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TALKS OF EMOTIONAL ROLES & HER JOURNEY IN GYAARAH GYAARAH

'It's not about fitting into the mother's character but Nivetha Thomas doing it well' doing

QUOTE OF THE DAY the pioneer The Congress ruled the state for the maximum number of years after Independence. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy should agree that Congress CMs and officials under them committed illegal acts and must recover money from them. But there is no action against those who grabbed lakes. HYDRAA has been demolishing buildings on Saturdays and Sundays thinking that courts are closed on these days. The victims are the poor who had purchased lands. - Eatala Rajender, the BJP's Malkajgiri MP

Health dept issues advisory as...

The Public Health and Family Welfare Department has issued a general advisory to help residents protect themselves from seasonal diseases as Telangana experiences heavy rainfall. According to the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) in Hyderabad districts across the State are under a red alert for very heavy to extremely heavy rain, and an orange alert for heavy to very heavy rain in several other districts. This could result in lower temperatures and increased humidity, creating ideal conditions for viral...

How space travel affects body...

Space travel can cause shifts in the gut that might suppress the immune system of astronauts and affect their metabolism, according to a study. The findings help understand how space missions of long durations could affect health of astronauts, researchers said. Using genetic technologies, a team of researchers, led by those at Canada's McGill University, analysed changes in the guts, colons and livers of mice onboard the International Space Station or the ISS over a period of three



Vast majority of mobile subscribers who took part in a survey have said they receive pesky calls every day with most calls coming for financial services and real estate, online survey firm hau2 an hise eal According to the survey, 95 per cent mobile subscribers confirmed receiving pesky calls every day with 77 per cent getting three or more such calls daily. Besides, vast majority confirmed receiving calls in the last 12 months despite being registered in the Trai's do not disturb (DND) list...

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Mandhana and five other Indian...

Six Indian cricketers, including vice-captain Smriti Mandhana, will be part of the upcoming Women's Big Bash League (WBBL), starting October 27, after being picked by different teams. While Mandana was pre-signed by Adelaide Strikers. Davalan Hemalatha will play the league for the first time after the top-order batter was drafted by the Perth Scorchers. where she will add firepower to their line-up. Wicketkeeper-batter Yastika Bhatia will also make her WBBL debut after being picked up by the Melbourne..

Will provide all help to Telangana: PM

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke Telangana Chief Revanth Reddy on the phone.

The PM enquired with the CM about the floods in heavy rain-hit areas and the damages caused by floods. The Chief Minister brought to the attention of the PM the losses caused by heavy rains in the state. The CM briefed the Prime Minister about relief measures undertaken by the state government. The CM told the Prime Minister that Khammam district bore the brunt of heavy rains and suffered huge damage.

Centre sends 9 NDRF teams

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of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar said the Centre has sent nine National

Response Force (NDRF) units to Telangana.

Posting regarding this on X on Sunday he said that he had informed Union Home Minister Amit Shah about the situation in Khammam district. As per Amit Shah's orders, nine NDRF teams, three each from Chennai, Visakhapatnam and Assam,

DELUGE DEVASTATES TG

Claim 9 lives across the state • Extremely heavy rains likely • No need to panic: Govt • Holiday for edu institutions today

Heavy rains wreaked havoc across Telangana including the capital Hyderabad, claiming the lives of at least nine people and inundating many low-lying areas. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Ministers have taken immediate steps to reduce hardships to people and at the same time asked officials to be on high alert to meet any eventuality. Prime Minister Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah spoke to the Chief Minister and offered assistance from the Centre. As there is no hope for immediate relief from the rains, with weather officials forecasting heavy to heavy rains in the coming couple of days, the official machinery is gearing up for mitigating the impact of the natural calamity.



Heavy rains continued to lash many parts of Telangana, including Hyderabad. In its weather warning, the Met Centre here on Sunday said very heavy to extremely heavy rain is very likely to occur at isolated places in Adilabad, Nirmal,

Mahabubnagar Nagarkurnool, Wanaparthy, Narayanpet, Jogulamba Gadwal, Mahbubabad, Jangaon dis-

tricts of Telangana from 8.30 am of Sunday till 8.30 am of September 2. It issued a red warning for this fore-

Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy said that despite all precautions, nine people were killed

in rain related incidents across the

state. However, he said that there is

no need to panic and that the government would take all possible measures to help people. Speaking to the media after a review with Collectors,

SPs and Police Commissioners on Sunday at the Secretariat,



Govt restores 52 damaged irrigation projects



The Irrigation Department has restored 52 minor irrigation tanks/ projects/canals. The water bodies that are being restored

are 22 and those to be restored are 126.The government allotted Rs 221.98 crore for temporary restoration and Rs 629.70 crore for permanent restoration of water bodies. Of this, the government spent Rs 212.40 crore for temporary restoration and Rs 578 crore for permanent restoration of minor irrigation tanks in Warangal district alone. The government restored minor irrigation tanks temporarily or permanently in 19 districts. 67 minor irrigation tanks were damaged, 98 breached and 23 irrigation projects/canals were damaged in the state by September 1.

Fill all reservoirs, ponds and water bodies: CM

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Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy ordered Irrigation Department



officials to store the heavy inflows into reservoirs. The CM and Uttam also asked officials about the discharge of flood water from irrigation projects.Irrigation authorities have been asked to store water in ponds, reservoirs and other water bodies located in areas coming under their projects.

10,400 cusecs of water released from Hussain Sagar



As heavy rains have been lashing the city for two days, the Hussain Sagar Lake has been receiving heavy inflows. The authorities have released 10,400 cusecs of water

from Hussain Sagar.
The Full Tank Level (FTL) of Hussain Sagar is 513.41 feet. The water levels touched 513.50 feet on

Municipal Administration and Urban Development Principal Secretary M. Dana Kishore said the authorities have alerted low-lying areas in the city. However, the are on the field to help people.

water levels in Osman Sagar and Himayat Sagar are still 8 feet short of Full Tank Level (FTL).

Dana Kishore said that he received information that 50 to 60 houses have been submerged in water in the Allapur and Kukatpally areas. Officials are moving people to safer places. "Thankfully, no major incidents have been report-

ed, all are minor issues," he said. He said that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had ordered municipal officials out on the field. Around 610 teams of the GHMC, HYDRAA, HMDA and HMWSSB

V'wada-Hyd highway cut off The heavy rainfall has severed road connec-

Traffic between Vijayawada and Hyderabad has come to a standstill due to continuous heavy rains over the past two days. Flooding has occurred on the highways, with several streams and ponds breaching their banks and causing water to overflow onto the roads, leading to significant traffic disruptions. The persistent rainfall has severely impacted the region, submerging many villages, disrupting road transport, and flooding low-lying residential areas, resulting in considerable hardships for residents.

Chimiryala Lake, situated on the AP-Telangana border, is currently inundated near Ramapuram village. Additionally, rainwater has overflowed onto the Hyderabad-Vijayawada National Highway near Nallabandagudem village, causing a massive traffic jam near the interstate checkpost. Floodwaters have also spilt onto the Hyderabad temporarily. The disruption has left National Highway near Ithavaram village in the Nandigama mandal, halting transportation on the highway. Consequently, the RTC has suspended bus services between Vijayawada and tion.



many people stranded, as railway services are also affected due to tracks being washed away near the Mahabubabad-Warangal railway sta-

Public told to put off travel

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Based on inputs received from the Superintendent of Police of Survapet and the Commissioner of Police of Khammam, a traffic advisory has been issued requesting the public to postpone their planned journeys to ensure their safety.P. Viswa Prasad, Additional Commissioner of Police, Traffic, Hyderabad, said that due to incessant rains.

28 tanks overflowing, 4 lakes near FTL

Due to heavy rains in the city in the last two days, the water level in 28 lakes reached FTL on Sunday and four lakes are near their Full Tank Level (FTL).

The Chakalavani Cheruvu, Nalagandla Cheruvu, Malka Cheruvu, Bandelaguda Cheruvu, Kaidama Kunta, Erla Cheruvu, Patel Cheruvu, Nalla Cheruvu, Yapral Cheruvu, Mir Alam Tank, Pedda Cheruvu, Venna Cheruvu, Lingam Cheruvu, HMT Lake, Yellamma Cheruvu, Parki Cheruvu, Langer



overflowing as the water level has crossed FTL. With rains lashing the House Tank, Kotha Cheruvu, city, GHMC Commissioner

Hussain Sagar and Bathur Kunta are Amrapali Kata inspected the rainwater holding structure at the Lake View Guest House on Sunday.



Did BRS develop Alzheimer's after losing power: TPCC

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The TPCC's Media and Communications wing Chairman, Sama Rammohan Reddy, asked whether the BRS has developed Alzheimer's disease after losing power.In a post on X on Sunday, Rammohan said, "Alzheimer's for BRS after losing power? You seem to have forgotten the atrocities your rule. Under your incompetent rule, there were hundreds of inciwere hospitalised. The articles that appeared in newspapers of the day are proof of that. Worms in rice and earthworms in pulses. A lot of Gurukuls. The government is play-

ing with students' lives. A series of incidents across the state. Gurukul are places of problems. Cries of hunger in welfare hostels. Rotten vegetables, Broken rice. Worms seen in midday meal. Complaint of class four student Pujitha at Mir Peta (Sabita Indra Reddy's constituency) police station asking how to eat the food provided was filed on December 8, 2022. Gurukul that took place in Gurukuls during students experienced hell under BRS rule. Our government works with sincerity to get Gurukuls out dents and thousands of students of those problems. 10 years of sin will not end in a day or a month. We are providing better services to Gurukul students and we will continue to improve it. @revanth_anuatrocities are happening in mula PrajaPalana Telangana AgainstBRSdramas."

Govt enacting dramas in the name of HYDRAA: Eatala

Accuses govt of destroying livelihoods of poor



PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Warning Chief Minister Revanth ernment should punish those Reddy that he will not remain silent responsible for the illegal buildings if the houses of the poor are demolished, the BJP's Malkajgiri MP, and recover money from them. Eatala Rajender, said that the CM

has been enacting dramas in the name of HYDRAA. He said the gov-



Rains settle matters in favour of HYDRAA?

serious debate is going on in the state regarding the demolitions carried out by HYDRAA. All sections of society irrespective of politics, intellectuals, poor, rich, and even film stars are participating in this debate. However, some environment lovers made use of the heavy rains to argue strongly for HYDRAA saying, "If this kind of rain

TG in turmoil: Harish

Demands Rs 25 lakh for bereaved families

PNS HYDERABAD

BRS MLA T. Harish Rao asked the state government to provide financial assistance of Rs 1 lakh as temporary relief, Rs 25 lakh exgratia to bereaved families and Rs 5 lakh exgratia for those injured in the heavy rains.

Reacting to the rains, Harish posted on X on Sunday, "The unexpected calamity threw the state into turmoil. Sadly, many people lost their lives. My deepest condolences to their families. Some have lost domestic animals and crops, while others have lost their jobs. In times of crisis like this, we should stand by

regardless of politics. The government should act with foresight. Measures should be taken on a war footing to instil confidence in the peo-

each other. People should be helped

ple. Control rooms should be set up at the state and district levels and the situation should be monitored. Ensure that emergency medical

services are available. Pregnant women in flooded areas must be taken to hospitals. Medical services should be provided to those who have suffered snake bites or have suffered electric shocks," he said.





Monday Mirchi

MESSAGE TO BABUDOM

During the heyday of former PM Indira Gandhi, she had advocated the concept of 'committed bureaucracy' and questioned the relevance of certain basic assumptions underlying the Indian bureaucracy such as neutrality, impartiality, anonymity and the like. Although her idea was that the bureaucracy should be aligned with the goals and interests of the ruling government or political party, her critics pointed out that the babudum should instead be 'committed' only to people. Whatever it be, decades down the line winds of change are blowing in Telangana. During a recent informal conversation, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy hinted at what his administration expects from babus. Amid long-standing expectations that certain officials believed to have been close to Bharat Rashtra Samithi bigwigs could be on their way out or at least sidelined; Revanth Reddy has clarified that capability will be the determining factor when it comes to deciding who stays and who goes. He emphasized that those expecting positions without contributing meaningfully to their roles should not expect any favours. "If you are going to sit and crib about not getting a post without contributing, such officers won't be entertained," he observed, setting the record straight on where his priorities lie. There seems to be a broader realization within the Chief Minister's Office that capability outweighs other factors like political alignment and nativity.

WHO IS NEXT IN LINE FOR **CHIEF SECRETARY POST?**

In Telangana, although the current Chief Secretary is comfortably in place, there are whispers in the corridors of power as to who could be the next incumbent. The buzz is not just about names but also on factors like whether the next CS will be 'local' or 'nonlocal'. An interesting side story is about how Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, during his time in the Opposition camp, had been a vocal critic of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi for preferring 'non-natives' in top positions, but is now OK with current Director-General of Police Jitender, a non-local. This apparently dichotomous thinking has given room for the likes of Vikas Raj, Jayesh Ranjan, and Arvind Kumar-considered non-locals- to be reckoned as strong contenders, considering the accent on capability. Seasoned locals, such as Ramakrishna Rao and Burra Venkatesham, are not far behind in the race. Some insiders suggest that any of these heavyweights, unscathed despite regime change, could occupy the top position. It is

all up in the air for now, though the speculations aren't going to die down anytime

'CORRECTIONAL' RESHUFFLE IN MINING DEPARTMENT?

Administrative reshuffles are intended to mend matters, improve efficiency; or better yet, combine both. If the underlying purpose is not obvious, there could be more to it than meets the eye. The encore of reshuffle in the Telangana Mining Department has sparked widespread suspicions, with some circles questioning the motives behind the multiple transfers. Particularly, the reappointment of G Malsur as the Managing Director of the Telangana State Mineral Development Corporation -- in just six months after he had been removed from the position -- has led to whispers that the government is "struggling to manage the sector effectively". The reappointment has given critics room for mining all kinds of reasons, with many pointing to the inconsistency in the government's actions. "This back-and-forth clearly shows that Revanth Reddy is unable to run the government efficiently," commented a leader of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi.

COMMITTING 'EXCESSES' IN UNIFORM

'Normally' khaki-clad police officials run into trouble if they commit excesses while dealing with delinquent aam aadmi. HYDRAA Commissioner AV Ranganath may be making waves by razing structures raised illegally on buffer zones or full tank level of lakes across the twin cities. But he seems to have rubbed several khadi-clad politicos on the wrong side. Political leaders are venting their ire at Ranganath's rangapravesam on lake beds. He has become an easy target for politicians these days. Already Communist Party of India's lone MLA Kunamneni Sambasiva Rao, Bharatiya Janata Party's Legislative Party leader Alleti Maheshwar Reddy and Bharat Rashtra Samithi leaders have made comments criticising Ranganath. Sambasiva Rao said, "Ranganath has been showing over-enthu-siasm. HYDRAA will become Dragon if Ranganath continues with his overenthusiasm". Maheshwar Reddy suggested that Ranganath should shed khaki and wear white dress (khadi perhaps) if he wants to criticise politicians. However, 'neutral' politicos whisper that after all Ranganath is implementing government decisions in toto. If the instructions are about todpod; comments, if any, should be directed at Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, they mutter.

--Yours truly

Launch relief operations

CM asks Ministers, MPs, MLAs & MLCs

PNS HYDERABAD

With heavy rains lashing the state, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy reviewed the situation. The Chief Minister spoke to Ministers Bhatti Vikramarka, N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, Tummala Nageshwar Rao, Damodara Raja Narasimha and Jupalli Krishna Rao on the phone and enquired about relief operations in flooded

The CM directed Ministers, MPs, MLAs and MLCs to

launch relief operations in their areas. Congress workers were also requested to be on alert and contribute their services to conduct relief opera-

The CM held teleconferences with the Chief Secretary, the DGP and top officials of the Municipal Administration, Energy, Panchayat Raj, HYDRA and Irrigation depart-ments and put them on alert during the next 24 hours.

The Chief Minister ordered Collectors, SPs, Revenue, Irrigation and Municipal officials to conduct field visits in flood-hit areas.

Specific instructions have been issued to all officials of important departments to cancel their leaves and join relief and rescue operations imme-

Officials of emergency wings have also been asked to send updates on the rains at the field level to the CMO's office. Authorities have been told to take immediate relief measures in flood-hit areas.



The Chief Minister appealed to the public not to venture out of their homes unless it is an emergency. Citizens living in low-lying areas were advised to be vigilant and inform authorities in case of emergency or if any assistance is required.

All exams scheduled for Monday postponed

PNS HYDERABAD

The Controller of Osmania University announced that, due to continuous heavy rains and following directives from the Government of Telangana, all exams scheduled for September 2, Monday, are postponed.

Exams September 3, 2024, will proceed as per the original timetable. The new schedule for the postponed exams will be announced later.

Senior journalist Umesh Upadhyay falls, dies

PNS NEW DELHI

Senior journalist Umesh Upadhyay died on Sunday when he fell off the fourth floor of his house during inspection of a renovation work in southwest Delhi's Vasant Kunj area on Sunday, police said.

A senior police officer said 64-year-old Upadhyay, elder brother of former Delhi BJP chief Satish Upadhyay, suffered serious head injuries after he accidentally fell from the fourth floor to the second floor of the building.

At around 2.50 pm, police received information from the Indian Spinal Injuries Centre in Vasant Kunj regarding admission of Umesh Upadhyay, the officer said.

"On enquiry, it came to light that at about 10.30 am, when Upadhyay was inspecting the renovation work of his building, he accidentally fell from the fourth floor to the second floor," the officer said.

The veteran journalist was seriously hurt in his head and suffered multiple other injuries. He was rushed to the Indian Spinal Injuries Centre at

around 11 am, where he later succumbed to injuries, police

Another police officer said that Upadhyay's family was currently not residing at his residential building due to ren-

Prime Minister Narendra Modi condoled the journalist's

"I am deeply saddened by the demise of senior journalist and writer Umesh Upadhyay ji, who made valuable contributions in the field of digital media and television.

"His demise is an irreparable loss for the world of journalism. I express my condolences to his family in this hour of grief. Om Shanti!," Modi said

in a post on X. Satish Upadhyay, who is NDMC Vice Chairman, said that his elder brother Umesh Upadhyay succumbed to injuries after falling down at his home in Vasant Kunj in the

Maharashtra govt hikes VIP number fees; pay Rs 6 lakh for '0001' in Mumbai

PNS MUMBAI

The Maharashtra government has hiked fees for "choice numbers," commonly known as VIP numbers, for new vehicles, which will translate into revised Rs 6 lakh charge for the most sought-after '0001' number for four-wheelers in highdemand areas like Mumbai, cities.Interestingly, the new fees mean that an out-of-series

VIP number will cost up to Rs 18 lakh in major cities including Mumbai and Pune, which incidentally is the cost of new cars in the mid-segment. As per the transport department's notification dated August 30, the cost for the coveted number '0001' will rise to Rs 5 lakh for four-wheelers, up from the current Rs 3 lakh. For two and three-wheelers, the fee will increase to Rs 1 lakh, doubling from the existing Rs 50,000.

Scrap CPS, implement OPS

Demands Minorities Employees JAC

PNS HYDERABAD

The Telangana State Minorities Employees Joint Action Committee has requested the government to revoke the CPS (Contributory Pension Scheme) and restore the Old Pension Scheme (OPS). In a press release issued by the Chairman of the Minorities Employees Joint Action Committee, MA Farooq

Ahmed, said that the hardearned money of employees is being invested in private companies through the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS). In return, government employees are not getting adequate money after retirement and they are facing severe financial problems after retirement. The Congress government of Telangana had promised in its election manifesto that it would revoke CPS and restore the OPS if they came to power. Now all State Government employees are waiting to see the promise made in the election manifesto fulfilled. The Minorities' Employees JAC demanded that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy should fulfil his election promise and restore the Old Pension Scheme

joint Maharashtra' agitation in

south Mumbai, before leading

the march from Hutatma Chowk to the Gateway of

They slammed the Union

and state governments over

Thackeray dismissing Modi's

apology as one "smacking of

arrogance". Pawar alleged the

statue episode was an exam-

Amit Shah phones CM, offers Central help



PNS HYDERABAD

Union Home Minister Amit Revanth Reddy on Sunday and inquired about the floods in the state. The Chief Minister explained the damage caused by floods.

The CM told Amit Shah that adequate precautions are being taken to prevent loss of life and he promised to provide immediate assistance. Amit Shah said that flood relief material would be provided by the Centre.

The Chief Minister is reviewing the situation from time to time by speaking directly to officials and Collectors of all districts. The CM warned that adequate precautions should be taken to prevent mishaps and said that affected families will be helped.

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HYDERABAD WEATHER

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Sunset: 6:29 PM

ALMANAC

Govt machinery 'mute spectator'

Rahul slams govt for continuous attacks on Muslims

PNS NEW DELHI

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Sunday accused the BJP government of being a "mute spectator" in the

face of "continuous attacks" on minorities, especially Muslims, and demanded the strictest action against "anarchist elements" behind such incidents.

His comments come in the wake of two incidents of mob violence in BJP-ruled Haryana and Maharashtra.

On August 27, a Muslim migrant from West Bengal was beaten to death allegedly by cow vigilantes in Haryana's Charkhi Dadri over suspicions that he had eaten beef. Another person was injured in the attack.

In Maharashtra, an elderly man was abused and beaten up rying beef. He was travelling to Kalyan.Sharing screenshots of

the two incidents, videos of which have been doing the rounds on social media, Gandhi said those who have climbed the ladder of power by using hatred as a

political weapon are continuously establishing the rule of fear in the country."The hateful elements hiding in the form of the mob are openly spreading violence, challenging the rule of law. These miscreants have got a free hand from the BJP government, that is why they have developed the courage to do so," the former Congress chief said in a post in Hindi on X.

Only 6.7% court infrastructure at district level female-friendly: CJI for all members of

the society.

Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud on Sunday said the fact that only 6.7 per cent court infrastructure at the district level is female-friendly needs to be changed.

Conference of the District Judiciary', Chandrachud said it should be ensured that courts provide safe and

'Hyd developed



structure at the district level is female-friendly. Is this acceptable today in a nation where at the basic level of recruitment in some states over 60 or 70 per cent of the accommodating environment recruits are women? Our focus access to justice.

increasing accessibility measures which can be understood by carrying out infrastructural audits. "Opening in-

es and technological projects like e-seva Kendras and video conferencing devices. These endeavours aim to increase

MEDIC'S RAPE-MURDER

Rallies, demonstrations continue in Kolkata

PNS KOLKATA

Film director Aparna Sen and numerous other prominent personalities from the Bengali film industry on Sunday joined thousands of people in a massive rally demanding justice for a trainee doctor who was raped-murdered at RG Kar hospital here last month.

In addition to the 'Mahamichhil', two other rallies took place elsewhere in the city. While one was organised by the alumni of Ramakrishna Mission-run educational institutions, another involved students and past pupils from a wellknown convent school, both echoing the demand for justice for the medic.

At the mega rally that kicked-off at College Square, Sen, accompanied by fellow artistes such as Swastika Mukherjee, Sudipta Chakraborty, Chaiti Ghosal, Sohini Sarkar, and others, marched along Central Avenue demanding justice for the postgraduate trainee doctor. Asked by reporters, the eminent actor-turneddirector said, "We are walking on the road together, demanding justice.

confrontation with the ruling Mahayuti ahead of the assembly polls. Claiming that the statue incident was being "politi-

PNS MUMBAI

Prime Minister

The opposition Maha Vikas

Aghadi on Sunday took out a

march in Mumbai to protest

the collapse of Shivaji

Maharaj's statue and rejected

Modi's apology over the inci-

dent, stepping up the political

cised" by the Opposition, the ruling BJP also demonstrated in various parts of the state. The 'jode maro andolan' (hitting with slippers) protest reflected the unity among the Maha Vikas Aghadi partners-Shiv Sena (UBT), NCP (SP), and Congress, pitted against the ruling troika of Shiv Sena, BJP, and NCP.Sharad Pawar,

Uddhav Thackeray, and state

Congress chief Nana Patole

laid wreaths at a memorial

ple of corruption. Chief Minister Eknath Shinde hit back at Thackeray and accused him of playing politics in the name of Shivaji but emulating the deeds of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb and Bijapur general Afzal Khan --both highly polarising

figures in Maharashtra and the Maratha history. The statue of the 17th century Maratha warrior king at Rajkot fort in Malvan tehsil fell on August 26, over eight months after it was unveiled by PM Modi on the occasion of Navy Day.

Sunita Kejriwal, seeks votes for AAP to build 'new Haryana'

PNS CHANDIGARH

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's wife Sunita Kejriwal on Sunday accused the BJP government in Haryana of doing nothing in 10 years and urged the people to vote for AĂP to build "a new Haryana"

Assembly polls in Haryana will take place on October 5 and the results declared on October 8. Addressing a gathering in Haryana's Charkhi

Dadri, Sunita Kejriwal asked the people if they witnessed any improve-ment in school education and government health facilities during the BJP's 10-year tenure.

"Are you getting round-

the-clock free electricity?" she asked. In 10 years, the BJP did nothing, Sunita Kejriwal claimed.

She also highlighted the improvement in government schools and hospitals in AAP-governed Delhi and Punjab. The plan of providing Rs

1,000 per month to women would shortly be implemented in Punjab and Delhi, she added.

Calling her husband Arvind Kejriwal -- the AAP national convenor who is in jail in an excise policy case -- "Haryana ka laal (son of Haryana)", Sunita Kejriwal said, 'Nobody could imagine that Haryana's son would become the Delhi chief minister after 20 years.'

under TDP, BRS rule'

Congress engaging in goondaism

using HYDRAA: Vivekananda

BRS Leaders Sathyavathi Rathode, KP Vivekananda, Naveen Kumar Reddy addressing the media on Sunday at Telangana Bhavan

PNS HYDERABAD

The BRS said that there are no guidelines for HYDRAA and that Congress leaders are engaged in goondaism in the name of HYDRAA.

Describing HYDRAA as an utter flop, the BRS ridiculed it saying that it issues notices to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's brother and demolishes the houses of the poor.

Speaking to the media along with former Minister Sathyavathi Rathod and MLC Naveen Kumar Reddy at the Telangana Bhavan on Sunday, Quthbullahpur MLA KP Vivekananda asked whether there is any scientific policy for HYDRAA?

"How many lakes are there

in Hyderabad? Does the gov-

ernment have any report on how many houses are there in FTL areas and buffer zones of those lakes?" he asked.

Commenting Hyderabad never developed under the Congress, Vivekananda said that Hyderabad developed only under the rule of the TDP and

He said that Congress leaders encroached on lakes in Hyderabad city as the Congress was in power for the longest time in the state.

He demanded Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to give legitimacy to HYDRAA and added that it was Congress leaders who constructed houses after encroaching lakes and ponds in Hyderabad.

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Place: Lucknow

BUSINESS ITEMS ON AGENDA:

1. To confirm the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting. To consider and approve the amendments in the registered bye-laws of the Society, due to the MSCS (Amendment) Act, 2023.

To brief the members about the status of payment made through "CRCS Sehan Refund Portal" in compilance to the order of Hon ble Supreme Court dated 29.03.2023. To brief the members about the election of Delegates and Directors of the Society for the restriction i.e. 2025 - 2030.

To consider and adopt the Audited Financial Statement of accounts for the F.Y. 2023-24. To consider and approve the Audit Report and Annual Report for the F.Y. 2023-24.

To consider and approve the Audit Report and Annual Report for the F.Y. 2023-24.
 To consider and approve the Audit Compliance Report.
 To consider and approve the deposal of net profit.
 To consider and approve the death of specific reserve and other funds and their actual utilization.
 To consider and approve the Annual Budget for the Financial Year 2025-26.
 To consider and approve the Annual Action Plan for the Financial Year 2025-26.
 To apprise members about the ist of employees who are relatives of members of the Board or of the Managing Director.
 To apprise members about the formulation of code of conduct for the members of the board.

To consider and approve the appointment/re-appointment of Statutory Auditor for the F.Y. 2024-25.

15. Any other item, if any, with the permission of Chairperson.

For Sahara Credit Coope Date : 30" August, 2024

Please note that if there is no quorum within half an hour of the time fixed for the scheduled meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned and the adjourned meeting shall be hald at 12:30 p.m. on the same day i.e. 20th Suptember, 2024 to transact the agenda items as aforesaid and that no quorum shall be necessary for transacting the business in the adjourned meeting so held.

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State Art Gallery Hyderabad September 1 to 8.

Foundation Day

IIITH celebrates 27th Foundation Day. Minister for IT and Industries D SZridhar Babu to be the chief guest.

Venue

Himalaya 105, September 2, 6 to 7pm

Couple ends life after killing kids at Jeedimetla



children at Jeedimetla

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In a tragic incident, a couple allegedly killed their two children and later committed suicide at Jeedimetla police station limits due to financial issues on Saturday night.

The deceased couple, identified as Venkatesh (40) and Varshini (33), had two children Rishikanth (11) and Vihath (3).

The couple, native of Mancheriala district, were staying at an apartment in Gajularamaram. On Sunday morning, all the four members of the family were found dead in the house. The Jeedimetla police reached the house after getting the information and registered the case and started further investigation.

Excise Dept officials close **Tonique Liquor Mart**

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The Prohibition and Excise officials sealed the Tonique Liquor Mart at Jubilee Hills on Sunday. The officials have seized 10,291 liquor bottles, the value of the liquor is estimated to be Rs

Excise officials said that the licence expired on August 31 and closed on September 1 as they do not have the permission from the department.

According to the Excise officials, for every two years wine shops should obtain a licence from the department. Though the Tonique applied for licence, the Excise department has

rejected the application. Hyderabad Excis Excise Deputy Commissioner Shastri, Assistant Commissioner Anil Kumar Reddy, Jubilee Hills CI Vasudeva Rao and other excise police have sealed the liquor shop. A Few months back the 'Tonique' was raided by the Commercial Taxes department.

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SETS UP EMERGENCY

CONTROL ROOMS SCR gears up to handle

heavy rains in State

The South Central Railway (SCR) is gearing up to handle heavy rains in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh by setting up emergency control rooms at its headquarters in Secunderabad to provide safety to the passengers and minimise

The railway tracks have been affected by incessant rains and floodwater, lead-

ing to cancellations and diversions of train

Jain is closely monitoring the situation,

coordinating with Divisional Railway Managers (DRMs) to assess the ground conditions. Emergency control rooms have been established at SCR HQ-Rail

Nilayam in Secunderabad and at division-

al offices in Secunderabad, Guntur, and

Vijayawada.

These are staffed 24/7 by senior officers to liaison with the State government officials and ensure timely updates on weather and flood forecasts.

Helplines have been set up at major stations like Hyderabad, Secunderabad, and Vijayawada to provide real-time informa-

Vijayawada to provide real-time information to passengers. Catering services are being monitored, with food and water

provided to passengers stranded at vari-

Alternate transportation has been arranged, including RTC buses and spe-

cial trains, to help stranded passengers reach their destinations. Frequent announcements, additional inquiry counters, and help desks have been set up at stations to assist passengers. Refunds are being processed for those affected by can-

To manage rail traffic, 80 trains have

been fully cancelled, 5 partially cancelled,

and 49 diverted to alternate routes.

SCR General Manager Arun Kumar

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inconvenience.

Vijayawada.

ous stations

celled or delayed trains.



PNS HYDERABAD

The Public Health and Family Welfare Department has issued a general advisory to help residents protect themselves from season-

al diseases as Telangana experiences heavy rainfall.

According to the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) in Hyderabad, districts accress the State tricts across the State are under a red alert for very heavy to extremely heavy rain, and an orange alert for heavy to very heavy rain in several other districts.

This could result in lower temperatures and increased humidity, creating ideal conditions for viral infections and mosquito-borne diseases.

"The government has made special arrangements in public health facilities, including extra beds, IV fluids, essential medicines and ORS sachets available through local health workers to address any

PREVENTING MOSQUITO-**BORNE DISEASES**

Ensure doors and windows are fitted with mosquito nets or screens. Repair any holes promptly and keep them closed during peak mosquito activity (early morning and

> Cover beds and cribs with insecticide-treated mosquito nets, ensuring the nets are securely tucked around the bed.

Dress children in lightcoloured clothing that covers arms and legs.

Apply mosquito repellent Wash hands frequently, creams, lotions or sprays especially before meals before going outdoors, especially during dawn and dusk. Avoid applying repellent on hands, mouth, eyes, or open wounds and discontinue use if allergic. Use chemical repellents like liquid vaporizers, mats and coils with caution, keeping them

a 'dry day' each week to remove stagnant water from around the house, including flower pots, cans, tires,

buckets coolers. Keep lawns welltrimmed.

PREVENTING WATER-**BORNE INFECTIONS**

Drink filtered or boiled water and opt for bottled water when outside. Wash hands frequently, especially before meals and after using the restroom. Carry and use hand sanitizers.

Avoid consuming raw, pre-cut or uncovered food from street vendors and opt for freshly made home-cooked meals. Discard any

food leftovers. Preventing airborne infections: Avoid close contact with sick individuals and do not share food, water or clothing when unwell

heavy to very heavy rain in

several other districts

Minimize contact with public surfaces such as door handles, lift buttons and railings. Seek medical attention if you develop flu-like symptoms such as cough with fever, headache, sore throat, body aches or con-

Complaint against

two encroachers

Assets

TG Police comes to rescue of people in heavy rain

Drink filtered or boiled

water and opt for bottled

water when outside.

and after using the

restroom

emergencies that may arise,"

said Dr B Ravinder Nayak,

Director of Public Health and

PNS HYDERABAD

Hyderabad city witnessed heavy water-logging in some parts of the city due to heavy rain since Saturday, leading to disruption in traffic.

Hyderabad City Police requested people to stay at home and avoid going out unless absolutely necessary during the heavy rain. Also avoid walking or driving through flood waters. Apart from these, the City Police have advised people to keep themselves away from the electric poles, power lines and trees.

Also commuters are requested to drive slowly and safely, because during heavy rain roads are more slippery. The motorists are requested to keep a safe distance between

the vehicles to avoid acci-

City Police have helped many commuters during the heavy rain. They cleared watercleared water-logging in heavy rain near Ameerpet market. Panjagutta Traffic Police,

with the help of citizens, removed fallen tree branches



Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Protection Agency (HYDRAA) Commissioner AV Ranganath inspecting the roads at Tolichowki on Sunday

logging areas to clear the traffic disruptions. Two police constables of Panjagutta patrol

and normalized the traffic flow at Vengal Rao Park towards NFCL Junction.

Intercontinental Football Cup to be held in city from Sept 3

PNS HYDERABAD

The Intercontinental Football Cup 2024 will be held at GMC Balayogi Stadium in Gachibowli, starting September 3. The tournament, to be organised by the Sports Authority of Telangana

People should be alert in the wake of heavy rains: Rachakonda CP PNS HYDERABAD on Sunday held a meeting with

floods.

Sudheer

"People should be very alert in

the wake of heavy rains and they should come out of the house, if it is urgent," said Rachakonda Commissioner Sudheer Babu on Sunday.

Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Chief Secretary of the State Government, Shanti Kumari and DGP Dr Jitender

Cyberabad Commissioner Avinash Mahanty participated in a video conference from Rachakonda office.

and the All-India Football Federation (AIFF), will feature different matches on September 3, 6 and 9.

To ensure the tournament's success, AIFF has secured support from the Telangana vernment for using ĞMC Balayogi Stadium.

Rachakonda Commissioner Sudheer Babu giving instructions to the officials regarding the measures to be taken during heavy rains

the District Collectors, Police

Commissioners and SPs on

relief and rehabilitation pro-

grammes to be undertaken in

the wake of heavy rains and

Babu and

(HYDRAA) is demolishing illegal constructions and filing cases against officers for illegally giving permission for con-

struction of buildings, the Hussain Sagar Lake Division is also filing cases against encroachers. Mailardevpally police station of Cyberabad commissionerate on Friday registered a criminal case against two

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Response and

Protection

As the Hyderabad Disaster

ing buildings at Full Tank Level (FTL) and Buffer zone at Marshabaikunta in Katedan. Hussain Sagar Lake

persons for illegally construct-

Division's Deputy Executive Engineer has filed a com-

plaint against Ashok Kumar and Ranjit for illegal con-

structions in the lake.

Hussain Sagar Lake Division requested the police to initiate action against the damaging of the tanks as per Telangana Encroachment Act. No permission may be granted for temporary or permanent constructions in FTL and Buffer zone of Marshabaikunta.

The complainant said that those people were constructing illegally in the FTL and Buffer zone area of the tank and disturbing the water body's topography. The case registered under

329(3) (Criminal Trespass), 326(a) (knowingly diminishing water supply) BNS, and 3 PDPPA (Damage to public property).

ISB conducts SPARK 2.0 on Hyd campus

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

The Indian School of Business (ISB) organised SPARK 2.0 -Startup Conclave on Sunday, themed 'India's Growth Story.' Industry leaders, venture cap-

italists, founders and aspiring entrepreneurs gathered at ISB's Hyderabad campus to discuss opportunities and challenges in the startup

Special Chief Secretary of

ITE&C and Industries & Commerce, Government of Telangana, Jayesh Ranjan delivered the keynote address, highlighting ISB and DLabs role in supporting entrepre-

OU students decry shortcomings in library

When we raised complaints on this

Telangana government is not providing sufficient funds, due to which we c a n n o t

accommodate inter-

"Nageshwara Rao, PhD Scholar, Department of Commerce, OU, said, "Library plays the most

grades, etc. However, the libraries on the OU campus don't live up to it, as there is a lack of facilities on which students are dependent. There are no latest books, international journals, digitised journals, etc. There are no sufficient research tools or research-related materials for scholars.

ing up innovation, improving their

Students are struggling to find their reference books and advanced computer software to make their dissertation work easier. In regards to library maintenance staff, the non-teaching staff members are very few. There are no regular staff who handle and main-

student of the Physics department, said, "In the case of science department libraries, there are no latest books and journals available. Even after complaining to the authorities, only a few latest books and journals are

handling the libraries." Srivani, a

brought, which are not sufficient for the students. The wifi connection in the libraries is very poor."The higher officials didn't respond on this issue when the Pioneer Correspondent tried to reach out to

Hyderabad aero team seen along with the drones MLRIT Hyd aero teams win 3

prizes in drone challenge

The Marri Laxman Reddy Institute of Technology and Management (MLRITM), Hyderabad, Aero teams won 3 prizes in the SAE-ADC competition held at SRM University, Chennai. The Aeronautical Engineering student teams, guided by HOD Dr M Satyanarayana Gupta and faculty coordinators A Sai Kumar and S Sreekanth,

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Four teams, Airavat, Aeolus, Vayuputhra and Darksiders, made up of 40 students, competed in the Drone

earned the awards.

Development Challenge (DDC) 2024 SAE-ADC event. Team Aeolus, led by Captain Harshitha Yadav, won 1st prize in the Best Innovation Micro Class with a Rs 10,000 cash award. Team Airavat, led by Captain Ishaan Suri, bagged the 2nd place in Best Innovation Regular Class and 3rd place in Best Presentation Regular Class.

MLRIT Chairman Marri Laxman Reddy, Secretary and MLA Marri Rajashekar Reddy and Principal Dr K Srinivas Rao appreciated the Aero HOD, faculty coordinators and students for their success.

bhumireddyrashmi@gmail.com HYDERABAD

Students of Osmania University raised their grievances about the lack of quality facilities in the library. They stated that the university lags behind in terms of the latest updates of books, journals, etc. and advancement or digitalisation of resources.Sumanth, President of the Progressive Democratic Students Union (PDSU) and student of the Department of Political Science, said, "Students are facing several issues, especially when

Irrespective of any department libraries, there are no new books, latest journals, international research journals, etc. There is no proper seating capacity or infrastructure. The washrooms in the libraries are pathetic. Also, there is no proper water supply in the washrooms. The books are not digitised yet. No proper wifi connections in the libraries. A centurv-old university should have access to international journals, economics magazines, business magazines, digitalisation, etc., which is not seen in the case of OU. Apart from that, the surroundings of the varsity are very unclean.

Campus Neu journals, digitisation of books, etc.

important role in the students' tain the libraries. Part-time or con-



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Eshwar demands implementation of unemployment allowance

PNS KARIMNAGAR

Former minister Koppula Eshwar on Sunday demanded that he Congress leaders specify what the Congress govern-ment did to people after com-ing to power. The Congress party came to power by making false promises.

He sought to know from ruling party leaders whether the Congress government implemented all the promises made by it to the people ahead of elections.

Referring to the criticism of Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka against former chief minister Chandrashekar Rao, Eshwar said that the Congress leaders were trying to divert the attention of people from their failure.

Addressing the media here, he sought to know whether the Congress implemented at least one of the 420 promises made by it ahead of Assembly elections. The Congress has been boasting of having implemented the loan waiver, but it failed to ensure that the loan waiver benefits reached all farmers. Will the Congress



leaders prove their sincerity at least by fulfilling its promises of waiving farm loans for all

The congress cheated the farmers miserably. During the BRS regime, the state attracted Rs 4 lakh crore investments and 17 lakh jobs were created. Why did the Congress not implement an unemployment allowance and Rs 2,500 per month promised to women. It was high time, the Congress Ministers and leaders exercised restraint while speaking. The people would chase them away if the Congress government fails to implement the promises made by it, he said.

Ponguleti urges supporters to help the flood-hit people

PNS KHAMMAM

Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy has called upon the people to remain alert at this hours of difficulty in Palair constituency where the water bodies are in spate at several villages and tribal hamlets and appealed to his supporters to

come to the rescue of the flood-hit people by arrang-ing rehabilitation centers and pro-viding food and water to the flood-

In a release on Sunday, the Minister assured the people that the

help to them. The situation was not predicted. Because of the floods to various water bodies, all communication facilities have been affected. Many people have been marooned. In Nayakan Gudem habitat Kusumanchi mandal, three people were washed away in to hospitals.

swirling flood waters.

However, the relief and rescue team managed to save one person. Efforts were on to save the other two also. The inclement weather is not cooperating with the administration for air-lifting of those who have been marroned to safer places. He claims to have

been constantly in touch with the district administration, officials in his constituency and mandal officials. Now what is required on the part of the flood-hit people to pick up courage. He exhorted his fans to implement relief

representatives of the ministers. Theyh should establish rehabilitation centers along with the local officials and government staff and provide food and water to the needy. He asked them to rush the people who developed sickness on account of the rains

Constable swims 5. 5 km in flood waters, saves four-year-old girl

PNS MAHABUBABAD

A police constable came to the rescue of the four-year-old girl, Vishika, bitten by snake in Balu Thanda of Rajolu village Kuravimandal of Mahabubabad district, reports reaching here said on Sunday.

Due to the incessant rains that have been lashing the state since Saturday night, the Balu Thanda was inundated. The people are not able to go out under any circumstances.

Following the snakebite, the baby lost her consciousness. Then traffic constable Bhaskar took a bold step and carried

the girl on his shoulders and swam for a distance of fiveand-half km to take her to hos-

Her parents reached the hospital after one hour. Doctors have been treating the girl for the snakebite.

The parents profusely thanked the constable for rescuing their daughter. Had the constable not come to their rescue, the condition of the girl could have turned critical. They saluted the constable and thanked him for his ges-

Everyone is appreciating the gesture of the constable.

Warangal dist water bodies in spate

PNS WARANGAL

Several localities under Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation limits are reeling under floodwater. Low-lying areas in the city have been under knee-deep water.

Municipal authorities have been trying to drain water from roads to ease traffic flow. The residents in the low-lying areas are asked to remain alert and not to venture out unless

it is absolutely necessary. A control room has been set up at Warangal Tahsildar's office in the wake of the heavy rain forecast.

Officials also asked the residents of SR Nagar, MH Nagar and DK Nagar to be alert as rainwater may flow into residential areas.

Most of the places, like Samaiah Nagar, Wadepally, Nayeemnagar and others in Hanamkonda, Gopalpur, Ambedkar Bhavan road, Gokul Nagar, Housing Board and Nakkalagutta witness

waterlogging.

Almost all water bodies in the district are in spate.

ELIMINATION OF ILLICIT LIQUOR

Excise Police claim operation 'success'

With belt shops selling a quarter bottle of liquor at a price between Rs 120 and 150, people have been increasingly turning to illicitly-distilled arrack. Despite the officials targeting those engaged in illicit brewing of arrack in villages and tribal hamlets, it is making a comeback

again and again after a gap.

The illicit distilled arrack has been finding its way from villages and tribal hamlets into towns and cities posing a huge challenge to the Excise and police officials who are

busy waging a fight against drugs. The 100-day Operation Gudumba launched in some chosen Assembly constituencies concluded on Friday. For 100 days, the operation was conducted in 72 villages of Huzurnagar and Devarakonda Assembly constituencies.

Special teams conducted raids on the dens in which illicit brewing of arrack took place in remote villages. The operation was termed successful. For the illicit distillation of arrack to come to an end, the Excise officials say, the prices of ordinary liquor should be reduced drastically.

In the 100-day operation, a total of 350 cases were registered as part

havoc in Siddipet



of the exercise. In all, as many as 240 persons were arrested. In all, 1,236 ID arrack dens had been destroyed, 51,944 liters of fermented jaggery wash had been destroyed and 8,038 kg of jaggery was seized. Besides, 40 vehicles were seized. Since there are no curbs placed in AP on the transportation of jaggery, jaggery is being smuggled into Telangana state from

Jaggayyapeta to Devarakonda via Macharla and Huzurnagar.

The Excise police conducted raids as part of special operations in 32 villages of Huzurnagar constituency and 40 tribal thandas in Devarakonda constituency. Three teams have been deployed as part of the special operations. Nalgonda district Excise superintendent B Santosh said that 90 per cent of the illicitly distilled arrack vanished from the district. Checkposts near interstate borders have been strengthened to prevent smuggling of jaggery.
Excise officials felt that it was dif-

ficult to keep a constant watch on the illicit liquor with the existing staff. It is necessary to strengthen the Excise Police force. The officials demand increasing prices of premium liquor prices and reduce the prices of ordinary liquor prices for checking the brewing of illicitly-distilled arrack. Moreover, it will also increase revenue to the state government, they said.



TRAPPED IN FLOODWATERS

40 TGSRTC bus passengers rescued

PNS WARANGAL

Forty passengers in a TGSRTC bus faced harrowing experience with the bus got stranded on a flooded causeway on Saturday night. With the help of local peo-ple and officials, the passengers were rescued.

It all happened when the bus on its way to Mahabubabad from Vemulawada got stuck on Nekkonda-Mahabubabad road as the overflowing Topanapalli tank flooded the causeway at Venkatapuram village in Warangal district.

It was said that the bus driver who managed to get across one of the two causeways on the road had to halt the bus as another

causeway was overflowing.

The passengers were left without food and water during their stay in the bus through the night. After the passengers and the bus driver sent messages to their family members and offi-cials about their plight, efforts started on Sunday morning to rescue them.

Passengers were rescued by a heavy truck laden with cement. The district Collector and police officials monitored the rescue operation. Accommodation and food has been provided near Venkatapuram village for the exhausted passengers.

Teenager dies due to meningitis

PNS KAMAREDDY

A 16-year-old boy died of meningitis in the town on Sunday. He had been suffering from fever for the past 10 days. His family members took him to various hospitals for treatment, but in vain.

The teenager was identified as Sujit belonging to Tekrialillage near the district headquarters town.

First he was treated in Kamareddy, but the doctors referred him to Hyderabad for better treatment. He was treated in various corporate hospitals in . Hvderabad.

According to family members of Sujit, he recovered from dengue. They said that Sujit recovered from dengue. Doctors who treated him said that dengue attacked him again

and progressed into meningitis. His family members tried to save his life.

A pall of gloom descended on Tekrial village following death of

Rains wreak Manugur reeling under flood impact

PNS SIDDIPET

Several colonies in low-lying areas were inundated, roads flooded, trees were uprooted and fell across the roads making it impossible for people to commute from one place to other, several villages were left without electricity due to disruption of power supply as tree branches fell on electric cables at several places in the district due to heavy downpour lashing the district since Saturday night. Normal life has rsed due to the

Water reached into tanks up to the brim, many tanks have been overflowing their sluices, water entered homes at several villages due to flash floods triggered by heavy rains.

The Akkenapalli stream in Nangunurumandal is in floods, the water level in stream at Kodakandla has risen in the district. Three petrol stations have been flooded in Gajwel town. The road communica-

tion facilities between Gajwel and Pragnapur have beenaffected. Trees got uprooted on Jagdevpur-Bhongir road affecting the road communication facilities.

Local sub inspector Chandramohan got the trees removed with the help of the JCBs. Residents of Mandapalli are in for troubles as the stream near the village has been flowing menacingly.
Siddipet Commissioner of

Police Anuradha discussed the steps to be taken to ensure normal. District Collector Manu

Chaudhary issued suitable instructions to the officials on learning about problems triggered by rains. Former minister T Harish

Rao issued several instructions to the BRS rank and file on the precautions to be adopted in rains. He asked them to rescue the people caught in danger in villages and inform the officials about the problems caused by rains.

PNS ■ BHADRADRI KOTHAGUDEM District Collector Jitesh V Patil has called upon the district administrative machinery to remain on the alert in view of

on account of a low-pressure area formed in the Bay of Bengal. He along with Superintendent of Police Rohit Raju on Sunday inspected the inundated areas in Manuguru wading through knee-deep water. The Collector observed that the low-lying areas were

Several areas in Manuguru town have were inundated Saturday night, he said, assuring the people that the officials have been taking relief measures so as not to cause any inconvenience to the residents of the town. The pregnant women have been shifted to safer areas much ahead of the floods and 130 children have been rehabilitated in a residential school. The authorities have been providing them

food and other eatables. In



Bhadradri Kothagudem Collector Jitesh V Patil and Superintendent of Police Rohi Raju wading through knee-deep water in Manugur town on Sunday

view of heavy rains, the collector asked the people to remain alert and asked the people living in low lying areas not to come out unless it is absolutely necessary. The tanks and streams are in spate, he said asking the people not to try to cross the water overflowing the

roads. With the receding of the flood water, there is a lurking danger of the outbreak of epidemics, therefore, he asked the panchayats and municipal employees to ensure sanitation.

People have been advised to

drinking water only after boiling it and abstain from eating stale food. He asked them to eat only freshly cooked food. He assured the people to speak with SCCL, DRDA, municipal, revenue and irrigation authorities to prevent flooding of the Manuguru town.

Manuguuru DSP, Tahsildar and local officials were present.

Collector inspects control room

PNS ASIFABAD

Collector Venkatesh Dhotre and Superintendent of Police Srinivasa Rao, addressing the district officials, asked them to stay put in district headquarters and remain accessible to people. He wanted them to the rush to the needs of the peo-

Later the collector, along with the SP, visited the control room set up at the Collectorate and went through the calls received so far. He asked the control room staff to alert the concerned officials information they received at the control room.

The SP asked the people to remain alert since the rains are going to lash on Sunday and Monday too. Pickets have been established near the streams that are in spate and bridges where water is flowing over the road. He asked the policemen and officers to monitor the water level in tanks and ponds and work in coordination with revenue and irrigation officials.

The police were asked to relocate those who live in mud and old and dilapidated houses and asked the people living in such structures to be care-

He advised the people, especially children, not to go near the streams and ponds and advised them to touch electric poles or electric equipment. If



Asifabad Collector Venktesh Dhotre inspecting control room in Asifabad on Sunday

The police were asked to relocate those who live in mud and old and dilapidated houses and asked the people living in such structures to be careful

there is any problems related to electricity supply, the electricity department should be

cropped up due to incessant rains lashing the state, the people should call the police control room on 100 or furnish In case of any problems information to the relevant

police station for implementing immediate relief measures. Earlier, the Collector attend-

ed the video-conference conducted by Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinvias Reddy. The Minister directed the Collector and the official to be on alert. He particularly asked the officials ensure that relief and rehabilitation measures should be taken immediately

Sarvai Papanna village to be developed as tourist spot

State government releases Rs 4.70 cr for works

PNS SAIDAPUR

The State government has released Rs 4.70 crore to develop the fort in Sarvaipeta village, once ruled by Sardar Sarvai Papanna, as part of the efforts to promote tourism. The Tourism Department officials say that the funds would be utilised for giving facelift to the ramparts of the fort and other parts of the fort.

However, the locals appeal to authorities to utilise the funds for installing Sarvai Papanna statue, to restore the damaged fort and other structures and establish a museum here.

Historians say that Sarvai Papanna reached here from Kĥilashapur village of Jangaon district. To protect himself from the enemies, he built forts and other fortifi-

The locals say that there were tell-tale evidence of Sarvai Papanna moved around Kotagiri Gattlu, Bayanna Guttalu, Sarvanna the region

Cheruvu and other hillocks in the area. He lived here along with his followers. Later, he lived near Yellamma temple in Husnabad and passed away

The state government released funds for the development of the fort on August 18 which is the birth anniversary SarvaiPapanna, say the

Tourism Department officials have undertaken a field trip to SarvaiPapanna Hillocks, the surrounding areas, fort, ramparts and other fortifications and inspected the gateway to the fort. Divisional Engineer Engineer Vidyasagar said that reports in this regard would be sent to the higher authori-

Tourism Department JE Jeevan Reddy, Huzurabad divisional engineer Ali, Saidapur Tahsildar Manjula and other officials inspected



ACROSS THE STATES



Maharashtra records 9.5 cr voters in final electoral rolls

With more than 16 lakh new voters registering in the electoral rolls, Maharashtra now has around 9.5 crore voters eligible to exercise their franchise in the upcoming state assembly elections, according to the Election Commission of India (ECI). The ECI published the final electoral rolls on August 30. The state has 9,53,74,302 voters, including 4,93,33,996 men, 4,60,34,362 women and 5,944 transgender voters, according to the electoral rolls. As per the data shared by the ECI, 16,98,368 new voters were registered in the electoral rolls. As many as 18.67 lakh voters are in the age group of 18 to 19 years, 1.81 crore in the age group of 20-29 years, and 25.4 lakh are 80 years and above. The 80-plus age group has seen a dip of 45,208 voters in the revised list, it was stated. There are also 21,558 divyang voters in the state. As per the ECI data, Nandurbar, Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, Bhandara, and Gondia districts have more women voters than men.



Man 'possessed by evil spirit' kills infant son in Rajasthan

38-year-old man who claimed to be "possessed" by an evil spirit allegedly killed his infant son in Rajasthan's ABundi district on Sunday, police said. The alleged incident occurred in the Dollar village around 5 am. Tenmonth-old Ansh was asleep with his mother Gayatri when the accused Jitendra Bairwa alias Jittu allegedly picked him up and slammed him to the ground, Kapren SHO Kamal Singh said. The police said the family took Ansh to a local hospital where doctors declared him dead. A case of murder has been registered against the accused under provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the SHO said. The body has been handed over to the family members after post-mortem, he added. Bairwa, a native of Badunda village, had been living at his in-laws' with his wife and son for around a year. He was visiting an exorcist for "treatment" to get relief from an "evil spirit", Singh said.

deluge devastates...

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Ponguleti turned emotional saying that the government tried to save a family in his constituency Palair who were stuck in the floods. However, the rescue teams could save only one member of the family of three and they are trying to save the other two. He said they tried to send helicopters to the spot, however,

the weather did not allow it. He directed collectors and the police to be on alert as the weather department said that rain would continue on Monday too. "We have been able to prevent loss of life and property. As per the Chief Minister's directions, the CS,

the DGP and district administrations have taken steps to prevent loss of life and property. Flood waters coming from the Godavari and Krishna were released careful-So there was no major damage. However, as all ponds are full and there is a risk of water overflowing if there is more rain. So we are taking precautionary measures," the Minister said. He said that in Mahbubabad, Mulugu, Suryapet, Bhadradri Kotha gudem and Khammam districts the government has been able to rescue many villagers. In view of the situation's seriousness, he said he had directed the Chief Secretary to cancel leaves for all staff.

Fill all reservoirs, ponds..

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Water levels in the Sripada Yellampally project in Peddapalli district reached nearly full installed capacity due to heavy inflows from catchment areas. The gates of the Yellampally Project have been raised and water is being released into the Godavari. Officials have been asked to take at least one TMC per day of water from the Yellampally Project. The Chief Minister asked officials to pump water from the Nandi and Gayatri Pump Houses and fill reservoirs. Water will also be pumped to Mid Manair and Lower Manair Dam as well as the Ranganayak Sagar and Mallanna Sagar reservoirs.

The Yellampally Project's storage capacity is 20 TMC and current storage has already reached 18.45 TMC.

As the flow of water is increasing in the Kadem Project, water will be pumped to Mid Manair from the Gayatri pump. The capacity of Mid Manair is 27 TMC and

the current water level is 15 TMC. Officials have been directed to pump more than 14,000 cusecs of water from Mid Manair and release it in the lower Manair Dam. Another 6400 cusecs of water will be released into the Ranganayak Sagar reservoir from the Annapurna reservoir.

Water will be pumped from Ranganayak Sagar to Mallanna Sagar and Kondapochamma Sagar to fill up the two reservoirs. From there, water will be pumped to the Singur Project and the Nizam Sagar Dam.

The capacity of Annapurna and Ranganayak Sagar are 7.53 TMC each and Mallanna Sagar's capacity is 50 TMC. Currently, 11.43 TMC of water is stored there. While the capacity of the Konda Pochamma Sagar is 15 TMC, the current water level is 7.91 TMC. The Chief Minister said that as per Central Water Commission (CWC) guidelines, excess water can be stored in the Kondapochamma

Modi projects India as land of opportunities

Promises reforms, stable policy regime



Projecting India as the land of biggest opportunities globally, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday promised the business sector facilitation, reforms, a stable

policy regime and high growth. Addressing the ET World Leaders Forum, Modi, in turn, asked investors to commit to innovation, performance, positive disruption and high-quality products, as he stressed that the country respects wealth creators.

With the opposition often taking

aim at his government over its reduced majority, the prime minister asserted that his dispensation has begun its third term with more determined intentions and is full of hope and confidence, citing a host of decisions it has taken for the welfare of various sections of society and boosting infrastructure.

While people in most countries that went to polls this year voted for a change, Indians preferred continuity, political stability and economic growth, Modi said, asserting that a new neo-middle class is driving the country's progress and setting the direction for its market. India is writing a unique success story, and the impact of its reforms is visible in the economy's performance, he said.

In this dynamic world, he said, his government's policies and strategy are dynamic as well. It takes necessary steps as per the needs, setting its policies not based on the past but on the evolving future. "Our focus is on the future. We want to prepare the country for the challenges and opportunities that await us," he said, underlining his government's initiatives in the fields of green hydrogen, semiconductors, deep ocean and space.

WAYANAD LANDSLIDES

Rahul calls for concerted efforts to revitalise tourism

Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Sunday said it is imperative to make a concerted effort to revitalise tourism in Wayanad and encourage people to visit the area by dis-

pelling the notion that it is "dangerous" place in the aftermath of the recent landslides. Gandhi made

the assertion during a virtual meeting with some Kerala Congress leaders and Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra.

Ín a post on X along with a video clip of the online meeting on relief and rehabilitation efforts in Wayanad, Gandhi said Wayanad is steadily recovering from the devastation caused by the tragic landslides. "While there is still much to be done, it is ening to witness people from all communities and organisations coming together in relief efforts," he said.

"There is one crucial aspect wish to highlight that will greatly aid the people of Wayanad - tourism. Once the rains cease, it is imperative that we make a concerted

effort to revitalise tourism in the area and encourage people to visit," the former Congress chief said.

It is important to note that the landslide was localised to a specific area in Wayanad, not the entire region, he said. Wayanad remains

a stunning destination and will soon be ready welcome tourists from across India and the world with all its natural charm, Gandhi said.

"As we have done in the past, let us come together once again to support our brothers and sisters in beautiful Wayanad," he said.

During the meeting, Gandhi said that for promoting tourism it is important to dispel the notion that it is not a safe place as it can damage the brand of Wayanad if people think that it is a ous place".

There are four-five things we need to put pressure on inter-departmental coordination on relief and rehabilitation, inadequate compensation, rent issue that I have raised, many people have lost livelihood, and finally the impact on tourism," he said.



No idea about Hema committee; related demands: Rajinikanth

PNS CHENNAI

Superstar Rajinikanth on Sunday said he was not aware of the Justice K Hema Committee and demands to set up a similar panel in Tamil Nadu.

When reporters asked him about the panel of the neighbouring state and sever-al people demanding setting up in Tamil Nadu a panel like the Kerala's Justice Hema Committee, he told reporters: "What? I am not aware of it, sorry." The Justice Hema committee was constituted by the Kerala government after the 2017 actress assault case, and its report disclosed instances of harassment and exploitation of women in he Malavalam cin



'Kavach will be implemented in mission mode in country PNS ■ NEW DELHI sive changes to it. Investment in Railways was ten times enhanced. He Modern technology like Kavach that was developed in the country will now

be implemented in a mission mode, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has

The minister stated this in his welcome address before the flagging-off of three Vande Bharat trains by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday.

Vaishnaw that India has elected the leadership of PM Modi for the third time that is decisive, visionary and forward-looking and its impact is visible in every aspect of life including in

"It always lacked technology and investment and nothing changed for decades," Vaishnaw said alleging that a technical organisation like the Railways was politicised.
"PM Narendra Modi brought exten-

encouraged us to adopt new technologies. And above all he changed our mindset," Vaishnaw said.

The minister referred to various initiatives like the electrification of tracks, the introduction of Vande Bharat trains, the trial of Vande Metro and the deployment of the Kavach anti-collision system. He said 1326 railway stations are being redeveloped in the country which is the biggest redevelopment project in the world.

"Modern technology like Kavach was developed in the country and now it will be implemented in a mission mode in the country," he said.

According to the government, the Kavach Automatic Train Protection

Kavach Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system is a highly technologyintensive system, which requires safety certification of the highest order.

Will dialogue with Pakistan end terrorism in valley? BJP asks NC

Slamming National Conference for advocating dialogue with Pakistan, Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina on Sunday asked it to clarify whether initiating dialogue with the neighbouring country will end terrorism and bloodshed in the Union

He also played down the protests and resignations by his party leaders and workers over the selection of candidates, saying he is confident the BJP will form the government on its own.

The assembly election in Jammu and ashmir is scheduled to take place on September 18, 25, and October 1. Votes will be counted on October 8.

"Unfortunately, the NC leaders do not talk about the welfare of the people, the Pakistani gun which brought death and destruction to our land. By advocating for dialogue with Pakistan, they are not doing the right thing," Raina said.

He said starting a dialogue with Pakistan is the prerogative only of the

central government and the foreign min-

"NC leaders should know that our former PM A B Vajpayee went to Pakistan in a bus to extend the hand of friendship but Pakistan backstabbed India by starting Kargil war. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also went to Lahore on his return from Afghanistan but the terror attacks and killing of innocents continued," he said.

Asked about resentment within the party over ticket distribution, he said BJP is like a family and works together like

"When you have 15 lakh registered have their own aspirations but only one name is finalised for each segment.

'We are all together because our party believes in nation first, party second and self last," he said.

He said Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah have turned around the fate of Jammu and Kashmir with restoration of peace, prosperity, and development.

Public told to...

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water is flowing over NH 65 at Chillakallu and Nandigama in Andhra Pradesh. The Paleru River is overflowing on to the road at Nayakani Gudem on the route from Suryapet to Khammam. A bridge on Ramapuram X Road after crossing Kodad town in the Suryapet district of Telangana collapsed.

The public is requested to postpone their journey to ensure safety. In case of emergency and unavoidable circumstances, travellers are advised to take the following

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"Central assistance should be sought to save people living in flooded areas. The NDRF should be deployed. Helicopters should be readied to provide emergency assistance," Harish added.

BRS MLAs, MLCs and activists in all districts should be available to the people. On behalf of the BRS, we are requesting all our activists to stand with the people in these difficult times," he added.

28 tanks overflowing, 4 lakes..

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She said that many lakes have reached FTL and that water is being released from lakes like Hussain Sagar. "We are moving people from low-lying areas to safer places," she said. She said that people should

not come out of their homes unless there is an emergency as the weather department has warned of heavy rains on

Monday too. Amrapali said that officials are dewatering at 141 trafficrelated water logging points in

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Speaking to the media on Sunday at the BJP office, Eatala described the CM as a true heir of the Congress which killed people who protested the demolition of their houses at Delhi's Turkman Gate in 1976.

He said that HYDRAA is issuing notices to people who had constructed houses with government permission and also had pattas issued by the government.

He said that 200 people constructed houses after pur-Alwal in 1968 and the govern- community hall.

saying that the area was lake area. However, now HYDRAA has issued notices to 200 people saying that the lake area is 48 acres giving jitters to residents. Besides Alwal Cheruvu, there is Hasmathpet Lake and 200 poor people have been living there from 1982 paying taxes. HYDRAA issued notices to 160 people in Peerzadiguda and to 310 people in Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Sardar Nagar and Gayatri Nagar in Allapur Division, Rajender said and ridiculed the CM for issuing notices to chasing land in a layout in a burial ground, temple and

cant shifts in gut bacteria that

indicated changes in the mice's

liver and intestinal genes, sug-

gesting that spaceflight might

suppress the immune system

and alter metabolism. "These interactions suggest disrup-

tion of the signals, metabolites,

and immune factors exchanged

across the gut-liver axis which

are likely to drive glucose and

lipid (fat) dysregulation," the authors wrote in the study published in the journal npj

Biofilms and Microbiomes.

Govt enacting dramas.. Will provide all help.. Continued from page 1

ment put up fences on 17 acres

Modi appreciated the state government for maintaining a high alert and preventing loss of life. The Prime Minister assured

that helicopters will be deployed to provide emergency services in adverse weather conditions. The PM said the Centre will provide all assistance possible to Telangana.

Centre sends 9..

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Telangana, Sanjay said.

Sanjay said on X, "Informed Union Home Minister Shri@AmitShahji about the situation in Khammam and that 110 villages in the district have been submerged, nine people stranded on Prakash Nagar hillock, 68 people on Azmeera Thanda hillock in Palair, and 42 others trapped in buildings. As per the HM's orders, nine NDRF teams, three each from Chennai, Visakhapatnam and Assam, have been dispatched to Telangana. Spoke with senior NDRF officials to coordinate rescue efforts Discussed the situation and rescue operations with Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy. Urged NDRF teams to synchronize efforts and carry out relief operations efficient-

ly. NDRF teams are already

in action.

How space travel affects body systems, study examines

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Space travel can cause shifts in the gut that might suppress the immune system of astronauts and affect their metabolism, according to a study.

The findings help understand how space missions of long durations could affect of astronauts, researchers said.

Using genetic technologies, a team of researchers, led by those at Canada's McGill University, analysed changes in the guts, colons and livers of mice onboard the International Space Station or the ISS over a period of three months.

An international collaboration of NASA and other space agen-



cies, the ISS is a spacecraft in the ence lab and serves as a "home according to the NASA. Earth's orbit. It is a unique sci-

where crews of astronauts" live,

The authors found signifi-

"Collectively, these multiomic findings suggest host-gut microbiome interactions during spaceflight are likely to underlie widespread changes to host physiology which could pose a risk to health," they wrote.

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-PAPER WITH PASSION-

On a sound footing

PM Modi emphasises India's 90% economic growth in the past decade, outpacing the global average of 35%

ndia's resilience shines through in its remarkable economic growth, a testament to its enduring strength in the face of global challenges. It was recently reiterated In a recent statement by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He highlighted the impressive growth of the Indian economy, stating that while the global economy expanded by 35% over the past decade, India's economy surged by 90%. This bold claim not only underscores India's economic resilience and rapid development but also invites a closer examination of the factors driving this growth and what it means for the future. PM Modi's claim reflects a period of substantial economic transformation in India, marked by key reforms, increased foreign investment, and a burgeoning middle class. India has implemented significant structural reforms in the past decade, including the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (GST), the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), and digital financial inclusion initiatives. These reforms have streamlined busi-



ness processes, improved tax compliance, and enhanced the overall ease of doing business in India, making the economy more attractive to investors. India's young and growing population has been a crucial driver of its economic expansion. This demographic advantage, has fuelled domestic demand and boosted economic growth.

The digital revolution in India has transformed various sectors, including finance, retail, and services. The rise of digital payments, e-commerce, and fintech has created new economic opportunities and driven growth in the formal economy. Juxtaposed to it the global economy's 35% growth over the same peri-

od reflects a more subdued pace, influenced by various challenges, including geopolitical tensions, trade wars, and the impact of the pandemic. The disparity between India's growth and the global average highlights the country's relative resilience and potential as an emerging economic powerhouse. However, it's important to note that global economic growth has been uneven, with advanced economies experiencing slower growth rates, while emerging markets, including India, have driven much of the expansion. Despite the optimistic growth figures, India faces several challenges that could impact its future economic trajectory. High unemployment rates, income inequality, and a struggling agricultural sector remain pressing issues. Additionally, the global economic environment is becoming increasingly uncertain, with rising protectionism and geopolitical instability posing risks to sustained growth. The Indian government will need to continue implementing reforms and addressing structural challenges to maintain its growth momentum. Ensuring inclusive growth, enhancing job creation, and investing in infrastructure and education will be critical to sustaining long-term economic development. India's impressive growth over the past decade suggests a bright future, but the path forward is not without obstacles which must be addressed in the right earnest.



The decline of Parliamentary decorum



Recent debates in the Lok Sabha, marked by factual blunders and misguided accusations, underscore the pressing need for well-prepared and knowledgeable representatives

he saying parliament is the temple of democracy has become a cliché phrase. Still, it is heard across the world where democracy is in vogue. In India, even the Communists, Dravidians and even Maoists use this term despite their nationalist views. The functioning of a nation's parliament symbolizes its civility. No doubt, the names of Benjamin Disraeli, who served twice as Prime Minister of Britain and William Gladstone, who had a 12-year term as Prime Minister (spread over four non-consecutive terms) are two names students of political science would never forget.

Disraeli was premier during 1868 and 1874-1880 and served as leader of the opposition. Gladstone was his contemporary and both were known for their tongue-in-the-cheek retorts. Though the verbal duels at times crossed all levels of parliamentary decorum, both the parties they headed (Conservatives and Labor Party) never had any issues with their style of exchange of words. "If Gladstone fell into the Thames, that would be a misfortune. But if anyone pulled him out, that I suppose would be a calamity," Disraeli reportedly told the Parliament once.

Similarly, Gladstone was named as GOM (Grand Old Man) of British politics and Disraeli said that GOM stood for God's Only Mistake.

India, described as the world's biggest democracy has its colourful past. The likes of Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, Mahavir Tyagi and Piloo Modi are some of the names that come to mind while thinking of the Indian parliament. The debates and discussions featuring them remain eternal classics in the annals of the country's parliamentary democracy. Those were the days when Television and live telecasting of proceedings of the House were unheard of. Not any more. The proceedings of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha are being aired live by the LSTV and

After watching the Lok Sabha debate on the motion of thanks to the President's address to the joint session of the Houses, what



Though Jagadambika Pal, a

Congress turncoat occupying

the chair asked him to check

the facts, the Kerala Chanakya

(as KC is addressed by his fol-

lowers) stood his ground and

reiterated that more than 2.5

lakh had perished in train

mishaps during the last ten

years. A senior railway official

had a hearty laugh when asked

about the charge made by the

Many members of the Lok

Sabha are not competent to

occupy the treasury or oppo-

sition benches. Thol

Thirumavalavan, of the VCK, a Dalit outfit, blamed the

Center for the recent hooch

tragedy in Tamil Nadu's

Kallakurichi which claimed

Had Thirumavalavan spent

at least 15 minutes of his time

reading the Constitution of

India presented to him by

Rahul Gandhi, he would not

have made this blunder. The

Congress leader.

63 innocent lives.

THREE KINDS OF **PEOPLE** IN THE WORLD. ACCORDING TO SHIV KHERA, A MANAGEMENT GURU-THOSE WHO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN, THOSE WHO WATCH THINGS

AND THOSE WHO WONDER WHAT HAPPENED

manufacture, distribution and sale of liquor is the exclusive prerogative of the State governments under the seventh schedule of the Constitution. When one comes to the House to deliver an important speech like thanking the president for the address to the joint session of both Houses, one has to do

some homework. Gumma Tanuja Rani, a tribal leader representing Araku constituency in Andhra Pradesh was a major relief. She spoke from the bottom of her heart about the inadequacies in the education system for tribals in her constituency. The absence of good teachers costs the tribal students quality education. India, which has dozens of communication satellites of its own could dedicate one or two transponders for educating the tribal teachers mak-

ing use of the quality teachers available in the country. _
The words of representatives like Tanuja Rani should not be confined in the records of the House. The ministers of science and technology and human resources development should sit with the ISRO chairman and work out an action program to launch tribal schools through our satellites. Amrinder Singh Raja Warring, a Congress MP from Punjab,

spoke about the eternal pain of farmers in his State as well as the rest of the country.

This is proof of how our ministers in charge of agriculture failed to resolve the hardship faced by the farming commu-

Wherever one goes in India, the farmers wail over their difficulties in getting water for irrigation, bank loans and of course the lack of marketing facilities.

A research scholar may be able to get a PhD for his thesis on how the politicians succeed in keeping the farmers in perpetual poverty and how they are forced to resort to extreme steps. Period.

Discussing an inconsequential comment made by the Leader of the Opposition about Sanatan Dharma is a waste of time. The ruling party should understand that he has to make some statements to stay relevant. There are three kinds of people in the world, according to Shiv Khera, a management guru. Those who make things happen, those who watch things happen and those who wonder what happened. Our LOP does not belong to the first two categories!

(The writer is special correspondent with The Pioneer; views are personal)

Paswan family power struggle may split the LJP



The recent meetings of the BJP leader with former LJP MPs Pashupati Paras and Prince Paswan, have intensified tensions within the Paswan family and the LJP

the recent meeting between former LJP MPs Pashupati Paras and Prince Paswan with Amit Shah has significantly elevated Chirag Paswan's political profile. Despite this boost, Chirag Paswan's statements during the last parliamentary session have left many observers puzzled, as he voiced positions that often contradicted those of the BJP. Issues such as the creamy layer in reservations, lateral appointments, and the Waqf Board Amendment Act 2024 saw Chirag taking stances that directly opposed the BJP's views.

In response, Pashupati Paras and Prince Paswan met with BJP leader Amit Shah. During these discussions, Chirag Paswan reportedly expressed concerns about his party's struggles to his uncle, Pashupati Paras. Political insiders suggest that this interaction was part of a broader BJP strategy, with Amit Shah subtly indicating that neither Pashupati Paras nor Prince Paswan are beyond his influence. Additionally, MPs affiliated with the LJP family have begun issuing clarifications, while RJD MLA

Mukesh Roshan has alleged that the BJP is targeting $\tilde{L}JP$ R MPs. Furthermore, three MPs from Chirag Paswan's party are reportedly in com-

munication with senior BJP

leaders The BJP is known for its strategic patience, gradually consolidating its position. This approach saw Pashupati Paras receiving assurances during the Lok Sabha elections, and the Rajya Sabha seat was subsequently occupied by Upendra Kushwaha. Pashupati Paras is now banking on the upcoming 2025 assembly elections, understanding that neither the BJP nor the JDU are likely to allocate him separate seat shares. Consequently, both Pashupati Paras and Chirag Paswan may need to share assembly seats within the NDA's seatsharing framework, potential-

Party (RLP) poses a threat to the NDA, particularly as it fields candidates against NDA allies like Chirag Paswan's party.

This increases the likelihood of vote splitting, whether it results in a reduction or redistribution of votes. Within the RJD, Ram Vilas Paswan's son-in-law, Anil Kumar Sadhu, has been vocally critical of Chirag Paswan. Should Pashupati Paras align with the India Alliance, internal conflicts could escalate, with figures like Sunny Paswan from Congress already preparing to

oppose Chirag. Former Samastipur MP Prince Paswan could also emerge as a significant political challenger to Chirag Paswan. Despite these tensions, Pashupati Paras has publicly expressed a willingness to mend relations with his nephew, stating that familial bonds could overcome political differences. In media statements, he emphasized that "blood is blood," indicating his desire to reconcile with Chirag Paswan.

(The writer is a senior jour-Pashupati has communicated ly alleviating BJP's concerns. his intentions to the NDA

However, the emergence of leadership, aiming to thaw the the Rashtriya Lok Janshakti strained relationship. Nevertheless, Chirag Paswan has accused Pashupati Paras of previously undermining the LJP by breaking away MPs and seizing party offices established by their father, Ram Vilas Paswan, thereby betraying the family. Despite these accusations, Pashupati Paras now appears to be seeking reconciliation. This scenario may reflect the

BJP's damage control efforts or a strategic policy shift aimed at balancing the factions within the LJP. The BJP aims to prevent the LJP from splitting into the Rashtriya Lok Janshakti and LJP (R) factions. During the Lok Sabha elections, Pashupati Paras was a target of BJP's strategies. The Paras faction suffered losses during the Lok Sabha elections, losing both MPs and Union Minister positions. When they sought a seat allocation for Sunil Pandey in a by-election, the BJP appropriated their candidate. LJP remains caught in a predicament of political uncertainty.

nalist; views are personal)

THE ROT RUNS DEEP

Madam — It was Prajwal Revanna (EX PM Deve Gowda's grand son) a few months's back in the news for exploiting women in his home town in Karnataka for satisfying his sexual needs and it is now the Senior artistes and technicians of Malayalam Film industry exploiting the weaker sex. Several such news involving netas from other parts of India are frequent. When such leaders take law in to their hands and involve in crimes the law administration agencies are also silenced by the power acquired through position, money and family influence.

The victims are forced into silence to protect themselves. In rare cases the matter reaches the court also despite all their influence very rarely the perpetrator gets conviction as the witnesses as required by the law turn hostile for fear of their lives. As the saying reads" Yatha raja thatha praja" (Artha sastra-267) (Subjects follow their King)individuals consider women as soft targets and involves in acts of crime and in cases only where the victim acts boldly and complains the perpetrator gets the punishment and in

rest of the cases victims remain so. It is incumbent upon on the leaders of the political party or the head of the institution to ensure strict moral conduct is maintained by their members. The wrong doers must be kicked out immediately and ostracized. Other considerations should not blunt their decision in matters such as these.

Gopalaswamy J | Chennai

IMPORTANCE OF BALANCED DIET

Madam— A healthy mind cannot exist without a healthy body, and the reverse, too, holds true. People from different walks of life are oblivious to the thin line of differentiation between overeating and healthy eating. Intake of essential nutrients in adequate proportion is an art. Everyone should know that both undernutrition and overnutrition can be an individual's death knell. Fruits, veg-

The golden girl

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cake for the Indian Continents no matter the game is Olympics or Paralympics. Just a few days back, star Indian shooters Manu Bhaker and Sarvjot Singh managed to lift medals in the Olympic event, and now it's just the beginning

etables, grains, meat, fish and skimmed milk are invariable components of a healthy food intake for supply of energy, protein, vitamin and minerals among others. Right from childhood, the significance of balanced nutrition has been unequivocally underscored by doctors and nutritionists.

Plenty of crippling diseases and lifestyle disorders may be prevented by a balanced, nutritious diet. Smart eating from the start can act as immunity booster. It is more important to know what not to eat than what to eat. It is said that junk food can satisfy for an hour but good food can do so for life. However, poor economic status can turn all nutrition plans topsy turvy. The governments should encompass all sections to foster a healthy society. The "National Nutrition Week" is observed annually from September 1 to 7 since 1982.

Ganapathi Bhat | Akola

THE COLLAPSE OF SHIVAJI'S STATUE

of Paralympics that Avani Lekhara clinched the gold medal alongwith Mona Agarwal in the 10 m air rifle. This victory of Paralympics players in the initial events, is a clear indication of the fact that our para players are equally eager to made podium finish done once again this time at Paris. Avani's gold is a cherishful moment for all the Indian back home

She improved her own records, become first Indian women to win two Paralympics gold in the 10 m category and initiate the medal tally at Paris for India. Nation wishes her and all the players, heartiest congratulations on their hard efforts and success.

We hope that more and more medals and more podium finishes will be ensured this time. With Indian flag and India's national anthem keep on mesmerising maximum time in the podium zone of Paris Paralympics 2024.

Kirti Wadhawan | Kanpur

of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj statue in Maharashtra suggests the lapses by the authorities in ensuring the quality of the construction. The 35-foot statue, unveiled with fanfare by Modi himself less than a year ago, lies in ruins, a victim of rusted nuts and bolts. This monumental blunder is not merely a case of shoddy workmanship; it is emblematic of the rot that has set in at the core of the government's projects.

The contractor, conveniently linked to those in power, stands accused of collusion, fraud and endangering public safety, while the government scrambles to shift the blame onto anything but its own negligence. The steel used in the statue had already begun to rust; yet, despite repeated warnings, no action was taken. The bigger issue beneath the surface lies a pattern of cutting corners, favouritism and a blatant disregard for quality and accountability.

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It often begins with cultivating a calm, unclouded mind



RAVI VALLURI

eons ago a neophyte Zen student was an apprentice at a tem-Apple of knowledge. Regrettably, this mind and soul were not and kept vacillating; so much so his mind and soul were not satisfied with "mere" breathing practices and meditation techniques imparted at the monastery. Petals of knowledge revealed In a state of haughtiness, the Zen student arrived at another temple of knowledge where he remarked, rather dramatically that, "The human mind, Sakya Muni Buddha and other sentient beings, in reality do not exist." The pontiff of the monastery was silently listening to the outburst but uttered nothing for a while.

And then abruptly and quite unexpectedly he whacked the tutee with his prized bamboo pipe which angered the student. The Zen Master compassionately inquired of the tutee that if nothing existed, from where did his bout of anger and arrogance emerge? The mentee was momentarily nonplussed and then fell at the feet of the Zen Master, begging for forgiveness.

A hollow and empty mind

The percipient Master agreed to admit the whippersnapper but with a few stipulations. It was incumbent upon the greenhorn to remember the cardinal principle of trying to keep the mind hollow and empty. Lord Krishna's fluteThere is an interesting parable about Lord Krishna and his flute. It is believed that he used to visit a garden and whisper, "I love you" to all the flora and fauna. In unison, the flora and fauna reciprocated their unalloyed and unadulterated affection



towards Lord Krishna.lt so transpired that one day, an animated Lord Krishna approached a bamboo tree in the garden. The Lord broke the cataclysmic news that he would have to snuff out the life of the bamboo plant. The entire garden was aghast as the news spread; several plants and trees were however secretly joyous that they were spared of the torture. The bamboo mulled upon the news for a while and then languidly responded, "Lord, you and I have no choice.

At the altar of the Master of the Universe, I am willing to sacrifice my life." Hearing this, Lord Krishna beamed. With surgical precision, he struck the bamboo plant. Soon the bamboo was fashioned into a flute for Lord Krishna himself. The flora and fauna, all the gopis and gopikas were now covetous of the bamboo, that in its new avatar it would always be inseparable, constantly in the hands of Lord Krishna.

The exultant bamboo flute was to become a triumphant possession of Lord Krishna. "What was so noteworthy about you, that you were the chosen one?" was an incessant refrain faced by the flute. "Nothing but my singular capitulation to will of the Master; willing to be an instrument of the Lord," was the refrain of the flute. The classical epic Mahabharata is populated with numerous valorous characters. But the ace archer Arjuna stands out prominently. Why is that so?

Arjuna is the Sakha, the Nara through whom Narayana revealed the divine celestial song - The Bhagavad Gita. It was Arjuna's unflinching devotion to the Lord that made the character so robust and aerobicized. He faithfully carried out all the commandments of the Lord.Only inner strength and a mature mind transfigure an individual to establish contact with the source of our inner energy. This is possible through the process of authentic surrender. Breathing techniques like Sudarshan Kriya help to make the mind hollow and empty. "A mature mind is one who understands the impossibility of knowing the ultimate, and with this understanding there is a new dimension, the dimension of the being," said the philosopher, Osho.

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Diplomacy: India's neighborhood quandary



Despite its vigorous 'Neighbourhood First' policy, India has struggled to maintain stable and lasting relationships with neighboring countries



ronical as it might seem, despite a vigorous pursuit of a 'Neighbourhood First' policy in tune with its strategic imperatives, India has floundered to build lasting and steady bilateral relations with countries in its backyard. The pendulum of India's fortunes continues to swing up and down with regime changes in the neighbourhood.

Despite intense diplomatic engagements and regular outreach at the highest political levels in its neighbourhood, India often finds itself out in the cold each time a party or leadership not so inclined towards it sweeps to power. Nepal, Sri Lanka, the Maldives and even Afghanistan are cases in point. And now, with the ignominious exit of the Awami League's Sheikh Hasina as the Prime Minister of Bangladesh India has lost the only loyal and steadfast friend it had in the neighbourhood for over a decade. Indeed, so heavily was New Delhi invested in Sheikh Hasina's prime ministership that it was even accused of interfering in the country's elections to favour her when she won a fourth consecutive term this

If her ouster took Sheikh Hasina by surprise, it also caught New Delhi completely unawares. India was blindsided, even though the Sheikh Hasina government was being accused of increasing authoritarianism and a ruthless decimation of the Opposition with backsliding of democracy. New Delhi saw no reason to complain with Sheikh Hasina delivering on what it wanted — connectivity, crackdown on north-east insurgents sheltering in Bangladesh, not making too much noise about the unfulfilled Teesta waters agreement and keeping India's interests in mind while building ties with China. Under Sheikh Hasina, the cordial bilateral ties were not impacted even when the Indian government brought in the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, which fast-tracks citizenship for persecuted



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non-Muslim minorities from neighbouring countries, though it created considerable disquiet in Bangladesh.

Likewise, she chose not to make

a fuss over the controversial

National Register of Citizens in Assam, which was seen as targeting illegal Bangladeshi immigrants. For sure, India's ruling party's hyper-nationalism does not help the country's cause in its neighbourhood either, especialin Muslim-majority Bangladesh and the Maldives. Moreover, India's propensity to openly back a particular regime often works to its detriment. It leaves not only the government of HAD BRIEFLY the day open to charges of being China, with far greater financial India's lackey but equally helps the Opposition there fuel anti-India sentiments. In Bangladesh where the Opposition had briefly initiated an 'India Out' cam-paign, India will face an uphill task in building ties with the new government once elections are held. Likewise in the Maldives, the Opposition had launched an 'India Out' campaign, which helped propel current President Mohamed Muizzu and his party

> Along with its required development initiatives, India threw its entire weight behind Muizzu's predecessor, Ibu Solih and his Maldivian Democratic Party, but failed to see him win a second term. Given these experiences, It's time India extended support to its neighbours in a more discreet and calibrated manner instead of being seen as an emperor doling out largesse to subjects. India may like to be seen

Subcontinent and the Indian by Kathmandu to discuss the ter-Ocean Region, and it does do a lot for all this, but there is a marked shift in how it is now per-

For one, neither the polity nor the people of these nations want to be seen as mere appendages of a big neighbour even though their countries seem inevitably tied with India owing to their geographical location.

Second, small as they may be, there is a growing assertion of national identity and sovereignty among them. Third, they know that India isn't the only big power they can turn to for financial and other assistance.

muscle after all is only too happy to step in. Indeed, with China's expanding footprint in the Subcontinent and beyond, India has considerably stepped up its financial assistance for infrastructure projects and sought to forge strong economic linkages and trading ties with its neighbours, among other things. It has also sought to be the 'first responder' when they require humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. Even so, those days when India was seen as the sole provider for its smaller neighbours are long gone. In Nepal, the Kalapani border dispute was drummed up as a sovereignty issue by then Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli to rally public support for his government. Oli even altered Nepal's map to show the disputed area as part of

New Delhi could have simply prevented matters from escalating by as a close friend, benefactor and holding a meeting at the foreign net security provider in the secretary level as was demanded

ritorial dispute. But India looked the other way instead of address-Nepal's concerns. Consequently, Kalapani remains a major irritant in the relationship. India did something similar with the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) report prepared jointly by a team of experts from the two countries, with one of its mandates being to review the Nepal-India Friendship Treaty of 1950 that Kathmandu wants

revised in keeping with present

It's been ready since 2018 but has been given a quiet burial by New Delhi even though Kathmandu had been pressing that its findings be made public. In Sri Lanka too, India's fortunes change with the change of guard. The going was difficult with the Rajapaksas in power, though India now appears to have regained some lost ground after it provided the island nation with loans after its economy was badly hit during the pandemic.

However, this does not mean that India will enjoy the goodwill of all political parties there for all times to come, given that relationships in the neighbourhood appear to have acquired a transactional character. Going forward, India will do well to not put all its eggs in one basket and seek to engage more vigorously with parties across the political spectrum in its neighbourhood, while continuing to help the countries with financial and other assistance. It should come across as a benevolent friend, not be perceived as an overbearing bully.

(The writer is a senior journalist; views are personal)

Transforming the India Islamic Cultural Centre: A vision for progress and reform

With a new leadership poised to take charge, the Centre faces the challenge of dispelling stereotypes and promoting a progressive vision of Islam

Thile showcasing the rich heritage of Islamic literature, culture, art, and traditions, the India Islamic Cultural Centre (IICC) must also foster a culture of debate, discussion, and dialogue. This can be achieved by organizing conferences and seminars on crucial issues such as democracy, human rights, justice, peace, and global

affairs. The Centre should present a gentle and progressive face of Islam to our fellow citizens, countering media-generated stereotypes through engagement and cross-cultural interactions. This can be facilitated by hosting lecrenowned Islamic scholars. ence, research, and docu-



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In this context, I offer a few suggestions for the considera tion of the new IICC leadership. While maintaining an apolitical stance, the IICC could engage in research and documentation on contemporary issues through fellowships. Additionally, it should enhance its modest library into a comprehensive tures and seminars led by resource center for refer-

The IICC must also regularly publish reports and monographs on current issues affecting the community. There is an urgent need to add a small academic block to the building, providing a co-working space for authors and writers to

A significant issue within the Muslim community has been the breakdown of communication with other communities. The Centre should actively engage with civil society groups and the media to cultivate healthy relationships and dispel misconceptions. Special emphasis should be placed on involving women from the community in the Centre's



activities, exposing them to an open, liberal, and progressive environment.

The Centre can also advocate for much-needed reforms in Muslim society through dialogue and discussion, involving the Muslim clergy. By doing so, the IICC can become a serious hub for advocacy,

reform, and the promotion of moderation and cultural exchange. It should broaden its scope by involving a larger section of the community, not relying solely on financially resourceful mem-

The IICC is not intended to be a center for coaching and career counseling, but

rather a space for intellectual discussions, cultural and artistic events, akin to its neighboring institutions like the India International Centre (IIC) and the India Habitat Centre (IHC).

There is no better person than Mr. Salman Khursheed to lay the foundation for this transformation during his tenure. With his visionary leadership and persuasive skills, he is expected to leave a lasting impact by establishing a strong visionary and regulatory institutional framework for future gener-

ations There will undoubtedly be resistance from influential members who have treated the IICC as a social club for networking. However, Mr.

Khursheed, a charismatic and widely respected figure, has the capacity to lead effectively and develop the Centre into a progressive, representative, and responsible space that showcases the rich and ever-evolving Islamic culture—especially in a rapidly changing geopolitical environment, both locally and globally. We will see how things unfold for the Centre in the coming days. In conclusion, the India Islamic Cultural Centre (IICC) stands at a pivotal juncture, poised to redefine its role as a beacon of intel-lectual discourse, cultural exchange, and societal reform. Under the leadership of Mr. Salman Khursheed, the Centre has

the potential to transform into a progressive and inclusive institution that not only preserves the rich heritage of Islamic culture but also fosters a spirit of dialogue and engagement. As the IICC embraces this visionary path, it could become a model for moderation, diversity, and meaningful community interaction, impacting both the Muslim community and the broader society positively.

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IN BRIEF



Mauritius invites SMEs to leverage export benefit

auritius is inviting Indian Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to set up their units in the island country to capitalise on duty-free export benefit under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), an envoy said here. This AGOA offers duty-free shipments to the US market, presenting significant opportunities for Indian businesses, he said. Replying to a question, High Commissioner of Mauritius to India Haymandoyal Dillum said, "Indian industries should make the most of the AGOA agreement with African countries and the US." Dillum, who visited Kolkata on Saturday to attend a programme of the Bharat Chamber of Commerce, encouraged the leather industry to explore value-added opportunities in Mauritius to gain a competitive edge in the US market. The West Bengal leather sector has been facing a slowdown in traditional markets like the US and Europe due to a slowdown in the economy after the COVID-19 pandemic. Leather exports from West Bengal account for approximately Rs 6,000 crore



Ohmium International to invest Rs 400 cr in TN

amil Nadu has secured a Rs 400 crore investments from US-based Ohmium International, Inc., to set up a manufacturing facility in the state, Chief Minister M K Stalin said on Sunday. Stalin accompanied by Minister for Industries TRB Rajaa and senior government officials were present at the signing of Memorandum of Understanding between Ohmium and the state government for the upcoming project in neighbouring Chengalpattu district. "Another successful day in San Francisco. We have secured a Rs 400 crore investment from Ohmium in Chengalpattu district, creating 500 jobs," Stalin said. The chief minister is currently on a visit to the United States seeking investments to Tamil Nadu. "This (the signing of MoU with Ohmium International) marks a significant step in nurturing the ecosystem for green energy production and fuelling a sustainable future," the chief minister wrote in a social media post. According to the website of Ohmium International, the company designs, manufactures modular, scalable Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM) electrolyzers that enable cost-competitive green hydrogen production. The company's suite of electrochemical products help customers achieve their sustainable energy goals across various industrial transportation and energy projects.



Govt to amend CPSE capital restructuring guidelines

he government is working to amend its 2016 guidelines with regard to dividend payment, bonus issues and share buyback by CPSEs, officials said. The finance ministry had in May 2016, issued a comprehensive guidelines on 'Capital Restructuring of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs)' in 2016 for efficient management of government investment in CPSEs. "With the CPSEs now more strong in terms of balance sheet and having improved on their market capitalisation, it is now time for a relook of the capital restructuring guidelines," an official told PTI. The amended guidelines are expected to be issued by the finance ministry this month, another official said. As per the capital restructuring guidelines issued, CPSEs that do not have plans to deploy their capital optimally for business purposes should have a professional look at the surplus funds available to them. As per the guidelines issued by the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) in May 2016, every CPSE is required to pay a minimum annual dividend of 30 per cent of PAT or 5 per cent of the net worth, Also, every CPSE having net worth of at least Rs 2,000 crore and cash and bank balance of over Rs 1,000 crore were required to opt for share buyback.

India has trade surplus with 151 nations: GTRI



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India has recorded trade surplus with as many as 151 countries such as the US and Netherlands, while the country has a trade deficit with 75 nations including China and Russia during the first half of this year, according to think tank GTRI.

The Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) said that India does not need to worry about the trade deficit from importing crude oil and coal, however, it must focus on reducing the industrial goods imports, especially from countries like China, as these threaten India's economic sovereignty.

"Between January and June 2024, India had a trade surplus with 151 countries, representing 55.8 per cent of its exports and 16.5 per cent of its imports, totalling USD 72.1 billion," GTRI caid in a report said in a report.

The biggest surpluses were with the USA (USD 21 billion) and the Netherlands (USD 11.6 billion) during January-June this

"India had a trade deficit with 75 countries, which accounted for 44.2 per cent of its exports and 83.5 per cent of its imports, resulting in a USD 185.4 billion deficit, much larger than India's overall trade deficit," it said, adding this situation highlights the need to

reduce reliance on specific

imports and strengthen domes-

tic production. The data analysis by the think tank also showed that with 23 of 75 countries, India's trade deficit exceeded USD one billion and these countries accounted for 32.9 per cent of India's exports and 73.5 per cent of its imports.

The top five countries with the highest trade deficits were China with USD 41.88 billion, Russia with USD 31.98 billion, Iraq with USD 15.07 billion, Indonesia with USD 9.89 billion, and the UAE with USD 9.47 billion.

Remaining 18 countries with trade deficit exceeding USD one billion include Saudi Arabia (USD 9.43 billion), Switzerland (USD 8.46 billion), South Korea (USD 6.93 billion), Japan (USD

Imports of goods like umbrellas, musical items from China hurting Indian MSMEs

Increasing imports of goods such as umbrellas, toys, certain fabrics, and musical instruments are severely hurting MSMEs as many of these products are also made by domestic businesses, according to think tank GTRI.

The report said that during January to June 2024, India exported goods worth only USD 8.5 billion, while imports stood at USD 50.4 billion, resulting in a trade deficit of USD 41.9 billion. This low export and high

import makes China India's largest trade deficit partner.
"China accounts for 29.8 per cent of India's industrial

6.13 billion), Qatar (USD 5.76 billion), Hong Kong (USD 5.21 billion), Taiwan (USD 4.28 billion), Australia (USD 3.34 billion), Thailand (USD 2.60 billion), Germany (USD 2.10 billion), Vietnam (USD 2.07 billion), Malaysia (USD 1.49 billion), Venezuela (USD 1.47 billion), Peru (USD 1.10 billion),

and Ireland (USD 1.10 billion).

goods imports. India must invest in deep manufacturing to cut dependence on import of critical industrial products from China," Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI)

He said that these imports from China are "hurting" Indian MSMEs, as many of the imported products are also made by these local busi-

Founder Ajay Srivastava said.

It added that India should not be concerned about the trade deficit with 11 countries that primarily export crude oil, petroleum products, and coal to India such as Angola, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Australia and Nigeria.

But the country "may keep a watchful eye about the trade deficit with 4 out of the 23 countries that primarily export gold, silver, and diamonds to India as tariff cuts in gold and silver in this budget from 15 per cent to 6 per cent may lead to rise in imports," GTRI Founder Ajay Srivastava said



GST collections rise 10 pc to Rs 1.75 L cr

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Gross GST collections in August grew 10 per cent to about Rs 1.75 lakh crore, reflecting higher domestic consumption.

As per the government data released on Sunday, gross GST revenues from domestic transactions grew 9.2 per cent to about Rs 1.25 lakh crore.

Revenues from import of goods were up 12.1 per cent to Rs 49,976 crore.

In July, gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) mop-up was Rs 1.82 lakh crore, while in August last year it was Rs

1.59 lakh crore. M S Mani, Partner, Deloitte India, said a 10 per cent increase in collections on a year-to-month basis at the start of the festive season for the year indicates that consumption is robust and will

only improve further in the coming festival months. "This would give renewed confidence that the collection targets for the year would be achieved. There are some differences in the GST collection increases across major states which may need a deep dive,"

Mani said. Refunds worth Rs 24,460 crore were issued during August, 2024, which is 38 per cent more than the refunds issued in the year-ago period.

After adjusting refunds, net GST revenue increase was 6.5 per cent at Rs 1.5 lakh crore during the month under

EY Tax Partner Saurabh Agarwal said the continued growth in gross GST collections indicate a robust econo-

my.
"The government's commitment to reduce working capital costs for businesses facing inverted duty structure is demonstrated by the higher domestic GST refunds. By rationalising rates, the government aims to address this issue over time," Agarwal said.

Mani further said the ability of large states like Maharashtra, Karnataka, UP, MP and Haryana to record double digit increases in collections once again indicates the robust consumption in these states accompanied by the tax authorities measures to improve compliance and crack down on evasion.

Enforce traceability, user privacy norms on apps: COAI

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The government should enforce traceability and user privacy rules on WhatsApp, Telegram, Google Meet as well as other calling and messaging apps along with telecom operators as such platforms provide similar services using internet network, industry body COAI said.

Telecom operators want the government and regulator to enforce message traceability and user privacy rule on these apps to curb spam and illegal activities as majority of messaging traffic has moved to data networks from SMS, COAI said. In a recent direction, the

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) has mandated telecom operators to enhance message traceability. The regulator has mandated that the trail of all messages from senders to recipients must be traceable from November 1, 2024.

Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI), which represents Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel, Vodafone Idea and others, said that while the telecom service providers are working jointly with the Trai and the other stakeholders on this



aspect, the OTT (over-the-top) communication services, without the requisite security and regulatory checks, is a growing concern in this regard

"Traceability and user privacy are two benchmarks for this sector that the TSPs are striving to provide to ensure security of the users, and the same should

be applicable to OTT communication services as well," S P Kochhar, Director General of COAI said. He said that a lot of undesirable activities happen on non-TSP networks but because of lack of application of regulation and security measures, there is hardly any accountability and closure of reported violations. "On one of the OTT platforms, 26,200 complaints were received for the period of June 1 to June 30, 2024. Out of these only 124 were resolved," Kochhar said.

He said India has 390 million users on a particular OTT app,

accounting for approximately 34.12 per cent of worldwide users and extrapolation shows that the revenue generated is approximately USD 430 million.

"As against this, the consolidated revenue from SMS is just 0.12 per cent of the total revenues of TSPs. This also gives an indication that the data usage is heavily tilted towards OTT communication services. This is also borne out by the common observation that most of the cyber frauds through texting are tak-ing place today through OTT platforms and are increasing steadily," Kochhar said.

Biocon unit gets USFDA nod for generic drug

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Biotechnology firm Biocon said its subsidiary has received approval from the US health regulator to market a generic medication to treat chronic

Biocon Pharma has received approval of its ANDA for Sacubitril/Valsartan Tablets, in 24 mg/26 mg, 49 mg/51 mg and 97 mg/103 mg strengths, from the US Food and Drug

filing. Sacubitril and valsartan combination is used to treat chronic heart failure in adults to help reduce the risk of death and hospitalisation. The medicine is also used to

Administration (USFDA), the

company said in a regulatory

treat paediatric patients over the age of one year. The approval further adds

to Biocon's portfolio of vertically integrated, complex drug products, the company said.

Global trends, economic data to drive market

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Movement in the stock market this week will largely be driven by global trends, macroeconomic data announcements and trading activity of foreign investors, analysts said.

Equity benchmark indices, which are on a dream run for the past several days, will also track trading in global oil benchmark Brent crude and movement of rupee against the US



The next FOMC (Federal Open Market Committee) meeting is scheduled for mid-September, but before that, the market will be closely watching upcoming US economic data. Key indicators like manufacturing PMI, non-farm payrolls, and unemployment rate will be released this week, all of which could significantly influence market sentiment.

"Institutional flows will play critical role," said Santosh Meena, Head of Research,

Swastika Investmart Ltd. The primary driver behind the bullish momentum in the domestic market is the growing anticipation of a rate cut in the United States and buying support from domestic investors. Auto stocks would remain in the limelight amid sales data announcement

"We expect the market to continue its northbound journey with stock-specific action. Global macro data which will be released during the week will continue to provide cues to domestic equities," Siddhartha Khemka, Head - Research, Wealth Management, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd,

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India's 21 major listed real estate developers have together sold properties worth nearly Rs 35,000 crore during the latest June quarter with Godrej Properties reporting highest sale bookings.

Except few, all major listed real estate developers have shown annual growth in sale bookings in the April-June quarter driven by strong consumer demand for residential properties, especially of luxury homes.

According to the data compiled from regulatory filings, India's 21 major listed realty firms have reported combined sale bookings of Rs 34,927.5 crore in the first quarter of 2024-

India's 21 big realty firms sell properties worth Rs 35k cr



Out of these combined sale bookings, bulk of pre-sales came from residential segment.

In terms of sale bookings, Godrej Properties emerged as the largest listed player in the June quarter with pre-sales of Rs

DLF Ltd, the country's largest realty firm in terms of market capitalisation, reported more than three-fold jump in its sale bookings at Rs 6,404 crore in the first quarter of this fiscal.

Mumbai-based Macrotech Developers, which sells properties under 'Lodha' brand, clocked pre-sales of Rs 4,030 crore.

Gurugram-based Signature Global, which recently got listed, achieved sale bookings of Rs

3,120 crore in June quarter, more than three times from the year-ago period.

Bengaluru-based Prestige Estates Projects clocked sale bookings of Rs 3,029.5 crore in June quarter, down from the corresponding period of the previ-

Bengaluru-based firms Sobha Ltd and Brigade Enterprises sold properties worth Rs 1,874 crore and Rs 1,086 crore, respectively, during the April-June period of



India's power consumption declines to 144.2 billion units

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India's power consumption declined 4.7 to 144.21 billion units (BU) in August compared to the year-ago period, mainly due to the above normal rainfall across the country which reduced the use of cooling appliances like air condition-

ers and desert coolers. According to the Indian Meteorological Department, the country recorded 287.1 mm of rainfall in August, which is about 16 per cent higher than the normal 248.1 mm.

In August 2023, the power consumption stood at 151.32 BU, according to official data.

The highest supply in a day (peak power demand met) also contracted to 216.68 GW in August 2024 against 236.29

touched an all-time high of about 250GW in May this year. The previous all-time high peak power demand of 243.27 GW was recorded in September Earlier this year, the power ministry projected a peak power

The peak power demand

GW in the year-ago month

demand of 235 GW during the day and 225 GW during evening hours for May and 240 GW during daytime and 235 GW in the evening hours for June. The ministry also estimated

that peak power demand may hit 260 GW this summer.

Experts said the widespread above normal rainfall in the country reduced the use of cooling appliances like air conditioners and desert coolers.

Majority of mobile users receive daily pesky calls: Study As per the survey, 66 per cent of mobile subscribers say they PNS NEW DELHI Almost 88 per cent of 17,380 respondents said in the last 12

Vast majority of mobile subscribers who took part in a survey have said they receive pesky calls every day with most calls coming for financial services and real estate, online survey firm Localcircles said on

According to the survey, 95 per cent mobile subscribers confirmed receiving pesky calls every day with 77 per cent get-



Mostly from financial, realty sectors

ting three or more such calls daily. Besides, vast majority confirmed receiving calls in the last 12 months despite being registered in the Trai's do not disturb (DND) list.

As per the survey report, "96 per cent of mobile subscribers surveyed who registered on Do not Disturb (DND) list say they have been getting pesky calls on

months. Effectiveness of Do Not Disturb (DND) services also reduced as 96 per cent confirmed receiving such calls despite being registered for DND as compared to 90 per cent who said so six months back in the survey done by Localcircles," the survey report

their number in the last 12

get the majority of the pesky phone calls from different mobile numbers that belong to individuals while 18 per cent say they come from mobile numbers belonging to companies and brands. The survey received 71,000

responses from citizens in 371 districts of India but the number of responses to each survey question differed.

cial services and real estate sec-"The percentage of mobile subscribers who have been receiving the most pesky calls

months, the highest number of

spam phone calls they have

received have been from finan-

from the financial services sector has risen from 54 to 66 per cent in the last 6 months," the report said.

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Gautami Kapoor talks of emotional roles

& her journey in *Gyaarah Gyaarah*

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he Raghav Juyal, Kritika Kamra and Dhairya Karwa starrer Gyaarah Gyaarah, released on Zee5 on August 9, continues to be buzzing. While the lead stars certainly brought in a remarkable performance, among the other stars, there was this one actor who had a small screen space, yet she did make a huge impact on the audience. Well, it was none other a huge impact on the audience. Well, it was none other than Gautami Kapoor, who played the character of Sanjana Tiwari, a mother of a 7-year-old kid who was mysteriously abducted and murdered. Taking a plunge into the digital space after being a well-known and much-celebrated face in the television industry, she's on cloud nine with the love that she's received and still continues to get. "An actor wants to act and do good work!" begins the Targe Kalog Meiga extress in a five she's work," begins the Tere Sheher Mein actress in a fun chat with The Pioneer.

Getting a chance to work on OTT now, she considers herself pretty lucky and blessed. And with her latest flick, *Gyaarah Gyaarah*, she describes her experience to be no less than that of a wonderful one. "The response has been overwhelming. I play a small role, it's not like the three main protagonists. However, it's a very important role. I always knew that it was a small role. But the response has gone through the roof. It is the most unexpected response one could imagine. I'm really happy that I've managed to touch the audience's

Actress Gautami Kapoor has taken a plunge into the digital space. Her latest series, *Gyaarah Gyaarah*, has brought her, in fact, into a much newer picture. In an exclusive chitter-chatter with **The Pioneer**, she discusses the love and response she's been getting for her role, creating an impact with a character with less screen space and more around it

heart with my performance. I'm so grateful to them," shares Gautami with immense endearment, who was very intrigued to get on board for the project due to its concept of time travel and the concept of being in another dimension.

Basically, "Ram (Kapoor) and my son, both watch a lot of content on this, dimensions and time travel. Both of them are quite in tune with what they watch. It's always been like an intriguing part of my life and when I realised that in *Gyaarah Gyaarah*, the concept is that you can go back in time, you can move forward and maybe change something. It was so intriguing."
Then, of course, the cast and crew, who all, she says,

were masters in their own crafts. "The project was so good on papers; I'd be a fool to say no to a project like good on papers; Id be a fool to say no to a project like this." Shooting around the pleasant year-round weather and scenic surroundings of Dehradun was no less than a challenge for her and most importantly, she says it was for Raghav and Kritika, who got drenched for almost 20 times. "Be it all the junior artists and people who were playing the journalists, were all drenched to their bones. But no one complained. Everyone continued shooting and we've shot like this for almost 4 to 5 days. So that was very tough, but everybody pulled it off and hats off to all the actors," enthuses the *Kehta* Hai Dil actress.

In the series, we certainly see a bond that she shares with Raghay, who was on a quest to bring out the truth behind the little kid's murder. Speaking of working with Raghay, with great warmth, she says, "Raghay is a phenomenal performer and the best thing about him is he's very unassuming. When you see him and when you talk to him, he's always laughing, cracking jokes and pulling my leg. It's fun to be around him. But as soon but the director way. New let's start Action's he cimply as the director says, 'Now, let's start, Action', he simply just transforms."

In fact, "He has worked with Ram on two projects. So Ram talks very highly of Raghav because they also have a very good bond." She further goes on to hint and bring us a revelation: "I have another project coming up with him. Though I do not have scenes with him, he's also a part of that show. This show will probably be released in the first half of next year. We have finished the shooting and the project is in its post-production phase. Raghav is amazing and very comfortable to work with. He made the whole unit

comfortable, whether it was junior actors or those who just have one scene to do."

Playing the character of a mother, who is fighting for justice for her little girl could have acted upon her too. Her character was just for a few scenes in a few episodes; however, the intensity and impact the character had was immense. "It was a tough shoot for me, emotionally, because it's a very intense role. The two scenes, one where I see her body for the first time and then the climax or midway scene of episode 2, where I confront the killer, those scenes were tough. I had to really connect. I had to imagine my daughter there. I had to really tell myself that if this was happening to me, what would I do? But you know what? The director had given me the freedom to do it just as I wanted to do. I've per-

formed these scenes from my heart."

Her character had brought in so much relatability element that, to our surprise, during our research we element that, to our surprise, during our research we came across a comment where the user had shared that they could relate to her character's emotions and hardship for justice just as it was during the Nirbhaya case when her mother was fighting for justice. We enlightened her about it and she shares, "My god! I'm just getting goosebumps as I listen to it. I really want to thank you, all the fans and everyone who's watched *Gyaarah Gyaarah*. I've really put my heart into this role but thank you for being so sensitive about it." She further enthuses, "I generally don't carry my work home. I never have. I leave it back there. But of course, I do discuss it with Ram. You just want to come course, I do discuss it with Ram. You just want to come back home content that I've done some good work." The *Ghar Ek Mandir* fame, going ahead in this interaction, shares that the director, Umesh Bist, had suggested she not watch any other reference for her character. Her only preparation was to be alert! She also shares, "There are no real criteria that I have for me to get on board for a project. I am open to doing and experimenting in all kinds of roles. This is the best time to be an actor because there's so much available, so much content is being churned out. I hope directors and producers think of me for a different role, something that I have not done before. Like, my next three releases are completely different from *Gyaarah*. Though all were signed almost at the same time, it's just that they have all now turned out to be completely different.

Sleep and body positivity in maintaining better lifestyle

dolescence is undeniably a crucial period of self-discovery and in today's hyperconnected world where should aspire to cultivate. If their social media feeds are filled with picture-perfect bodies, airbrushed images and flawless skin, Loday's hyperconnected world where the internet heavily shapes perceptions, it is essential to develop healthy habits. Since these are the transformative vectors of an individual, addressing key aspects like prioritising sleep and fostering body positivity early on promotes a healthier lifestyle

BODY POSITIVITY: A FOUNDATIONAL LESSON

A key fact often missed is that body image concerns often take root in childhood and are influenced by societal pressures and media portrayals. Such early exposure can lead to lifelong struggles with self-worth as they tie it to external appearances and body weight. This makes it critical to help children understand early on that as we age, our bodies undergo natural changes—weight fluctu-ations, hormonal shifts, and other physiological changes that can affect how we look. If self-worth is tied to these variables, it can lead to ongoing dissatisfaction and self-criticism.

In fact, real health is more than just numbers on a scale. It's about how active we are, the kind of content we consume, our sleep habits, hydration, mindset and overall attitude toward life. Educating adolescents about the importance of focusing on holistic health rather than just weight is key. Additionally, emphasising on the importance of building muscle for longevity, posture and overall health is vital over focusing solely on fat loss.

GROWING ROLE OF SOCIAL MEDIA AND PARENTS

Social media also plays a significant role in shaping young minds. Today, with parents providing children with access to phones and social media, there is also a need for them to take responsibility for educating children about the types of accounts they should follow and the values they

with self-esteem and confidence.

Another important aspect of fostering healthy habits in adolescents is for parents to be mindful of how they perceive and talk about their bodies. If they frequently criticise their bodies or obsess over weight and appearance, children are likely to mirror these behaviors, developing similar insecurities. Parents need to model positive body image and healthy habits. By focusing on overall health rather than appearance, parents can teach their children to value their bodies for what they can do rather than how they look.

IMPORTANCE OF SLEEP

In today's fast-paced world, where pulling all-nighters is often viewed as an achievement, it's crucial to stress the importance of sleep to adolescents from their formative years. This stage involves significant physiological changes, including growth, hormonal shifts and repair, making sleep essential for overall health. Unfortunately, many parents take sleep for granted, and this attitude often passes on to their children. While occasional late nights during exams or due to occasional recreation are a part of growing up, what matters is the overall pattern. Regular late nights or poor sleep habits can lead to long-term health issues. In conclusion, a collective effort from parents, educators and society is imperative to create an environment that supports healthy body image and adequate sleep, thereby laying the foundation for a happier and healthier future

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'RATHER THAN FAMOUS CO-STAR, IT'S PUBLIC THAT MAKES ÓR DESTROYS YOU'

Actress Parul Yadav, who has carved a niche for herself, will next be seen in the multi-lingual Butterfly. She speaks to **The Pioneer** about her mistaken entry into the acting world, speaking of her role in the upcoming film and more

SHIKHA DUGGAL

ctress Parul Yadav needs no introduction. The gorgeous and captivating beauty has certainly excelled professionally over the years, carving out a distinct niche for herself. The actress, who starred in popular movies like Shivajinagara, Ūppi 2 and Killing Veerappan, is undoubtedly one of the top talents sought after in the southern states.

She had not long ago disclosed that she was cast for the upcoming Kannada film *Butterfly*. Yes, readers down South will find it interesting to learn that her next movie is a remake of the popular Hindi film Queen, which starred Kangana Ranaut. Parul, who plays the same character for multi-lingual viewers, is gradually preparing to retake her place as the leading lady of South Indian cinema along with her extraordinary produc-

ing skills!
The Bachchan fame, who also has a few Tamil and Malayalam films in her kitty, in addition to Hindi TV shows, says in an exclusive interview with us, "As I would like to candidly share with my readers, this journey into South cinema happened by mistake or possibly as a result of certain circumstances. Because I was so impressed by Steffi Graf's style of play, I always wanted to be a scientist, inventor, or tennis player. However, circumstances dictated otherwise and I ended up in front of the camera! The way Madhuri Dixit mesmerised audiences with her dance moves and the way Amitabh Bachchan mastered his art and diction both inspired me. Is that even possible to imagine?"

With the eagerly anticipated simultaneous multiple-language remakes (Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam) of *Queen*, the *Dreams* star transitioned to a producer too! She debuted as Shivaraikumar's sister-in-law in the Kannada film

Bandhu Balaga in 2011. Following that, she appeared in Govindaya Namaha, which was previously cited as one of the top-grossing films of the year. She portrayed the role of Mumtaz, a Muslim girl who develops feelings for Komal Kumar's Govinda. Her performance earned her a nomination for the best actor category at the Udaya Film Awards that year, the Bangalore Times Best Newcomer Award (2013), the SIIMA Best Debutant Award (2013) and more. She gained greater recognition after appearing in the song Pyarge

Aagbittaite with Yadav.
Simultaneously, she says, "I had made my film debut in Malayalam with Privthiraj Sukumaran and Tamil with Dhanush, but Govindaya Namaha-which starred an unorthodox hero and a debut director—was the film that launched my so-called career. I was featured in a song that won multiple awards and is the most downloaded Kannada tune to this day. This made me realise that rather than a famous co-star, it's the public that has the power to make or

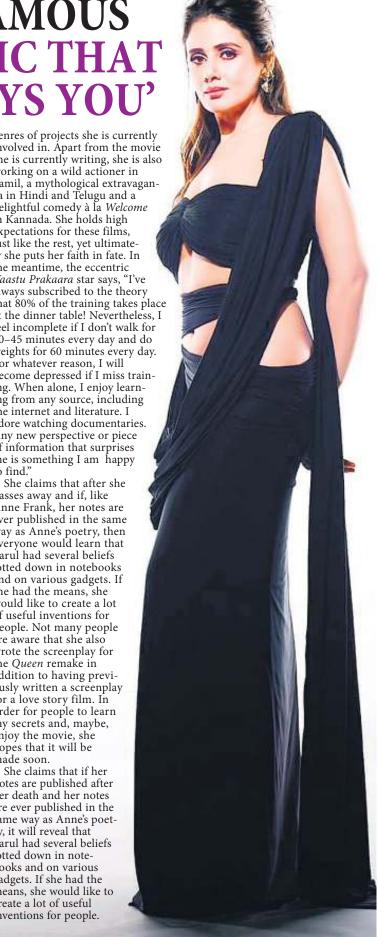
destroy you!' This was becoming a rather intriguing conversation; what more could the *Shivajinagara* fame tell? Alright, let's listen while she clears her throat. "One of my most difficult roles has to be Parvathi in Butterfly, the official version of the national award-winning Hindi film Queen. The character, a straightforward Kanndiga girl from Gokarna, appears in every frame of the twohour film. Since this was my first time helming a film, the pressure was tremendous. During the launch day, when we were all on stage, I remember a journalist asking the director 'Why Parul, a girl from Mumbai, why not a local? Is Parul, not a misfit? While I could appreciate the journalist's perspective, I also saw this as an opportunity to show the audience that I could locate the character and bring her to life."

She is thrilled about the different

genres of projects she is currently involved in. Apart from the movie working on a wild actioner in Tamil, a mythological extravaganza in Hindi and Telugu and a delightful comedy à la Welcome in Kannada. She holds high expectations for these films, just like the rest, yet ultimately she puts her faith in fate. In the meantime, the eccentric Vaastu Prakaara star says, "I've always subscribed to the theory that 80% of the training takes place at the dinner table! Nevertheless, I feel incomplete if I don't walk for 40-45 minutes every day and do weights for 60 minutes every day. For whatever reason, I will become depressed if I miss training. When alone, I enjoy learning from any source, including the internet and literature. I adore watching documentaries. Any new perspective or piece of information that surprises me is something I am happy to find."

passes away and if, like Anne Frank, her notes are ever published in the same way as Anne's poetry, then everyone would learn that Parul had several beliefs jotted down in notebooks and on various gadgets. If she had the means, she would like to create a lot of useful inventions for people. Not many people are aware that she also wrote the screenplay for the *Queen* remake in addition to having previously written a screenplay for a love story film. In order for people to learn my secrets and, maybe, enjoy the movie, she hopes that it will be made soon.

She claims that if her notes are published after her death and her notes are ever published in the same way as Anne's poetry, it will reveal that Parul had several beliefs jotted down in notebooks and on various gadgets. If she had the means, she would like to create a lot of useful inventions for people.



what's brewing?



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Yogita Nagara on her

remarkable journey at Master Chef UK-2024. Hailing from Hyderabad

and working for an

organisation in the

United Kingdom, Yogita

Nagara was among the

50 selected contestants

at the famous "Master

Chef UK-2024".





The heart of A.S Rao Nagar witnessed a spectacular event as the much-anticipated new store of Sakhi, The House of Kanchi Weaves was inaugurated in Hyderabad. The grand opening of this opulent store marked a momentous occasion for both the fashion-forward

community of A.S Rao Nagar and the world of traditional textiles. Renowned guests like Sri Sri Sri Vasudevananda Giri Swami, Ramaa Raavi, B Venkata Bhargava Murthy, Nadupally Nagasri, Meghana Raami and Idream Anjali, Deepika Rangaraju along with Anchor Lasya Manjunath attended the launch



Re Sustainability Limited (ReSL) is proud to announce its continued collaboration with 92.7 BIG FM for the 17th edition of the award-winning Green Ganesha initiative, #ReBIGGreenGanesha. As a global leader in the circular economy, Re Sustainability aligns this initiative with Mission LiFE, emphasising the importance of individual actions and local cultures in global climate efforts. This initiative will engage communities across the country, promoting sustainable practices through a series of innovative activities.



Meridian School Banjara Hills held a very colourful inaugural function for the 9th Edition of its Meridian Model United Nations The Scientist & Asst Director of ISRO, Dr V Seshagiri Rao marked his presence as the chief guest of the event.

Volta announced a strategic collaboration with Varcas. The collaboration will further introduce 1 lakh electric scooters into Volta's fleet over the next five years. These eco-friendly vehicles will serve both Volta's ride-hailing customers and parcel services, marking a significant leap towards sustainable and efficient urban





Tamrapatra Live was a scintillating treat of classical dance, Annamacharya poetry with music set by Hyderabads own Late Sathiraju Venumadhav and performed by 5 of Indias leading dancers - Ananda Shankar Jayant, Anupama Kylash, Deepika Reddy, Gopika Varma and Viabha Arekar across the styles of Bharatanatyam, Kuchipudi & Mohiniattam. Presented by Ministry of Culture, Govt of India & Shankarananda Kalakshetra in association with the Dept of Culture, Govt of Telangana, Tamrapatra Live was a unique evening of the best of arts and artists, taking the audience on



Presented by Art Magnum, Delhi, curated by Annapurna Madipadiga the exhibition "Pause and Reflect: Life's Simple Moments" featuring four distinct artists, showcased the need to pause and experience life through their unique perspectives. Through their visual language, each artist captured subtle memories and moments, encouraging ewers to reconnect with the simple joys of life.Dr Neelima Kota, General Secretary, TPCC and AICC member inaugurated the exhibition amidst the artists and art lovers of Hyderabad



S Infra Heights Pvt. Ltd., founded by Dr. Sravanthi Ellasiri and Youth Icon of Telangana 2021, has officially opened its head office at Sun City. Hyderabad. marking a new era in Telangana's real estate landscape. They are now offering a DTCP RERA-approved project, Hill County, at Balanagar, Bangalore Highway.

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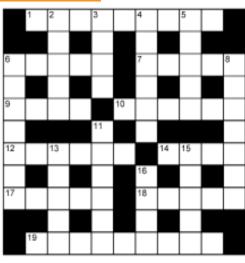
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'It's not about fitting into the mother's character but Nivetha Thomas doing it well'

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ivetha Thomas is returning to the screen after a two-year gap with a movie titled 35: Chinna Katha Kaadu helmed by Nanda Kishore Eemani. The movie is set to premiere on September 6, with well-known actor Rana Daggubati as the presenter. Nivetha is portraying the role of a mother with two children When asked about the gap, she says, "I wanted to do five films a year; I didn't take any breaks. but it just happened. Nivetha started her career in Telugu films with

Gentleman alongside Nani and later appeared in movies such as *Ninnu Kori* and Brochevarevarura. Her successful performance in Telugu demonstrated her talent as an actress. Prior to making her debut in Telugu cinema, she appeared in movies in the Malayalam and Telugu film industries. Currently, she is working on 35: Chinna Katha Kaathu, where she portrays the

character of Saraswathi. "I would like to do many films with different kinds of roles and that's why I chose Saraswathi's role," she says. In the film, she plays the character of a mother. So when asked about what if she gets typecast

into similar roles and that the director would

approach her for the same, she says, "In our

country, when a woman turns 20 or 21, people

ask her, 'When are you getting married?' So, I

don't think I am wrong if I play a mother role. With this, I would like to tell filmmakers that I can play different kinds of roles," says Nivetha. She added, "You all don't write that Nivetha is fit for a mother's character; please write that Nivetha did very well for the mother role.' Her character, Śaraswathi, is one year younger than her actual age. In this film, she says, you can see love in the family, relationships and many more elements.

She further shares, "It is the story of a middleclass family story from Tirupathi. A few misunderstandings end up into an incident. Now, how the mother takes up the responsibility is the story," says Nivetha.

In this film, the director narrates little stories that she is extremely enthusiastic about. "When there is no power, the entire family is having dinner under candlelight, the parents talk about the future in the night when kids are sleeping; these kinds of things are shown in this film in a

beautiful way," she said. She mentioned how people think back to their youth when they see school memories on TV. The actress admits to feeling pressured to score a perfect 100 in mathematics during her 10thgrade exams. "My father used to score 99 marks in math and this was told to me every time I used to go for my exams. What I did was write the wrong answer for the first question and the remaining ones were all correct. So I was very happy that I scored 99 marks," she recalls. The team had prepared for a local accent. "Most

of the shooting has happened in Tirupathi; we got a tutor to get our dialect right. It took nearly a month and we practiced the dialogues before the shoot to get the accent right," she said. The actress said that she learned a lot from the senior actors like Bhagyaraja and Gautami, who are also a part of this film. "They respect everyone irrespective of their age and also their discipline on the sets. I learned a lot from them and their experience," said Nivetha.

The Hema committee report has become a hot topic, particularly in the Malayalam film industry. Nivetha hails from the Malayalam film industry and when questioned about it, she discusses her

"I am very closely reading it and I am a part of the AMMA (Association of Malayalam Movie Artistes) body also. When I get something that disturbs me a lot, before I talk about it, I have a discussion with my family and close friends. I think about it; I want to understand what is happening and why it is happening. Extremely proud of the Malayalam industry because it started there, WCC stood strong, they had to take all the heat. It's bittersweet, but it's a happy moment. It has already begun and I am very happy and it should be implemented everywhere. Not just for women, I think we should generally have a safe working space which is a basic thing. We are spending more time at the workspace than at home, so we should all have a safe working space," she comments about the Hema report.

Nivetha Thomas portraying a on the role of a mother, her personal findings in the

tollywood





RAJ TARUN'S FILM RELEASE POSTPONED

espite the controversy surrounding his personal life, Raj Tarun's movies have been released back-to-back. His movie Purushottamudu was released in July, followed by the release of Tiragabadara Saami on August 2. His upcoming movie Bhale Unnade is set to release on September 7, coinciding with Vinayaka Chavithi.

But now the makers of the film wanted to post-

pone the release of this film. They released a statement that they are planning to release the film on September 13. "Due to unavoidable reasons, our film *Bhale Unnade* has been postponed from September 7 to September 13," the makers said in a statement. They also mentioned that they will provide complete entertainment with the film.

Kannada girl Manisha Kandukur, who will be making her debut, will be seen playing the lead role in this film directed by J Sivasai Vardhan. Raj Tarun requires a successful film as his previous movies have not performed well at the box office. Both Purushottamudu and Tiragabadara Saami have failed to meet expectations and have been labeled as flops. Currently, he is placing his hopes on this Bhale Unnade. Raj Tarun portrays the role of a skilled saree draper in this movie.



emember the film *Ranga Ranga Vaibhavanga* starring Vaishnav Tej and Ketika Sharma in the main roles? Gireeshaaya serves as the director of the movie, which was released two years ago. This movie did not perform well in terms of the box office.

Kalyan Ram. "Gireeshaaya narrated a story to Kalvan Ram and he liked it and agreed to do the film," revealed a source. Sateesh Botta, who worked as a manager to Sai Dharam Tej earlier, will now be turning producer in this film. The source stated that Sateesh presented the story to Kalyan Ram and the

director in a meeting. The source also mentioned that the release of this movie's announcement might happen in a couple Kalyan, is close to director Harish Shankar. Sateesh worked as manager to Sai Dharam Tej, but due to some differences with the actor, he came



Nagababu supports **'HYDRAA'** and appreciates **Revanth Reddy**

ana Sena leader and Pawan Kalyan's brother Nagababu's comment on social media is doing rounds and a big discussion point. In his comment, he supported Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and his HYDRAA concept. The actor-turned-politician said that everyone should be appreciating the Telangana CM for his daring decisions and com-mendable work. Nagababu's comment indirectly implies support for the demolition of N-Convention, which is owned by actor Akkineni Nagarjuna.

Because of intense rainfall, the water has been overflowing into many houses, leading to many fatalities. This has been due to the illegal occupation of canals and structures built on them.

"Now, everyone understands about the Telangana Chief Minister's latest Hydra concept. Let's appreciate our honorable CM Revanth Anumula. Thank you for your daring decisions and com-



mendable work. We stand with you in full support, (sic)," said Nagababu in his comment. He added, "If we protect the

environment, it will protect us; if we destroy the same environment, it will surely punish us."

Currently, there is a heated bate over whether the Iana Sena leader endorsed the tearing down of Nagarjuna's N Convention. It is interestingly being reported that Akkineni Nagarjuna met Chiranjeevi, the older brother of Nagababu, to discuss the demolition of his convention center.

Suriya postpones Kanguva to clear way for Rajinikanth

supposed to be going head to head, one of which is Rajinikanth's *Vettaiyan* while the other is Suriya's Kanguva. Both the actors are looking to benefit from the festivities of Dasara. However, actor Suriya has revealed that the release of his film will be delayed out of respect for Rajinikanth. The actor made this statement while in attendance at his brother Karthi's movie event. His announcement ensures that there won't be any major conflict during the upcoming Dasara festival.

Suriya said that Rajinikanth's Vettaiyan will be releasing on October 10 and also stated that when he was born, he (Rajnikanth) was already one of the most accomplished actors. "He has been a senior to me and the identity of Tamil cinema for over 50 years. It is best that

n October 10, two major movies were his film comes out first," said Suriya at the function.

Talking of his film, he shared that nearly 1000 people had worked day and night for nearly two and a half years for Kanguva and hard work, he says, will certainly pay off. Whenever the film is released, Suriya said that the audience definitely gives their respect and love for the film.

According to a source, Suriya is set to play dual roles in the period drama Kanguva. The narrative recounts events from both the past and the present, showcasing Suriya's presence in both time periods in unique ways.

Superstar Rajinikanth, speaking to the media. expressed his gratitude to Suriya for choosing to delay the release of his film to a later date. Rajini also expressed his best wishes for Suriya's film Kanguva to be a successful one.



Jr NTR visits his mother's hometown in Karnataka

Jr NTR had visited Kundapura, located in the Udupi district of Karnataka, over the weekend. He was on a devotional trip with his wife and mother. The actor took to his social media and shared that he has fulfilled his mother Shalini's desire to take her to Kundapura, which is her hometown. Shalini has presently been residing in Hyderabad. The actor, accompanied by his wife Lakshmi Pranathi, visited the location and offered his prayers at the Sri Krishna Matha temple in Udupi. Kannada superstar Rishabh Setty, along with director Prashanth Neel had also joined Jr NTR during this

"My mother's forever dream of bringing me to her hometown Kundapura and seeking darshan at Udupi Sri Krishna Matha has finally come true! To make it happen just before her birthday on September 2 is the best gift I could give her, (sic)" read the post on his social media



Badoni: Never thought of htting record 19 sixes; focus on timing the ball

outh Delhi Superstarz skipper Ayush Badoni, who hit a record 19 sixes, believes his ability to time the ball is the reason sixes, believes his ability to time the ball is the reason behind a record-smashing

sixes, believes his ability to Indian great Chris Gayle and Estonia's Sahil Chauhan. They had both hit 18 55-ball 165 runs effort in the Delhi Premier League match against North Delhi Strikers. The 24-year-old right-hander's superb effort guiding his team to a 112run win on Saturday. Ayush, who also shared a 286-run partnership with Videos.

opener Priyansh Arya for the second wicket, bettered the record for most sixes by a batter in an innings which stood in the name of West maximums in T20 games.

"I was just looking to time the ball well, I never thought I would end up hitting 19 sixes in an innings. I just focus on timing the ball and not trying to hit the ball hard," Badoni told PTI



Badoni, who plays for Lucknow Super Giants in the IPL, has had a decent run with the bat in the lucrative league in his short cricketing career. After his heroics in the ongoing DPL, the batter would be on the radar of several franchises. "I am not thinking about the

(IPL) mega auction yet; my focus is on winning the Delhi Premier League right now as a skipper," he said. "Playing in the IPL has made life a lot easier for me as a

batter here (DPL). We face

world-class bowlers there, and then coming here and playing becomes relatively

LSG assistant coach Jonty Rhodes compared Badoni to former Proteas hard-hitting batter Herschelle Gibbs. "Jonty and I have a great relationship. I want to thank him for his kind words and

just want to say that 'see you soon, Jonty." Badoni has led South Delhi

Superstarz from the front. He along with Priyansh Arva have amassed 1,091 runs in said.

DPL. The skipper conceded that good partnerships take the pressure off batters coming down the order.
"I know that Priyansh and I

have done well and our batting does help take the pressure off the team. But they come and tell me after the game that they too are eager to contribute with the bat. There are a few youngsters who have impressed and now it is our turn to groom them well," he

Mandhana and five other Indian cricketers picked up WBBL teams

PTI ■ MELBOURNE, (PTI)

Six Indian cricketers, including vice-captain Smriti Mandhana, will be Smriti Mandhana, will be part of the upcoming Women's Big Bash League (WBBL), starting October 27, after being picked by different teams.

While Mandana was presigned by Adelaide signed by Strikers, Dayalan Hemalatha will play the league for the first time after the top-order batter was drafted by the Perth Scorchers, where she will add firepower to their



teammate Deepti Sharma. India all-rounder Shikha Pandey has been picked up Wicketkeeper-batter
Yastika Bhatia will also
make her WBBL debut
after being picked up by
the Melbourne Stars,
where she'll join national

by Brisbane Heat, where
she is expected to inject
much-needed pace into
the squad and add plenty
as a powerful middle-tolower-order batter.
Pandey will be available

for the entire season as she is not part of India's T20 World Cup squad. She joins Jemimah Rodrigues in Brisbane Heat's squad. The WBBL will start on October 27 in Adelaide with a match between Adelaide Strikers and Brisbane Heat.

Gambhir makes an impact wherever he goes: Rhodes

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Gambhir, and said the added. former opener has the ability to make an instant impact in any

(Gautam Gambhir) (Gautam Gambhir)
goes he makes an impact, we saw this when he left the Lucknow Super Giants and went to the Kolkata Knight Riders the impact that he had," Rhodes told PTI videos at the Pro Cricket especially in the dugunt.

hands-on guy and is tense. "We have worked that had I had an after the latter broke the certainly somebody "If emotions start to get together at Mumbai opportunity to watch record for smashing who knows what he the better of you it Indians and he is him play there. The most number of sixes

wants and speaks his own mind. "Gambhir South Africa cricket leaves no stone Unturned, and now that believes the Indian team will only become reigns of the Indian stronger under new team, they will go from head coach Gautam strength to strength," he

Rhodes, who is the fielding coach of Lucknow Super Giants, also lauded Zaheer GG Khan's appointment as mentor of the IPL side.

at the Pro Cricket especially in the dugout brings the skills and the "I spent a lot of time young LSG batter League launch event on Saturday.

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sitting in the dug-out or on the field. In such indeed." situations, it is great to have someone like Zak Sharma is set to replace

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everybody technically very sound Rumours are doing rounds that Rohit

KL Rahul in LSG.

changes, if there are, will not be my decision and I am not worried about them right now," Rhodes said.

Rhodes also compared great Herschelle Gibbs

(19) by a batter in a single innings of a T20 game in the ongoing Delhi Premier League. "He is a precocious talent that is for sure, he is short so he has got a low centre of gravity. He gets under the good length deliveries he can hit it anywhere around the ground, he has such fast hands. Justin Langer was so impressed with the sheer talent that he has,"

he said.

"He reminds me a bit of Herschelle Gibbs. He has tremendous hitting ability and when he matches that with calmness, presence of mind, good game plan, he will become a really tough guy to bowl to because he can play both conventional and unconventional shots

Bopanna-Sutjiadi pair enters mixed doubles quarterfinals of US Open

PTI ■ NEW YORK

Tndia's Rohan Bopanna and This Indonesian partner Aldila Sutjiadi moved into the mixed doubles quarterfinals of the US Open here.

Bopanna and Sutjiadi, seeded eighth, beat the Australian duo of John Pears and Katerina Siniakova of the Czech Republic 0-6 7-6(5) 10-7 in a second-round match that lasted one hour and 13 minutes. Bopanna and Sutjiadi will next play fourth seeds Matthew Ebdén and Barbora Krejcikova.



Bopanna and his partner had won 7-6(7) 7-6(5) against Germany's Tim Puetz and Dutch player Demi Schuurs in

the opening round.
Bopanna had also moved into the third round of men's doubles along with Ebden with a 6-2 6-4 win over Spain's Roberto Carballes Baena and Federico Coria Argentina.



Manisha advances to semifinals; Palak, Mandeep bow out of Paris Paralympics

Chuttler Manisha Ramdass eliminated from the Paris following Paralympics contrasting defeats in their respective quarterfinals here on Sunday.

The 19-year-old Manisha, who was born with Erb's palsy which affected her right arm, had no trouble in dispatching Japan's Mamiko Toyoda 21- 13 21-16 in the quarterfinal.

The second seed Indian left-hander needed 30 minutes to down her unseeded rival. In SU5 category, the players have impairment of the upper limbs. The impairment could be on the playing or non-

playing hand. Competing in SL3 category, Mandeep hardly posed a challenge to Nigeria's third seed Bolaji Mariam Eniola, losing the contest 8-21 9-21 in SL3 category.

23 minutes.

It was the second consecutive defeat for Mandeen against Skept India's medal hopes alive by progressing to the women's single semifinals in SU5 category but Mandeep Kaur and Palak Kohli were Kaur and Palak Kohli were limiteted for the Nigerian in the Group stage as well. SL3 category is for players with severe lower-limb disability competing on a halfwidth court. In SL4 category, para world

championship bronze medallist Palak went down bronze fighting 19-21 15-21 to Khalimatus Indonesia's Sadiyah in 28 minutes. SL4 is a class for athletes

competing standing with less severe impairment than in SL3. Later in the day, Nithya Sivan Sumathy will compete in the last-eight stage in SH6 category against Poland's Oliwia Szmigiel.

The men's singles semifinal in SL4 category will be an all-Indian affair with Suhas Yathiraj and Sukant Kadam clashing against each other. Nitesh Kumar will fight it out with Japan's Daisuke Fujihara in the men's singles semifinal



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India custodian Shreva Hooda also made a couple of remarkable saves in the dying minutes to ensure the win and cap off a historic night in Indian women's football.

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The top two finishers of each group and the two best third-placed sides will progress to the quarters to be played on March 22 and 23,

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This will be followed by a centralised finals, which will see the semi-finals and final -- all single-leg ties -- being played out from May 21-24, 2025, to determine the first ever champions of the AFC Champions Women's

Odisha FC secure AFC Women's Champions League group stage berth

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PTI ■ AL AIN (UAE)

 $B_{\text{Olympic}}^{\text{oxing's already uncertain}} \\ \text{future was} \\ \text{thrown into further jeopardy}$ after the sport's Asian governing body voted against leaving the suspended International Boxing Association (IBA) to join the rival association.

The polling was held via a secret ballot with 21 countries voting in favour of continuing with IBA, while 14 cast their ballot in favour of joining World Boxing, the new body constituted to run the affairs of the sport. There was one invalid vote.

which Besides India, participated as an observer, the other countries whose names figured on the roll call included, Bahrain, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Chinese Taipei, Timor Leste, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, hangs in a balance.
Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Following the voting, IBA hit Laos, Lebanon, Macau, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Palestine, wherewithal to organise Philippines, Qatar, Saudi major international events.

Boxing's future hangs in balance after Asian body votes in favour of IBA

Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan, Emirates, Vietnam and Yemen.

The IBA has been at loggerheads with the IOC, with the latter managing the Olympics qualification process for the Tokyo and Olympics Paris Games.
With the Asian Boxing

Confederation (ASBC) refusing to the join World Boxing, which is being pushed as an alternate to IBA, the future of the sport in the 2028 Los Angeles Games

hangs in a balance. out at World Boxing, saying the new body lacked the

"World Boxing, to tell the Syria, Tajikistan, Thailand, truth, has no finances, Turkmenistan, United Arab expertise and support to organise any proper major events, no means to support their members and no intention to develop boxing," said IBA in a statement.

"They (World Boxing) claim that they want to keep boxing at the heart of the Olympics, fair enough; that said, they do not care about the development of the sport in the countries, grassroots boxing, performance path of the athletes. They have no program, no vision -- just a standalone idea of boxing being at the Olympics," the statement added.

IBA also asked the national federations to think twice before leaving as that could





mean a dead end for them. "The IBA calls (upon) will be no way for a U-turn, should a federation decide to National Federations to make decisions carefully, as there committed to supporting its

athletes. coaches National Federations. "World Boxing can guarantee nothing; the IBA in turn can

show actions supporting every word said. We work hard in support of grassroots boxing, while giving elite boxers opportunities to excel amateurs and professionals both," the statement added.

Welcoming the support from the Asian body, IBA added that it was an affirmation of the good work done by it

over the years. "This decision (by ASBC) reflects the years of IBA's hard work invested in boxing development worldwide and true unity of the IBA Boxing Family," the statement

addeď.

IBA also hit out at some of the national federations that had voted against it during the secret ballot.

"Politically motivated intentions to join World Boxing backed by some members are reckless. There is no rationale in joining an organization that has no intention for boxing to thrive but only pursues personal ambitions of their leadership. "A move towards World Boxing will undoubtedly damage the sport in those respective countries, the thesis confirmed by the performance of World Boxing nations in Paris 2024," it said.

Where does India stand visa-vis World Boxing?

The Boxing Federation of India had in May agreed to become a member of World Boxing. The membership application was approved by the BFI's General Assembly. Senior BFI office-bearers had also met with World Boxing president and secretary-general to discuss ways in which India could support the international federation in growing its membership base in Asia.