shredding opposition

parties' criticism, particularly when it comes to putting down the previous BRS government as well as former CM and former ministers

How Revanth made leaders of both BRS and Cong happy

Congress-bound turncoat MLAs with an eye on Cabinet berth had to swallow their pride and listen to some hard talk by Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, who declared in Delhi after meeting party brass that such legislators cannot be accommodated. The Chief Minister, who had camped at Delhi for two days to inter alia discuss cabinet expansion and the appointment of new TPCC president, said that MLAs who had won on Congress 'B' form would have a chance to get into the cabinet upon its expansion. For good measure, he clarified that the MLAs who had joined the Congress recently would not be given minister posts. This plain-speaking by Revanth has warmed the cockles of the hearts of BRS brass. For, fence-sitters among BRS MLAs would think twice before defecting. Even within the Congress, edgy leaders are heaving a sigh of relief as they no longer have to face competition from turncoat MLAs eyeing ministerial positions.

> (With inputs from Naveena Ghanate, K Venkateshwarlu and SNCN Acharyulu)

> > the Gandhi Bhavan on

Saturday, Niranjan said the

Congress came to power

twice when DS was PCC

DS was always accessible to

party workers. He listened to

them patiently and solved their problems. Having risen

from the NSUI and Youth

Congress he was a person

who knew the organisation

"I was closely associated ith him in the NSUL I was

the PCC General Secretary

when he became the PCC

well, Niranjan said.

President.

Addressing the media at President a second time.

Support of AP Telugu parties vital for NDA govt

After the Lok Sabha elections two Telugu political parties are giving oxygen to the NDA government at the Centre headed by Prime Minister Modi. The Modi government's existence is in the hands of Telugu political parties.

In Andhra Pradesh, the TDP and the YSR Congress are rivals, but these two parties are backing the NDA Government at the Centre. The support of the TDP is crucial for the NDA government in the Lok Sabha and the support of the YSR Congress is important in the Rajya Sabha.

Fortunately, the YSR Congress has a chance to protect the interests of the NDA government in the Lok Sabha apart from the Rajya Sabha. The YSR Congress has four

The support of the 16 TDP MPs in the Lok Sabha is much more important than the support of the YSR Congress in the Rajya Sabha which has 11 Members in the RS as the survival of the Central Government depends on Lok Sabha MPs and not Rajya Sabha MPs.

Members in the Lok Sabha and 11 Members in the Rajya

But the TDP has no such chance as the TDP has 16 Members in the Lok Sabha and no Members in the Rajya Sabha. The two Telugu parties are giving oxygen to the NDA Government at the Centre headed by Prime Minister

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RS as the survival of the Central Government depends on Lok Sabha MPs and not Raiva Sabha MPs.

If the TDP withdraws its support the Central Government will face a crisis. But if the YSR Congress does not support the Central Government in the Rajya Sabha nothing will happen.

The YSR Congress and the TDP supported the previous NDA Government too. At that time the support of these two parties was not important for the NDA government as the BJP had a majority in the

In the recent Lok Sabha elections, the BJP could not win a majority on its own to form a government and it has to depend on the support of its NDA partners and others. If any NDA partner withdraws support the survival of the Central Government will be in danger.

The two Telugu parties now have a chance to pressure the Centre to get more funds and important projects for Andhra Pradesh. If the BJP and the Jana Sena break the alliance with the TDP nothing will happen to the AP government as the TDP won 134 seats on its

How the TDP and the YSR Congress will use this opportunity for the development of AP will be known in the coming days.

'Will Nitish walk

the talk on

special status'

Former MP Ramesh Rathod dead

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BJP leader former Adilabad MP Ramesh Rathod (59 years) died on Saturday.

Ramesh's family took him to a private hospital in Adilabad when he became ill on Friday night at his residence in UtnoorHe died at Itchoda when his family was bringing him to Hyderabad. Later, his family took his body to Utnoor.

Ramesh Rathod was elected from Khanapur as an MLA in 1999 from the TDP and as an MP in 2009 from the TDP.

He joined the BRS during the Telangana Movement. However, he lost the 2019 election when he contested on a Congress ticket. Later, he joined the BJP and tried for an LS ticket in vain.

WARANGAL SUPER SPECIALTY HOSPITAL

Hike in cost estimate angers CM Revanth

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Chief Minister Revanth Reddy expressed displeasure at the authorities for the rise in the estimated cost of constructing the Warangal Super Specialty Hospital. He asked the authorities why the original estimated cost of Rs 1,100 crore was increased to Rs 1,726 crore without admin approval.

The Chief Minister was upset at the unauthorized enhancement of the estimated cost by Rs 626 crore based on oral orders. The Warangal Super Specialty Hospital, a flagship project aimed at enhancing healthcare infrastructure in the region, is aimed at providing advanced medical services to the people of

Warangal and surrounding areas.The hospital is expected to have state-of-the-art facilities and specialized departments to provide a wide range of medical treatment. Revanth asked officials for the reasons behind hiking the cost against stipulated rules and ordered a forensic audit on the construction cost to ensure transparency. The Chief Minister also directed the construction company to complete the construction of the hospital on a war footing. The CM also emphasized the need for coordination between officials and political leaders for Warangal's development and assured that the government will not order politically neces-

sitated transfers or transfers for

PNS ■ NEW DELHI Hours after BJP ally JD(U) passed a resolution reiterating its demand for special category status for Bihar, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh asked if Chief Minister Nitish Kumar would actually walk the talk on the

He also questioned NDA partner Telugu Desam Party for not pressing for the special category status for Andhra Pradesh. "The JD(U) has just passed

a resolution reiterating demand for special category status and central assistance to Bihar. Will the CM summon the courage to have the state cabinet also pass such a resolution. Will the CM of Bihar walk the talk?" Ramesh said in a post on X in Hindi.

'Kavitha going to turn approver'

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The Congress's Mahbubnagar MLA, Yennam Srinivas Reddy, said that BRS MLC Kavitha who is now in Tihar

Speaking to the media at the Gandhi Bhavan on Saturday, he said that BRS MLAs T. Harish Rao and KT Rama Rao are trying to convince Kavitha regarding this.

He said that former Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao has been putting on a brave face and that it was KCR who first sought a judicial inquiry. However, the same KCR is now trying to escape from the inquiry, he said.Srinivas said that leaders like former Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao faced inquiries over minor things.

Need to...

Continued from page 1

The Chief Minister left Hyderabad for Warangal on

ed the park and held a review

meeting with ministers,

MLAs and officials regarding

In Hanumakonda, the

Chief Minister inaugurated

the Indira Mahika Shakti

Canteen at IDOC. After this,

he conducted a review meet-

ing at IDOC on developing

by Ministers Venkat Reddy,

Damodar Rajanarasimha,

Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy,

Konda Surekha, Seethakka,

CM's Advisor Vem Narendra

Reddy and MPs Kavya and

The meeting was attended

its development.

Warangal City.

Balaram Naik

"Compared to that who is KCR? He can't escape," he added.He said that no one is going to KCR's farmhouse even though KCR is inviting them. All BRS MLAs are going to New Delhi, he point-

Srinivas ridiculed that only both the brothers-in-law will come to the Assembly on

behalf of the BRS. He said that KCR bankrupted the state by contracting debts of Rs 7 lakh crore and endangered the future of

political needs.

Srinivas said that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is trying to pay salaries to government employees in time by clearing the debts. that KCF

Rythu Bandhu funds for 42 lakh acres of ineligible lands. However, Revanth is giving sops only for actual land cultivated.He said that KCR grabbed thousands of acres using the Dharani Portal and that he has no guts to face Prime Minister Modi and insulted the PM without going to receive him when he came to Hyderabad.

He said that Revanth Reddy sought funds for the state when he met Modi. It is better for KCR to behave constructively as the opposition leader, Srinivas said.

Bootleggers to get life term for fatalities in TN

Days after the Kallakurichi

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hooch tragedy in the state that claimed over 60 lives, the Tamil Nadu government on Saturday amended a prohibition act to substantially enhance the punishment, which included life imprisonment for bootleggers in case of fatalities following consumption of spurious liquor. The state government amended the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937 to enhance the punishment term and quantum of fine for offences like manufacture, possession and selling of illicit liquor that endangers lives.The Tamil Nadu Prohibition (Amendment) Act, 2024, which shall come into force on such date as notified by the government, aims to completely eradicate the menace of illicit liquor from the state. The amendment substantially enhances the term of imprisonment and quantum of fine for various offences under sections 4,5,6,7 and 11 of the

warning from BJP MLA T. DS used to convince integra-Raja Singh. The show's organisers had sold tickets tionists about the need for a Telangana. The then the show However

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TPCC Senior Vice-President

G. Niranjan said that the

death of former PCC

President D. Srinivas aka DS

He said that as the presi-

dent of the United Andhra

Pradesh Congress he never compromised on the issue of

a Telangana state. He said that

CM and the AICC in-charge

brought pressure on him and

Telangana Congress leaders

is a great loss to Telangana.

EXCISE 'SCAM' Kejriwal to be in Judicial custody till July 12

September 17.

iust cautioned us.

PNS NEW DELHI

A court here on Saturday sent Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to judicial custody till July 12 in a corruption case related to the alleged excise scam.Kejriwal was produced in the court by the CBI after the end of his three-day custodial interrogation.

The CBI sought 14 days jail



'DS never compromised on TG'

who wanted a TG state but he

the then CM, to attend the

tion at the Gandhi Bhavan on

DS convinced K. Rosaiah,

for Kejriwal, saying his incarceration was required "in the interest of the investigation and justice".Allowing the plea, Special Judge Sunena Sharma

said that Kejriwal be produced in the court on July 12. A detailed order from the

Kejriwal was arrested by the CBI in connection with irregularities in his government's excise policy.

On March 21, he was arrested by the ED in a money laundering case linked to the nowscrapped policy.

India clinches T20...

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Star batter Virat Kohli, who was an upcoming cricketer 17 years ago, made his first fifty of this tournament in the final -- a classy 76 off 59 balls with six fours and two sixes that carried India to a competitive 176 for seven. Then the Indian bowlers, led by Arshdeep Singh (2/20) and Jasprit Bumrah (2/18), worked their magic as they did throughout this tournament, limiting South Africa to 169 for eight to propel India to their second T20 World Cup.There were pockets of fight from the Proteas, who were playing in their maiden World Cup final.Heinrich Klaasen threatened India with a 52 off 27 balls (2x4, 5x6) but Hardik Pandya (3/20) snatched the

crucial wicket to bring the

game decisively in favour of

But a large chunk of the credit should go to Kohli for anchoring the innings and pushing India to a fighting total.He completed his fifty in 48 balls, but the knock was what precisely India needed the early dismissals of skipper Rohit Sharma (9),

Rishabh Pant (0) and Suryakumar Yadav (3), which had reduced India to a worrying 34 for three.

However, Kohli had an able partner in Axar Patel (47, 31 balls, 1x4, 6x4) during the fourth wicket alliance that produced precious 72 runs to ease the

Virat Kohli announces T201 retirement

tar batter Virat Kohli on Saturday announced his retirement from T20 Internationals after guiding India to their second T20 World Cup win here. Kohli anchored the innings with a match-winning 59-ball 76 with two sixes and six fours to lift India from a precarious 34 for three inside the powerplay, to a formidable 176 for seven, cornerstone of India's 7-run victory over South Africa. Kohli said after collecting the Man of the Match award that it was his las T20I match for India. "This was my last T20 World Cup, this is exactly what we wanted to achieve." Kohli told the broadcast after India's win in a global tournament after 11 years.

5 soldiers killed after T-72 tank swept away

PNS NEW DELHI

Five soldiers, including a junior a helicopter and arrived at the Warangal Textile Park where commissioned officer (JCO), he was welcomed by Ministers and MLAs. were killed during an exercise early Saturday as their Russian-During his visit, he origin T-72 tank was swept away following flash floods in the unveiled the logo for the Vanamahotsav and planted Shyok river near the Line of saplings at the Warangal Actual Control (LAC) in east-Textile Park. He also inspectern Ladakh, officials said.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said he was deeply saddened by the unfortunate accident that occurred in the river near Saser Brangsa. Two T-72 tanks were trying to cross Shyok around 1 am and one of them the increase in the water levels.

got stuck in high currents in the river, the officials said, adding the melting of snow resulted in

Veteran Congress leader..

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They also consoled DS's sons Sanjay and D. Arvind, the BJP MP from Nizamabad. DS's friends expressed satisfaction at DS's last wish to have the Congress scarf draped over his body was fulfilled.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhatti said that the death of DS was a loss for the Congress

recalled that DS rose step by step as a leader of the NSUI and the Youth Congress. The Congress leaders of that time said that Srinivas became the President of the PCC of United AP as a disciple of Rajaram. Bhatti said that Srinivas,

who headed the United Andhra Pradesh PCC as its president worked hard to

bring the Congress to power. He recalled that as a Minister in the then Congress government, he introduced many reforms and added that DS's death was a big loss for the party.

On behalf of the TG government and the Congress, Deputy CM Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka expressed deep condolences to the family of Srinivas.

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DCA seizes medicines with misleading advertisement

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

The Telangana Drug Control Administration on Saturday seized medicines with misleading claims, asserting that they would cure fever.

In a raid conducted at a medical store at Nampally, the officials seized 'Suppol Baby Suppositories', an allo-pathic medicine.

Fever is a symptom, typically indicating that the body is fighting off an infection or some other underlying condition. Medicines such as paracetamol can help alleviate discomfort associated with fever, however they do not directly address the underlying cause of the fever," the DCA said.

The medicine, 'Suppol Baby Suppositories' was found to be violating the provisions of the Drugs and Remedies (Objectionable Advertis

ement) Act, 1954. The DCA seized stocks of the medicine and is further investigating the matter.

Trial runs begin for STPs

HMWSSB MD K Ashok Reddy directed officials to prepare Fateh Nagar and Khajakunta STPs for launching.

PNS HYDERABAD

Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) started trail run Fateh Nagar and Khaja Kunta Sewage Treatment Plants (STP) on Saturday.

HMWSSB MD K Ashok Reddy directed officials to prepare Fateh Nagar and Khajakunta STPs for opening.

On Saturday, he visited Fatehnagar and Khajakunta STPs which are being constructed in Package-3 as part of the STP projects.

First, he went to Fatehnagar STP, where he inspected the wet well, sequencing batch reactor (SBR) and blower room. After that, he switched on the inlet pumps near the wet well and a trial run was started.

Then he went to Khajakunta STP. They visited the premises of STP and inspected CC roads and lighting works. He ordered the officials to complete the works in the final stage and prepare for the start. After that the inlet pumps near the wet well were switched



HMWSSB Managing Director K Ashok Reddy switching on trail run of STPs at Khaja Kunta on Saturday in Hyderabad

South Asia.

on and the trial run started. He instructed the officials to take up landscaping and beautification works with flower plants in the remaining empty space adjacent to Khajakunta STP.

The State government is taking steps to strengthen the wage system in the city. The project of STPs has been initiated to enable 100 per cent treatment of sewage generated daily. As part of this project, 31 new sewage treatment plants (STP) with a capacity of 1259.50

MLDs will be constructed at a Miralam, Miyapur-Patel Pond, total cost of Rs 3866.41 crore in Safil Guda, Vennela Gada and 3 packages. If the construction Nagole STPs. STPs under conof these is completed and made struction near Nallagandla, available, Hyderabad will be the Mullakatva Cheruvu, Shivalaya first city to treat 100 percent of Nagar and Palapitta will be inaugurated in August.
At present, 1950 MLDs of the sewage generated daily in

sewage is generated daily with-Hyderabad Ürban Agglomeration. It is 1650 MLDs in the GHMC area. A total of 772 MLDs (46 percent) of sewage is being treated through 25 STPs in the city. .

National panel reviews state tribal welfare programs for STs

PNS HYDERABAD

National Tribal Commission member for Schedule Tribes, Jatotu Hussain held a review meeting at The Plaza Hotel on Saturday to discuss the development programmes under-taken by the State Tribal

Welfare Department.
Under the direction of
Tribal Welfare Department Secretary A Sarath, the departmental officers briefed

him on various tribal welfare activities and the progress

The Commission members inquired about the progress of schemes implemented by both the State and Central governments in education, infrastructure, Tricar, GCC, and cultural activities within the tribal welfare department. The members appreciated the progress and provided many suggestions to move forward

Gurukulam Secretary

Seethalakshmi, Additional Director of the Tribal Department Sarveswar Reddy, Chief Engineer Shankar, Tricar GM Shankar, GCC GM Sitaram, Joint Director of the Tribal Research Institute Dr. V. Samujwala, Dr. D. Satyanara yana, and other high officials and representatives of various tribal communities participated in the meeting.



National Tribal Commission member for Schedule Tribes Jatotu Hussain holding a review meeting in Hyderabad on Saturday

TGNAB cops arrest four; narcotics seized

PNS HYDERABAD

The sleuths of Telangana Anti-Narcotics Bureau (TGNAB), in coordination with Madhapur police, on Saturday apprehended four persons for possessing 10.4 kg marijuana and 5 grams of Methylenedioxymethamphe (MDMA)

The arrested are Kondapu Rohit Reddy, Dasari Venkatesh, Gunji Bharat Chandra, Joga Phalguna, Kurumtoth Rathod Naveen Naik alias Naveen Rathod.

On Friday at 5 pm, police received credible information that four persons possessed marijuana and consumed it at Madhapur near Hitex.

The police went to near Hitex area and apprehended peddler, identified as 28-yearold Motikar Sachithaanand alias Sachin and three consumers. Consumers are, a 27year-old Kurumtoth Rathod Naveen Naik alias Naveen



Rathod and 25- year-old Praneeth Reddy and 27-yearold Rahul Raj.

One of the accused Naveen was a bright student and passed Inermediate. Later he became addicted to drugs along as he got into a bad com-

pany.

Due to the addiction he could not continue his studies and dropped out of BTech at National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu (NIT). After leaving studies at NIT he went to Bengaluru and joined a private company as a marketing officer and had to visit various states on official work. This made him come into contact with various peddlers in different states and he became peddler and started supplying marijua and MDMA to other software employees and his

The police from Hyderabad and Palakkad, Kerala caught him for supplying drugs. The Palakkad case ended in con-

Auto driver dies after being assaulted by passenger

Water board has already

started Kokapet, Durgam

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STPs have completed con-

struction and are ready for

commissioning. These include

PNS HYDERABAD

An auto driver, who was thrashed by a passenger over a dispute, died on June 27 while undergoing treatment. The incident happened at Shahalibanda on June 12.

A passenger assaulted the auto-rickshaw driver, identified as as Mohammed Anwar, for demanding an additional Rs 10 fare.

The assailant fled as people started gathering. The passersby helped the driver go to police and lodge a complaint. The police shifted to hospital where he died while undergoing treatment. passegers by gathered to see what was happening, the

passing
Based on a complaint, the police registered a case of culpable homicide under section 304-11 of the Indian Penal Code and the investigation is underway.

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Nehru Zoological Park conducts mega plantation campaign

PNS HYDERABAD

The Nehru Zoological Park conducted a mega plantation campaign to celebrate the 75th Vana Mahotsavam as per the guidelines issued by the Central Žoo Authority, New Delhi. Promoting the campaign and encouraging citizens to plant a tree as a tribute to their mothers, a plantation program was held on Saturday in the Mazhar Garden area at Nehru Zoological Park.

Tree saplings of Peepal, Guava, Banyan, and other fruitbearing and shade-giving plants were planted by Dr. Sunil S. Hiremath, Director (FAC) and Curator, NZP, Hyderabad, along with A. Nagamani, Deputy Curator, Dr. M.A. Hakeem, Deputy Director (Vet), and other staff members.

Dr. Sunil S. Hiremath said, that under the Vana Mahotsavam program, more



Nehru Zoological Park officers planting saplings on the occation of 75th Vana Mahotsavam in Hyderabad on Saturday

than 200 plant saplings were freely distributed to visitors at Nehru Zoological Park. Most visitors expressed their satisfaction and highly appreciated the program.

The following officers and staff were present at the program, Dr. Sunil S. Hiremath, Director (FAC) & Curator, NZP, Hyderabad; A. Nagamani, Deputy Curator, NZP, Hyderabad; Dr. M.A. Hakeem, Deputy Director (Vet), NZP,

Hyderabad; A. Satish Babu, Assistant Curator-1, NZP, Hyderabad; B. Laxman, Assistant Curator-2, NZP, Hyderabad; Anitha, Deputy Range Officer-1, NZP, Hyderabad; Madhavilatha, Deputy Range Officer-2, NZP, Hyderabad; Manjula, Forest Section Officer, NZP, Hyderabad; H.M. Hanifulla, PRO, NZP, Hyderabad; and Ch.M. Deepak Tarun, EO, NZP,

Rowdy-sheeter murdered in **Malakpet**

PNS HYDERABAD

In an incident reported from Malakpet Metro station on June 28 a rowdy-sheeter was stabbed to death by unidentified persons.

The incident happened under Chaderghat police limits. The deceased was identified as Najaf, a rowdy-sheeter, who was booked by the Rein Bazar police. The man was waylaid and killed by the assailants. Najaf's body was found on the staircase of the metro station.

The incident was captured on the CCTV cameras installed at the metro station. Najaf was accused in three murder cases and a few attempted murder cases.

The police suspect this is a case of rivalry and Najaf's rivals were waiting for an opportunity to kill him. A case was registered under section 302 of the Indian Penal Code and the investigation is underway.

CPM calls for resolution in Assembly for cancellation of NEET

PNS HYDERABAD

The Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M) Telangana State Committee has called on the State government to pass a resolution in the Assembly

demanding that the Central government cancel the NEET examination. CPI-M state

secretary Tammineni Veerabhadram said there are widespread protests across country

against the irregularities in the NEET entrance exam.

A total of 24 lakh students, who appeared for the exam, are a worried lot. Malpractices and leakages have become common in the exams.

studies under the NDA regime. He also criticised the BJP government at the Centre for failing to conduct exams

properly.

Veerabhadram stated that the Central government should allow state governments to manage medical

admissions as was done in the past. The CPI-M supported the Tamil Nadu State government's resolution demanding

abolition of NEET. He urged the Telangana State government to pass a similar resolution in the Assembly, pressuring the Central government to allow state governments to conduct

New Criminal Law handbook, mobile application launched

PNS HYDERABAD

A New Criminal Law handbook, along with mobile application 'Samaahara', and awareness videos, was officially launched by Jitender, Principal Secretary for Home on Saturday. This launch marks a step towards the effective implementation and understanding of the new criminal laws in Telangana.

has prepared this comprehensive handbook on new criminal laws which will come into force on July 1, 2024.

The Prosecutions Department

This handbook includes brief descriptions of law sections, comparative tables, ready references, guidelines, and clarifications on all three major criminal laws. It will be a crucial resource for prosecutors and police officers. Under the guidance of G Vyjayanthi, Director of Prosecutions, Telangana, the department has also developed a mobile application named "Samaahara.

This app provides easy access



Principal Secretary for Home Jitender launching the New Criminal Law handboo and mobile application in Hyderabad on Saturday

to the new legal provisions and includes comparative tables for understanding. Additionally, the department has created short videos and audio clips explaining the importance of the new laws. A dedicated team

of prosecutors organized and simplified these legal provisions. G Vyjayanthi emphasised the importance of the handbook and mobile application, stating that they are uniquely designed to meet the needs of prosecutors and investigative agencies. The handbook and app contain an exclusive table with information on offenses, punishments, compoundability, and triability, distinguishing them from other

Jitender expressed appreciation for the initiative. He commended Vyjayanthi and the Prosecutions Department for their significant efforts in designing and developing these

He highlighted the importance of these tools in ensuring the effective and efficient implementation of the new laws and praised the department's forward-thinking approach to enhancing the criminal justice system in Telangana.

Emergency first responders programme conducted

PNS HYDERABAD

The Hyderabad City Security Council (HCSC), in collaboration with EMRI GVK and Young Indians, on Saturday conducted a daylong Emergency First Responders Programme for road safety.

As many as 100 traffic police officials from all zones of the Hyderabad Police Commissionerate underwent training.

They were trained for various emergencies, including emergency response system activation, scene safety and personal protection.

As part of the training, the officials were taught skills.

Upon completion of the training, the participants were conferred certificates validating their status as certified first responders for one year period.

Cap on working hours in IT firms demanded

Hyderabad.

City-based activist and lawyer Vijay Gopal on Saturday called for a reasonable working hours for employees in Information Technology (IT) firms. Speaking of the issue, Gopal

said, "By exempting IT companies from specific working hours, the government is hampering employment opportunities for the youth. Most of the IT firms are exploiting their staff. The working hours should be inclusive of break-

As per the law, employees are supposed to work for 48 hours a week and an overtime of six hours per week. The law prohibits people below 18 years from working in the IT sector. Initially, since there was a shortage of workforce it was permitted to hire intermediate and undergraduate

students in such firms. The exemptions were brought in by the government in order to accommodate people below

A few companies were forcing their employees to work for 15 hours a day.

The government should consider a 60 hour work week including overtime. The Labour Department does not have portal where such com-plaints could be made. The complainant has to physically visit office to submit complaint. Gopal criticised the government order exempting Information Technology enabled services and Information Technolgy establishments from sections 15, 16, 21, 23 and 31 of the Telangana Shops and Establishment Act of 1988 for a period of four

years beginning from May 30

India is starting a new era in internal security with new 3 criminal laws, says Rachakonda CP

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Rachakonda Commissioner of Police Tarun Joshi said that the new Criminal Laws-2023 will usher in a new era in internal security, which will come into effect from July 1.

In view of the new Criminal Laws-2023 are coming into force from July 1st, a training program was organised at Vigyan Bharti College in GhatKesar for the high officials and all levels of staff under Rachakonda to provide

complete knowledge and understanding to all about the new procedures to be followed in the investigation and trial of many cases.

Tarun Joshi said that through these new laws, there will be a change in the methods of case investigation and there will be an opportunity to provide more efficient and prompt services to the people. Even after our country became an independent Rachakonda Police Commissioner country, the criminal justice Tarun Joshi speaking on three new



system and the law and order criminal laws at a meeting in Hyderabad

system are being operated according to the laws of colo-

He said that the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA) would be a milestone in maintaining law and order

in our country.

He said that officers and staff of all departments under Rachakonda should have thorough knowledge and understanding of the new

the officials to register different types of cases only under the new Laws and sec-

Yadadri Deputy Commisioner Of Police (DCP) Rajesh Chandra, Malkajgiri DCP Padmaja, LB Nagar DCP Praveen, DCP Maheshwaram Sunitha Reddy, Crime DCP Arvind Babu, Additional DCPs, ACPs and other officers participated in the training pro-

Certificate verification for posts in Veterinary Department from July 4

PNS HYDERABAD

Telangana Public Service Commission (TGPSC) will be conducting certificate verifi-cation for Veterinary Assistant Surgeon (Class-A & B) in Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Department

between July 4 and July 8.
On Saturday the TGPSC released a press note, where it mentioned that the candidates who were picked up for verification of certificates for recruitment to the posts, could come to the TGPSC office at



Nampally in Hyderabad. Link for web options will be pro-

vided from July 3 onwards.

"The list of candidates picked up for certificate verification is available on the TGPSC's website. The shortlisted candidates should download and bring checklist and attestation forms which are available on commissions website, https://www.tspsc.gov.in along with all original certificates as mentioned in the Result Notification", press note

Need to ensure quality power to consumers stressed

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Telangana State Energy Department Secretary and Transco, Genco CMD Ronald Rose visited the TGNPDCL Hanmakonda corporate office in Nakkalagutta on Saturday, and conducted a meeting with directors, CGMs, and GMs.

Speaking on the occasion, Ross emphasised the importance of adopting new technologies to provide quality power supply to consumers. He urged officials to enhance their skills and capabilities, be accessible to consumers resolved. sible to consumers, resolve their issues, and act as a bridge between the company and the public. He called for dedication and responsibility from everyone to achieve the set targets.

CMD Karnati Varun Reddy initially presented a detailed report on the Discom, highlighting that quality supply is being provided to 67 lakh consumers across 16 circles in Telangana. He explained the operational structure, infrastructure, distribution, human resources, substations, and SCADA. Varun Reddy also detailed the new projects being undertaken, including the con-struction of new substations, 33 kV alternative supply lines, and the renovation of old sub-

He mentioned the launch of "Electricity Praja Vani" to



Transco and Genco CMD Ronald Rose visiting a substation in Hanmakonda district on Saturday

address consumer issues, held every Monday at circle, division, sub-division, and section offices. Bills now feature QR codes for easier access, and substation automation is being implemented using new tech-

Later, Varun Reddy honored Ronald Ross with a memento. In-charge directors HRD B Ashok Kumar, Projects T Sadar Lal, Operations V Mohan Rao, Finance V Tirupati Reddy, CGMs K Thirumal Rao, T Madhusudhan, K Kishan, Raju Chauhan, KN Gutta. Ravindranath, GMs, Transco officials CE Pullayya, Ramkumar, SEs, and GMs participated in the event. In the context of Chief

Minister Revanth Reddy's visit to Hanmakonda on Saturday, Energy Department Secretary and Transco, Genco CMD Ronald Ross visited the electricity guest house in Hanmakonda, Nakkalagutta. As it was his first visit after assuming office, Varun Reddy took Ross to the Nakkalagutta substation and explained the power supply system. He detailed the 220/132/33 kV power supply from Mulugu

Road, 33/11 kV feeder supply, power transformer capacity, feeder load details, and

Ross also visited the Mee Seva office opposite the college and interacted with consumers about the Gruha Jyoti scheme. He addressed the issues of those who had not benefited from the scheme due to registration errors in Praja Palana. Ross assured that Gruha Jyoti would apply to everyone and immediately corrected the details of eligible beneficiaries to ensure they received the

Foreign

seized

currency worth

Rs. 67,11,250

In a significant operation, the Directorate of Revenue

Intelligence (DRI) Hyderabad

Zonal Unit seized foreign

currency worth Rs. 67.11,250

at Raiiv Gandhi International

Airport on Saturday. The

seizure occurred after the

DRI acted on specific intelli-

gence regarding an attempt to

The DRI officers appre-

hended a passenger bound

for Dubai from Hyderabad.

Upon inspection of the pas-

senger's baggage, the offi-cails found US dollars clever-

ly concealed beneath the

plastic support sheets in the

internal bottom and top sides

of the trolley bag, according

to a media statement..

PNS ■ RANGA REDDY

REACTOR BLAST

MLA calls for action against South Glass Industry management

PNS RANGA REDDY

Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli Shankar has expressed serious concern over the negligence and outdated practices at the South Glass Industry that led to loss of life.

On Saturday, MLA Shankar visited factory to gather detailed information from the workers. He expressed his indignation over the negligence of the industrial owners and the outdated machinery that led to the tragedy. During his visit, Shankar ordered the provision of immediate help to workers, who had been left without food who had been left without food.

At a media conference, MLA Shankar announced that he had spoken to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, securing a



Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli Shankar visiting the South Glass Industry in Ranga Reddy district on Saturday

compensation of Rs 25 lakhs to the families of the deceased workers. He also assured better medical services for the injured, stating that the industry management should bear the medical expenses. Shankar emphasized that the government would step in if the

management failed to comply. The MLA criticised the

industrial owners for their repeated negligence and disregard for worker safety. He demanded a comprehensive investigation and strict action against the industry management. He highlighted that the

central government's new labor laws have benefitted industrial owners at the expense of worker safety, leading to poor implementation of labor laws in many industries.

Addressing the Director of Factories Rajagopal Rao, Shankar urged immediate action to improve safety measures in the industry. Rao promised to visit the industries and assess the conditions. Shankar also visited the injured victims at Viva Private Hospital, ensuring that they receive adequate medical services without any cost to them.

Shankar expressed his anger at the management of the factor for not allowing reporters to visit the scene of the accident. over the ban on media from the incident site, stressing the importance of transparency and accountability. He took the industry owner Shailesh Aggarwal to taks for fleeing the scene and neglecting the welfare of the workers. Shankar demanded immediate police action against Aggarwal and called for strict measures to prevent such incidents in the future.

Shankar's intervention highlighted the urgent need for better safety standards and accountability in industries. His actions and demands aim to ensure that such tragedies are not repeated and that worker rights and safety are prioritized.

Aruna urges govt to help bereaved families In the wake of the tragic explosion at the South to assist the bereaved families. She under-

demanded that the government provide substantial support to the families of the deceased workers. The incident, which happened under the Shadnagar constituency in Rangareddy district, resulted in the death of five workers due to a reactor explosion.

Expressing deep shock over the incident, Aruna emphasised the urgent need for both the industry management and the government

Glass Private Limited factory in Burgula vil- scored the importance of ensuring justice for lage, Mahbubnagar MP DK Aruna has the victims and their families and called for legal action against those responsible for the tragedy.

Aruna highlighted the need to address the safety and welfare of workers in the industry, expressing concern over the lack of security for migrant workers. She urged officials to implement appropriate measures to prevent such incidents from occurring in the future and to ensure that the lives of innocent workers are protected.

'Dharani Week' to be observed from July 1 in Nalgonda dist

PNS NALGONDA

Nalgonda District Collector C Narayana Reddy on Saturday said that the Dharani problems that have hassled land owners would be solved soon.

Responding to a question by Principal Secretary Revenue Naveen Mital, who held review on Dharnai through Video conference, the Collector said that special teams were formed to go into the issue and find solution to the problems.

In the video conference, the Principal Secretary said that the pending Dharani applications should be resolved quickly.

Later, Collector C. Narayana Reddy held a video conference with Revenue Divisional Revenue Officers (MROs) in Nalgonda district

Narayana Reddy directed the officials to observe Dharani



Nalgonda District Collector C Narayana Reddy holding a review meeting with officials through video conference on Saturday

ed the officials to address the problems immediately and ensure that the problems are liest. He said that all the issues should be resolved without any pending issues till next Saturday. These include court cases, Nala cases,

POB cases and reverse cases. Additional Collector Srinivas, Administration Officer Motilal, departments of the Revenue Department of the Collectorate

Week from July 1. He instruct-

participated in this video con-

Police book a case against glass factory

PNS RANGA REDDY

In a tragic incident, five migrant workers lost their lives in an accident at the South Glass Private Limited factory. The accident, which happened due to alleged malfunctioning reactor compressor safety wall, has prompted the local authorities to take legal action against the industry for negligence.

A case has been registered at the Shadnagar Police Station based on a complaint filed by Farooq Nagar Mandal Deputy Tahsildar Anand Singh.

Shadnagar AČP NC Rangaswamy stated that the case has been filed under Sections 504A, 336, 337, 338, and 287 of the IPC against the owner of South Glass Private The incident took place on

Friday evening in the glass manufacturing unit of South Glass Private Limited, located under the Chinthagudem Gram Panchayat in Farooq Nagar Mandal. According to officials, the blast was caused by a malfunction in the reactor compressor safety wall, leading to the tragic deaths of five workers.

The deceased have been identified as Nikit Kumar (22) and Ram Seth (24) from Uttar Pradesh, Ram Prakash (31) and Chittaranjan (31) from Bihar, and Rathikant (21) from Orissa. The injured workers are currently receiving treatment in various hospitals in the

Shamshabad and Shad Nagar

Shadnagar RDO Venkakata Madhavrao confirmed the deaths of the five workers and emphasized the need for stringent safety measures in the industry to prevent such incidents. The local authorities have assured that a thorough investigation will be conducted, and appropriate legal actions will be taken against those responsible for the neg-

Tipsy teacher locked up in school room

PNS BHADRADRI-KOTHAGUDEM

In yet another incident of school teacher reporting for work in an inebriated condiin Government Primary School at Illandulapadu in Ilandu mandal of the district reported for duty in a tipsy condition and started behaving in a highhanded manner with the students and towards the colleagues under the influence of the alcohol, reports said

here on Saturday. He was identified as

Sudhakar. Besides his objectionable behavior towards the students and colleagues, Sudhakar started abusing every one in unprintable language.

The school students have ut un with behaviour for the past several days, at last reported it to their parents.

The incensed parents, came to the school and locked the teacher in room. Later, they alerted the higher officials in the education department. They have been demanding the authorities to place the teacher

Sudhakar was the only teacher in the single-teacher government primary school. He teaches students of all five

an inebriated condition and coming to the school according to his whims and fancies drew flak from villagers. Moreover, even after reaching the school, he used to pass time abusing the students and other

> despise of one and all. Êarlier, in a similar incident, Veeraiah, who is working as a

personnel in the school to the

teacher in government elementary school at Rajivnagar village of Timmampet panchayat of Mulakalapalli mandal of Bhdradri Kothagdem The only teacher in the district, was found lying on the

road in front of the The locals made him lie down in a cattle shed near the school. He daily commutes to the school from Madhira. To a question, head master Kiran said that casual leave was marked against his name for having reported for duty late. The villagers complained to the education department on the misconduct of Veeraiah master.

DS brought luck to Congress, but he was unlucky

HYDERABAD

Dharmapuri Srinivas aka DS who died in the early hours of Saturday was a lucky hand for the Congress, but he was unlucky.
In United Andhra Pradesh,

under the leadership of DS who was APCC President, the Congress came to power twice. However, DS did not get a chance to become the Chief Minister.

When the Congress was away from power for 10 years and before the 2004 Assembly elections, DS was appointed as the APCC President.

In the 2004 Assembly elections, DS played a key role in bringing back the Congress to power after 10 years. The late Chief Minister, YS Rajasekhar, was the CLP leader at that time. Usually, as per convention, if the Congress comes to

made the Chief Minister. But the Congress high command made CLP leader YS Rajasekhar Reddy the CM. Before the 2009 Assembly

elections, DS was made the PCC President again. It had become a convention for the Congress high command to make DS the PCC President before Assembly elections to bring the party to power.

In 2009 also, under PCC president DS, the Congress retained power. But at that time too DS did not get a chance to become the Chief Minister. The Congress high command continued YS Rajasekhar Reddy as the Chief Minister due to YSR's following in the Congress and among

the public. The then AICC President Sonia Gandhi felt that they did an injustice to DS when the Congress came to power in the 2004 and 2009 Assembly elections. She told this to a close associate of YS Rajasekhar Reddy and she had a lot of sympathy for DS. Generally, any political

party in these circumstances. After the state's bifurcation in the 2014 Assembly elections, the Congress lost power. In the changed political circumstances, DS quit the Congress and joined the BRS. Before resigning from the Congress, DS met AICC President Sonia Gandhi and

leader would resign from his

explained the reasons for leaving the party.

DS had great respect for Sonia Gandhi and she had a special regard for him. DS was Minister under several Chief Ministers and was a close confidante of Chief Ministers Kotla Vijaya Bhaskar

Reddy and Marri Chenna

Andhra Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan offers prayers at Hanuman temple in Telangana

PNS HYDERABAD

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan offered prayers at the famous Lord Hanuman temple at Kondagattu in Jagtial district of Telangana on Saturday. Kalyan, who arrived at the

temple by road from Hyderabad, was accorded a traditional welcome by officials at the temple and the priests blessed him. This was Kalyan's first visit to the temple after the runaway success of his party Jana

Sena and the NDA in the

recent Assembly elections in

Andhra Pradesh. Kalyan, an ardent devotee of Lord Hanuman at Kondagattu, had performed special puja at the Kondagattu Hanuman



temple before embarking on his 'Varahi Yatra' in Andhra ahead of the Assembly polls. The actor-turned-politician,

who visited the temple for the first time after assuming office as Deputy Chief Minister, was given a rousing welcome by his supporters and fans at several places on his way to the

Special drive to curb crime in Nalgonda dist

under suspension.

District Superintendent of Police Sharath Chandra Pawar on Saturday said that a special drive was conducted across the district to control crime and 1,769 vehicles without number plates were seized in a week. Speaking on the occasion,

he said that criminals involved in crime, theft and chain snatching are using vehicles without number plates in the district and special measures would be taken in this way to curb crime. From now on, if anyone is caught without number plates or tampering with number plates in the district, cheating



Sharat Chandra Pawar

cases will be registered against them. He appealed to the people to cooperate with the police in controlling crime in

Nagabharanam, Jataajutam,

Panamattam, Naga

Padaga, Daarapattam, and

Makara Toranam. After receiving the ornaments, EO Rama Rao facilitated dar-



Lightning strikes BTPS at Manugur

PNS KOTHAGUDEM

A lightning struck Bhadradri Thermal Power Station's (BTPS) unit power transformer at Manugur on Saturday.

Following the incident, a fire broke out in the unit. Firefighters arrived at the unit quickly doused the raging flames. Power generation was interrupted for some

The plant has been equipped with most advance lightening arresters; fire did not spread to other units.

Degree college at Gambhirraopeta emerges favourite institute for students

PNS RAJANNA SIRCILLA

Students have been evincing interest to join the Government Degree and PG College here in Sircilla district as the college has become reputed in provide not only academic education but also imparting coaching in job-

oriented courses. In the past 16 years of its estab-

lishment, the college acquired all amenities and developing to become a model college. Last year, the college got NAAC'B+ recognition. It is one of the 13 colleges

which got the rare distinction. Because of the recognition, the college will get Rs 5 crore funds. Administrative sanction to release the funds has been issued. The funds are going to be released soon. The funds are

going to be used to change the contours of the college. The college has 820 students.

Currently admissions are under way through DOST programme. The college offers several self-employment courses. Girls receive training in stiching and knitting and also a course in beautician. Besides these courses, life skills and computer training are being provided.

Job Melas are being organized annually in association with eminent firms like IPE, Edbridge, Magic Bus, TASK and IITs. Annually, at least 100 students are getting placements

in the campus interviews.

Last year, PG courses have been introduced in the college. B Sc (Computers) and M. Com have become the most sought after courses for rural students.

Ornaments worth Rs 40 L donated to Durga temple

PNS VIJAYAWADA

Residents Hyderabad, Maganti Satyanarayana Murty and Madhu Rao, donated ornaments worth Rs 40 lakh to Malleswara Swamy at the Durga Temple atop Indrakeeladri in Vijayawada Saturday. They handed over the ornaments the temple

Executive Officer (EO)

KS Rama Rao on the temple include gold-coated copper appreciation.

shan for the Maganti Satyanarayana Murty and Madhu Rao fam-ily members. He also resented them with addu Prasadam and a portrait as tokens of

time.

Constitutional morality a restraining factor on state: CJI

Maintaining that "constitutional morality" is a restraining factor on the state, Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud on Saturday said it allows for conditions that respect diversity, promote inclusion, and pursue tolerance.

He said that India does not exist only in large cities, but it goes down to the smallest village and the smallest taluka across the nation, connected or not, accessible or otherwise.

CJI Chandrachud said "constitutional morality", unlike morality, which he said is a restraint on the rights of citizens, is a restraining factor on

Constitutional morality addresses itself to every component of society and allows for conditions which "respect diversity, promote inclusion

and pursue tolerance", he said, delivering the keynote address at the two-day East Zone II regional conference of the National Judicial Academy.

The CJI said it also imposes a duty on the state to facilitate the achievement of the kind of society that the Constitution envisages.

"The Constitution uses the expression morality, but it does not use the expression constitutional morality," he said.

CJI Chandrachud said the Constitution allows for restrictions to be imposed by law on the right to freedom and expression on various grounds, including morality.

He said the Constitution also contemplates that restrictions can be imposed on the right to freedom of association on grounds of morality.

At one level, constitutional morality is founded in the val-



ues which the Constitution's Preamble sets out, he said.

"Constitutional morality is an overarching principle which is derived from, but is not confined to, specific rights or values which are enshrined in the Constitution," Chandrachud said.

According to him, it gives a unifying constitutional ethic so that every Indian citizen can

the court is a temple of justice, he said.

The CJI said he would rather recast the role of the judge as server of the people, thus bringing in the notion of compassion and empathy.

He said that these concepts

of constitutional morality are key for not just the judges of the higher judiciary, but also for the district judiciary as engagement of common citizens begins at this level.

It is being increasingly found that judges write about their own ideologies in judgments, CJI Chandrachud noted.

He said personal perceptions of a judge as to what is right or wrong must not override constitutional morality.

"Please remember that we servants of the Constitution, we are not masters of the Constitution," the

Amarnath Yatra: Amit Shah

think and speak as he wishes to,

worship as they intend to, fol-

low whoever they want to, eat

what they want to and marry

whoever he or she wants to or

as 'Honor', 'Lordships' or

danger that "we perceive our-

selves as the deities in those

temples" since the people say

Ladyships', there is a grave

When judges are addressed

not marry at all.

The Modi government is committed to ensuring a safe, smooth and pleasant pilgrimage to the cave shrine of Amarnath and is ments to ensure that devotees do not face any inconvenience, Union Home Minister Amit

The annual Amarnath Yatra

began on Saturday as the first batch of pilgrims left the twin

"Shri Amarnath Yatra is an eternal symbol of the traditionalism and continuity of Indian culture. This divine yatra is starting today. I wish all the devotees good luck for the darshan,"

Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji, our government is committed to the safe, smooth and pleasant journey of the devotees and the government has made every possible arrangement to ensure that the devotees do not face any inconvenience. Har Har Mahadev," he

JD(U) seeks special category status or package for Bihar

The Janata Dal (United) on Saturday appointed Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Kumar Jha as its working president and urged the Centre to consider either special category status or special package for Bihar, underlining the party's important role in the formation of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led govern-

The party's national executive meeting chaired by its president and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar flagged price rise and unemployment as "burning issues", as its political resolution expressed confidence that the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government would take more effective steps to handle them.

The resolution called for extensive probe into paper leak cases to ensure stringent action against the guilty so as to maintain the credibility of central competitive exams.

There is also a need for Parliament to enact a strong law against leaks of examination papers, it added.

Kumar's decision to appoint his confidant as the party's working president, a position not held by anyone, suggests his efforts to maintain better coordination with the BJP and draw a helpful bargain as Jha enjoys good ties with the national party's leadership.

A former minister in Bihar, Jha was originally in the BJP and served as its link with Kumar before crossing over to the JD(U).



The JD(U)'s decision to include a special package as an alternative to its historical push for special category status for Bihar marked a pragmatic climbdown as the Modi government had cited the 14th Finance Commission's report to rule out special category status for any more states

Seen as competent, likeable and low-key, the Mithilanchal leader has long been a trusted aide of his ageing mentor who has burnt his fingers in the past due to shifting loyalties of his ostensibly reliable colleagues, including former JD(U) president RCP Singh, now in the

Party sources said Kumar would expect Jha to maintain smooth relations with the BJP while working to get a positive response to his party's demands, including aid to Bihar.

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Following his appointment, Jha said his party's purpose was to get central assistance for Bihar to build on the foundation laid by the Kumar-led government since 2005, except for a short period when Jitan Ram Manjhi was chief minister.

"It does not matter in what name such a help is given. We will pursue it with the central government and are hopeful for a positive outcome," he

Asserting that everything would remain cordial between the BIP and the ID(U), he said the two parties were natural

rainfall in northwest and northeast for next 5 days

PNS NEW DELHI

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Saturday predicted heavy to very heavy rainfall in northwest and northeast India over the next four to five days.

IMD warns of heavy

A low-pressure area is currently situated over the northwest Bay of Bengal, adjoining the north Odisha-Gangetic West Bengal coasts, the weather office said.

Cyclonic circulations have formed over northeast Rajasthan, east Uttar Pradesh bordering Bihar, and northwest Uttar Pradesh at lower tropospheric levels, it added.

from northwest Uttar Pradesh to the low-pressure area. Due to these weather sys-

tems, isolated heavy rainfall is expected in Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Rajasthan from June 29 to July 3, the IMD said.

Chhattisgarh, Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand, and Odisha will likely receive heavy rainfall on June 29-30, and Bihar from June 30 to July

The IMD has also predicted very heavy rainfall in isolated areas in Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Harvana, Chandigarh, Uttar Pradesh, east Rajasthan, and west Madhya Pradesh during this period.

In the northeast, a cyclonic circulation over northeast Assam will bring light to moderate rainfall, thunderstorms, lightning, and isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall to Sub-Himalayan West Rengal Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, and Tripura over the next five

Isolated extremely heavy rainfall is expected in Arunachal Pradesh on June 29-30 and in Assam and Meghalaya on June 29.

Modi govt committed to ensure safe, smooth

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making all possible arrange-Shah said on Saturday.

base camps in Baltal and Nunwan to start their journey to the 3,880-metre-high cave shrine in the south Kashmir Himalavas.

Shah wrote on 'X' in Hindi. "Under the leadership of

SHIVAKUMAR URGES CONG LEADERS

Refrain from comments on leadership issue in public

PNS BENGALURU

Amid raging debate over the possibility of change in Chief Minister and demand for three more Deputy Chief Ministers in Karnataka, state Congress President D K Shivakumar on Saturday asked partymen and leaders to refrain from issuing public statements on the issue and warned of disciplinary Shiyakumar, who is also the

Deputy Chief Minister urged partymen to "shut their mouth" in the interest of the party, as he also requested seers not to interfere in political matters.

is at the forefront of the issue of three Deputy Chief Ministers, wondered what was wrong in asking for it, and said he won't heed the warnings. There is growing demand

within the state cabinet to have three more Deputy Chief Ministers -- from Veerashaiva-Lingayat, SC/ST and minority



communities. Currently, Shivakumar from the dominant Vokkaliga community is only the Deputy Chief Minister in the Siddaramaiah cabinet.

A Vokkaliga seer Kumara Vokkaliga Vishwa Mahasamastana Math on Thursday had publicly urged Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to step down and make way for his deputy Shivakumar.

Following this Veearashaiva-Lingayat seer --Srisaila Jagadguru Channa Siddharama Panditaradhya Swamiji on Friday said ministers from his community should be considered for the CM's post in case there is a leadership change, while also pitching for them to be given of additional Deputy CM

There is no discussion on any Deputy Chief Minister nor there is any question about the Chief Minister. Swamiji (Vokkaliga seer) out of affection towards me might have spoken about me. That's all. I request -- I don't need anyone's

we have done our party high command will decide, Shivakumar said in response to a question whether he had taken up with the party high command the demand for more Deputy CMs during the Delhi visit.

recommendation. For the work

Addressing reporters here, he said, "Kharge (AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge), Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and I, in the interest of the party, have decided how to function. So there is no need for any MLA or Minister or Swamiji to speak. If they (seers)

bless us it's enough.. There is no need Minister to comment on the CM or Deputy CM issue in public or before the media, Shivakumar said and warned that "if any MLA or anyone from the party raises it, the AICC or I will be forced to issue notice and take disciplinary action. Discipline is important in the party.

INDIA CORNER

Woman poisons 9-month-old son, dies by suicide



poisoned her 9-monthold son, who survived, before hanging herself in Maharashtra's Chandrapur district, an official said on Saturday.The police have registered a case against the woman's husband and inlaws after her mother

accused them of harassing her daughter. Pallavi Vinod Dhoke fed some insecticide to her baby and hanged herself at her matrimonia home in Shegaon (Bk) village, about 60 km from the district headquarters, on Friday evening when other family members were away. After returning home, her family members called the police who rushed Pallavi and the haby to a hospital, where doc declared her dead, the official said. The baby was then shifted to a private hospital in Chandrapur and he is said to be in a stable condition. However, Pallavi's mother accused her in-laws of torturing her daughter over money. On her complaint, police registered a case against Pallavi's husband and his parents, the

India presents its priorities under Colombo Process



ndia has presented an action plan focusing on several of its priority areas for regional cooperation under the Colombo Process a regional consultative forum comprising 12 Asian nations India rolled out the plan while chairing a meeting of the

grouping in Geneva on Friday. In the meeting, India listed a range of its priorities that included reviewing the financial sustainability of the Colombo Process and broadening the grouping's membership by including new nations as members and observers. Muktesh Pardeshi, Secretary (consular-passport-visa division) in the Ministry of External Affairs, delivered the special address at the meeting. "He emphasised India's commitment to advancing the objectives of the Colombo Process and enhancing collaboration among member states," the ministry said. "India presented an outline of an action plan for the next two years, focusing on key priorities and initiatives to further strengthen the Colombo Process," it said. In May, India assumed the chair of the Colombo Process for the first time since its inception. "The Process continues to play a pivotal role in enhancing regional cooperation on migration issues, and with India's leading role, there is a renewed commitment to engaging all member states actively, improving migration governance, and fostering safe, orderly, and regular migration for organised overseas employment," the ministry said in a statement

Court remands Revanna in judicial custody till July 8



court here on Saturday remanded former JD(S) AMP Prajwal Revanna, who is facing charges of rape and sexual abuse of several women, to judicial custody till July 8. He was produced before the 42nd Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate court judge after his four-day Special Investigation Team (SIT) custody ended today. On

Monday, Prajwal Revanna was remanded to judicial custody till July 8. But, he was later sent to SIT custody till June 29 by the Magistrate court judge, after the police sought a body warrant through the Special Public Prosecutor (SPP). Four separate cases have been registered against the 33-year-old grandson of the former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda, all of which are being investigated

Poll results moral defeat for Modi: Sonia

PNS NEW DELHI

Former Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Saturday said the Lok Sabha poll verdict has signalled a "personal, political and moral defeat" for Prime Minister Narendra Modi but "he is continuing as if nothing has changed". In a newspaper article, she

come to terms with the electoral outcome or understand the verdict". She said that when the prime minister's "emissaries sought unanimity for the post of Speaker", the opposition

claimed there is "not the slight-

est evidence that he (Modi) has

the government. "But in keeping with convention and tradition, it was only

INDIA bloc agreed to support



fair and to be expected that the post of deputy speaker would be given to a member from the ranks of the opposition,"

Gandhi said. But this "perfectly reasonable request" was found unaccept-

able by the government, she

said, adding the opposition alliance is committed to restoring balance and productivity in

Parliament. "On June 4, 2024, the verdict of our country's electorate was delivered clearly and resoundingly. It signalled a personal,

a prime minister who had awarded himself a divine status during the campaign," the Congress leader said. "Yet, the prime minister continues as if nothing has

political, and moral defeat for

changed. He preaches the value of consensus but continues to value confrontation," she said. She also described the mention of Emergency by the prime minister, the Lok Sabha Speaker and BJP leaders as an attempt to divert attention

from the "assault on the

Constitution" "It is a fact of history that in March 1977 the people of our country gave a categorical verdict on the Emergency, which was accepted unhesitatingly and unequivocally," Gandhi

ED attaches land, bank deposits of CPI(M) in Kerala

PNS NEW DELHI/KOCHI

The Enforcement Directorate alleged Saturday that the CPI(M) in Kerala was holding proceeds of money laundering, as it attached a land parcel and bank deposits worth Rs 73 lakh of the political party in a probe linked to the Karuvannur Service

Cooperative Bank "scam". Assets worth Rs 28.65 crore of various individuals and entities linked to the case have also been attached by the federal agency after a provisional order under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) was

Official sources said the party may be named as an accused in the next supplementary chargesheet to be filed in this case. If so, it will be the second political party to be arraigned as accused in a money laundering investigation after the Aam Aadmi Party. AAP has recently been named by the ED in the

Delhi excise policy case.

The CPI(M) vehemently denied the charges of wrongdoing and money laundering.

The attached assets include 18 immovable properties, valued at Rs 28.65 crore, consisting of lands and buildings in Kerala of the beneficiaries of the "scam", including an immovable property worth Rs 10 lakh registered in the name of a district secretary of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) for a party office, the ED said in a statement.

Experts outline priorities for Modi government

Echoing the urgency of health-Bharat Yojana (AB-PMJAY) to accelerating the digital health mission, experts and industry leaders have outlined key priorities for the Modi government in its third consecutive

Their statements highlight the importance of prioritising preventive healthcare measures, strengthening infrastructure,

and increasing healthcare spending.
Healthcare experts have

care reforms ranging from expressed concerns about whether the government in its new term will make any difference by increasing public expenditure on healthcare to the desired level in India.

Notably, the National Health Policy (NHP) 2017, which promises to increase public health spending to 2.5 percent of the GDP, remains overdue even as Indians rely heavily on private services.



Dr Girdhar Gyani, Director Healthcare Providers, India) General, AHPI (Association of said, "In the upcoming term, we

urge the government to prioritise a comprehensive approach to fostering a 'Healthy India'. This entails promoting pre-ventive health measures focusing on sanitation, clean drinking water, and nutrition, along-side the rapid implementation of health and wellness Centres for preventive health education and screening."

Intensifying the 'Fit India Movement', strengthening occupational health schemes, and restructuring the Ayushman Bharat Yojana to

reach all SECC-2011 beneficiaries are also crucial steps, Dr Gyani said. He also highlighted the

importance of incentivising the private sector to establish tertiary care facilities in tier-III cities, promoting the indigenisation of medical equipment, and accelerating the National Digital Health Mission to address healthcare infrastructure gaps and achieve universal health coverage through increased government spend-

Confident of over US\$ 800 bn exports in goods, services this fiscal: Goyal

India's goods and services exports are expected to cross US\$ 800 billion this fiscal despite global challenges, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Saturday.

In 2023-24, the shipments stood at US\$ 778.2 billion (goods US\$ 437.1 billion and services US\$ 341 billion).

He said that the global situation is serious as war is still ongoing between Ukraine-Russia and Israel-Hamas, and the Red sea crisis. The minister added that there are also elections in some of the major democracies like in Europe.

"In such a situation it's a positive sign that our exports are growing (9 per cent growth in May) and ...this also reflects that the world wants to do trade and investments with India. We are confident that this year we will have over US\$ 800 billion exports and it will



be a historic record," Goyal told reporters here.

He was here to participate in programme of gems and

jewellery exporters. Goyal added that for the US\$ 800 billion exports, the ministry is working on specifics with Indian missions abroad and export promotion councils. He added that last year the current account deficit (CAD) has also reduced...our exports will increase, manufacturing will get a boost

India recorded a current account surplus of US\$ 5.7 billion or 0.6 per cent of GDP in the March quarter. This is the first time in ten quarters that the crucial metric of the country's external strength has turned into surplus mode.

In the year-ago period, the current account deficit stood at US\$ 1.3 billion or 0.2 per cent

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of GDP, and the same was US\$ 8.7 billion or 1 per cent of GDP in the preceding quarter ending December 2023. India's merchandise exports rose by 9.1 per cent to US\$ 38.13 billion in May even as the trade deficit widened to a seven-month high of US\$

will be a historic

record," Goyal told

23.78 billion during the month, according to the latest government data. He added that focus on electric vehicles will help in

reducing oil imports.
The ministry is also holding a series of meetings with plantation boards, including spices, rubber, tobacco, tea and coffee, to promote exports especially those of value added goods.

Further, he said that India has taken up on priority the issue of ban on imports of Russian-origin unpolished diamonds by the European Union (EU) and G7 nations to protect the interest of the domestic diamond polishing industry.

"Our ministry and the gems and jewellery export promotion council are continuously in touch with the European Union and G7 nations," Goyal said, adding in the last meeting, India took up the matter strongly.

"Still we are in touch with them to ensure that Indian industry does not have an impact, the minister said.

Exporters' body urges Centre to restore IES benefits for all

PNS KOLKATA

A body of exporters has written to Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, expressing concerns over the extension of the Interest Equalisation Scheme (IES) for only two months and exclusively for MSMEs.

Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) president Ashwani Kumar highlighted that the scheme has so far benefitted not only MSMEs but also merchant exporters and large manufacturing companies at a lower rate of two per cent for 410 tariff lines, covering labour-intensive products.

The current scheme, valid till June, provides pre and postshipment rupee export credit, offers a two per cent interest equalisation rate for manufacturers and merchant exporters dealing with specified 410 export items, and a higher rate of three per cent for MSME manufacturers exporting under any of these items.

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any party representatives who

may pose a threat to closer India-UK ties under a future

"Going beyond warm words,

we want to build that practical,

strong relationship. Labour has

talked a lot about a strategic

security," she said.

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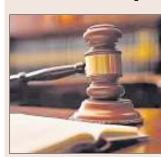
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MONEY MATTERS

IFFCO withdraws plea from **NCLT** in Triumph Offshore case



ertiliser cooperative IFFCO has withdrawn its plea filed in NCLT that restrained Triumph Offshore from issuing any share or securities to lenders for paying loans. The move came after IFFCO (Indian Farmer Fertiliser Cooperative) exited from Triumph Offshore by selling its entire 49 per cent stake to its joint venture partner Swan Energy Ltd

(SEL) for Rs 440 crore. IFFCO had approached the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) in March seeking to restrain Triumph Offshore and SEL from issuing any share/securities to lenders for paying loans and passing any such resolution without its approval. In its petition, IFFCO had argued that it was pre-paying the debt and it may result into dilution of its shareholding in Triumph Offshore. A two-member bench of the NCLT allowed IFFCO to withdraw its plea. "Counsel for applicants seeks permission to withdraw the application. They have also filed an affidavit. In view of the same, permission is granted," said the NCLT order passed on June 27. Triumph Offshore was established as a joint venture to set up a Floating Storage and Regasification Unit (FSRU) with Swan Energy holding the majority stake of 51 per cent.

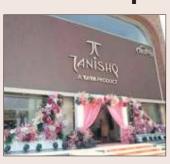
Businessmen, hawkers clash in Kolkata's New Market



Bhawkers clashed in the city's New Market area on Saturday, amid tensions over West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's directive to reduce hawkers' occupation of road space. According to a police official trouble began when some hawkers objected to traders with permanent structures in

the heritage New Market complex and surrounding open spaces parking their vehicles there. The hawkers demanded as decided in a meeting between Mayor Firhad Hakim and their association members, the parking space in front of Simpark Mall in New Market compound be cleared of vehicles of permanent shop owners and hawkers be allowed to display their wares. As arguments escalated into physical altercations, businessmen blocked nearby S N Banerjee Road, disrupting traffic bound for Esplanade for about half-an-hour. Hawkers also organised a rally through various alleys of New Market-Chandni Chowk areas, alleging that shop owners were denying them their rightful space and jeopardising their livelihoods. Normalcy was restored following intervention by senior police and KMC officials, allowing both groups to resume their activities.

Titan launches jewellery brand Tanishq in Bangladesh



itan Company on Saturday said it is launching its jewellery brand Tanishq in Bangladesh as part of expansion plans in the international market. On Friday, the Tata Groupmanaged firm signed a JV agreement to this effect with Rhythm Group which will make Tanisho available across

the Bangladesh market, according to a joint statement. The joint venture will commence with the opening of the manufacturing facility in Narayanganj, in Bangladesh, it added. Besides the domestic market, Titan is expanding Tanishq's presence in the international market and operates 17 stores across the UAE, US, Qatar, Singapore and Oman. Its watch business has a presence in SAARC, MENA (Middle East and North Africa), Southeast Asian regions. In the last few years, it has focused on growing its flagship jewellery brand Tanishq overseas. Rhythm Group is a prominent entity in Bangladesh that was established in 1972 to produce desi textile fabrics and since then it has expanded into several verticals. "Through this joint venture Titan aims to combine Tanishq's unparalleled artisanship and brand legacy with Rhythm Group's strong market presence and local expertise in Bangladesh, to manufacture and sell jewellery to discerning

IBM, Gujarat govt ink pact to establish Al cluster at GIFT City

PNS NEW DELHI

IBM and the Gujarat government on Saturday inked a pact to establish and promote an AI cluster leveraging IBM's 'watsonx' to drive innovation and collaboration among financial institu-Gujarat tions International Finance Tec

(GIFT) City.
Under this partnership, financial institutions will gain access to AI Sandbox, assistance in providing proof of concept, AI literacy programmes and digital assistant solutions, according to a

"IBM and the Department

The services of a modern com-

mon facility centre developed

at a special economic zone (SEZ) here are now being used

by European jewellers for qual-

ity testing, an industry official

The Bharat Ratnam Mega

CFC (Common Facility

Centre) at the SEEPZ (Santacruz Electronic Export

Processing Zone) SEZ in

Mumbai was inaugurated by

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

in January. The centre has been

CFC, said that the CFC has

state-of-the-art machines and

Ravi Menon, CEO, Mega

operational since March 15.

of Science and Technology, Government of Gujarat today entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish and promote an AI Cluster leveraging IBM's watsonx to foster innovation and collaboration among financial institutions in Gujarat International Finance Tec (GIFT) City," the release said.

IBM's 'watsonx' is an AI and data platform built for busi-

Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel said: "This MoU with IBM will help Gujarat to lead the country in efforts to adopt AI and drive digital transformation.

'European jewellers using services of Mega CFC for quality testing'

'Private banks should give more benefits to people'

PNS BILASPUR

Private sector banks in the district should give more benefits to people under various government schemes, especially pension schemes, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Bilaspur Nidhi Patel said.

During a meeting with bankers' committee on Friday, she said as compared to government banks, private banks are opening very few accounts under social security pension schemes of the central government, which was shocking and asked why private lenders were lagging in this field.

Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and Atal Pension Yojana are some of the important schemes of

the central government. She directed officials of ICICI Bank, Axis Bank and HDFC Bank to ensure opening of maximum number of accounts under the major social security pension schemes of the Centre, before the next quarterly meeting.

"Besides Indian players using

this facility, now European

jewellers have also started

using the services of the CFC

for quality testing," Menon

UK's Labour Party commits to stamping out anti-India sentiments

PNS LONDON

The UK's Opposition Labour Party, hoping to win a mandate to form a government after the July 4 general election, has committed itself to stamping out anti-India sentiments within its ranks and building a strong strategic partner-

ship with the Prime Minister Narendra Modiled administration. The party's resolution

during an annual conference under former Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn in favour of international intervention in Kashmir was widely seen as having cost it British Indian votes in the 2019 general election.

There have also been concerns over some Labour councillors espousing pro-Khalistan views. At a 'Political Hustings' event for Britain's South Asian community organised by 'Asian Voice' in partnership with City Sikhs and City Hindus Network in London on Friday evening, Labour Party chair and shadow secretary of

officials of certain European

jewllery firms has visited the

centre earlier this month. Their

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Colin Shah, Head - Working

Group, Bharat Ratnam Mega

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fee which helps simplify man-

ufacturing and boost produc-

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the CFC, Menon added.

ellery exports.

state for women and equalities Anneliese Dodds claimed that the party led by Keir Starmer is confident of having cleansed its ranks of any members with such extremist views

We would certainly never take any group of voters, wherever they're from, for granted;



we're working hard for everyone's votes," said Dodds, in response to a question posed by PTI on winning back Indian diaspora voters alienated in the last polls.
"If there is any evidence on

that [anti-India sentiment], whichever group of people, I will do something about that," she stated, calling upon the "incredible diaspora" commu-

campaign letter stating only he would speak up for Kashmir in the British Parliament. Marco Longhi, who is contesting against Labour's British-Indian pick Sonia Kumar, also

Delhi airport T1 shutdown: Over 20 flights cancelled

Kashmiris.

PNS NEW DELHI

More than 20 flights of IndiGo that were to operate from Terminal 1 of the Delhi airport were cancelled on Saturday, a day after the terminal was shut down following the roof collapse incident.

A source in the know said 23 flights of IndiGo and 2 flights of SpiceJet that were scheduled to operate from T1 were cancelled on Saturday. There was no immediate comment from IndiGo.

However, a SpiceJet source said it has shifted all T1 operations to T3 and all flights were operated on Saturday. Following the roof collapse



incident, the operations at T1 were suspended on Friday. The flights that were to be operated from the terminal have been shifted to Terminal 2 (T2) and Terminal 3 (T3).

On Friday, Delhi airport operator DIAL said it has set up a technical committee to probe the roof collapse at the airport's Terminal 1 and the primary cause of the incident seems to be continued heavy rainfall.

Setty to become new chairman of SBI

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Government appointment selection panel FSIB on Saturday selected senior-most managing director Challa Sreenivasulu Setty for the position of Chairman of country's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI). Setty, who was appointed managing director in January 2020, currently looks after International Banking, Global Markets and Technology verticals.

Bangladeshi consumers," it said.

He will succeed Dinesh Kumar Khara, who will be superannuating on August 28, when he turns 63, the upper age limit for the position of SBI Chairman. Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB),

the headhunter for directors of state-owned banks and financial institutions, interviewed three candidates on June 29, 2024 for the position.

"Keeping in view their performance in the interface, their overall experience and the extant parameters, the Bureau recommends Challa Sreenivasulu Setty for the position of Chairman in SBI," FSIB said in a statement.

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INFLATION AND FOREIGN CURRENCY CRISIS

Egypt, EU hold an investment conference to help Cairo

PNS CAIRO

Egypt and the European Union on Saturday opened a two-day investment conference to advance the implementation of their strategic partnership agreement that includes a 7.4 billion-euro (US\$ 8 billion) aid package for the cash-strapped Middle Eastern nation.

The March aid package includes both grants and loans over the next three years for the Arab world's most populous country. Most of the funds — 5 billion euros (US\$ 5.4 billion) are macro-financial assistance to help Egypt shore up its economy, which is hit by a staggering shortage of foreign currency and soaring inflation.

In his opening remarks, President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi said the conference "sends a

powerful message of confidence and support from the European Union for the Egyptian economy and the economic reform measures implemented over the past 10 years".

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improve the output in terms of

quality, productivity and yield

of the finished jewellery and

further boosting gem and jew-

ellery exports.

The EU, represented by Executive Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis, and Egypt will sign a memorandum of understanding for the short-term macro-financial assistance of up to 1 billion euros (US\$ 1.07 billion) to support Egypt's economic reform programme, the EU mission in Cairo said in a statement.

Other investment deals worth 40 billion euros (US\$ 42.8 billion) are scheduled to be signed with European companies as well as bilateral cooper ation agreements with the EU to advance employment and skills, vaccines manufactur-



"In just 100 days, we have already brought new energy into our partnership. And this is just the beginning," European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, who attended the conference, said. "We are backing our new partnership with substantial public investments. But what truly makes a difference is that the private sector is also on board."

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government El-Sissi' embarked on a massive reform programme in 2016 in return for loans from the International Monetary Fund. The reform has centred on floating the local currency, substantial cuts in state subsidies on basic goods, reducing public investment and allowing the private sector to

become the engine of growth. Most recently, the government once again floated the pound and sharply increased the main interest rate in March. Commercial banks are now trading the US currency at

about 31 pounds. The measures are meant to combat ballooning inflation and attract foreign investment. They were also needed to meet

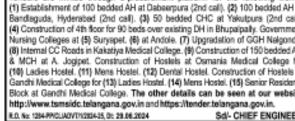
IMF demands in order to

more than 47 pounds, up from

increase its bailout loan from US\$ 3 billion to US\$ 8 billion. The currency devaluation and subsidies cuts have inflicted further pain on Egyptians already struggling with skyrocketing prices over the past vears. Nearly 30 per cent of Egyptians live in poverty, according to official figures.

The EU deal, which has drawn criticism from rights groups over Egypt's human rights record, came as concerns grow that economic pressure on Egypt and conflicts in neighbouring countries could drive more migrants to European shores

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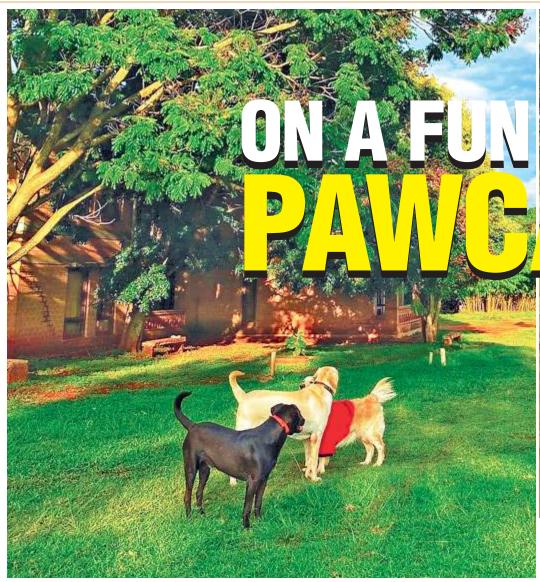


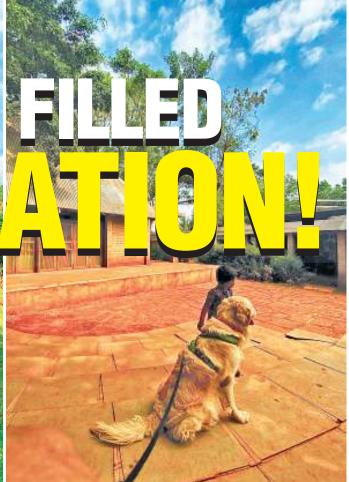
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"Disease is an experience of a so-called mortal mind. It is fear made manifest on the body"









Indulge in exciting activities with your pets and make a holiday with them truly special, writes SHARMILA CHAND

hether indulging in gourmet cuisine for your pets, celebrating their birthdays, pampering them with grooming sessions or participating in fun activities, there's something to enrich every experience during a vacation with furry members. There are a range of pet-friendly hotels and resorts that are more than happy to welcome you and your loyal companion. From luxury resorts to cozy retreats, these properties ensure complete comfort and are a haven both for you and your four-legged buddy.

COMFORT MEETS LUXURY AT PRESIDENT, MUMBAI - IHCL SELEQIONS

ooking to celebrate your pet's birthday? Go for a Pawcation at President, Mumbai - IHCL SeleQions.

"We have curated a well thought out pet-friendly vacation concept known as Pawcations," says Afzal Khan, General Manager. "We understand that pets are cherished members of the family, and we strive to create a comfortable and enriching environment for them during their stay. Hence we provide pet-friendly amenities like plush pet beds and bedding, engaging toys, and a gourmet pet menu crafted by our culinary experts."

Embracing a pet-friendly policy, the hotel team makes sure the guests' comfort is enhanced by offering the services of on-call pet caretakers, as per specific requirements. Moreover, if there is any health related issue. there is a specialist veterinarian on call. Not to forget pet grooming services with prior appointments, exclusive pet toiletries, and designated pet-friendly zones. "We not only organize elaborate party with delightful high tea and fun outdoor activities for furry birthday boys and girls but also make sure the service is professional with warmth and care. Our team undergoes regular comprehensive training programs to understand animal behavior, hygiene protocols, and proper handling procedures. We also invite external pet trainers and behaviorists to train our staff regularly, ensuring they are wellequipped to interact with pets and provide top-notch service. Hence, we take great pride in being a petfriendly destination," concludes Khan with a smile.



t 'Our Native Village Eco Resort,' nestled in the serene village of Hesaraghatta, guests can indulge in a memorable vacay with the joy of bonding with their beloved pets amidst nature's embrace.

"Whether exploring our sprawling grounds or immersing yourself in our cultural experiences, every moment promises a harmonious blend of luxury, responsible tourism and eco-conscious living, adhering to our pet-friendly policy," tells Antharaj A, The Operations Manager.

He adds, "We get repeat guests who have enjoyed their staycation in seamless harmony with their furry companions. As a proud pet-friendly establishment, the retreat provides essential amenities, including a variety of dog foods, water bowls, leashes, floor mats, and cozy blankets. The sprawling grounds offer ample space for pets to roam freely amidst lush lawns and village paths, perfect for leisurely strolls and bonding moments."

bonding moments."

Designed with meticulous care, the dedicated pet bathing area combines comfort with rustic charm, ensuring a refreshing bath experience for furry companions. Specially prepared food ensures pets receive nutritious meals, supporting the commitment to sustainability by minimizing environmental impact. "Complete with all necessary amenities, the resort's natural charm

reflects our dedication to pampering pets just as we do for our human guests. While the guests rediscover childhood joys playing village games like gilli danda and kite flying, their pets act as best cheerleaders! Antharaj says with a smile.

DISCOVER PET-FRIENDLY RETREAT AT MYSA ZINC

JOURNEY BY THE FERN Det parents looking to take a break and hit the road with their fur babies, look no further than MYSA Zinc Journey by The Fern, a premier resort located in Nani Devati, Gujarat. Renowned for its serene ambiance and top-notch amenities, this resort stands out as a haven for pet lovers, offering an exceptional blend of comfort, luxury, and pet-friendly hospitality. Naveen Vaishnav, Squad Champion at the Resort says, "Committed to pampering four legged guests, at MYSA Zinc Journey by The Fern, pets are warmly welcomed and cherished. Furthermore, the property offers a range of facilities, making this resort the ideal choice for travellers with pets. The resort offers 24 elegantly designed rooms and villas, each providing ample space for you and your pets to relax." Spread across 9 acres within the scenic Glade One Golf Resort, the resort features beautifully landscaped gardens and open spaces perfect for the four legged to explore and enjoy. For a leisurely stroll or a brisk walk, the serene pathways and green expanses offer a perfect retreat for pets and their owners.

"At the resort we offer dedicated services and facilities that include comfortable bedding and special dietary options for your furry friends. Our chefs cook as per pets' liking and specifications, we don't have printed menus as we believe in curating for them. While your pets enjoy the outdoors, you can indulge in a variety of resort activities. From the challenging 9-hole Gary Player-designed golf course to rejuvenating spa treatments and a sparkling swimming pool, here is the unique blend of luxury and pet-friendly hospitality. Located just a short drive from Ahmedabad, this resort provides a tranquil retreat where you and your pets can relax and rejuvenate," adds Vaishnav.

BONDING IN A NURTURING ENVIRONMENT

estled amidst the serene landscapes of Taj Fort Aguada Resort & Spa, Taj Holiday Village Resort & Spa and The Yellow House, lies a haven not just for humans but also for their beloved furry companions. Embracing the bond between pets and their owners, we proudly declare ourselves a petfriendly resort, where wagging tails and happy barks are as much a part of the atmosphere as the rustling of leaves and gentle lapping of waves. "As the pet's comfort is paramount, we provide cozy & comfortable beddings to ensure their good night's sleep. Offering a range of soothing amenities such as gentle shampoo, conditioner, and nourishing paw and nose butter - these products are carefully chosen to keep your pet looking and feeling their best throughout their stay. Beyond physical comfort, we cultivate a nurturing environment where every aspect of your pet's experience is thoughtfully considered. Our dedicated staff is trained to provide attentive care and ensure that all pets receive personalized attention and affection, says Sanchita Banerjee Rodrigues, MarCom for North Goa

Resorts.
Fitness is of utmost importance.
Whether it's a leisurely morning walk or an evening romp under the setting sun, the scenic surroundings provide the perfect backdrop for the pets to stay active and happy.

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"Understanding that pets thrive
when they can engage in physical
activities, we offer a variety of
opportunities for them to stay active
and happy amidst our scenic

surroundings. Whether it's a leisurely morning walk along our lush trails or an energetic romp during the enchanting sunset hours, every moment outdoors is tailored to keep pets healthy and stimulated. Providing designated areas where they can engage in interactive play and socialize with other furry companions under the watchful eye of our attentive staff. These supervised activities not only keep pets physically fit but also mentally stimulated, ensuring a well-rounded experience during their stary." When it comes to pets' dining, Chef Nishant Diwakar Executive Sous Chef of Taj Fort Aguada being a pet parent himself takes keen interest in designing and planning of the pet menus of Taj North Goa Resorts. I firmly believes as important a balanced diet is to us humans, our furry friends require the same amount of attention. We provide specially curated menu for them to get the perfect amount of nutrient & a tasty treat. From dishes made with bacon & chicken bones to drool over to waffles made of yoghurt, banana & pumpkin. The team goes beyond basic sustenance to provide culinary experiences that enhance their stay and contribute to their overall

A PERFECT GETAWAY WITH PETS!

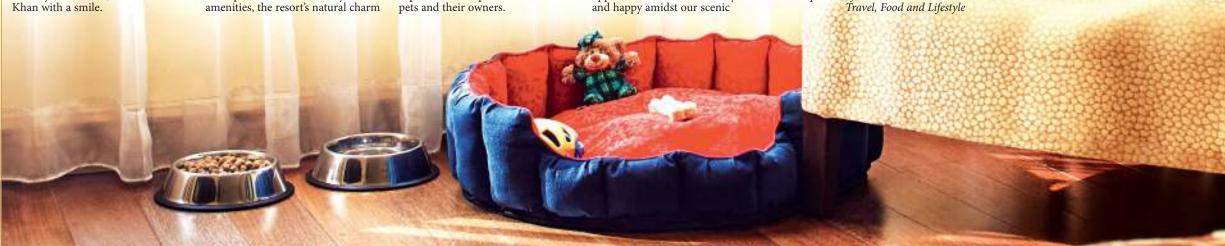
enjoyment.

At Bengaluru Marriott Hotel Whitefield, there are special pet fiestas and brunches that create memorable moments for pets and owners alike. For long-staying guests, there is a unique touch of companionship-a small fish in a pot to keep them company. "At our hotel, we pride ourselves on providing an immersive experience with cozy beds, engaging toys, and meticulously sanitized play areas, creating a haven for our four-legged guests," tells Anjali Naik, Director of Sales and Marketing. She adds, "Pets have access to our dining outlets and lush lawns, where they can relax and play freely. Our exclusive pet menu offers healthcentric, salt-free options for their

centric, salt-free options for their dining pleasure. Our commitment to creating a pet-friendly environment goes beyond mere accommodation, offering a truly immersive and delightful experience for both you and your beloved companion."

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TANGRA TALES

Kolkata, Bengalis the world over, and Tangra, share a very special culinary heritage and culture, going far back in history.

SHOBORI GANGULI got to relive the bond at the

Westin Gurgaon recently

ost people familiar with the trademark Chinese cuisine of Kolkata would know about Tangra. An erstwhile tannery on the eastern outskirts of then British Calcutta, soon to become famous as the city's Chinatown, this tiny colony was populated by Hakka origin Chinese folk who came to India to work in the tanneries, their craft and art soon to become synonymous with the finest leather accessories in the subcontinent. The womenfolk worked home kitchens to supplement meager household incomes. Today, the tanneries are all gone but Tangra has left its signature on a cuisine now globally known as Hakka Chinese. Recently, I had the fortune to relive some childhood memories of anniversaries and birthdays most often spent at some restaurant or the other in Tangra, wolfing down Golden Fried Prawns, Chicken dimsums, Hakka noodles, prawns sauted in garlic and red chillies, the list goes on. The Westin Gurgaon, New Delhi, hosted a





nine day culinary pop up aptly called Tales of Tangra which promised an "explosion of flavours" from Kolkata's Chinatown. The event featured a specially curated menu by Guest Chef Ho Chi Ming from The Westin Pune Koregaon Park.

By sheer geography, one can easily identify the unique Kolkata-Chinese culinary bond, the two regions in such close physical proximity, underlining the very special nature of the food not be found anywhere else in the world despite Tangra's journey as an Oriental cuisine beyond the frontiers of Bengal. The menu at Westin was indeed meticulously planned by the Chef to capture the essence of this legendary fusion cuisine, tracing its roots back to an era long ago when Chinese immigrants in then Calcutta, blending their traditions with Indian culture to script and create Chinatown's

prowess.
Unfortunately,
none of that history
now remains,
except in the hands
of home and
professional chefs, who still
keep the history of Chinatown
resonating with contemporary
approaches, and of course, special
twists given to recipes long lost.
While Chef Ho did put up a great show
with his Scallion Crepes, Homestyle
Taro Cakes, Kari Fish Dumplings,
Sweet and Sour Prawns, Four Season
Green Beans, Crispy Chilli Garlic
Potatoes, Tangra style authentic Hakka
noodles, the menu had a huge
vegetarian accent. With the world
turning to vegetarianism each passing
day, this is only understandable. But
one fervently hopes that Hakka
Chinese seafood will always have its

ONE CANNOT THINK WELL, LOVE WELL, SLEEP WELL, IF ONE HAS NOT DINED WELL — VIRGINIA WOOLF

patrons surviving in some
corner or the other in
the world.
Chef Ho's passion for
Asian cuisine was
apparent in the
innovations he brought to
each dish. His approach,
affability and commitment to
authenticity were truly
welcome. Chef Amit Dash, Multi
Property Executive Chef for The
Westin Gurgaon, New Delhi said, "We
are excited to host Chef Ho Chi Ming
and present Tales of Tangra to our

patrons. This pop-up is a tribute to the rich cultural tapestry and culinary excellence of Tangra and a testament to our commitment to continue offering our guests diverse and exceptional diving experiences."

continue offering our guests diverse and exceptional dining experiences." The soups ranged from Manchow, Assorted Vegetables, Ginger, Cilantro Broth, Hot and Sour soup, non vegetarian bits like prawns and chickens were only add-ons. Personally, I feel a soup or broth must stew in its original juices and not be relegated to add-ons for a vegetable broth. It makes a critical culinary difference in terms of taste, texture and aromas.

All in all, it felt good to taste a bit of Tangra far away from its original shores of Kolkata right in the heart of Delhi. Long live Tangra's signature Hakka cuisine.

Disappointing Service Mars Fine Dining Experiences



PAWAN SONI
ventures to The
China Kitchen at
Hyatt Regency,
New Delhi, famed
for its peking
Duck. While the
star dish
impressed, but
the experience is
marred by
inattentive

services

recently visited The China Kitchen at Hyatt Regency New Delhi, renowned for its exquisite Peking Duck, which I consider among the best in the National Capital Region. Some might argue that Hakkasan in Mumbai outshines it, but my personal experiences at Hakkasan in Abu Dhabi and a pop-up at Shangri-La Delhi didn't include the duck, so I can't compare. Nonetheless, my recent dining experience at The China Kitchen, despite the superb duck, left me dissatisfied, primarily due to subpar service.

The evening began on a sour note with a lackluster welcome. We received no warm greetings or guidance to our table, and no one offered us menus or water, despite the sweltering Delhi summer. The absence of hospitality was in stark contrast to the standards one expects at a 5-star property. When we ordered our first dish, a gomai salad, I specifically requested extra sesame dressing on the side, a preference I had made clear to the server. However, the salad arrived without the extra dressing and was neither cold nor flavorful, lacking the acidity and vibrant tastes I anticipated. The China Kitchen could learn a thing or two from China Garden, which excels at this dish in the city. Fortunately, the other dishes like chicken shao mai dumplings, edamame dim sum, and honey chilli lotus roots were much better. Yet, the service remained mechanical and impersonal. There were no smiles, no proactive plate changes, and no clearing of the



the pancakes.
Despite enjoying most of our meal, we quickly finished and left, paying over Rs18,000 (including a 10% service charge) without any drinks. I contemplated asking for the service charge to be waived but refrained, considering how dependent the staff might be on these tips.

I was particularly disappointed when my request for duck salt and pepper was denied because we had ordered only half a duck, a decision that seemed unnecessarily rigid. A little more flexibility and hospitality could have made all the difference, especially when very few order it. Attentive and friendly



service could have transformed our dining experience. Even though the food was largely enjoyable, the lack of warmth and attention overshadowed it.

Similar was our experience just a day prior at Pullman hotel where a friend hosted his daughter's birthday party at their all-day dining restaurant Pluck. Orders were mixed up, a sparkling wine cork flew in the air missing the patrons without any apology from the server, prawns vanished from the buffet spread, and orders either took a lot of time or were



completely missed.
Something has happened to that smiley and polite star hotel service, especially after COVID. Fresh batches are seeing fewer takers, most experienced staff have either left the industry or are moving abroad for better wages and work



conditions. What remains is the new service levels. Either we will get used to it or start paying them the wages they truly deserve to retain deserving candidates.

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It is important to note that Neerada is as much a Nature poet as she is a people's poet, says SWATI PAL

ow many of us have had to be admonished for things not being aligned? The books in our book case in the days when books were bought and read? The clothes in our cupboard? The shoes in the closet? How many of us were ticked off at school perhaps for the tie being askew or the pair of socks not climbing up at the same place on each leg? Or the writing same place on each leg? Or the writing in our notebooks being asymmetrical? For the better part of my childhood and those of my friends, there was a constant, relentless push and shove towards alignment and well, we certainly rebelled at it as young people! A part of me still does and thus when I chance upon a poppy flower for chance upon a poppy flower for example, in a neat bed of

chrysanthemums in the college gardens, I cannot deny that my heart lights up with joy at this break in the order of things!

So when I was invited to read and speak on this utterly delightful collection of poems called 'Alignment' by Neerada Suresh, I cannot deny that my interest was instantly piqued by the title and I immediately read the title poem. Rohan Kaul's home and his partner, Promilla simply came alive by the word picture painted by Neerada Suresh in her rib tickling comparisons between the state of the house in the absence and presence of Rohan. There is a certain glee in the air when Rohan is away as things lie unaligned and unfettered; the same things, to quote, But when Rohan Kaul is in,

Newspapers stand stacked, Compressed, breathing in. Shoes align themselves Awed, open mouthed. Paintings, curtains, Cushions, sofas All tell a tamed tale. The fact is that while alignment is not

only, politically speaking an important credo that nations strive for and while it may have its merits, alignment can often come at great cost. It may be the cost of freedom, it may be about being 'tamed' as Neerada put it; it may leave us in gaping fear and thus 'open mouthed'. The hope perhaps lies in Promilla who, as the poem ends with

A certain kind of alignment.

Don't let the light and bubbling language deceive you, this poem has far greater implications if we read it closely and it is this deceptive mirth that the

poem has which makes the poem, like many others by her, such a joy to read. Neerada is a grounded soul. Her poems reflect that and she makes poetry out of the ordinary quirky eccentricities and foibles that fill all of our lives. A poem that really clicked with me is *Of Lists*. It has that elegant humour that seems to be a characteristic trait of Neerada's, the wonderful ability to laugh at one's self. It begins with the declaration I am one

For lists. ror usts.
And then, with great good humour she narrates how fishing out her list from her bag full of things makes the list redundant as she involuntarily lists from memory and then she swears, Under my breath

Now to list down.

Now to list down A set of instructions How not to forget Getting across The list you make.

I cannot recall the uncountable times that I have had to strip my entire bag to find a list and then found it much later. It is such a relatable experience and that is what endears the reader to Neerada's poetry, the sheer relatability of the

Life and the times as we live them are the focus of Neerada's poetry. We talk for example about how communication between people now is held ransom by the cell phone. Neerada converts our trite conversations into a poem which she entitles, *The New Normal*. New normal is Sitting side by side

On a sofa With no eye contact Chatting of this and that These are the first few lines and the poem ends with the sad fact that the And at all times Not facing each other But thumb twitching On the mobile through Inane vicarious clips

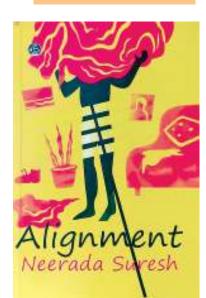
And total strangers Never once glancing Directly or even sideways Smiling at each other.

Of far and near ones

Modes of communication or rather the language of communication comes up again in another poem called Version 3.0 where the poet talks about her journey from the deep south up north travelling light with nothing/more than

ALIGNMENT Author:

Neerada Suresh Publisher: DC Books Price: ₹199



a bilingual tongue'. Subtlely yet strongly commenting upon the Rashtrabhasha issue, she says, At the workplace, monolingual, mute

Biding time mastering a language National though notional, Opening floodgates of ecstasy mouthing My own tongue, my mother tongue, At regional gatherings.

striking c way in which so much in our relationships with people, so much of our identity, so many of our needs, are determined by the fluency with which we speak different languages. But are we accepted because we speak the required language or do we remain strangers divided by our regional differences, not explicitly stated but always there? Do we, in turn, become one with the region of our profession or adoption or do we still dream of lands we associate most with the tongue that comes easiest and naturally to us, our mother tongue? These are questions to think about. Neerada makes you think.

She makes you laugh and cry as well, sometimes together. One such poem is When my brother fell sick in which the poet describes her brother who was bedridden after a botched up eve surgery. She writes about his courage, He still smiles as always.

He still smiles as always.
Not once did he
Lament this plight, foul mouth
The surgeon or contemplate
Suing. Resigned at once
To a possible, partial vision
In his bad eye, pacified
His wife, my raging sisier in law.
His expressive eyes
Now inscrutable
Rehind the dark plasses Behind the dark glasses. But his smile had the same texture and

Of the smile he sported
When Mother died
And he lingered by her one last time.
The poem is such a beautiful reminder that warriors are not found only on the battlefield; there are many who soldier on heroically confronted by the vicissitudes of life. The brother you read about will surely capture your heart and become your hero.

One of the characteristics of Neerada's poems in 'Alignment' is that there is a lot said through implication which is sometimes sensuous and can get your heart beating a bit faster. For example, in the poem *Delete*, the poet writes about

Your unsolicited

Picture on FB And she goes on to say, The familiar contours Of your face Traced out a trillion times Through summer and winter Stood out embossed On my finger tips. For the photo shopped version, Press delete To wipe out that sting Of dormant memories Off my fingertips. This is a brilliant use of synesthetic imagery and one can literally feel the tingling in the tips of one's fingers. A poem that ends with a delightful twist is *Chrysnathemums* where the unnamed 'he' always came when the chrysanthemums bloomed and he always asked if they were dahlias or

marigolds, and the poet says

Too polite to correct

Her lashes lowered and The chyrsanthemums paled Into insignificance. The evening

Stretched to its elastic limits

Catapulted into night.
What she didn't know was That he had always known They were chrysanthemums. There is the sweetness of romance in these lines that is unmistakable and so

tnese tines that is unmistakable and so appealing; one can almost imagine the whole scene played out in one's head. Tea 1 carries the same fragrance of romance very delicately framed, implied through such lines as While I made tea On a rusty stove He stood watching Leaning by the door Aand then said,

I like the cut of your dress As though it were a cue To turn the stive on to sim And let the simmering within Come to a boil.

Coming back to the pictorial quality of the poems, a reason why many of the poems in fact can be almost dramatically played out in the imagination is the kind of detailing that Neerada works into her poems. Take the poem Of Haystacks. This entire poem is literally painted with an eye for the minutest of details and it reads

The cotton tree stood In its slender trunk With its bursting pods
Of parachuting blobs
As the turbaned, earth hued Cart man, cushioned On bales and bales Of golden yellow straw Came swaying, swinging Whistling to the orchestra of

Of the ambling bullocks.

Colour, sound, movement all seemed fused almost like a motion picture being played out on the printed page. And of course the symbolism, the personification is discernible, as is the use of alliteration in the swaying swinging, cart cushioned, clicking clap

This lends a wonderful rhythmic motion to the scene and has been really cleverly used. Again, in The Breadfruit Tree, the poet

describes the tree, We didn't make much Of the breadfruit tree That stood sentry like By the boundary wall Spilling its bickering spread Over the neighbour's roof Dropping yellow leaves

Plopping crow eaten messy fruits
Like I said, the tree, pretty much like the
haystacks in the previous poem, comes to life in the mind's eye. If brevity is the soul of wit, Neerada really aces it in her short poems, two of which are *Absence* and *Sorrows*.

Absence, Distance Were surefire Terminators Of whatever was Between us I thought, But they

Like rings in trees Add girth, depth Linking the past With the present, Casting shadows Of decay

Into the future Direct and simple, the simile is so apt and new- the rings on the trees and the passage of time. It's important to note that Neerada is as much a Nature poet as she is a people's poet. In Sorrows she

says, Sorrows Like a newborn Arranged itself In my arms Purring in content As if to say Never let me go For the reward Of great truths To be reaped And revealed *In the future.*

Those who carry their sorrows with them. But that's the magic of Neerada's pen, she will make her readers feel that the people, places, thoughts and experiences are theirs that she writes

Read her, you will feel at home.

- Swati Pal, Professor and Principal, Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi, has been a Charles Wallace; John McGrath Theatre Studies and Fulbright Nehru fellowship, scholar. She has published on theatre, creative and academic writing, education and translates from Hindi to English. In Absentia is a collection of her poems

Journey to an expanded self awareness

The book opens in the present-day scenario, where a rather unsure Loveena of mid-thirties is boarding a train to Pathankot. Her already raw senses are over burdened by the onslaught of experience of a train station environment. Yet her insecurities are deep seated in her psyche and are result of the generational trauma she endured during her growing up years by the hands of her equally tormented mother Neena, reviews **DEEPAK KUMAR JHA**

"Dreamcatcher") is the story of Loveena, the protagonist of the book who is a sensitive soul. It beautifully narrates the journey through her trials and tribulations, her realisations, her pains and her metamorphosis and an ultimate 'coming of age' which leaves her in a state of expanded awareness of self as well as her surroundings and people there in. Author Monika has orchestrated her sound knowledge of literature, language and the subject & object to bring on paper the story of a child Loveena, till she finds solace passing through life's labyrinth, unfortunately all nurtured in close walls of her family. The just published book revolves around Loveena's mother Neena who attained motherhood through Loveena after a long wait of ten years. Neena's intensity

thus shifted to being extra protective about her daughter from the negativities of the world. Having brought up in a rather affluent and rich family, she desires nothing less for her daughter. And even though Loveena had both her parents-Neena and her father Dev, it was her mother and mother's stories which were to carve her life and make her the person that she would become. And the story's trajectory thus turns to Loveena's mother Neena's life. Neena's husband Dev was a victim of his own sense of

helplessness for his lack of understanding the business of Neena's father and inability to take it up for posterity, even though he was the sole son-in-law the family had. His job as an assistant

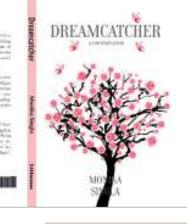
professor of history in the

when a friend of Neena's

university projected him as

most suitable boy for Neena,

father told him about Dev and his docile nature. Quite obviously Neena's father believed it to be the significant trait suitable for her pampered daughter. As Neena entered Dev's life and his house after her wedding, it was bustling with Dev's family. Neena was immediately overwhelmed by the sheer number



DREAMCATCHER Author: Monika Singla Publisher: ISPCK Price: ₹295



of people and was unable to adjust to this new environment which was totally unlike her solitary and exclusive upbringing in an affluent household Sensing Neena's hesitation and reservations, Dev's family too accepted her into their family but without completely absorbing her into their lives. So, even though

Neena was married into Dev's family she could never truly become a part of it. Dev's detachment or lack of desire to correct this situation further acerbated the relationships. Troubled relations with in-laws, Dev's indifference clubbed with an anguishing wait of ten years to attain motherhood further fed Neena's sense of mistrust and suspicions and her belief that the world was a dangerously bad place. Loveena who was born as a happy child with a calm, pleasing, innocent disposition was always eager to embrace everybody, never earned approval for her behaviour from her mother. Neena always dismissed these traits as incompatible with the ways of world. Thus, growing up, Loveena's world protected by her

mother, remained confined

within the four walls of the

palatial house with the

constant companion who

house help Babli as a

too gets married leaving behind a void in Loveena's

Finally, Loveena finds her

suitor in Sanand and her

engagement to him was greeted as the most welcome news by everyone later on which did not worked due to triggers of Neena's fears. For Loveena this incident proved to be the one which augmented her belief in Neena's words that world is a bad place. Her father Dev too gone followed by passing of Neena. Loveena finally married, not to start a family but only to drown the haunting hollowness of her soul into joys and laughter. Vikram was a colleague of Loveena and the only thing she knew about him was that he was a divorcee with two grown up kids. Soon this too developed a marital conflict.

Unable to handle this situation any longer Loveena decides that she needs to get respite from her choppy life that and decides to leave the house and Vikram. She goes looking for solitude in a place away from the chaos of the city, away from the prodding eyes of the Her life's journey takes a

new turn as she arrives at Pathankot where she embarks upon a spiritualistic journey. Armed with the strength of her soul and her renewed faith in life and self and the world in general, Loveena finally finds herself ready to go back to place from where she herself had once run away from all her life challenges a long time back. Her tumultuous relationship with Vikram's place was when she had shunned everything to cross over into next phase of her life. She was now ready to go meet Vikram as a new person. But this time she isn't running away. This time she is running towards meeting life head-on.





Only 17% of targets to improve life around world are likely to be reached by 2030, UN reports

warned Friday that only 17% of its 169 targets to improve life for the world's more than 7 billion people are on track to be reached by the 2030 deadline.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres launched the annual report saying, "It shows the world is getting a failing grade." World leaders adopted the 17 wide-ranging development goals from ending global poverty to achieving gender equality in 2015, and set 169 specific targets to be reached by the end of the decade.

According to the report, nearly half the targets show minimal or moderate progress and over one-third are stalled or regressing — with just 17% are on track to be achieved.

"The takeaway is simple," Guterres said. "Our failure to secure peace, to confront climate change, and to boost international finance is under-

mining development." The report also cited the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and said an additional 23 million people were pushed into extreme poverty and over 100 million more were suffering from hunger in 2022 compared to 2019.

the pre-existing conditions.

manage emotions later in life.

acifying children by handing them digital devices when they are throwing tantrums can disable them in managing emotions later in life,

which can grow into anger management issues, a

poor emotional control, were found to be overly relying on electronic devices to silence them, worsening

It is known that a child learns much about self-control, including how to choose a deliberate response

over an automatic one, during the first few years of

However, a team of researchers from Hungary and

Canada found that the recent trend of distracting chil-

dren by showing them content on tablets and smartphones to control their unpleasant emotional respons-

es can cripple their ability to effectively recognise and

Conversely, parents of children, who already had

ed wealth, knowledge and technologies, the denial of basic needs for so many is outrageous and unacceptable,"

Guterres said. On the downside, the U.N. reported that for the first time this century, per-capita GDP growth in half of the world's most vulnerable nations is slower than that of advanced economies, threatening improvements in equality. And in 2022, it said, nearly 60% of countries faced moderate to

abnormally high food prices.
The goal of quality education is far offtrack. Only 58% of students worldwide achieved minimum proficiency in reading by the end of primary school, and "recent assessments reveal a significant decline in math and reading scores in many countries," the report said.

As for gender equality, it said the world continues to lag: One in five girls still marry before age 18, violence against women persists, far too many women don't have the right to decide on their sexual and reproductive health — and at current rates it will take 176 years for women to reach parity with men in management positions. Guterres said the report

'Children pacified with digital devices

could have anger issues in future'

also has "some glimmers of hope." Mobile broadband is accessible to 95% of the world's population, up from 78% in 2015. Global capacity to generate electricity from renewable has been expanding at an unprecedented 8.1% annually for past five years, the report said. Increased access to treatment has averted 20.8 million AIDS-related deaths in the past three decades. New malaria vaccines being rolled out

EARTH HAS ONLY ONE MOON WHI THER PLANETS HAVE HUNDREDS?

you can look up at night and see the Moon shining brightly from hundreds of thousands of miles away. But if you went to Venus, that wouldn't be the

Not every planet has a moon – so why do some planets have several moons, while others have none?

I'm a physics instructor who has followed the current theories describing why some planets have moons and others don't.

First, a moon is called a natural satellite. Astronomers refer to satellites as objects in space that orbit larger bodies. Since a moon isn't humanmade, it's a natural satellite.

Currently, there are two main theories for why some planets have moons. Moons are either gravitationally captured if they are within what's called a planet's Hill sphere radius, or they're formed along with a solar system. The Hill sphere radius

Objects exert a gravitasuch as planets. tional force of attraction on other nearby objects. The larger the object is, the greater

the force of attraction. This gravitational force is why we all stay grounded to

Earth instead of floating away. The solar system is dominated by the Sun's large gravitational force, which keeps all planets in orbit. The Sun is the most massive object in our solar system, which means it has the most gravitational influence on objects

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For a satellite to orbit a planet, it has to be close enough for the planet to exert

enough force to keep it in orbit. The minimum distance for a planet to keep a satellite in orbit is called the Hill sphere radius.

The Hill sphere radius is based on the mass of both the larger object and the smaller object.

The Moon orbiting Earth is a good example of how the Hill sphere radius works. The

Earth orbits around the Sun,

is close enough to Earth that Earth's gravitational pull captures it. The moon orbits around the Earth, rather than

Earth's Hill sphere radius. Small planets like Mercury and Venus have a tiny Hill sphere radius, since they can't exert a large gravitational pull. Any potential moons would likely get pulled in by the Sun instead.

Many scientists are still looking to see whether these planets may have had small moons in the past. Back during the formation of the solar system, they may have had moons that got knocked away by collisions with other space objects.

Mars has two moons, Phobos and Deimos. Scientists still debate whether these came from asteroids that passed close to Mars' Hill sphere radius and got captured by the planet, or if they were formed at the same time as the solar system. More evidence supports the first theory, because Mars is close to the asteroid belt. Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune have larger Hill sphere radii, because they are much larger than Earth, Mars, Mercury and Venus and they're farther

Indian Navy participates in RIMPAC naval exercise

he Indian Navy has joined the world's largest naval military wargame Rim of

could save millions of lives.

the Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC) in Hawaii. Twenty-nine nations, 40 surface ships, three submarines, over 150 aircraft and more than 25,000 personnel are going to train and operate in and around the Hawaiian Islands

during the exercise, according The Indian Navy has deployed frontline warship INS Shivalik for the RIMPAC.

"Indian multi-role stealth frigate INS Shivalik, mission deployed



Pacific Ocean, has reached Pearl Harbour in Hawaii to take part in the RIMPAC exercise," Indian Navy spokesperson Commander Vivek Madhwal

said on Saturday. The harbour phase of the exercise is taking place from June 27 to July 7.

The sea phase of RIMPAC is divided into three subphases which will witness ships undertaking various The exercise will witness the participation of an

landing operations.

aircraft carrier battle group, submarines, maritime reconnaissance aircraft, unmanned aerial vehicles, remotely piloted surface ships and also an amphibious force

UK's landmark postwar elections: When Labour ended 13 years of Conservative rule in 1964

been snubbed by French President and was on its fourth prime

Pritain's upcoming general election is widely expected to lead to a change of government for the first time in 14 years. Many analysts believe it will be one of the country's most consequential elections since the end of World War II. Ahead of the July 4 vote, The Associated Press takes a look back at other landmark U.K. elections since the war.

In 1964, the Conservative Party

had been in power for 13 years

minister. Alec Douglas-Home. That has echoes of the current Conservative government, which has been in power for 14 years and is now on its fifth prime minister of the period, Rishi Sunak. Douglas-Home had only become prime minister the year before, when his predecessor Harold Macmillan stepped down following a huge reversal in fortune. The buoyant economy had faltered, and Macmillan had

recently formed European Economic Community. A sex scandal rocked his government and the British establishment, adding to the general feeling that the Conservatives had lost touch Macmillan, known as "Supermac," stepped down soon after his minister for war, John Profumo, resigned for lying to Parliament over his affair with model and showairl Christine Keeler. So the 1964 election was a race between the aristocratic Douglas-Home and Labour leader Harold Wilson, who was buzzing with ideas such as harnessing the "white heat of technology" to modernize the ailing British economy. Wilson also had the

common touch, particularly

important in the new world of

Charles de Gaulle in his

application for Britain to join the



showing signs of a cultural Children get stroke; lack of awareness endangers their lives: Experts

stroke is so low and people are often stunned to hear that children can get stroke. Actors like Amitabh Bachchan need to talk about it to create awareness, said Dr Nirmal Surya, president of Indian Stroke Association (ISA) on Saturday.

Speaking at a press conference after the inauguration of the second national paediatric stroke conclave, he said. "Stroke is preventable, but globally paediatric stroke is

the sixth leading cause of death in children." The two-day conclave, organised by ISA, was inaugurated by Dr Devi Prasad Shetty,



chairman and founder of Narayana Health. According to Dr Surya, lack of awareness is the biggest challenge that paediatric neurologists world over have to overcome."In India, the situation is even worse. When people are not made aware of the possibility of stroke in children, time is lost on misdiagnosis. Time is of essence because stroke can often be treated with injection if the patient is brought within four and half hours," he added

Stroke can occur even on the day one of the birth, reiterated Dr Minal V Kekatpure, paediatric neurologist at Narayana Health, Bengaluru and organising secretary of the conclave.

According to her, in fact, paediatric stroke is more common among neonates than older children."In one lakh, there are about 25 neonates' cases as against 12 involving older children," added Kekatpure.Dr Pratibha Singhi, president of International Child Neurology Association, said often parents do not realise that the child is suffering from a stroke.

"We have had instances where parents brought their child seeking remedy for 'not very good at writing' and on checking we found that the child actually had suffered a stroke and is unable to move the hand properly," added Singhi. According to Dr K P Vinayan, Paediatric Neurology Sub Section Chair of Indian Academy of Neurology, even adults suffering from stroke often are missing the window of opportunity to treat and face the increased chances of disability, if not death, in India. "There is such a lack of awareness when it comes to stroke. This needs to be set right first." he added. Visiting expert from Bern. Dr Maia Steinlin, vice-president of International Paediatric Stroke Organisation. also agreed with the Indian doctors about the absolute lack of awareness

among the public. "Even in western countries, awareness is a big problem, she said, adding that India is not lagging behind because it does not have qualified people to treat stroke, but because people are not availing treatment on time. One of the biggest reasons for organising the conclave is to bring about this awareness, said Dr Arvind Sharma, secretary of ISA. "We try to get more people on board, tell paediatricians and even general practitioners to refer patients to stroke ready hospitals if they show certain

symptoms," added Dr Sharma. He also said there are about accredited 13 primary centres in India that are equipped to deal with stroke and about 30 stroke ready but not accredited facilities "We need about 1.000 accredited hospitals at least to deal with this disorder in India."

Tantrums cannot be cured by digital devices. five years old over a period of one year -- the Children have to learn how to manage their negative researchers found that children, who were pacified emotions for themselves. They need the help of their using digital devices. Federal funding for major science agencies is at a 25-year low

Following 300 parents of children -- aged two to

parents during this learning process, ot the help of a digital device,"

Veronika Konok, a researcher at Eotvos Lorand University, Hungary, and first author of the study published

in the journal Frontiers in Child and

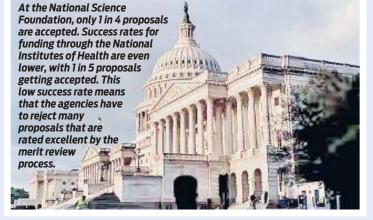
Adolescent Psychiatry, said.

overnment funding for science is usually immune from political gridlock and polarization in Congress. But, federal funding for science is slated to drop for 2025.

Science research dollars are considered to be discretionary, which means the funding has to be approved by Congress every year. But it's in a budget category with larger entitlement programs like Medicare and Social Security that are generally considered untouchable by politicians of both parties.

Federal investment in scientific research encompasses everything from large telescopes supported by the National Science Foundation to NASA satellites studying climate change, programs studying the use and governance of artificial intelligence at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and research on Alzheimer's disease funded by the National Institutes of Health. Studies show that increasing federal research spending benefits productivity and economic competitiveness.

I'm an astronomer and also a senior university administrator. As an administrator, I've been involved in lobbying for research funding as associate Bipartisan support dean of the College of Science at the University of Arizona, and in encourgrams is characterized by political after reconciliation with language posals getting accepted. This low force.



aging government investment in astronomy as a vice president of the American Astronomical Society. I've seen the importance of this kind of funding as a researcher who has had federal grants for 30 years, and as a senior academic who helps my colleagues write grants to support their valuable work.

Federal funding for many pro-

polarization, meaning that partisanship and ideological divisions between the two main political parties can lead to gridlock. Science is usually a rare exception to this problem.

The public shows strong bipartisan support for federal investment in scientific research, and Congress has generally followed suit, passing bills in 2024 with bipartisan backing in

April and June. The House passed these bills, and

from the Senate, they resulted in final bills to direct US\$460 billion in governments that the ernment spending. However, policy documents produced by Congress reveal a partisan split in how Democratic and Republican lawmakers reference scientific research.

Congressional committees for both sides are citing more scientific papers, but there is only a 5% overlap in the papers they cite. That means that the two parties are using different evidence to make their funding decisions, rather than working from a scientific consensus. Committees under Democratic control were almost twice as likely to cite technical papers as panels led by Republicans, and they were more likely to cite papers that other scientists considered important.

Ideally, all the best ideas for scientific research would receive federal funds. But limited support for scientific research in the United States means that for individual scientists, getting funding is a highly competitive process.

At the National Science Foundation, only 1 in 4 proposals are accepted. Success rates for funding through the National Institutes of Health are even lower, with 1 in 5 pro-

means that the agencies have to reject many proposals that are rated excellent by the merit review process. Scientists are often reluctant to publicly advocate for their programs, in part because they feel disconnected from the policymaking and appropriations process. Their academic training doesn't equip them to communicate effectively to legislators and policy experts.

Budgets are down

Research received steady funding for the past few decades, but this year Congress reduced appropriations for science at many top government agencies. The National Science Foundation budget is down 8%, which led agency leaders to warn Congress that the country may lose its ability to attract and train a scientific work-