

Homebuyers made aware of Buffer Zone

Government officials, particularly those in administrative roles, must take responsibility for resolving public grievances. With Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's initiative Hyderabad Disaster **Response and Assets Protection** Agency (HYDRAA) is ensuring that every homebuyer is aware of Full Tank Level (FTL) and Buffer Zone regulation before purchasing properties. The department is also conducting weekly reviews on pending grievances filed through Prajavani, said AV Ranganath, Commissioner of HYDRAA. He was addressing a ... -PAGE: 3



The Indian Air Force's elite Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team (SKAT) on Wednesday performed a spectacular air show over Marina

Park facing the Ross Island in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The air show started at 3.30 pm and ended at 4.15 pm. A large number of local people and tourists gathered at Marina Park in Port Blair to witness the spectacular air show. The SKAT team was led by Group Captain Ajay Dasarathi with Group Captain Sidhesh Kartik as deputy leader. "The aircraft of the team flew remarkably ...



Inflation falls below 4% target

Retail inflation slipped to sevenmonth low of 3.61 per cent in February mainly due to easing prices of vegetables, eggs, and other protein-rich items, creating space for the RBI to go for another cut in interest rate next month. The consumer price index-based retail inflation was at 4.26 per cent in January and 5.09 per cent in February 2024. The previous low was witnessed in July. The consumer price index (CPI) has been in the comfort zone of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) since November 2024. -PAGE: 8

Metro expansion, Future City projects to boost urban growth: Guv

PNS HYDERABAD

The expansion of Hyderabad metro rail, Musi river rejuvenation and development of 'Future City' projects proposed by the Telangana government would redefine urban living and economic potential, Governor Jishnu Dev Varma said on Wednesday.

Addressing the joint sitting of the state legislature on the opening day of the budget session, he said the government plans to establish Future City Development Authority to promote the planned development of a world-class city.

The Governor's speech was like

the press conference of Congress

leaders at the Gandhi Bhavan,

BRS Working President KT Rama

Addressing the media at the Assembly Media Point on

Wednesday after the Governor's

speech, KTR said the government

made the Governor speak utter lies.

the government would reveal

something new in the

government would infuse confi-

TG Budget on 19th

Assembly to

He said they had expected that

Rao said.

KTR: Guv's speach disappointing

Says it went on like Cong press conference

"We also expected that the The government demeaned 2

the Governor's



Governor Jishnu Dev Varma addressing joint sitting of state legislature on Wednesday

The Governor's speech, however, was marred by slogans and jeering by the opposition BRS members, who called the Congress government's welfare programmes "bogus and fake". The Congress members thumbed

the desks when the government's schemes were mentioned in the speech.

Referring to the proposed 'Future City' on the outskirts of Hyderabad, the Governor said it is envisioned as India's first net-zero city and designed to be both sustainable and economically vibrant.

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What are you doing? CM sore with Govt Whips, Cong MLAs



CM Revanth Reddy in the CLP meeting held on Wednesday at Assembly Committee Hall on Wednesday

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy latter's chamber in the was angry over Government Assembly after the adjourn-Whips and Congress MLAs ment of the House for not responding appropriately to the protests by BRS MLAs dur-Thursday. ing the Governor's speech. Minister asked the Government

What are you doing when BRS Members are protesting during the Governor's speech?" policy," he said.

Govt made Governor speak lies Comments BJLP leader Maheshwar

The Telangana BJP Legislative Party leader Alleti Maheshwar Reddy said the Congress Government made Governor Jishnu Dev Varma speak lies in his speech to both Houses of the Legislature on Wednesday.

Speaking to the media after the Governor's speech, Maheshwar said the government made the loan waiver scheme was implemented fully although the scheme has not been implemented prop-erly. The government also made the Governor speak lies about the



Rythu Bharosa scheme before implementing it properly.

Governor tell lies like the farm a single assurance given before the ment is trying to dupe

Maheshwar said the government had not implemented even elections but made the Governor say that the government had implemented all six guarantees perfectly. He said the govern-

members aware of all matters, the CM suggested saying, the CM asked. "We introduced the liquor policy, but BRS lead-ers earned a lot without any "Don't think that everyone should talk about all matters. Each one should choose one

Government Whips and subject. Strengthen floor coorsome MLAs met the CM at the dination," he said.





Manchester United (MU) unveiled plans on Tuesday to build the "world's greatest" soccer stadium A proposed 100,000-seater arena, costing around 2 billion pounds (\$2.6 billion), would be built next to United's current Old Trafford home and surpass Wembley Stadium as the biggest in the United Kingdom. "Manchester United is the world's most favorite football club and, in my view, is the biggest and deserves a stadium fitting of its stature," part owner Jim Ratcliffe said. Work could begin as early ... -SPORTS

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Governor's speech.

The Telangana Government will present the Budget for fiscal 2025-26 on March 19. The Budget Session will go on till March 27. The decision regarding this was taken at the Business Advisory Committee's (BAC) meeting held under the chairmanship of Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasada Kumar on Wednesday after the Governor's speech. A discussion will be held on Thursday on the motion of thanks to the Governor's speech. Friday will be a holiday for the Assembly due to the Holi festival. The discussion on Bills will be held from March 21 to March 27.

debate on delimitation

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dence among farmers. The farm

loan waiver scheme has not been

implemented even 30 per cent.

However, the government made

the Governor speak utter lies.

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and senior Congress leader K. Jana Reddy addressed an open letter to all political parties asking them to attend a debate on the impending danger posed by delimitation.

As per a decision taken by the cabinet, the TG Government has decided to hold an all-party meeting on the delimitation of constituencies. The state is facing a 'danger' due to the delimitation of constituencies on population

basis The state government has decided to invite all parties and discuss the impending danger. Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu and former minister Kunduru Jana Reddy jointly issued an open letter on Wednesday urging all political parties to attend the

meeting, which is being organised in the interests of the state. They said in the open letter that all parties will be invited separately and clarified that the date and venue of the debate will be announced soon.

Two arrested for social media trolling against CM

PNS HYDERABAD

The Cyber Crime Police of Hyderabad City Police have arrested two individuals for their involvement in social media trolling and the circulation of defamatory content against Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy.

The arrested individuals have been identified as Pogadadanda Revathi (44 years), Managing Director of Pulse News (Purple Crow Media Inc.), residing in Nanakramguda, Hyderabad,

And Bandi Sandhya alias Thanvi Yadav (25 years), reporter at Pulse News, from Mahabubnagar district.

The arrests were made in connection with various sections of the IT Act and Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) including Section 67 (IT Act), Sections 111, 61(2), 353(2), and 352 (BNS). The case was registered based on a complaint from a 40-yearold businessman and Congress Social Media **Continued on Page 2**



KOLISHETTY VENKATESHWARLU venkat.k.warlu@gmail.com HYDERABAD

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy said that former Chief Minister KCR presented 'financial cancer' as a gift to the state. "If the cancer is getting worse does it mean the state is bankrupt? How long will they hide the truth?" the CM asked.

'People's Government' is praiseworthy, the CM said.

"When I disclosed facts, the opposition made a hue and cry and targeted me. The entire KCR family is uttering lies like a family package. I will not run the state on the basis of lies. I will share facts with you and try to develop the state. Your cooperation is required to build a bright future for coming generations in Telangana," the CM said.

truth?" the CM asked. The CM said the BRS government was not sincere in addressing the problems of the unemployed. The hard work and commitment of the unemployed in the formettion of the unemployed in the formation of the after assuming power. I am happy to say that the government provided a permanent solution to the unem-

opposition made a hue and cry and targeted me. The entire KCR family is uttering lies like a family package. I will not run the state on the basis of lies. I will share facts with you and try to develop the state. Your cooperation is required to build a bright future for coming generations in Telangana'

It is learnt that the Chief

Whips to change their attitude

at least now. Make the assigned

ployment problem which was one of the main factors behind the Telangana Movement, the CM said.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy handed over appointment letters to the newly recruited 1,292 Junior Lecturers and 240 Polytechnic Lecturers on Wednesday in Hyderabad at a function held at the Ravindra Bharathi.

Speaking on this occasion, the CM said the future of the country is in its classrooms. The future of the country's economy is linked to education. It is commendable that all of you received appointment letters in the Education Department. Continued on Page 2



24 trapped Telanganites rescued from Myanmar

PNS HYDERABAD

Centre repatriated 540 Indians who were trapped in cybercrime centres at Myawaddy in Myanmar. The victims were brought back to New Delhi in two batches. 283 people were rescued in the first batch and 257 in the second, on March 10 and 11.

belong to Telangana. Of them, 14 from tive overseas jobs, she added.

the first batch arrived in Hyderabad on March 11, while the remaining 10 In a major rescue operation, the are en route and are expected to reach Hyderabad on Wednesday, said Shikha Goel, the Director of the Telangana Cyber Security Bureau.

The Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB) has launched an investigation to identify those responsible for trafficking these Among the rescued individuals, 24 individuals by offering them lucra-

Govt expands HMDA's jurisdiction

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The state government on Wednesday issued orders expanding the HMDA's jurisdiction. With the latest decision, 16 mandals of Mahbubnagar, Nagarkurnool, Vikarabad and Nalgonda districts will be brought under the HMDA. This will add an extra 3,000 square km to HMDA. Currently, 11 districts, 104 mandals and 1,350 villages are under the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority's (HMDA) jurisdiction.

C issues notices to TG Assembly Speaker on efected BRS MLAs 😢

TUNNEL COLLAPSE Search ops to get push with deployment of robot

PNS NAGARKURNOOL

The search for seven persons trapped inside the partially collapsed SLBC tunnel here will get a boost following the deployment of a robot, officials said on Wednesday.

A Hyderabad-based company has taken an 'autonomous hydraulic powered robot' to the accident site and it would carry out activities like removal of debris and digging, an official statement said.

The robot can go to "dangerous places" (inside the tunnel) where humans cannot reach and it can also work with 15 times more capacity than humans, it quoted

officials as saying. The robott is being deployed to overcome the hurdles being faced in the search operation and to con- of soil and low levels of oxygen.



duct it with more speed, it said. The challenging conditions inside using a 40 HP pump with the aid of autonomous hydraulic powered

Slush would be removed by robot'.

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Victim's body sent to Punjab, family gets Rs 25 L

PNS HYDERABAD

The body of Gurpreet Singh, an erec-tor operator of Robbins India, who tragically lost his life in the SLBC Tunnel accident in Domalapenta in Nagarkurnool district, was sent to his hometown in Punjab.

Confirming the development, Nagarkurnool Collector Badavath Santosh said that the deceased's body was handed over to his wife, Rajvinder Kaur, and that the Telangana Government has granted an ex-gratia compensation of Rs 25 lakh to the bereaved family.



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CM asks Cong MLAs to attend Assembly without fail

Respond to opposition's allegations appropriately: CM

PNS HYDERABAD

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy directed Congress MLAs to make it a must to attend the Assembly. He also asked Congress MLAs to maintain restraint as the opposition is likely to create ruckus in the House.

He made it clear that Congress MLAs should attend the House at any cost and respond to the allegations of the opposition in a fitting manner. He asked Congress MLAs and MLCs to coordinate and move forward during the session.

Attending the CLP meeting held at Assembly Meeting Hall-1 on Wednesday, the CM gave directions to Congress MLAs

and MLCs on how to behave in the Houses.

The CM said the current budget session is the second comprehensive budget session and is important for the government. He said the government has an opportunity to discuss schemes launched by it

in the last 15 months. The CM asked the MLAs to come to the House well prepared regarding important directed He issues. Government Whips to keep tabs on the attendance of Congress Members. The CM expressed unhappi-

ness over some MLAs neglecting Assembly attendance and was angry over Nagarjuna Sagar MĽÁ Jaiveer Reďdy leaving the CLP meeting midway.

CM goes to Delhi to meet Jaishankar

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy went to New Delhi on Wednesday night. The Chief Minister would meet Union Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaishankar, it is learnt. Jaishankar would also return to New Delhi on Wednesday night from his

foreign tour. It is learnt that the CM would discuss with the Foreign Minister the phone tap-ping case on Thursday. Revanth would discuss with Jaishankar how to bring back the suspects involved in the phonetapping case from abroad.

The CM is expected to appeal to Jaishankar to make the phone-tapping case culprits return to Telangana.

KCR must apologise for making TG debt-riddled: Kiran

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The Congress's Bhongir MP, Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, said that former Chief Minister KCR should apologise to the people for bringing the state to its current bad shape.

confined



KCR made the state indebted by Rs 7 lakh crore through his inefficient admin but is now criticising the Congress Government.

Kiran said the Congress Government is trying to restructure the BRS government's debts but the BRS and the BJP are trying to defame the Congress admin.

It is surprising that KCR who did not come to the Secretariat during his 10-year rule is criticising Revanth Reddy's Government, Kiran said.

Case regarding KTR's Medigadda visit posted to March 18

PNS HYDERABAD

The Telangana High Court has started hearing the petition filed by BRS Working President KT Rama Rao seeking the quashing of a case registered against him at the Mahadevpur Police Station. Cases were registered against KTR and some others for visiting the Medigadda Project area without permis-

sion last year along with BRS activists and for flying a drone in the area.

However, during the hearing on Wednesday, KTR's lawyer told the High Court that the

Mahadevpur Police had regisa threat to the dam's safety. tered a case against KTR with-After hearing the arguments out any evidence. of both parties, the Bench

The Bench was informed posted the next hearing to March 18. that there was no evidence indicating that a drone had A major political row broke been flown. He said that it was out last year over the subsiunderstood that the case was dence of the Medigadda Barrage and a lot of allegations filed deliberately out of malice and sought orders to immediwere levelled against the BRS ately quash the FIR.

government. Due to this, KTR However, the Public Prosecutor told the High Court and some other BRS leaders went to visit Medigadda on July 16, 2024. that the Medigadda Barrage is very important for Telangana Meanwhile, there were alleand that it is a prohibited area. gations that KTR had flown a

junior lecturers whose posts surpassed 'Thupaki Rama' by

drone to know the condition of A drone was flown near the project without permission. The PP said that this could pose the dam and the Mahadevpur police registered a case.

CM's mortuary comments expose his lack of political maturity: Harish

PNS HYDERABAD

Chief Minister Revanth held by the KCR government. Reddy's mortuary comments It is a fact that the BRS government gave 1,62,000 governindicate a lack of political maturity. Revanth is a lowment jobs in nine-and-a-half minded person who wants years. It is also a fact that the opposition leaders to die, senior MLA T. Harish Rao jobs given by Revanth through notifications in a year-and-ahalf have not exceeded 5,600," said.

Addressing the media, Harish countered the CM's Harish said. criticism against BRS leaders and said the use of government functions for political criticism given to local youth.

Revanth once again exposed unemployed during the elec-tion campaign, has flopped in implementing its election his hysterical nature at the job recruitment function, Harish said.

promises. The promise to give appointment orders for job notifications issued by KCR? Aren't all the appointment two lakh jobs a year has been proved bogus. The job calendar has become a jobless calorders you have been giving endar. The unemployment since a year-and-a-half for allowance left a deep disapposts notified by KCR," Harish pointment," he said.

"Even on Wednesday, you

PAKISTAN TRAIN ATTACK 21 passengers, 4 soldiers killed, says Army general

PNS KARACHI/ISLAMABAD explosives and hijacked it near the mountainous terrain Twenty-one passengers and four paramilitary soldiers were killed by militants hold-

of Gudalar and Piru Kunri in a tunnel 160 kilometres from Ouetta. ing hostages after seizing The Baloch Liberation

Army (BLA) claimed responsibility for the attack on Tuesc y when they said

were notified and exams were spreading the lie that he has given 55,000 jobs. Unable to govern, Revanth has taken up Paranindha' as his job Revanth is talking due to the fear that he will lose his chair if he does not use the opportunity he got as CM for developing the state," he said. Harish said that Revanth is

facing infighting in his party and is resorting to sympathy politics by blaming the BRS. Harish said that KCR obtained a Presidential order to ensure that 95% of the jobs are "Revanth's behaviour is like "The Congress, which came to power by misleading the

holding a condolence meeting for a murderer. He is talking like a maniac saying that the state has cancer. Revanth is try-ing to attribute his incompe-tence to the people of the state. His policy is, 'if you don't lie you won't get don't lie, you won't get through? Revanth is speaking gibberish to divert public attention from his party's six guarantees. He has already contracted the cancel disease. He says that everything he had said during elections has been cancelled," Harish said.

Metro expansion ...

Continued from page 1 The project would span 765 sq km, covering 56 villages across seven mandals, strategically located between Srisailam and Nagarjunasagar Highways on the outskirts.

According to the Governor, the initiative will integrate smart urban infrastructure, sustainable industrial development and inclusive residential

planning. ored by AI City

Stop 3 months' salaries of IAS officers: Rajasthan HC in contempt case permanent from their initial

PNS JODHPUR

The Rajasthan High Court on Wednesday directed the state government to withhold the salaries of three bureaucrats in a contempt case over a threeand-a-half year delay in complying with its orders on the disbursal of money and arrears to pub-lic employees. The Jodhpur bench of the high court also summoned the principal secretary of the personnel department to appear in person on March 25.

Justice Dinesh Mehta was hearing the contempt petition filed by one Ramesh Audichya and eight other ministerial staff members from the Collector and Divisional Commissioner office in Udaipur.

Advocate Yashpal Khileree, representing the petitioners, said his clients were made

KTR: Guv's ...

Continued from page 1 office with this speech," he said. KTR said that in many areas farms are not getting water due to the CM's inefficiency. The government has no vision, but is concentrating on collecting 20 per cent commissions, he said.

He said that the Governor did not say a single word about the irrigation crisis and suicides by farmers. here was no mention of the debts contracted by the Congress Government, he said and added that the main job of the government is to send money to its bosses in New Delhi.

appointments on August 13, 1987 and granted the first and second selection grade scales. However, when denied the

third selection grade scale, they moved the high court. A high court single judge on September 23, 2021 ordered for the third selection grade scale, payable after 27 years, to be calculated from August 12, 2014, aside from all cash benefits, to be disbursed within

three months of its decision. The high court also gave clear instructions to pay the arrears of the increased salary and consequential benefits by

March 31, 2022. But the petitioners claimed non-compliance and filed a contempt petition demanding strict punishment against the contemnors

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Prasada

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Wednesday.

The Supreme Court issued

notices to Telangana Assembly Speaker Gaddam

KTR's comments against Guv's speech childish: Mahesh

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TPCC Chief B. Mahesh Kumar Goud said that BRS Working President KT Rama said. Rao commented about the Governor's speech like a child and that KTR is trying to damage the Governor's image. Mahesh recalled that BRS MLAs spoke similarly against Lady Governor Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan. "Don't BRS MLAs have common sense on how the Governor speaks in the Assembly," he said.

Speaking at the Assembly Media Point on Wednesday after the adjournment of the Assembly, he said the Governor had stated the points mentioned in his

well known that KCR, who

came to power in 2014, brought 23 MLAs, 18 MLCs

and four MPs of the TDP and

the Congress into the BRS in

KCR, who had encouraged

about this issue, he said.

"What does KCR know about development as he is confined to his farmhouse?

speech after the cabinet's We did things that BRS did approval. The rogue MLAs in not do and BRS leaders are not in a position to digest the the BRS are speaking habitu-Governor's speech. The BRS ally with the same attitude, he government did not issue a single ration card or give double-bedroom houses in the last 10 years. Why was the survey

conducted by the BRS not tab-ulated? The KCR family which did not participate in our survey has no right to speak,"

BRS's ATM. The BRS did not field candidates in the elections due to the BRS-BJP secret pact. The BRS's culture is the

said. Tejas combat jet test fires Astra

SC issues notices to TG Assembly **Speaker on defected BRS MLAs** missile

PNS NEW DELHI

The test firing of the mis-sile was carried out off the coast of Chandipur in

Mahesh said. He said that BJP President JP Nadda said the Kaleshwaram Project is the

said

gave appointment orders for

ignorant to believe a person like Revanth who says petty polytechnic lecturers and things about KCR. Revanth has

India's indigenously-built Tejas light combat aircraft on Wednesday successfully test fired homegrown air-to-air

missile Astra.

culture of alcohol addiction, he

testifies to his immaturity.

"How long will Revanth give

"Those who got jobs are not

control of a train in

Balochistan, an army gener-

al said on Wednes

at the scene.

Govt made ...

Continued from page 1 people by making the Governor speak lies. Maheshwar demanded that the government should run the House till April 20 as it is not possible to discuss all issues that affect the public in just five days.

He said that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is running the House just to get approval for bills and the budget.

TODAY ALMANAC Month & Paksham Sukla Paksha Tithi: Chaturdashi Mar 12 09:12 AM to Mar 13 10:36 AM Purnima: Mar 13 10:36 AM to Mar 14 12:24 PM Nakshatram: Purva Phalgun Mar 13 04:05 AM to Mar 14 06:19 AM Uttara Phalguni: Mar 14 06:19 AM to Mar 15 08:54 AM 1:55 PM to 3:24 PM Rahukalam: 6:29 AM to 7:58 AM Yamagandam: 02:17 PM to 04:04 PM Varjyam Gulika: 9:27 AM to 10:56 AM 11:19 PM to 01:04 AM Amritakalam: Abhijit Muhurtham: 12:01 PM to 12:49 PM



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power is now unable to tol reveal how many more days erate Revanth doing the same President KTR filed a peti-

Kumar on the last 10 years.

The Supreme Court asked defections when he was in

are needed to conclude the investigation into the disqualification of the defected BRS MLAs. The SC also sought a reply to the notices by March 25.

Kumar will reply to the

It is now interesting to see what Speaker Gaddam Prasada

notices issued by the Supreme Court. After the Congress Government thing when KCR joined the was formed under the leadopposition. That is why BRS ership of Revanth Reddy in Working President KTŔ filed 2023, 10 MLAs who won on cases in courts seeking the immediate disqualification BRS tickets defected to the of the 10 BRS MLAs who had Congress.

In fact, it was KCR who defected from the BRS to the had opened the door to the Congress. politics of defections. It is The High Court initially

'KCR gifted ...

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The CM said the government resolved the issue of money on students is not an transfers and promotions expenditure but an investof teachers which had been ment in the future. There is pending for a long time a need to examine the reaand also introduced sons behind the decline in reforms in the Education the number of students Department. studying in government The CM said that declinschools, he said. ing educational standards is

a matter of great concern ment is setting up 55 Young India Integrated Schools to which is also embarrassing for the state. All newly raise education standards in recruited teaching staff should do their jobs well government schools and has allocated Rs 11,000 and raise educational stancrore for it. dards with the same drive they showed during the

Telangana Movement, Revanth said. The CM said that government schools and col-

leges should compete with private schools. Student enrolment is declining in government schools every

India Sports University, the year and increasing in pri-Government is also setting ment," the CM said

the world.

not deliver the verdict they had expected, BRS Working

After the High Court did

dismissed the case filed by

the BRS. The HC said that it

would not intervene and ask

the Speaker's office to take a decision on the disqualifica-

tion issue.

tion in the Supreme Court. The High Court refused to allow them to interfere in the powers of the Speaker and encroach on the powers of the legislature. That is why KTR not only filed a case in the Supreme Court but also filed cases with two other MLAs of the party, Padi Kaushik Reddy and KP Vivekananda Ġoud.

The Supreme Court is investigating the cases filed by the BRS MLAs. As part of the investigation, the Supreme Court issued notices to the Speaker on Wednesday. It remains to be seen what the Speaker will reply to the notices.

up the Young India Sports vate institutions. I am appealing to the teaching Authority aiming to win staff to think seriously medals at the Olympics. We are ready to encourage those who excel in sports, The CM said spending the CM said.

The government relaxed rules and gave a job to international cricketer Siraj. World boxing champion Nikhat Zareen was also given a DSP rank post in the police. A government The CM said the governjob and house site was allotted to Deepti Jivanji who excelled in the paralympics, the CM said

"Some people are talking about stature. Leaders who spoke about stature are He said the government lying on stretchers now. is setting up Young India Stature is for posts and not for people. Our govern-Skills University to improve the skills of students and the ment inherited the debts unemployed. There is a and blunders of the KCR need to develop Telangana admin. The government so that it can compete with has to pay Rs 6,500 crore every month to clear debts Along with the Young and the interest on loans taken by the BRS govern-

Odisha, according to the

defence ministry. "The test-firing successfully demonstrated the direct hit of the missile on flying target," it said.

All the subsystems performed accurately meeting all mission parameters and objectives," the ministry said. ASTRA missile is

designed and developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDÔ).

It is capable of engaging targets at a range of over 100 km.

The missile is equipped with advanced guidance and navigation systems that allow it to destroy targets with greater accuracy.

Search ops ...

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The robot can remove 5,000 cubic metres of soil per hour, it said.

The release also said personnel belonging to 12 Central and state government organisations are carrying out the search operation round the clock.

State Special Chief Secretary Arvind Kumar, who has been supervising the search operation, held a meeting with officials of different organisations involved in the search operation, the release added.

Meanwhile, the dead body of Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) operator Gurpreet Singh, whose body was recovered inside the tunnel on March 9, was handed over to his wife in his native village in Punjab, another release said. The ex-gratia of Rs 25 lakh announced by the Telangana government was also handed over to the family, it said.

The search for the seven persons trapped inside the tunnel continued for the 19th consecutive day on Wednesday.

Apart from Gurpreet Singh, the seven others still trapped include Manoj Kumar (Uttar Pradesh), Sunny Singh (Jammu & Kashmir), Gurpreet Singh (Punjab), and Sandeep Sahu, Jegta Xess, and Anuj Sahu, all from Jharkhand.

The eight individuals-comprising engineers and labourers—got trapped in the SLBC project tunnel after a portion of it collapsed on February 22.

Army spokesman Lt Gen Ahmad Sharif told Dunya killed six soldiers.

Lt Gen Sharif said that on News TV that security forces March 11, around 1 PM, terkilled all 33 militants present rorists blew up a railway track in the Bolan Pass area "The armed forces sucof Osi Pur. He described the cessfully concluded the operarea as difficult terrain, where ation in the (Wednesday) the terrorists initially used evening by killing all terrorhostages, including women ists and rescuing all passenand children, as human gers safely," Lt Gen Sharif shields. "The rescue operation said. He said that 21 passenbegan immediately, with pargers were killed by the terrorticipation from the Army, Air Force, Frontier Corps, ists when they attacked the train on Tuesday. He added and Special Services Group

commandos," he said. that four paramilitary Frontier Corps soldiers were During the operation, the also killed in the incident. terrorists remained in contact The Jaffar Express, carrywith their facilitators and ing 440 passengers in nine masterminds in Afghanistan coaches, was going from via satellite phones, he said, Quetta to Peshawar when adding that it showed their foreign nexus. militants derailed it using

Two arrested ...

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Cell secretary, who discovered an abusive video while browsing the internet on March 10. The video, posted on the X (Twitter) handle @NippuKodi, featured a representative of Pulse TV channel conducting a provocative interview with an unidentified individual. The content included

derogatory and abusive remarks against the Chief Minister, allegedly aimed at defaming him and spreading false propaganda, said Ĉyber Crime Police.

The viral nature of the video, which was actively circulated on @NippuKodi, was deemed a potential threat to law and order in Hyderabad and across Telangana, prompting the complaint and subsequent arrests, said the police.

Pogadadanda Revathi posted a video on Wednesday at 5 am saying that the government has been filing cases for sharing opinions through news channels.

Pharma, and Manufacturing Clusters, along with multimodal mobility and metro access, the Future City is designed to boost economic activity, create employment opportunities, and enhance quality of life.

The Future City Development Authority will oversee seamless execution, making the project a model for next generation urban development in the country, he added.

By attracting global investments and positioning Telangana as a leader in renewable energy, artificial intelligence, and high-tech industries, the government is paving the way for balanced progress and sustainability.

'The state's commitment to clean and green energy, coupled with strategic initiatives like the AI City and enhanced digital infrastructure, will ensure that Telangana emerges as a beacon of modernity and opportunity," he said. As the state advances, the government's unwavering dedication to democracy, federalism and inclusive governance will be the cornerstone of a "thriving Telangana".

The Governor highlighted key pro-farmer initiatives, including Rs 20,616 crore crop loan waiver, and enhancement of financial assistance to Rs 12,000 per acre per year. He noted that Telangana has emerged as the largest paddy producer in the country, with a record output of over 260 lakh metric tonnes.

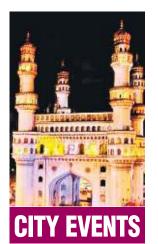
On the caste survey conducted in the state, the Governor said the govern-ment proposed a Bill to provide 42 per cent for backward classes and is set to introduce a Bill for the sub-categorization of SCs.

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training schedule in the presence of senior officials U3 **ESCI** announces training for 7,000 officers

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The Engineering Staff College of India (ESCI) will train 7,000 officers through 400 programmes. Dr G Rameshwar Rao, ESCI Director, announced the 2025-26 training schedule in the presence of senior officials. He instructed strict implementation of the programmes across various divisions, including Climate Change, Civil and Transportation, Environmental Management, IT, Power and Energy, Mining and Water Resources. Training will run from April 2025 to March 2026.

Dr Rameshwar Rao emphasised that the programmes align with global technolo-gies and urged nation-wide faculty participation. He highlighted the importance of skill development through seminars, workshops and e-learning. ESCI, Asia's only specialised engineering training institute, will cover topics like AI, cybersecurity, 5G, Green Hydrogen, drone technology, and Six Sigma.

ESCI's Project Consultancy Division will provide quality control for government buildings, while its Postgraduate School will offer AICTE-recognised courses with placement support. ESCI has trained thousands of government employees with ISO certifications and has won nine Golden Peacock Awards. Dr Rameshwar affirmed ESCI's commitment to developing more programmes to support sustainable development goals.





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Venue White Hart - Kitchen & Lounge March 13, (8 pm)

Thursday Night

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4,54,031 2nd year Inter candidates appear for exams PNS HYDERABAD

Telangana Board of Intermediate Education (TGBIE) has conducted the Intermediate Public Examinations (IPE) March 2025 for 2nd-year students on Wednesday.

The exams covered Mathematics-IIA, Botany-II, and Political Science-II.

In all, 4,54,031 second year candidates appeared for the exams against 289 registere Three malpractices were reported on Wednesday with absent candidates being 13,258 (2.83 per cent). To ensure smooth conduct, observers were deployed across Mancherial, Khammam, Ranga Reddy, Yadadri, and Hyderabad districts.

HYDRAA makes homebuyers aware of FTL and Buffer Zone rules

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Government officials, particularly those in administrative roles, must take responsibility for resolving public grievances. With Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's initia-tive Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Protection Agency (HYDRAA) is ensuring that every homebuyer is aware of Full Tank Level (FTL) and Buffer Zone regulation before purchasing properties. The department is also conducting weekly reviews on pending grievances filed through Prajavani, said AV Ranganath, Commissioner of HYDRAA.

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He was addressing a meeting during a one-day discussion on Citizen-Centric Governance: The Role of Prajavani and Public Administration at Dr Marri Chenna Reddy Human Resource Development Institute (MCRHRD) on Wednesday. Commissioner Ranganath reiterated

that HYDRAA is committed to protecting lakes, water bodies and public lands from encroachment. He cited a recent Nizampet road clearance drive, where illegal struc-



mitted to protecting lakes, water bodies and public lands from encroachment. Encroachers on lakes, ponds and stormwater drains will face strict legal action

HYDRAA is com-

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HYDRAA Commissioner AV Ranganath speaking at ameeting on Citizen-Centric Governance

tures were removed, easing movement for 10 residential colonies. Despite court orders, previous administrations had failed to act, but HYDRAA successfully executed the eviction. "Encroachers on lakes, ponds and

stormwater drains will face strict legal action. The government has given HYDRAA significant powers, and we will use them to protect public assets," he assert-

He said that Prajavani platform plays a crucial role in resolving public issues efficiently while also strengthening trust in the government. He asked officials not to dismiss citizens by directing them elsewhere but instead to view their concerns as personal responsibilities to ensure proper solutions.

To enhance transparency and efficiency, HYDRAA is leveraging technology such as Google maps, National Remote Sensing Centre and Survey of India maps to visually present ground-level situations to concerned citizens and take necessary action.

Balaji Fruit Merchant, Kashmir Fruit House, NSB Fruit House,

Madina Fruit House and Crispy

Fruit House in MJ Market. Officials

found no evidence of calcium car-

vendors were strictly instructed to

avoid calcium carbide and adhere

Commissioner's guidelines for fruit

They were also reminded to use

bide being used for ripening. Following the inspections, fruit

SHAMSHABAD CLUSTER EMERGES AS KEY INDUSTRIAL HUB Hyd records 34% transctions in manufacturing sector

PNS HYDERABAD

Knight Frank India in its latest report cited that Hyderabad recorded 3.5 mn sq ft in warehousing transactions with 34 percent of transactions concentrated towards manufacturing industry.

The city of Hyderabad has a development potential of 16.4 mn sq ft to service any additional demand. This translates to approximately five times the annual transaction volumes in 2024.

cantly boosted Hyderabad's With respect to industrysplit of transaction volume, attractiveness as a manufacturing and logistics hub. space absorption in 2024 was driven by a diverse range of occupiers. The manufactur-The Shamshabad cluster has emerged as a key warehousing ing sector (excluding FMCG and industrial hub in and FMCD) emerged as the Hyderabad, strategically located along the Bengalurulargest contributor, accounting ner cent of the tot transactions, closely followed by the retail sector at 33 per include cent. Within manufacturing, renewable and sustainable energy, automotive and autoancillary industries have been key drivers of demand. Government initiatives such as nies and electronics manu-Make in India and the facturing. During 2024, the



Production Linked Incentive Shamshabad cluster account-(PLI) schemes have signified for 47 per cent of the overall transactions.

Shishir Baijal, Chairman and Managing Director, Knight Frank India said, "Hyderabad's strategic location, excellent connectivity and growing industrial base position it as a key hub for arehousing and logistics.

Food Safety officials inspect MJ Market for artificial mango ripening

ripening.

Act, 2006.

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The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Food Safety officials on Wednesday conducted inspections at Moazzam Jahi Market to check whether mangoes were being artificially ripened using calcium carbide.

The drive was led by GHMC Food Safety Officers, along with to the Telangana Food Safety Food Safety Mobile Lab technicians, the Assistant Food only approved ripening agents as per the Food Safety and Standards Controller and the Police Task

Inspections were carried out at





NephroPlus sets world record for largest kidney screening drive

PNS HYDERABAD

NephroPlus, Asia's largest dialysis care network, has achieved a Guinness World Record for the 'Most Sign-ups for a Health Screening Test in One Week,' with 10,500 sign-ups from March 6 to 11, 2025. It also secured a place in the India Book of Records for the 'Maximum People Screened for Serum Creatinine Test at Multiple Venues,' conducting over 4,500 screenings across 26+ cities from March 6-8.

This initiative, part of World Kidney Day 2025, aimed to raise awareness about early detection and prevention of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD). Free screening camps under the slogan 'Are Your Kidneys OK?' focused on highrisk individuals, including those with diabetes and hypertension. Major cities covered included Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Delhi, Jaipur, Pune, ow and Ranc



Force.

Highwa areas within this cluster well-developed road and rail Shamshabad, networks, along with proxim-Aerotropolis, Srisailam ity to major highways and Highway, Bongloor, Kothur, ports, ensure efficient regionand Shadnagar. The region al distribution. The city is hosts a diverse industrial base, experiencing increasing warewith strong presence of seed housing demand, driven by processing units, 3PL compaindustries such as pharmaceuticals, electronics, textiles

Food Safety officials of GHMC at Moazzam Jahi Market

NephroPlus also launched a CKD study using data from the screenings. CEO Vikram Vuppala emphasised that CKD prevention is both a health and economic priority. He said that the company plans to publish a global white paper supporting early detection policies. Vikram said that this achievement strengthens NephroPlus's leadership in kidney health and its mission to expand awareness and preventive care across India.

THANKSGIVING



VC designate of Sammakka Saralamma Central Tribal University Prof YL Srinivas meeting Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan in the presence of Union Minister of Coal and Mines G Kishan Reddy, in Parliament on Wednesday to thank him for his appointment

Employees must upskill to transform State: IT Minister

PNS HYDERABAD

and renewable energy.

Employees must upskill and reskill to transform the State, making Hyderabad a key destination for AI talent, said IT Minister D Sridhar Babu. He inaugurated the Syneriq Global AI-First Global Capability Centre (GCC) on the 17th floor of Vamsiram Suvarna Durga Tech Park on Wednesday evening. This expansion doubles the workforce to 1,500 across various technology domains. The 40,000 sq. ft. facility,

established with an investment of Rs 50 crore, was enabled by Mergen Global and strengthens Syneriq Global's position in the digital sector. The comwith the first one established pany also launched Zyrix, an

AI platform focused on innovation and product engineered that with AI booming,

Syneriq Global specialises "We must leverage emerging in Product Engineering, Quality Engineering and techtechnologies to export products." He emphasised that the nologies like Salesforce, government will support AI-ServiceNow, Databricks and driven innovations. Snowflake. Its group compa-ny, Kairos Technologies, won Pennam said Syneriq Global is committed to supporting Telangana's AI vision. The the AI Game Changer Award from NASSCOM in 2024. After touring the centre, company aims to become a Minister Sridhar Babu appre-\$150 million group by investing in R&D and next-gen AI

ciated Founder Sudhakar Pennam for building globally technologies, he added. Mergen Global CEO Mahanth Mallikarjuna stated scalable enterprises. He highlighted Hyderabad's goal of becoming a global AI hub. He that the new centre will drive said that many GCCs have digital innovation and busiemerged over the past 15 ness transformation. The months across various sectors, company also showcased its

by Marriott in the hospitality AI-FIRST SYNERIQ'S GCC LAUNCHED sector. Sridhar Babu also stat-



IT Minister D Sridhar Babu inaugurating the Syneriq Global First-Al GCC Facility in Hyderabad on Wednesday

New Life Sciences policy soon for advanced R&D

PNS HYDERABAD

More Life Sciences action is happening in Hyderabad than in any other global city, said Jayesh Ranjan, Special Chief Secretary of IT, after inaugurating Tenthpin AI Labs (TAIL), a Switzerlandbased Tenthpin Management Consultants' Global Center of Excellence for AI-driven transformation in Life Sciences.

Addressing the gathering on Wednesday, Jayesh Ranjan expressed his delight that Tenthpin chose Hyderabad for expansion. He noted that this facility is the largest of its kind. Hyderabad is a Life Sciences and Pharma hub, home to over

1,800 pharma manufacturing

units. He also highlighted that the city has Genome Valley, India's first organised Life Sciences R&D and Clean Manufacturing cluster, where one-third of the world's vaccines are produced.

Jayesh mentioned that Hyderabad combines a strong Life Sciences and Technology ecosystem, with 1,400 tech companies employing one million eople. Seven of the world's top 10 Life Sciences companies operate here. He announced that the Telangana government will soon launch a new Life Sciences policy to drive growth in cell and gene therapy, genomics, preci-

se



Jayesh Ranjan, Special Chief Secretary of IT, addressing the Tenthpin AI Labs (TAIL) on Wednesday

sion medicine, digital innova-tion and advanced R&D. Hyderabad, with 24 innovation spaces like T-Hub, will support Jayesh Ranjan concluded that Cell-Gene Therapy (CGT) is the

Life Sciences startups. Meanwhile, Director of Tenthpin, Bart Reijs, said TAIL's future, offering treatments for vere diseases like cancer. mission is to help pharmaceu-

tical, biotech and research firms integrate AI effectively. He said that they create proof of concepts before large-scale deployment.

Thomas Weber, Partner & Chief Product Officer, said that Tenthpin Solutions is also expanding with its co-innovation model, which brings local talent into its development teams. Raghuram Janapareddy, Partner & Managing Director India, said TAIL will enhance AI integration with ERP systems, working with research institutions and industry partners. He noted that they aim to make Indian Life Sciences companies global leaders.

Exclusive Lean Manufacturing Facility inaugurated in Hyd

PNS HYDERABAD

Azad Engineering, a leader in precision engineering, inaugu-rated its Exclusive Lean Manufacturing Facility for Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI) in Tunikibollaram, Hyderabad on Wednesday. The 7,200 sq. m. state-of-the-art facility was inaugurated by Masahito Kataoka, Senior Vice-President, GTCC Business Division, Energy System, MHI, Japan, along with Jayesh Ranjan, Special Chief Secretary of the IT

latest AI platforms like KiTAP,

Department, and Rakesh Chopdar, Chairman and CEO of Azad Engineering.

precision components and

strengthens India's role in glob-

Jayesh Ranjan congratulated

Azad Engineering, stating that

the new facility and recognition

from Mitsubishi Heavy

Industries strengthen India's

al manufacturing.

ing hub. He appreciated the collaboration between MHI and Currently employing 200 skilled professionals, the facili-Azad as a significant step forward. ty will expand further, adding MHI awarded Azad Engineering the "2024 Partner of the Year" trophy, recognising hundreds of new jobs. It features advanced technology for high-

its outstanding quality, efficiency and contribution to MHI's success. Rakesh Chopdar stat-ed that this facility is just the beginning, with plans to build more dedicated plants, creating over 2,000 skilled jobs in the future.

position as a global manufactur-



Concern over receding water levels in Yellampalli reservoir

PNS MANCHERIAL

The water level in the Yellampalli Reservoir is rapidly receding, posing a challenge for several vital needs. The reservoir plays a crucial role in supply-ing water for Yasangi (rabi) crops through the Gudem Lift Irrigation Scheme and providing drinking water to Hyderabad city. Additionally, it supports the NTPC at Ramagundam and serves the districts of Peddapalli and Mancherial.

As of March 10, the water level in the reservoir stood at 12.287 TMC ft, compared to its full capacity of 20.175 TMC ft. A key factor contributing to the depletion is the absence of inflows into the reservoir from the upper catchment areas, including the Sriram Sagar and Kadem Projects, over the past month. To prevent the situation from worsen-

ing, there is an urgent need to use the available water sparingly over the next three to four months. On March 6, the total outflow from the reservoir was 1,110 cusecs, but this was reduced to 845 to meet various needs. Currently, 290



cusecs in the following week. The dead storage level of the reservoir

is at 3.3 TMC ft, leaving a balance of 9 TMC ft of water that can still be drawn

cusecs are being released to support Yasangi crops through the Gudem Lift Irrigation Scheme. Similarly, 313 cusecs are used for the Hyderabad Metro Water Supply Scheme, and 242 cusecs are concerns.

Officials directed to protect land near Inuparthi Hills

PNS HANUMAKONDA

District Collector P Pravinya has conducted a review meeting with officials from different departments regarding the agricultural land identified by forest officials within the Inuparathi Hill area spread across Mupparam and Devanur villages under the Dharmasagar mandal of Hanamkonda district.

The Inuparathi Gutta forest hills spread over Dharmasagar, Velair, Bheemadevarapally and Elkathurthy mandals, are rich in biodiversity with lush green forest. Rare flora and fauna were seen at the forest block that has perennial water sources. With beautiful landscapes and hill slopes.

he meeting, held at the Hanamkonda District ctorate on Wednesday

Hanamkonda District Collector P Pravinva holding a review meeting with officials in Hanamkonda on Wednesday

Department officials. returned to the farmers. She directed the During this meeting, the Collector inquired about the Department officials to comsurvey of agricultural lands and the identification of related farmers from the respective departmental officials.

plete this process without causing any difficulties to the farmers. The officials were also instructed to ensure that Subsequently, the District the 45 acres of agricultural Collector emphasised helonging

Retired teacher accuses sons of neglecting him

PNS WARANGAL

"I have four sons. Yet, there is no one to provide me with food. I have divided the 16 acres equally among them. But my sons have thrown me out of the house for pension benefits," lamented the 89-year-old retird father at Prajavani programme here on Monday.

dent was revealed during Prajaani programme held in Hanamkonda. It is evident how deeply pained the old man must be, arriving to voice his complaint in a wheelchair due to frailty.

Narayan, a retired teacher from Goudur in Kamalapur mandal, is now 89 years old. He has four sons, three of whom are government employees, while one stays in the village and engages in farming. While working and farming, Narayan to acquir 16 acres of

to the Vemnur pump house. However, water lift-irrigation to the Vemnur and Nandimedaram pump houses has been suspended due to the rapidly decreasing water level. In January this year, the reservoir held 17 TMC ft of water, but over the past two months, 4.5 TMC ft has been drawn.

directed to NTPC at Ramagundam. As of March 7, 247 cases have been released

With rising temperatures, evaporation rates are expected to increase and it is estimated that the water level could reach the dead storage level by May. Given this, officials have stressed the importance of conserving water until the monsoons arrive in June.

Through the Gudem Lift Irrigation Scheme, 290 cusecs of water are currently being released daily to irrigate the tailend lands of the Kadem project. Farmers are growing increasingly anxious as officials have indicated that the facility will be discontinued after March. Many crops are expected to be ready for harvest in April, and farmers have raised



Online sale of tickets for Srirama Navami fete begins

PNS BHADRACHALAM

Bhadrachalam, a prominent pilgrimage centre in Telangana, also known as the Southern Ayodhya, is getting ready for the Brahmotsavams at the Sri Sita Ramachandraswamy Temple. The temple authorities have announced that the Sri Rama Navami Tirukalyana Brahmotsavams will be held from March 30 to April 12.

Temple Executive Officer Ramadevi shared good news for the devotees of Lord Rama. Tickets for the Sri Ram Navami Kalyanotsavam will be available online from Wednesday. These tickets will allow devotees to directly view the wedding ceremony of Lord Rama on April 6, which will be held at the Mithila

Kalyana Mandapam. The tickets can be purchased from the temple's official website https://bhadradritemple.telangana.go v.in. The EO mentioned that a ticket worth Rs 7,500 will allow entry for two devotees. In addition to the tickets, devotees will receive sacred clothes of the Lord (sari and panchi), 400 grams of Kalyana Laddu, Kalyana Thalambralu, and a picture book of Ramayana. On the day of the wedding, devotees will also be able to have the darshan of the Dhruva Murtis at the main temple.

measurement, whose detail description is as following, is

proposed for acquisition.

For general darshan, tickets are available for Rs 2,500, Rs 2,000, Rs 1,000, Rs 300, and Rs 150, each allowing entry for one devotee in the respective section, as per the price of the ticket.

As part of the festivities, on April 7, there will be a grand Pattabhishekam (coronation ceremony). Tickets for this event will be available for Rs 1,500, allowing entry for two devotees. For Rs 500 and Rs 100 tickets, one devotee will be allowed entry into the corresponding sections.

Devotees who book tickets online must collect the original tickets at the Bhadradri Temple office's inquiry centre between 11 am on March 20 and 6 am on April 6. They must pre-sent their identity card and provide the details of their online booking. For devotees unable to visit For devotees unable to visit Bhadrachalam in person, the temple offers an opportunity for indirect worship. By paying Rs 5,000 online, they can register for the Paroksha Puja (indirect worship). After the puja, devotees will receive a cloth jacket piece. Thalambralu

a cloth, jacket piece, Thalambralu (sacred flowers), and Patika Bellam (sacred jaggery) by post. Devotees paying Rs 1,116 will receive only the Thalambralu and Patika Bellam prasadam.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA 0.13 M. Ramakrishna s/o Ramchandar REVENUE (LA) DEPARTMENT FORM VI 0.03 Malamma Wo Pedda Balappa (See Sub-rule(1) of rule-19) and Section - 11(1) of the Act-30/2013) Koninti Javamma wio K. Harmanthu ctor/Joint Collector / Special Collector (LA) / SDC (LA) 0.08 Koninti Narsamma PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION Wo Chinna Mallage Gazette. No. 17/2025 Dated: 07.03.2025 0.04 Mala Venkatappa Dated: 07.03.2025 G/192/2025 s/o Narsappa No: F(772 (2025 Dated: 05.03.2025 6.03 Katre Chinna Whereas it appears to the Government of Telangana/Collector Narsimulu hat a total of Ac 11.29 gts land is required in the Kourampall s/o Pedda Say Village, Narayanpet Mandal, Narayanpet District for public purpose namely for construction and formation of Pressure main 0.02 Dharwada 8 28 28 3 nder Narayanpet Kodangal Lift Imigation Scheme Kourampally Shivashanka S/o Narsamma Village of Narayanpet Mandal Therefore it is notified that for the above said project in the Vamanagar 지기지기 Kourampelly village of Narayanpet Mandal, Narayanpet District Padmavathi w/p Krishnalah land measuring, more or less Ac 11.29 gts of standard

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keeping any title in his name. Living off his pension money, Narayan spent his days without expecting anything from anyone. However, after losing his wife, who had been his companion all those years, Narayan found himself alone. As age took a toll, his strength diminished and health issues began to arise. Now, he relies on his pension money for his daily expenses and medical needs.

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was attended by Additional Collector Venkat Reddy, Revenue Divisional Officer Rathod Ramesh, Land Survey Department Assistant Director Srinivasulu, Dharmasagar Tahasildar Guttikonda Sadanandam, and Forest

farmers from various villages who possess land passbooks have their lands taken under the control of the Forest Department, as mentioned in the draft notification, and she instructed that these lands should be reidentified and

with land passbooks remains under their control.

The meeting was also attended by KUDA PO Ajith Reddy, Veleru Tahsildar Komi, and officials from the forest, survey, and other departments.

Forest

land through his hard work. As long as he had the strength, Narayan lived independently without asking anyone for help. In his later years, trusting that his sons would care for him, he distributed all his property equally among them, without

been harassing him for pension money, even locking him out of the house. He wept before the Collector, stating that he is currently living in a rented house in the same village, pleading for action against the harassment from his sons.

Spectacles distributed to students



MLA Bandla Krishnamohan Reddy speaking at a programme in Gadwal on the glasses to students in govern-Wednesday. District Collector BM Santosh is also present

PNS 📕 JOGULAMBA GADWAL

Under the RBSK scheme of the Central and State governments, glasses were distributed to school students suffering from refractive errors. The district Collector BM Santosha, Gadwal MLA Bandla Krishnamohan Reddy and District Medical and Health Officer Dr Siddappa distributed

ment schools.

Eye examinations were conducted across Jogulamba Gadwal district in government schools, and as many as 55,725 eye tests were condcuted. A total of 1,737 students were identified to have vision problems.

As part of the first phase, 23 students at the Government Girls High School received glasses from District Collector BM Santosha, Gadwal MLA Bandla Krishnamohan Reddy and

DMHO Dr. Siddappa. During the event, the MLA emphasised the importance of medical pro-

In this context, the MLA called upon the medical practitioners to rise to the occasion and help raise awareness over the problem. The programme was conducted under the national programme for control of Blindness or

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intercept vehicle carrying Aghori

Tension sparks as Police

PNS VEMULAWADA

In recent days, the Aghori has been creating ruckus across various locations in the state, particularly at several temples. She was reportedly planning to

visit the Rajanna temple in Vemulawada, prompting police to heighten their vigilance. Authorities were intent on preventing her entry at the district borders, leading to the establishment of significant barricades at the check-posts. A confrontation arose

as she attempted to drive towards the temple.

When she tried to exit the Police trying to stop the car in which Aghori is vehicle, police intervened travelling near Vemulawada on Wednesdav

to stop her. Ignoring their requests, the Aghori attempted to push the car forward, resulting in heightened tensions as police worked to halt her progress.

The situation escalated into remarkable restraint

a heated exchange between her and the officers, during which she even threatened self-harm.

Ultimately, the police managed to place her in a police vehicle and transported her to Hyderabad.



It may be recalled that she

had even abused the devotees at

several temples. She even shout-

ed obscenities at the police

also. But, the police showed

MLA pledges support to SC categorisation

PNS SURYAPET

At a meeting held on Tuesday Tungathurthi, Congress MLA Mandula Samel expre ssed his gratitude to the Telagnana government for approving Scheduled Casts categorisation. He also praised the government for conducting caste census.

The purpose of organising the meeting was to express gratitude to the government. Prominent lead ers attended the meet-

ing. The MLA said that the Congress government has been implementing several welfare schemes to help the poor.

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ACROSS THE STATES



J'khand govt hikes cess on mined minerals

he Jharkhand government on Wednesday decided to hike the cess on mined minerals up to four times to boost the state's revenue, an official said. The proposal was approved during the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Hemant Soren. "The cess on coal for per metric tonne dispatch was increased to Rs 250 from the existing Rs 100, while the same on iron ore was hiked to Rs 400 from the existing Rs 100," cabinet secretary Vandana Dadel said. Among others, the cess on bauxite (non-metallurgical grade) was increased to Rs 116 from Rs 70. As many as 31 proposals were approved by the cabinet, including a change in the rule requiring three years of service in the state after completing postgraduate courses in medical colleges. The rule requiring students to refund Rs 30 lakh and any scholarships or allowances if they don't serve for three years has been changed. "Now, after completing PG and serving one year in the state, if a student chooses not to continue, they will have to pay Rs 1.25 lakh per month for the remaining service months," an official said.



Kerala police to take steps to check drug abuse

he Kerala Police have decided to implement comprehensive and effective measures to strengthen the state-level anti-drug campaign in light of the increasing incidents of violence fueled by drug abuse. A high-level review meeting, chaired by ADGP (Law and Order) Manoj Abraham on Wednesday, decided to conduct intensive inspections of shops and other establishments near educational institutions. Inspections will also be carried out at the homes and hideouts of individuals previously involved in drug-related cases. Migrant workers' camps will be thoroughly checked, along with DJ parties in hotels and resorts where rampant drug abuse has been reported, an official release here said. The trial proceedings of commercial and mid-sized drug cases will be reviewed by district police chiefs once every two weeks. Investigations will also be intensified at railway stations to curb the smuggling of drugs from northern Indian states into Kerala, it stated.

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INDIA, MAURITIUS INK 8 PACTS PM Modi unveils 'MAHASAGAR' vision



PNS PORT LOUIS

India and Mauritius on Wednesday elevated their ties to 'enhanced strategic partner-ship' and inked eight pacts to boost ties in several sectors, including maritime security, and promote trade in local currencies, even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled an ambitious vision for growth and security of the Global South.

On the second and final day of his two-day trip to Mauritius, Modi graced the national day celebrations of the island nation as the chief guest and announced a raft of development projects for the strategically-located country.

Following talks with his Mauritian counterpart Navinchandra Ramgoolam, Modi announced India's new vision for Global South and named it "MAHASAGAR" or 'Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions", a

policy approach that came against the backdrop of China's relentless attempts to expand its influence in the Indian Ocean.

"We are committed to extend full cooperation in the security of Mauritius' Exclusive Economic Zone," the prime minister said.

In the meeting, Modi reiterated India's continued support and assistance to Mauritius in augmenting its defence and security needs given the shared objectives of the two nations in the region. The PM said a free, open, secure, and safe Indian Ocean is the common priority of India and Mauritius and that he and Ramgoolam agreed that defence cooperation and maritime security are an important part of the strategic partnership between the two countries.

The two sides also unveiled a 'Joint Vision for an Enhanced Strategic Partnership' that outlined the futuristic approach in

expanding bilateral cooperation in a range of areas including in defence and maritime security, trade, health and education, and space and climate change. The document noted that

the two sides will enhance maritime cooperation through increasing deployment of ships and aircraft for joint maritime surveillance and hydrographic surveys.

resolved to deepen coopera-tion towards securing EEZ of Mauritius, including through enhanced utilisation of newly built runway and jetty at

Agalega. The unveiling of the 'MAHASAGAR' vision came 10 years after the prime minister announced during his visit to Mauritius in 2015 New Delhi's SAGAR or Security and Growth for All in the Region policy that formed the bedrock for India's engagement with the Indian Ocean Region.

Display of menu, rate list of food items mandatory: Railway min

PNS 🗖 NEW DELHI

Display of menu and rate list of food items being served to passengers in trains is mandatory, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw told Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

"Menu of all food items along with rates are available on IRCTC's website for information of passengers. Printed menu cards with all details are made available with waiters and presented to passengers on demand," he said in a written reply. "The rate list is also displayed in pantry cars. Further, to make the passengers aware of menu and tariff



of catering services over Indian Railways, SMS to pas-sengers with link to menu and tariff has been started," he added.

Responding to the question regarding menu card, rate list of food items and measures taken to improve hygiene, cleanliness and quality of food in trains, Vaishnaw said



According to Vaishnaw, shortlisting and use of popu-lar and branded raw materials, like cooking oil, atta, rice, pulses, masala items, paneer, dairy products etc. for food production as well as deploy-ment of food safety supervi-

sors at base kitchens to monitor food safety and hygienic

practices have been done. 'Tripura first in PDS among NE states'

PNS AGARTALA

Food and Civil Supplies minister Sushanta Chowdhury on Wednesday claimed that Tripura stands first among the northeastern states in the Public Distribution System (PDS). Tripura has 9.83 lakh ration

cardholders. "Our PDS system is the first among the northeastern states

and fourth all India when it comes to delivery of services to the people. Recently, Assam

Centre nod to Bengal CM's UK visit

The Centre on Wednesday approved West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's proposed visit to London later this month to deliver a lecture at the University of Oxford, a source at state

Banerjee is slated to leave for London on March 21 and is scheduled to deliver the lecture on March 27, the source

Pro vice chancellor of Oxford University, Jonathan Michie, had invited her in November 2023 when he was in Kolkata for the Bengal Global Business

The CM's flight to London is scheduled on March 21 via Dubai.



at a press conference here.

of food ministers of the northeastern states at Guwahati recently to review the PDS system in the region where Tripura's PDS system was "highly praised". "Apart from distribution of

He said there was a meeting

rice and atta, the state also pro-Chief Minister Himanta Biswa vides pulses, mustard oil and spices to consumers. The Food Sarma spoke to me and wanted and Civil Supplies department has finalised the tender for to know how the state provides pulses at subsidised rate. Later, he sent officials to our state to look procuring mustard oil. We are into the matter," Chowdhury said waiting for the price of mustard oil to reduce," he said.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA Revenue (Land Acquisition) Department FORM - VI

(PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION)

Section 11 (1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettle-ment Act 2013, (Central Act 30/2013) and Sub-rule 1 of Rule 19 Collector's Office File No. G3/1523/2016 Date: 10-03-2025 RDO's File No. H/404/2025 Date: 04-03-2025 Gazette No.: 16/2025 Date: 10-03-2025

The Government of Telangana/The Collector, Siddipet district considered that acquisition of Ac 8.13 ½ Guntas in Gangapu village of Chimakodur mandal of Siddipet district is required for public purpose i.e. for development of BG railway line and hence the notification has been issued under the Section 11 (1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation nd Resettlement of 2013.

By GO No. 86 of the Transport, Roads and Buildings (Tr S & V) Department dated 24-11-2017 the land acquisition has been empted from social-impact assessment and food security.

Therefore, the preliminary notification has been issued to acquire Ac 8.13 % guntas in Gangapur village of Chinnakodur mandal of Siddipet district as shown in the following schedule. To initiate works related to acquisition of the following lands, the preliminary notification has been issued

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five years, says Siddaramaiah (G.O.Ms.No.45 MA&UD Dept., deted 27.02.2025) In exercise of powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 15 of Hyderabed

PNS BENGALURU

Will continue as CM for another hmda Public Notification U/s. 15(4) of HMDA Act. 2008

PNS KOLKATA

It said the two leaders also

secretariat Nabanna said. added.

Summit.

HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY 4^e Floor Swarnejayanthi Commercial Complex, Ameerpet, Hyderabad.



'LVM-3 rockets to be built with private sector's help'

he government has approved the production of more than 60 LVM-3 rockets with the help of the private sector and the launch of a constellation of earth observation satellites to create demand for the country's nascent private space industry. Addressing the Bharat Space Conclave at FICCI here, Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (INSPACe) Chairman Pawan Kumar Goenka said the production of more than 60 LVM-3 rockets, used to launch heavy satellites, will take place over the next 12-14 years. "We have approval to build 60-plus LVM-3 rockets, which will primarily be done with the help of the private sector. This will bring in about Rs 25,000 crore of business to the private sector," Goenka said. INSPACe has the mandate for promotion of the private space industry and also to authorise activities of non-government entities in the sector. India opened up the space sector for private participation in 2020, leading to the emergence of nearly 250 start-ups in the past few years. However, a concern often flagged by the industry is the lack of demand for space applications in the country, which could hamper growth in the sector.

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday said that the Congress will be elected to power again and he would continue to hold the CM post for another five years.

Siddaramaiah was replying to the opposition BJP members in the Assembly who had trooped into the well of the House, alleging disrespect for the MLAs and the MLCs, as the government had appointed Congress workers as the guarantee committee chairpersons and members.

The Leader of the Opposition, R Ashoka, alleged that the Congress government was setting a wrong precedent and more challenging for the next government. Quickly, the chief minister rejected his argument.

The CM said, "We will not go. We will win again. You cannot win (election). There is no second view about it.'

Siddaramaiah reminded the opposition that they lost the recent Assembly bypolls in Channapatna, Shiggaon and Sandur. "You people had challenged us

before the Assembly election as to whether we have guts and strength. You saw the fate of your challenge. We will return to power again and I will be there (as next chief minister)," he quipped.

The CM's reply comes amid power tussle between Siddaramaiah

and his deputy D K Shivakumar.

The opposition has been upset over the appointment of Congress workers as the chairperson and members of the guarantees implementation committees saying that these committee members have a bigger say in the district administration than the MLAs and the MLCs.

The five guarantee schemes are 'Gruha Jyothi' offering 200 units electricity free to every household, Gruha Lakshmi' scheme promising Rs 2,000 to every woman head of a family and 'Anna Bhagya' offering 10 kg rice to every member of the BPL family a month

The 'Yuva Nidhi' scheme promises Rs 3,000 dole to unemployed graduates and Rs 1,500 to unemployed diploma holders for two years (in the 18-25 age-group) and 'Shakti' scheme permits free travel for Karnataka women to travel within the state in government non-luxury buses.

Metropolitan Development Authority Act, 2008 (Act No.8 of 2008), the Government hereby takes the following variation to the land use envisaged in the notified Master Pla Erstwhile HUDA-2021 approved by the Government vide G.O.Ma.No.288 MA & UD, dt:03-04-2006 as required by sub-section (1) of the said section.

The site in Sy.No.127/Part situated at Dommara pochampally (V), Dundigal Gandimaisamma (M), Medchal - Malkajgiri District to an extent of 2998 Sq.mts which is presently earmarked for conservation use zone in the notified Master Plan Erstwhile HUDA-2021 approved by the Government vide G.O.Ms.No.288 NA & UD, dt:03-04-2008, is now designated as Manufacturing use zone for setting up unit for Transmission Products, Shed Structures & M Type Towers (Steel) under 'White' category. The details of the above are available in Web sites http://gazette.telangana.gov.in// and http://hmda.gov.in//

Sdl- For Metropolitan Commissione DIPR R.O. No. : 1118-PPICL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2024-25 Director Planning-I, HMDA

Rajendra Nagar Branch नियन बैंक 🌔 Union Bank (Sol Id: 14311) Mahabubnagar Region. Contact No.7057504994 Email: UBIN0814318@UNIONBANKOFINDIA.BANK 4311/SARFAEBIA/Bale Notice/10799749-4/2024-2/

NOTICE TO THE BORROWER INFORMING ABOUT SALE (30 DAYS NOTICE) RULE 6 (2)/8 (6) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

Borrower/Applicant: Mrs. Korubothula Annapurna

Address: # Flat no 202, First Floor, Plot no 20 & 22, Survey No 102/6A, KK Apartments, Dhanalaxmi Colony, Christianpally, Mahabubnagar, Mahabubnagar District, Telangana State-509001, Mobile No. 9390257759,

Guarantor: Mrs. J Mary Mano Ranjani, W/o K Surya Prakash,

Address: # H.No. 6-24/9/6, Srinivasa Colony, Mahabubnagar, Ma-tabubnagar District, Telangana State-509001, Mobile No.7702156530

Sir/Madam

Sub – Sale of property belonging to Mr. Korubothula Annapuma for realization of amount due to Bank under the SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

Union Bank of India, 1431-Rajendra Nagar (erstwhile Andhra bank), the secured creditor, caused a demand notice dated 16-11-2024 under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial As-sets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, calling upon you to pay the dues within the time stipulated therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the period stipulated, the Authorised Officer, has taken possession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Even after taking possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to bank. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property by holding public e-auction after 30 days from the date of receipt of this notice through online mode. The date and time of a-auction along with the Reserve Price of the property and the details of the service provider, in which the e-auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you accentable. nformed to you separately.

Therefore, if you pay the amount due to the bank elong with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by bank before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sec. 13 (8) of the Act

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that Flat No.202, First Floor, admeasuring 925 Square Feet and Un Alvided Share of 30 Square Yards, KK Apartments, in Survey No 102/6A, Plot no 20 & 22, in Dhanalaxmi Colony, Christianpath, Mahabubnagai town and district, Telangana State-509001, belonging to Mrs. Koruboth-ula Annapurna and bounded by: East: 7 feet wide corridor and stati-case, West: Open to Sky, North: Flat no 201. South: Open to Sky.

Sdi- Chief Manager & Authorised officer Rajendra Nagar Branch (Sol Id: 14311) Union Bank of india Date: 12-03-2025

The notification is made under Section 11 (1) of The Right to Fair ompensation and Transperency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act of 2013 for payment of the compensation to the land owners as per the law.

The plan of the land and other details can be inspected at the offices of the District Collector, Siddipet and Revenue Divisiona Officer, Siddipet by concerned personnel during working hours on any working day.

The Government of Telangana/District Collector, Siddipet is leased to authorise the Revenue Divisional Officer, and his personnel to enter and survey land, to excavate land, to dig bore vells and do all acts required for the proper execution of their work as rovided and specified in Section 12 of the seid Act. Under Section 11[4] of the Act, no person shall make any

transaction of land i.e. sale/purchase etc or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of such notification without prior approval of the District Collector, Siddipet.

Objections to the acquisition, if any, may be filed by the person Interested within 60 [Sktly) days from the date of publication of this notification as provided under section 15 (1) of the Act before the and Acquisition Officer in writing.

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SKAT's spectacular air show in Andamans

PNS PORT BLAIR

The Indian Air Force's elite Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team (SKAT) on Wednesday performed a spectacular air show over Marina Park facing the Ross Island in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

The air show started at 3.30 pm and ended at 4.15 pm. A large number of local people and tourists gathered at Marina Park in Port Blair to witness the spectacular air show.

The SKAT team was led by Group Captain Ajay Dasarathi with Group Captain Sidhesh Kartik as deputy leader.

"The aircraft of the team flew remarkably in close formation,



rolls, inverted flying, and their sigmaintaining a separation of less nature DNA manoeuvre," a than five metres between them. Flying in their iconic red-andspokesperson of ANI command white Hawk Mk-132 jets, the said. The air show was held to motiteam performed loops, barrel

vate local youths to join the force. It will also be held on Thursday.

Speaking to PTI, a senior ANI Command spokesperson said, "Our SKAT is known as the 'Ambassadors of the IAF'. Today's air show was a tribute to India's aviation excellence, inspiring the youth with a deep sense of patriotism. "The event was free of cost and all residents of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, especially children, were invited to witness this thrilling performance. We are happy that it enthralled all the spectators with its breathtaking manoeuvres, precision flying, and a stunning display of aerial prowess.

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OPINION 06

Editor's TAKE Mark Carney to take on Voldemort

A known Trump critic, Mark Carney replaces Justin Trudeau as Canada's Prime Minister

a historic political shift, Mark Carney has been announced as the next leader of the Liberal Party and the 24th Prime Minister of Canada, succeeding Justin Trudeau. Carney won the leadership race decisively, securing 131,674 votes, approximately 85.9 per cent of the ballots. His transition into office marks a significant turning point for the Liberal Party and Canada's future, particularly in its economic policies and international relations. Carney brings a wealth of economic expertise to the position, having previously served as the Governor of both the Bank of Canada (2008-2013) and the Bank of England (2013-2020). He is widely credited with steering Canada through the 2008 financial crisis, earning him a reputation as a pragmatic and reliable leader. His experience on the global financial stage, positions him as a leader with strong economic acumen. A former Goldman Sachs executive, Carney has long been seen as a steady hand in times of crisis, making him an ideal choice to ensure stability and economic resilience in the face of global uncertainties.

One of Carney's most immediate and critical challenges will be navigating Canada's relationship with the United States, particularly with former President Donald Trump returning to power. Trump's previous tenure was marked by a disdainful approach toward Canada, imposing tariffs on steel and aluminum, challenging trade agreements, and openly criticising the country's economic policies. In his second term, Trump has become even more vitriolic towards Canada. Carney's economic background makes him suited to address Trump's aggressive trade tactics. Having managed financial stability through turbulent times, he is likely to adopt a measured yet firm approach in negotiations. His experience in global financial leadership suggests he will prioritise economic diplomacy, leveraging Canada's trade alliances, including the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) and the Canada-European Union trade deal, to counterbalance US pressure.

However, Carney's personal history with Trump presents an interesting dynamic. In the past, he has been openly critical of Trump's economic policies and even likened him to Voldemort, the infamous antagonist from Harry Potter. While this past remark may resurface in political discourse, Carney is expected to adopt a professional stance, emphasising economic pragmatism over political rhetoric a stark departure from his predecessor.

Carney's leadership is expected to focus on economic stability, climate change initiatives, and maintaining Canada's social programs. Given his strong advocacy for sustainable finance, his administration may prioritise green investments, aligning Canada's economic policies with global climate commitments. Trade diversification will be another key aspect of his strategy. To mitigate the risk of overreliance on the US market, Carney may seek to strengthen economic ties with Europe, Asia, and emerging markets, reducing Canada's vulnerability to American protectionism.

Mark Carney's rise to Canada's highest office brings a shift from Trudeau's leadership style to one deeply rooted in financial expertise and economic strategy. Under Mark Carney's leadership, Indo-Canada relations are expected to take a pragmatic and economically driven turn. He is likely to prioritise trade, investment, and economic collaboration with India. Canada may seek to expand its role in sectors such as technology, clean energy, and natural resources, aligning with India's rapid economic growth. However, political tensions, particularly surrounding issues like Khalistani separatism, could remain a challenge. Carney's diplomatic approach will likely focus on de-escalation and fostering stronger ties through economic partnerships rather than ideological confrontations. His leadership presents an opportunity for renewed negotiations on a long-pending free trade agreement, which could significantly enhance bilateral trade.

Delhi's bold step towards sustainability

The newly elected Delhi government is setting ambitious goals for environmental sustainability and disaster resilience, with a strong focus on cleaning the Yamuna River, pollution control, and waste management

leaning the Yamuna river, pollution control, garbage management, and addressing climate and disaster resilience to ensure sustainable development are among the top priorities of the newly elected Delhi government. However, these ambitious goals can only be achieved with active community participation. Raising awareness and fostering public engagement are crucial to creating a more sustainable and disaster-resilient future. In this context, a Centre for Disaster Risk Management and Environmental Sustainability, known as "Yamuna- Apda evam Jalvayu Parivartan Nyunikaran Adhisthan (YAJNA)" meaning- Yamuna -Institute for Disaster and Climate Change Mitigation, is proposed. This centre will serve as a hub for education, collaboration, and action, setting an example for other states to follow

Delhi, the national capital of India, faces a complex web of hazards. From earthquakes and floods to human-induced crises such as severe air and water pollution, road accidents, and inefficient waste management, the city's vulnerabilities are escalating. Rapid urbanisation and a dense population further compound these risks, leading to widespread environmental degradation and public health crises. Despite existing efforts by multiple agencies, a significant gap remains in public engagement, coordination, and proactive action. A dedicated awareness centre like Yajna will bridge this gap by equipping cit-izens with the knowledge and tools to become active participants in resiliencebuilding.

Disaster management museums cum knowledge centres worldwide have demonstrated their potential to drive awareness and preparedness. The Kobe Earthquake Memorial Museum in Japan and the Tsunami Memorial Museum in Thailand have played pivotal roles in educating the public on natural and human-induced hazards and mitigating the risk with better response strategies. In India, the Earthquake Museum in Bhuj, Gujarat, serves as a model for enhancing public understanding of seismic risks. Inspired by these global and national examples, the proposed centre in Delhi will not only focus on disaster risk reduction but also integrate environmental conservation, climate change mitigation, and pollution control efforts, with a special emphasis on cleaning the Yamuna River.

Yamuna, the lifeline of Delhi, has been battling severe pollution for decades. Industrial waste, untreated sewage, and rampant encroachments have turned this once-pris-



tine river into a toxic water body. The newly elected government has placed Yamuna's rejuvenation at the forefront of its agenda, recognising that a clean river is fundamental to public health, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable urban development. However, government initiatives alone cannot restore the Yamuna. Without widespread community participation, even the most well-intentioned policies will fall short. The proposed centre will be crucial in mobilising citizens, educating them about the importance of river conservation, and providing actionable solutions for sustainable

water management. Environmental sustainability and disaster resilience are deeply interconnected. Poor waste management contributes to urban flooding, air pollution exacerbates respiratory diseases, and deforestation heightens vulnerability to climate-induced disasters. The centre will function as a convergence point where experts, policymakers, students, and local communities come together to find innovative and practical solutions. Through interactive exhibitions, hands-on training, and community-driven campaigns, the centre will empower people to adopt sustainable practices in their daily lives. It will promote waste segregation, composting, and recycling, significantly reducing Delhi's landfill burden. Additionally, it will advocate for green energy solutions, urban afforestation, and pollution control measures, aligning with India's commitments under the Paris Agreement and the Sendai Framework for

Disaster Risk Reduction

Public engagement will be at the heart of this initiative. Schools, colleges, resident welfare associations, and corporate sectors will be actively involved in awareness campaigns, training sessions, and workshops. The younger generation, in particular, will be encouraged to take ownership of environ-



hub, providing scientific insights and data-driven recommendations to strengthen urban resilience. It will facilitate collaboration between various government agencies, research institutions, and civil society organisations to develop integrated strategies for disaster preparedness and environmental sustainability. With realtime monitoring of air and water quality, the centre will enable authorities to take proactive measures in pollution control and disaster risk reduction.

This initiative is not just about creating another institution-it is about transforming

Delhi into a model city for resilience and sustainability. By integrating disaster risk reduction with environmental conservation, the centre will facilitate enhancing public safety, improve air and water quality, and promote sustainable urban planning. The direct economic benefits in the form of revenue will be significant as well. Similar to the Bhuj Earthquake Museum, which has become a successful revenue-generating centre, YAJNA is expected to attract students, researchers, policymakers, and industry professionals from across the country and beyond. Educational programs, training courses, and consultancy services will generate revenue, ensuring the centre's long-term viabil-

As Delhi embarks on a new chapter under the leadership of the newly elected government, the time to act is now. The commitment to cleaning the Yamuna, controlling pollution, managing waste effectively, and building climate resilience must be translated into concrete actions. This initiative offers a comprehensive and practical roadmap to achieve these goals. By bringing together the government, experts, and citizens, the centre will ensure that resilience and sustainability become embedded in Delhi's development journey. A resilient Delhi is not just a necessity-it is a responsibility we owe to future generations.

(The writer is former executive director, National Institute of Disaster Management. Views expressed are personal)

The delicate strength of relationships





to speak a few words. Eloquence is not my engineer has made me too rational and logical. I often find

Leaderspeak

Today, Prime Minister Navin Chandra Ramgoolam and I decided to give the India-Mauritius partnership the status of 'Enhanced Strategic Partnership'. We decided that India will cooperate in building the new Parliament building in Mauritius. This will be a gift to Mauritius from the Mother of Democracy. India and Maurities are connected not just by the Indian Ocean but by shared culture and values. We are each other's partners on the path of economic and social progress.

NARENDRA MODI, PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

Opinion

elationships are beautiful. However, I often view them through the lenses of the bound-Raries deeply ingrained during childhood and over the decades. I fail to grasp that human relationships are pure and unadulterated emotions. They cannot follow any scientific formulae. I also need to curb my tendency to judge the raw emotions and reactions of others solely based on my experiences.

I am the oldest child of my generation in the entire family. A lesson deeply ingrained into my psyche by my elders was that I needed to be mindful of the youngsters and guests came first. I discharged my responsibilities with the utmost care till I had my first setback in my early teens. A much younger cousin was playing with my sister. Like all children, they also started fighting for the same toy. It fell upon me to mediate. My sister did not say anything but burst into tears when I tried to explain that it was our responsibility to take care of the younger guest. Her tears taught me an important lesson. We have tried hard not to burden our daughters with unnecessary baggage.

A few days into my first posting in the railways, I was asked to chair the farewell meeting of a retiring staff. I was the seniormost official in the gathering at the relatively young age of 25. I was taken aback when I was asked



brooding, over a long drawn flowery speech. I remember my impromptu words even four decades later. I compared the professional journey of everyone from the time of joining till retirement to the life of a rose and the fragrance that it spreads till the end. I also compared the new life that the staff would embark upon from the next day to the blooming of a new flower. The staff had tears of gratitude in his eyes. The supervisors

applauded me for words well said. It was Bengal where words spoken from the heart are also received with utmost sincerity. I had developed an instant connection and lasting relationships with them. They recognised me as a sensitive soul they could uninhibitedly approach for help. I may not always have been of much assistance, but it was enough for the person to unburden.

A young neighbour told me that she finds me unduly sensitive to certain situations. She said that she, and probably many more, look up to me for guidance. She went on to mention that I need to curb my impulsive reactions. My response was that I am an extremely sensitive and emotional person, and I have spent a lifetime worrying about others. It is now time for me to be myself. I rather flippantly concluded, "This is what I am.'

This is a lesson I sometimes forget when imparting my words of wisdom to those dear to me. A long time as an wife as she starts talking about something bothering her, a situation that I may feel is beyond her control. I conveniently forget my learnings over a lifetime, till she reminds me that she is aware of the impossibility of the situation. She wants me to let her vent her frustrations. I realise there is a lot I need to work on.

In author Mignon G Eberhart's words, "The complexity of human relationships is never simple to follow; it is like intricate lacework, but lacework made of steel."

To conclude, relationships are intricate, shaped by personal experiences, emotions, and deep-seated values. My journey has been one of constant learning-understanding that relationships cannot be governed by rigid logic but by sensitivity and empathy. From childhood lessons of responsibility to professional experiences that connected me with people on a deeper level, I have realised that emotions must be acknowledged, not judged.

Over the years, I have also recognised my own need to evolve. While my rationality has served me well, it sometimes overshadows the simple act of listening. As my wife often reminds me that not every problem requires a solution-sometimes, people just need to be heard. As I continue to navigate relationships, I strive to embrace emotions without overanalysing them.

(The author is an electrical engineer with the Indian Railways and conducts classes in creative writing. Views expressed are personal)

Letters to the Editor

From Goddesses to Subjugation

Madam — The editorial 'Beyond the rhetoric' should sensitise all the concerned. History presents the picture of women placed in high esteem and treated with dignity and honour. Even where men were ruling women were guiding them in the fields of diplomacy, finance and social issues. We have many women rulers who have been envied by others for their value, popularity they enjoyed, ability to rule to the satisfaction of all their subjects. It is even said that before the male God's came in the scene it was Goddesses who were actually worshiped.

However, in due course of time they have yielded to the dominance of men. Even today the society worships goddesses but keeps women in a tamed status. In spite of their fine and valuable contributions they should not learn and recite Vedas.

But women are springing up today proving themselves to be the best in every field. There are scenes of rape and denial their due rights also, which are the fallouts of the impulsive rulers' who still view the women gender as a subjugated section. Some sections justify this by calling them the dictum of the Gods.

If the government is really serious it can implement the deterrent provisions to stop the spate of rapes. Women are paraded nude in public, raped and murder in Manipur.

AG RAJMOHAN | ANANTAPUR

India Fights Cancer

Madam—It is with reference to the news " BJP to open 200 day care cancer centres this year: Nadda". Central government's proposal of opening 200 day cancer centres in the country in 2025- 26 to provide basic facilities to cancer patients is a welcome move. It has also been planned to establish such centres in all districts in the next three years to treat cancer patients. In India, the number of cancer patients is rising and the country needs to improve access to cancer care. It is estimated that one in nine persons in India are likely to develop cancer in their lifetime.

Among the new cases breast, cervix and lung cancer are the most frequently reported. Though India has some of the most advanced cancer treatment methods and technology, there are still gaps in access and affordability. There

are also shortage of cancer care facilities, manpower and training. Early detection, screening, education, health promotion and tobacco control are important to prevent and control cancer. It is estimated that by 2050, there will be an 85 per cent increase in the number of new cancer cases and deaths in the WHO'S South East Asia region. It is unfortunate.

Therefore, there is an urgent need for continued efforts from clinicians, researchers and policy makers to collaborate and find the most effective strategies to serve cancer patients in the best way possible.

P VICTOR SELVARAJ | TIRUNELVELI

Self-Defence or Self-Reliance?

Madam -- The recent report from the Stockholm Peace Research Institute which highlight the Arm Import by the countries has revealed some of the really interesting facts. The report designate India as the second largest arms importing country after Ukraine, followed by Qatar. Although, the fact is not shocking that India is the major arm importing country, because we had a long history of it. There is no such big problem in such imports, but the shocking part of the story is that India fails to implement its so called state of the art plan of Aatmnirbhar Bharat idea of domestic arm manufacturing.

Whereas, China make a drastic shift of altering its import status. It successfully managed to keep itself out of the top ten importer ranking, paving the way for domestic manufacturing of such critical arms and ammunition in their own country

Arms are the basic need for self defence for any nation, which no country could ever think to avoid for. It is welcoming that despite India stand at the second position in the arm importing list, the import goes 9.3 per cent down in 2020-2024, compared to the arm trade figures of 2015-19.

In a bid to incline for self defence on our own, it is required that India must start satisfying its arm need on its own. We need to be self reliant for our self defence.

KIRTI WADHAWAN | KANPUR

SUPREME COURT MOOTS FOR DISABLED FRIENDLY PRISONS

Tupreme Court had expressed concerns over the plight of disabled prisoners which is against the Disability Act 2016 passed by the Parliament and it is worth mentionable that during that Parliament session there was pandemonium and Disability bill was passed and all parties supported the bill and the Supreme Court said a petition highlighting the trauma and inhumane conditions suffered by Professor G Saibaba and the elderly Stan Swamy raised a "serious" issue about the lack of disabled-friendly accommodation and facilities in prisons across the country While Stan Swamy had passed away

while lodged in jail as an undertrial prisoner, Saibaba had passed away last year a few months after he was acquitted and released from jail. The Supreme Court sought the response of the Central government to a PIL seeking adequate facilities for disabled prisoners in iails

The PIL cited the instances of treatment meted out to Professor GN Saibaba and Father Stan Swamy to highlight the severe

neglect of disabled prisoners and lack of disabled-friendly accommodation, washrooms and other facilities in jails.

While Stan Swamy passed away in 2021 while lodged in jail as an undertrial prisoner in the Bhima Koregaon violence case, Saibaba passed away last year a few months after he was acquitted and released from prison. The demise of Professor GN Saibaba, a scholar and human rights activist with disabilities, was directly attributable to his deteriorating health, exacerbated by prolonged incarceration and the inhumane conditions of his detention. Stan Swamy also struggled with disability due to Parkinson's syndrome and died while in prison. He was denied medical treatment and basic support," the petition submitted.

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YASH PAL RALHAN | JALANDHAR

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ANALYSIS 07

Logistics is Holding Back North India's Growth

India's industrial landscape is marked by a stark regional imbalance, with western and southern states surging ahead while northern states struggle to keep pace. Without urgent intervention to rationalise freight costs and improve logistics infrastructure, northern states risk falling further behind



ndia's industrial growth narrative presents an alarming regional imbalance that cannot be ignored. While western and southern states like Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Telangana stand as formidable economic powerhouses, their northern counterparts state such as Punjab and Uttar Pradesh remain entrenched in stagnation. This disparity poses a significant threat to our ambition of achieving a 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047. A critical factor driving this divide is logistics. The lack of adequate access to seaports makes manufacturing in northern India prohibitively expensive, crippling competitiveness and driving away crucial investment. If we fail to rationalise freight costs, the industrial sector in landlocked states will perpetually struggle, deepening the economic chasm.

Logistics: A Key Driver of **Industrial Inequality**

With a coastline stretching 4,316 km, southern and western states possess undeniable locational advantages that enable seamless exports to markets in China, Korea, Taiwan, Japan, and throughout the ASEAN region. Tamil Nadu dominates India's automobile sector, while Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, and Telangana lead in engineering, IT, and textiles. Collectively, these five states account for a staggering 53 per cent of India's total factories, firmly establishing their dominance in industrial growth. Maharashtra's industrial sector has experienced explosive growth, achieving a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 11.77 per cent from FY 2021-22 to 2023-24-the highest in the nation. Tamil Nadu follows closely at 11.63 per cent, with Telangana at 11.47 per cent, Gujarat at 10.2 per cent, and Karnataka at 8.47 per cent. In stark contrast, northern states such as Haryana (7.1 per cent), Punjab (6.78 per cent), and Uttar Pradesh (4.7 per cent) are falling behind, as highlighted by the Economic Survey of these states.

The Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) for 2022-23 further underscores this imbalance. Maharashtra and Gujarat contribute nearly 40 per cent of India's industrial output, while Uttar Pradesh and Punjab generate a mere 8.5 per cent and 2.8 per cent, respectively. The exorbitant cost of transporting goods from landlocked northern states to coastal export hubs severely undermines competitiveness. This issue has dampened overall industrial sentiment, making these states far less attractive for both domestic and foreign direct investment (FDI) compared to their southern and western counterparts.

FDI trends paint a stark picture of this disparity. According to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Maharashtra has emerged as the leading recipient of FDI from FY 2021-22 to 2023-24, attracting ₹5,32,429 Crore-an impressive 30 per cent of total FDI equity inflows. Karnataka follows with ₹3,89,483 Crore (22 per cent) and Gujarat with ₹2,99,624 crore (17 per cent). Together, these three and container depots are, on average, 1,400 km away



states command an astounding 69 per cent of India's total FDI, while the remaining states are left with a mere 31 per cent. This clearly illustrates how locational advantages significantly dictate industrial investment.

Export statistics serve as further evidence of this imbalance, with Gujarat and Maharashtra accounting for over 50 per cent of India's total exports, thanks to their robust seaport infrastructures. Without immediate and decisive intervention, this disparity will only continue to widen, threatening the future economic landscape of our nation.

Seaport-Led Industrialisation: A Global Perspective

Seaports play a critical role in industrialisation. Some countries, like China, have successfully leveraged their coastal regions to expand manufacturing capabilities. In China, industrial hubs are strategically located near ports, minimising logistical costs. In contrast, India's hinterland dry ports from seaports, leading to significantly higher export and import costs. This distance compounds competition from China, which accounted for nearly 42 per cent of India's textiles and clothing imports, 40 per cent of machinery imports, and 38.4 per cent of electronics imports in 2023-24. Why Freight Costs Matter

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reported in 2022 that India's logistics costs are already 14 per cent higher than the global average, disproportionately affecting manufacturers in landlocked northern states that rely on dry ports as critical trade gateways. Manufacturers in these areas face higher freight costs due to longer transit distances to seaports like Mumbai, Mundra, Kandla, and Chennai.

Dependence on road transport is 30-50 per cent

more expensive than rail. The lack of dedicated freight corridors slows transportation efficiency and increases operational expenses. Industries in northern states not only receive raw materials from coastal regions but also send finished products to markets using the same routes.

While dry ports have been established to bridge this gap, they often function merely as booking cen-tres rather than effective logistics solutions. As a result, northern manufacturers face a double freight burden, forcing many to relocate or shut down operations due to unsustainable costs. In contrast, industrial clusters in coastal states benefit from proximity to ports, enhancing their global trade competitiveness and generating employment.

Railway freight initiatives: The Indian Railways has successfully implemented targeted freight subsidies in select sectors. First, A 40 per cent discount is available for loading fly ash. Second, Traditional Empty Flow Directions (TEFD) rebate up to a 20 per cent reduction in costs for freight that moves along underutilised routes. Third, 157 'Kisan Rail'

services transport perishable goods and vegetables. A 50 per cent subsidy on railway freight, funded by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries under the "Operation Greens" scheme, has significantly boosted farm exports of agricultural commodities. Fourth, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) offers a 20 per cent Transport Incentive (TI) Scheme for finished goods transported via rail or the Inland Waterways Authority of India, from the port nearest to the location of industrial units in the North-Eastern Region (NER) to the buyers' area.

How freight subsidy could be re-structured

Based on previous initiatives, a targeted Northern States Freight Subsidy Program could be a game changer and might be structured as follows: Subsidised Rail Freight Rates:

1.Offering up to a 30-40 per cent subsidy on goods transported from northern dry ports to major coastal hubs

2-Expanding Empty Flow Rebates: Extending TEFD rebates to northern states to make backhaul freight more economical.

3-Infrastructure Development: Investing in multimodal logistics parks and dedicated freight corridors in the northern states.

The Way Forward:

The central government must not overlook its landlocked northern states to achieve inclusive industrial growth. Rail freight subsidies will support micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), attract new investments, and create jobs.

While global trade regulations often scrutinise subsidies, the pricing autonomy of Indian Railways allows for strategic adjustments in freight costs without breaching World Trade Organisation (WTO) rules. By revising freight structures, northern manufacturers can enhance their global competitiveness. If we aspire for a 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India), it is essential to ensure balanced industrial progress. To conclude, India's industrial growth is marked by stark regional disparities, with southern states while northern states lag behind. A key driver of this imbalance is logistics, as landlocked states face high freight costs that hinder competitiveness and discourage investment.

Proximity to seaports has enabled coastal states to dominate exports, attract foreign direct investment, and develop thriving industrial sectors. To bridge this gap, India must implement a targeted Northern States Freight Subsidy Program, including subsidised rail freight rates, expanded empty flow rebates, and enhanced logistics infrastructure.

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Reliance on Foreign Investments: The Role Of FDI & FII In Economic Stability

The Silent Crisis in **Education: Teacher Burnout**

Minister Narendra Modi blends rigorous analysis with bold policy moves. The BJP-led government has combined openness to foreign capital — through Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Foreign Institutional Investment (FII) — with initiatives to boost self-reliance. Economists and policymakers alike recognise foreign investment as a pillar of economic stability, providing critical financing, technology, and market access across sectors. This balanced strategy favours pro-growth reforms while building domestic capacity.

FDI AND FII: Temporary Boost For Long-Term Self-Reliance

Surging FDI inflows have strengthened India's growth and stability. Annual FDI hit a record \$83.6 Billion in FY2021-22, almost double the \$45 Billion in 2014. This reflects investors' confidence in India's reform agenda. Manufacturing FDI alone jumped 76 per cent in FY2021-22 after initiatives like Make in India, and even post-COVID FDI inflows were 23 per cent higher than pre-pandemic levels, underscoring sustained foreign trust during crises.

FII has been crucial in bolstering India's financial markets and boosting its economy. India has managed to extract maximum advantage out of FII Inflows to improve market liquidity and reinforce a strong balance of payments position. Moreover, the Modi government's economic policies have inspired considerable confidence in the Indian economy among global investors leading to ever-increasing inflows of capital that have further firmed up the Indian economy. Timely and proactive actions taken by policymakers from targeted liquidity infusions during the 2020 global crisis to automatic stabilisers have mitigated volatility and supported growth momentum.

This bolstered economic momentum, with its cadre of dedicated professionals, startups, and thriving industries, has catapulted India to a challenging, productive, and sustainable global positioning of higher foreign investments

Transformative Impact Across Key Sectors

Liberalised foreign investment regulations have funnelled significant capital reserves into formative industries including information technology, manufacturing infrastructure, healthcare, agribusiness, and education.

Technology corporations have been top beneficiaries, with the software and hardware sector attracting approximately 25 per cent of all foreign direct investment inflows in fiscal year 2021-2022, underscoring India's emergence as a global technology leader. Manufacturing resilient economic power.

-ndia's economic trajectory under Prime industries have gained momentum thanks to both foreign capital and domestic incentives designed to stimulate job creation and output. The innovative Production-Linked Incentive schemes introduced in 2020 have since incentivised ₹1.32 Trillion in new investments while expanding total production value by a staggering ₹10.9 Trillion, generating hundreds of thousands of well-compensated employment opportunities.

Strategic Reforms **Boost Self**-Reliance

PM Modi has aligned the overarching policy goals of self-reliance with encouraging foreign investment. Prime Minister Modi has shifted policy to turn selfreliance into both a goal and an opportunity for foreign investors. Launched in 2020 with a

\$20 Trillion stimulus, the

Atmanirbhar Bharat mission epitomises India's pursuit for self-reliant growth; more efficient, competitive and resilient economies that welcome foreign participation which can strengthen the domestic base.

Defence manufacturing is a case in point. The FDI cap on it was raised from 49 per cent to 74 per cent to attract joint ventures and technology transfer. On a broader scale, substantive liberalisation of FDI across all sectors (from coal mining and aviation to insurance and the internet) along with simplifying investment rules has radically improved India's investor-friendly environment. Together with the Make in India initiative, this ensures that foreign investment enters the country in forms that are consistent with national goals and strengthen the industrial foundation

Self-Reliant Growth

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Continuing reforms and overall multi-sector growth should keep India firmly on the map as a global place for investment. Nearly constant inflows from abroad, gains in sectors besides heavy industry, and a market that has been proof of the strength of this strategy.

Consequently, strategic foreign direct investment (FDI) and foreign institutional investors (FII) will continue to play important roles in India's pursuit of balanced development. By keeping up steady government policies and forming international partnerships, India can achieve economic self-reliance. This formula for success will ensure that India is a strong and

Conclusion

AS MITTAL

The challenge of balancing foreign investment with self-reliant economic growth in India has its roots in the socialist Nehruvian policies. Historically, India has oscillated between protectionist policies and open-market reforms. Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, the government has pursued a dual approach: encouraging Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Foreign Institutional Investment (FII) while simultaneously strengthening domestic industries. The core issue being tackled is how India can leverage foreign capital for growth without becoming overly dependent on external funding.

FDI brings in critical capital, technology, and expertise, which boost infrastructure, manufacturing, and technology sectors. Meanwhile, FII helps stabilize financial markets and improve liquidity. However, excessive reliance on foreign investments can lead to economic vulnerabilities, particularly during global downturns.

India has addressed this issue by implementing structural reforms such as Make in India, Atmanirbhar Bharat, and Production-Linked Incentives (PLI).

These initiatives ensure that foreign investments align with national priorities, fostering job creation, technological advancements, and industrial self-sufficiency.In essence, the problem being analysed is whether India can sustain high economic growth, attract global investments, and enhance self-reliance without compromising financial stability.

India's economic trajectory under Prime Minister Narendra Modi reflects a strategic blend of foreign investment and self-reliance.

The record-breaking inflows of FDI and FII underscore global confidence in India's reform agenda, strengthening financial markets, industrial growth, and employment generation. Initiatives like Make in India, Production-Linked Incentives, and Atmanirbhar Bharat have ensured that foreign investments align with national priorities, bolstering domestic capabilities while sustaining economic expansion.

The liberalisation of foreign investment regulations across key sectors such as technology manufacturing, and defense has attracted significant capital and fostered innovation.

The Modi government's pragmatic policies have mitigated global economic volatility, creating a resilient economic environment that can weather crises and sustain long-term growth. India's rise as a technology and industrial powerhouse is a testament to this strategic approach.

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eachers are more than just educators. They are mentors, motivators and role models who profoundly shape their students' lives. Teachers' ability to inspire, adapt, and create lasting impact makes them unique.

However, what saddens is that the fast-paced nature of education has left the teachers physically, emotionally and mentally exhausted.

Today, teacher burnout is real, and it is a growing crisis that affects not only educators but also students and the overall quality of education. Burnout, which is characterised by chronic stress, exhaustion and a loss of motivation, has led many skilled educators to leave the profession.

Several factors such as excessive workload, lack of support resources, wherein teachers work beyond their contracted hours, grading assignments, preparing lesson plans, attending meetings and handling administrative tasks, along with the expectation to constantly perform at high levels with limited time have resulted to overwhelming stress.

Many teachers, especially in under-

funded schools, are facing challenges such as overcrowded classrooms, lack of teaching materials and inadequate support staff, which has forced the teachers to find alternative solutions, often at the cost of their time and money.

Teaching is an emotionally demanding job. Today, a teacher apart from just teaching has to support students academically and personally, often acting as mentors, counsellors and caregivers. They even have to deal with student trauma, behavioural issues and academic struggles, which, as per several studies, has taken a significant emotional toll. Studies also reveal that in many countries, teachers are underpaid when compared to other professionals with similar education levels. This has led to financial stress and has contributed to dissatisfaction and exhaustion.

Due to their demanding schedules, many teachers struggle to find time for themselves and their families. The inability to maintain a worklife balance has contributed to chronic fatigue and decreased job satisfaction, resulting in teacher burnout.

Teacher burnout has serious consequences, not only for teachers but also for the education system as a whole. It is quite certain that once the person develops chronic stress, it will lead to physical health issues such as headaches, high blood pressure and insomnia. Not only this, it will also increase the risk of anxiety, depression and emotional exhaustion. Such teachers will at the same time struggle to maintain the same level of enthusiasm, patience and creativity in their teaching, affecting student engagement and learning outcomes

Today, many dedicated educators are leaving this noble profession due to burnout, resulting in teacher shortages and the loss of experienced professionals

Consequently, schools are compelled to hire less experienced teachers, which impacts the overall quality of education. When teachers experience burnout, students feel less supported and motivated. A disengaged or emotionally drained teacher can create a negative learning environment, impacting student performance and well-being.



multiple levels, requiring action from schools, governments and society to create a healthier teaching environment. Reducing workload by implementing manageable schedules, providing administrative support and minimizing unnecessary paperwork can help alleviate stress. Additionally, offering mental health

It is high time to address teacher

resources, counselling services and stress management programs can support teachers in coping with emotion-

al challenges. Increasing salaries, providing financial incentives and recognising teachers' efforts, can enhance job satisfaction and reduce financial

Conclusion

Above all, promoting work-life balance by limiting after-hours communication, ensuring adequate breaks and offering flexible schedules is crucial. Furthermore, fostering a supportive work environment through strong leadership, collaboration, mentorship programs and professional development can make teachers feel valued. Lastly, granting teachers more autonomy by reducing excessive standardised testing and allowing them to design engaging, student-centred lessons can boost motivation and fulfilment.

There is no denying that teacher burnout is a serious issue that demands immediate attention. Without proper intervention, the education system risks losing passionate and skilled educators, which will ultimately affect students' success and the future of education.

Investing in teacher well-being is not just about improving their lives, rather it is about ensuring a better future for generations to come. To conclude, teachers are the backbone of education. Yet, the growing demands of the profession have left many educators physically, emotionally, and mentally drained. Teachers have a larger responsibility towards the society. If they are emotionally, mentally and physically fit they can deliver what it takes to build a nation!

(The writer is an educator. Views expressed are personal)



IN BRIEF



Rupee inches up 2 paise to close at 87.19 against US dollar

he rupee advanced 2 paise to close at 87.19 (provisional) against the US dollar on Wednesday amid volatile global sentiment on tariff uncertainties and some recovery in the American currency index. Forex analysts said an upward move in crude oil prices also impacted the local unit and capped its gain as selling pressure in domestic equity and outflow of foreign capital continued. Also, market participants stayed cautious, awaiting cues from macroeconomic data to be released in India and the US later in the day. At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 87.24 and touched the intraday low of 87.32 against the greenback. The unit also hit the day's high of 87.17 before ending the session at 87.19 (provisional) against the dollar, 2 paise higher from its previous session's closing level. The rupee ended 10 paise higher at 87.21 against the dollar on Tuesday, a day after losing 36 paise.



Ecom Express launches 'Pragati' to upskill over 4,000 employees

-commerce logistics solutions provider Ecom Express on Wednesday said it has launched 'Pragati', a learning and development programme designed to upskill delivery center managers (DCMs) across its last-mile operations. Pragati aims to certify over 4,000 employees, both existing and new hires, in logistics, supply chain management and behavioural skills, the company said in a statement. The programme is a hybrid learning model with classroom sessions, virtual modules, and self-paced learning via E-Pathshaala, a comprehensive learning management system (LMS) to create scalable growth opportunities for the workforce. "By providing structured learning paths and certifications, we aim to create a culture of continuous development and operational excellence. This initiative not only supports our internal teams but also creates opportunities for fresh talent to join and grow with Ecom Express Through Pragati ommitted to

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EU retaliates against Trump's trade moves

Slaps tariffs on produce from Republican-held states

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The European Union on Wednesday announced retaliatory trade action with new duties on US industrial and farm products, responding within hours to the Trump administration's increase in tariffs on all steel and aluminum imports to 25%

The world's biggest trading bloc was expecting the US tar-iffs and prepared in advance, but the measures still place great strain on already tense transatlantic relations. Only last month, Washington warned Europe that it would have to take care of its own security in the future.

The EU measures will cover goods from the United States worth some 26 billion euros (\$28 billion), and not just steel and aluminum products, but also textiles, home appliances and agricultural goods. Motorcycles, bourbon, peanut butter and jeans will be hit, as they were during President Donald Trump's first term.

The EU duties aim for pressure points in the US while minimising additional damage to Europe. The tariffs — taxes on imports — primarily target Republican-held states, hitting soybeans in House speaker Mike Johnson's Louisiana, but also beef and poultry in Kansas and

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(NHB).

NHB, a statu-

tory body under

the Government

of India, has released the

Report on Trends

and Progress of

Housing in India.

September 30,

2024, EWS and

LIG accounted

"As

Individual housing loans out-

standing stood at Rs 33.53 lakh

crore at the end of September,

a growth of 14 per cent year-

on-year, with the MIG seg-

ment accounting for the max-

imum credit, according to

National Housing Bank

on

MIC



Nebraska. Produce in Alabama, Georgia and Virginia is also on the list.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said in a statement that the bloc "will always remain open to negotiation".

As the US are applying tariffs worth 28 billion dollars, we are responding with countermeasures worth 26 billion euros," she said. The commission manages trade and commercial conflicts on behalf of the 27 member EU countries.

"We firmly believe that in a world fraught with geopolitical and economic uncertainties, it is not in our common interest to burden our economies with tariffs," von der Leven said.

house price movements, flagship programmes of GoI in the

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Lending Institutions (PLIs) in

providing housing credit, per-

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such as PMAY-G, PMAY-U,

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look for the sector.

Trump said his taxes would help create US factory jobs, but von der Leyen said: "Jobs are at stake. Prices will go up. In

Housing loans outstanding stood

at Rs 33.53 lakh crore: NHB

silver rallies Rs 1,300 PNS NEW DELHI

Gold prices were marginally up in the national capital on Wednesday amid modest retail buying as well as jewellery offtake, as well as jewenery offtake, according to the All India Sarafa Association. The precious metal of

Gold slightly up

on retail buying,

99.9 per cent purity rose by Rs 60 to Rs 88,850 per 10 grams. It had closed at Rs 88,790 per 10 grams on Tuesday

Gold of 99.5 per cent purity advanced by Rs 60 to Rs 88,450 per 10 grams. Silver price climbed by Rs 1,300 to hit nearly a three-week high of Rs 1,00,200 per kg. It had settled at Rs 98,900 per kg in the previous market close.

In the international markets, spot gold in the international markets traded flat at USD 2,915.73 per ounce.

Also, Comex futures for April delivery traded higher at USD 2,921.30 per ounce.

Europe and in the United States."

Canada will

announce more than

\$20 billion in tariffs

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nanada will announce

Canadian \$29.8 billion (\$20.7 billion) in retaliatory

tariffs in response to the 25%

steel and aluminum tariffs that

has levelled, a senior Canadian

Wednesday. The official spoke

authorised to speak before the

announcement. The European

Union on Wednesday also

announced retaliatory trade

action with new duties on US

industrial and farm products,

increase in tariffs on all steel

Trump administration's

and aluminum imports to

25%

responding within hours to the

US President Donald Trump

government official said

on condition of anonymity

because they weren't

"We deeply regret this mea-sure. Tariffs are taxes. They are bad for business, and even worse for consumers. These tariffs are disrupting supply chains. They bring uncertainty for the econ-omy," she said.

Sensex falls for 4th day as IT pack tumbles on US growth concerns

PNS NEW DELHI

Benchmark BSE Sensex dropped by 72 points on Wednesday, extending its losing run to the fourth day as IT shares retreated due to concerns over US growth.

The 30-share BSE Sensex fell 72.56 points or 0.10 per cent to close at 74,029.76. During the session, it tumbled 504.16 points or 0.68 per cent to touch a low of 73,598.16.

The NSE Nifty slipped 27.40 points or 0.12 per cent to end at 22,470.50. In the session, it fell 168.35 points or 0.74 per cent to hit an intraday low of

Inflation falls below 4% target, opens space for another rate cut

2023," NSO said.

A significant decline in head-

line inflation and food inflation

during February has been

mainly attributed to decline in

inflation of vegetables, egg,

meat and fish, pulses and products, and milk and products. Key items having lowest

year-on-year inflation in

February were ginger (-35.81 per cent), jeera (-28.77 per cent), tomato (-

cent).

gold (35.56 per cent), silver

(30.89 per cent), and onion

Data on urban inflation

showed a significant decline

from 3.87 per cent in January 2025 to 3.32 per cent in

February. A similar decline

was observed in food inflation,

which decreased from 5.53 per

cent to 3.20 per cent in

February. A sharp decline in headline and food inflation in

per cent from 4.59 per cent a

(30.42 per cent).

month earlier.

28.51 per cent),

cauliflower (-21.19 per cent), garlic (-20.32 per

On the other

hand, top items

with highest infla-

tion were coconut

oil (54.48 per

cent), coconut

(41.61 per cent),

Money 08

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Retail inflation slipped to seven-month low of 3.61 per cent in February mainly due to easing prices of vegetables, eggs, and other protein-rich items, creating space for the RBI to go for another cut in interest rate next month.

The consumer price index-based retail inflation was at 4.26 per cent in

January and 5.09 per cent in February 2024. The previous low was witnessed in July.

The consumer price index (CPI) has been in the comfort zone of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

since November 2024. There is a decline of 65 basis

points in headline inflation of February 2025 in comparison to January 2025. It is the lowest year-on-year inflation after July 2024," the National Statistics Office (NSO) said while releasing the CPI. Year-on-year food inflation

for February was 3.75 per cent. "A sharp decline of 222 basis points is observed in food inflation in February 2025 in the rural sector was also observed in February to 3.79 comparison to January 2025. The food inflation in February 2025 is the lowest after May

> BSNL, MTNL raise Rs 12,984 crore from asset monetisation

PNS NEW DELHI

State-owned telecom firms BSNL and MTNL have earned a total of Rs 12,984.86 crore from monetisation of land, buildings, tower and fibre since 2019, Parliament was informed on Wednesday.

According to data shared by Minister of State for Communications Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar in Lok Sabha, BSNL has earned Rs 2,387.82 crore and MTNL Rs 2,134.61 crore up to January 2025 from monetisation of lands and buildings.

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ships with Elon Musk's SpaceX The BSE Smallcap gauge fell 0.48 per cent, while the midcap for providing high-speed interindex slipped 0.57 per cent. Among the BSE sectoral net services in India. As many as 2,491 stocks

indices, Focussed IT, IT, Teck, declined while 1,494 advanced and 137 remained unchanged Realty, Telecommunication, Metal, Capital Goods, Services, on the BSE. were among The mark

"BSNL and MTNL are



future-ready workforce that aligns with our mission to redefine logistics in India," Ecom Express CHRO Swati Mor said



Govt to auction mining licences today

he government will launch the first-ever auction of exploration licences on Thursday, ahead of putting 13 blocks on sale to tap mineral resources like zinc, diamond and copper. With the enactment of the MMDR Amendment Act, 2023, exploration licences were introduced to allow private participation in reconnaissance and prospecting for 29 critical and deep-seated minerals, including lithium, copper, cobalt, gold and silver. The move is likely to accelerate exploration, increase private sector participation, and bolster country's mineral security and self-reliance in critical minerals, the mines ministry said in a statement. In the first phase, the government will auction 13 blocks of minerals like zinc. diamond and copper, through an online bidding process, it said. The auction will be launched in Goa. The programme will also feature a roadshow on the fifth tranche of critical mineral blocks and the launch of Al Hackathon 2025, a mineral exploration hackathon focused on 'mineral targeting using Al'.

report," it said. ed for 44 per cent and HIG

accounted for 17 per cent of It also said the outlook for outstanding individual housthe housing sector remains ing loans," the report said. promising, driven by budget It further said individual announcements on PMAY 2.0, urbanisation, transit-orienthousing loan disbursements during the half year ended ed development, digitisation September 2024 were Rs 4.10 and other factors.

The report further said lakh crore while disbursements during the year ended housing finance companies March 2024 were Rs 9.07 lakh (HFCs) have played a pivotal role in the Indian housing sec-The report broadly covers tor by catering to the diverse the housing scenario and needs of homebuyers.

Infosys, Tech Mahindra, Nestle India, Tata Consultancy Services, HCL Technologies, Asian Paints, Axis Bank, Zomato, Hindustan Unilever, and Bharti Airtel were among the laggards.

On the other hand, IndusInd Bank, Tata Motors, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Bajaj Finance, HDFC Bank, ÍTC, Sun Pharma, Bajaj Finserv and UltraTech Cement were the gainers.

ustrial the major laggards.

In contrast, Energy, FMCG, financial services, Healthcare, Utilities, Auto, Bankex, Consumer Durables, Oil & Gas, and Power were the gainers. IT stocks declined more than 5 per cent amid growing

concerns over the US economy entering recession. Shares of Bharti Airtel as well as Reliance Industries settled on a mixed note on the BSE after the two firms announced their partner-

BSE-listed firms slipped by Rs 1,40,922.64 crore to Rs 3,92,84,618.08 crore (USD 4.50 trillion). Meanwhile, official data released after the market hours showed that retail inflation slipped to 3.61 per cent in February mainly due to the decline in the rate of price rise in vegetables and protein-rich items, creating space for the Reserve Bank of India for second reduction in interest rate next month.

nonetising only those la and building assets which are not required for their own use in the foreseeable future and for which it has the rights to transfer the ownership," Sekhar said in a writ-

ten reply. BSNL has earned Rs 8,204.18 crore and MTNL Rs 258.25 crore from monetisation of close assets comprising tower and fibre up to January 2025, as per the reply.

IT industry to see 4-6 pc revenue growth: ICRA

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crore.

Indian IT companies are expected to see moderate revenue growth of 4-6 per cent in FY26, with hiring likely to remain subdued until growth accelerates towards the end of the fiscal year, according to credit rating agencyICRA.

The agency projected attrition level to average 12-13 per cent over the near term.

"Icra projects its sample set of Indian IT services companies (which account for 60 per cent of the industry in revenue terms) to witness a moderate 4-6 per cent revenue expansion in USD terms in FY2026.

"Moreover, hiring is likely to remain low until the growth momentum picks up by the end of FY2026," it said.

Icra's sample set recorded a year-on-year revenue growth of 3.6 per cent in USD terms during the first nine months of FY2025.

This growth was part of a gradual recovery over the past three quarters, aided by a lower base from FY2024. Additionally, there was a slight increase in discretionary spending by customers in the BFSI and retail sectors in certain markets, along with investments in Generative AI initiatives that led to new



orders, ICRA said.

The sample set includes Birlasoft, Coforge, Cyient, HCL Technologies, Infosys, LTIMindtree, L&T Technology Services, Mastek, Mphasis, Oracle Financial Services Software, Persistent Systems, Tata Consultancy Services, Tech Mahindra, Wipro, and Zensar

Technologies. Icra Vice President & Sector Head Deepak Jotwani said the growth momentum for ICRĂ's sample set of IT services companies is likely to remain muted over the near term, owing to the looming uncertainty related to the imposition of the US trade tariffs and macroeconomic headwinds across the key markets of the US and Europe.

Policy changes by the US government for key sectors catered to by Indian IT services companies as well as future interest rate trajectory will remain the key monitorables, he said.



GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

Online tenders are invited for the NIT No. 43-47/2024-25 Dt: 12.03.2025 from th eligible registered contractors for (05) works in Bhadradri Kothagudem Districts sanctioned under with an estimate cost Rs:40.89 Lakhs. Description of items ECV, END, availability of tender documents, important dates, tender conditions eligibility of tender and all other details are available from 15.03.2025 onwards on https://tender.telangana.gov.in Sdi- District PR Enginee DIPR R.O.No: 11338-PPICLIADVT/12024-25, Date: 12-03-2825

Equity MFs inflow drops 26 pc to Rs 29,303 crore

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Inflow in equity mutual funds dropped 26 per cent to Rs 29,303 crore in February, primarily due to a significant decline in investments in small and midcap schemes, amid continued market volatility.

This was the second consecutive month of decline in inflow in equity funds. The latest fund infusion by investors also marks the 47th consecutive month of net inflows into the segment.

Moreover, inflows into systematic investment plans (SIP) came at Rs 25,999 crore in February, making it three months low. Before this, SIP inflow was Rs 26,400 crore in January

and Rs 26,459 crore in December. According to data released by Association of Mutual Funds in India (Amfi) on Wednesday, equityoriented mutual funds saw an inflow of Rs 29,303 crore in February, way lower than Rs 39,688 crore registered in January and Rs 41,156 crore in December.

However, the pace of investments moderated compared to the previous month due to increased market uncertainty and a broader correction in equities. Also, the sharp decline was attributed to reduced inflows in mid and small-cap funds, which saw a drop to Rs 3,406 crore and Rs 3,722 crore in February, compared to Rs 5,147 crore and Rs 5,720 crore in



January, respectively. In large-cap funds, inflows totalled Rs 2,866 crore, down from Rs 3,063 crore in January.

Within the equity categories, sectoral/thematic funds witnessed the highest net inflow of Rs 5,711 crore, followed by Flexi Cap Funds with Rs 5,104 crore.

Apart from equities, gold exchange-traded funds (ETFs) saw an inflow of Rs 1,980 crore against Rs 3,751 crore in January.

However, debt mutual funds registered an outflow of Rs 6,525 crore last month in February, a sharp reversal from the strong inflows of Rs 1.28 lakh crore in the preceding month

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA IRRIGATION AND CAD DEPARTMENT E PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE Nos. 08/2024-25, Dt: 11.03.2025 Bids are invited for (01) work for the Emergent Repairs to the Trough side and Middle wall and Slab of Syphon aqueduct trough @ Km. 311.330 of Kakatiya Main Canal of SRSP-II, bids are available in the web site from 13.03.2025 to 27.03.2025. For further details log on to http://tender.telangana.gov.ir vebsite Sdl- Superintending Engineer, I&CADD, Irrigation Circle, Jangaor DIPR R.O.No: 11389-PPICLIADVT/12024-25, Detr. 12-03-2825

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA IRRIGATION CIRCLE ARMOOR TENDER NOTICE

Tenders for the work of Repairs and Replacement of Electro Mechanical works Laxmi Canal of SRSP - O&M of Vempally Pump house, Nawab Pump house & Bodepally Pump house work were tender floated vide Tender Notice No 15/SÉ/IC/ARMOOR/2024-25, Dt: 11-03-2025 (Re-Call) for an amount of Rs. 98.13 Lakhs available from 11-03-2025 to 25-03-2025. Further details can be seen @ https://tender.telangana.gov.in. Sd/- Superintending Engineer Irrigation Circle, Armoo DIPR R.O.No: 11349-PPICLIADVT112024-35, Date: 13-03-2825



BEYOND WILLPOWER, A QUEST AGAINST JUST 'ONE PUF'

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very year, on the second Wednesday of March, No Smoking Day is observed to raise awareness about the importance of quitting smok-ing. This year, No Smoking Day carries the theme "Unmasking the Appeal"-

allure of smoking and encouraging people to see through its false glamour. On this occasion, *The Pioneer* had an exclusive conversation with Dr. V.S.

Gideon, Managing Director of Living Sober Rehabilitation Center, to understand how smoking develops as an addiction, the importance of quitting and the ways to successfully overcome

Dr. Gideon explains that smoking is an addiction that affects the brain. It is classified as a brain disorder and there is no known cure for it. He elaborates that addiction is driven by dopamine, a chemical in the brain that generates a feeling of satisfaction. "Every person has dopamine, which is also known as the 'feel-good' factor. When you experience pleasure from smoking, dopamine is released. Over time, this leads to addiction," he says. Initially, smoking may start voluntarily,

often due to peer pressure or pas-

sion, but over time, the brain begins to crave that pleasurable feeling. "An extra release of dopamine makes the brain recognize smoking as a source of increased happiness. Eventually, the brain rewires itself, sending altered messages that say: If I don't smoke, I cannot function."

Many believe quitting smoking is simply about willpower, but Dr. Gideon dismisses this notion. He asserts that there is no medicinal cure for smoking addiction. Some organizations may prescribe medicines, but even the World Health Organization (WHO) has stated that there are no medications that can permanently eliminaté smoking addiction. "At our rehabilitation center, we don't just



medicines. Instead, we follow a compassionate approach, sitting with smokers, understanding their addiction, and identifying their triggers," he explains. The Living Sober Rehabilitation Center focuses on creating awareness about addiction and helping individuals recognize their vulnerabilities

rather than simply offering a quick fix. One of the biggest challenges of quit-ting smoking is dealing with withdraw-al symptoms. These include palpitations, tremors, sweating, hallucina-tions, sleeplessness, irritability, and aggression. Dr. Gideon emphasizes that quitting smoking must be an abrupt decision. "If a person smokes ten cigarettes a day and tries to reduce it gradually, the brain will still demand the original quantity. More often than not, people relapse and end up smoking even more," he warns. Instead of slowly cutting down, he

advises quitting entirely and seeking professional sup-port to manage withdrawal. The rehab center provides holistic programs such as meditation, yoga, and therapy sessions to help individuals and therapy sessions to help individu cope with cravings and maintain long-term sobriety. "Meditation calms the brain and helps people quit smoking,

but it does not work unless they are fully committed," he states. While support from family and friends is important, quitting smoking is ultimately an individual com-mitment. He asserts, "A person

makes the decision to smoke, and similarly, the decision to quit must come from them." That said, family members play

a key role in providing moral support. They need to understand that smoking addiction is a brain disorder and support their loved ones in their recovery journey. A positive social circle can encourage a person to quit, but the effort must

come from the individual. Dr. Gideon strongly discourages substitut-ing cigarettes with e-cigarettes or vaping, call-ing it an ineffective solution. "When a person is addicted to one substance, their brain records that addiction. Switching to another substance does not help because the brain still craves the original source of pleasure," he explains. Instead, quitting must be absolute and final, with no alternatives.

One of the most difficult aspects of quitting smoking is the possibility of relapse. Ďr. Gideon emphasizes that the brain forgets never addiction. Even years after quitting, certain situations can trigger intense cravings.

In an exclusive conversation with *The Pioneer*, Dr. V.S. Gideon, Managing **Director of Living Sober** Rehabilitation **Center, breaks down** the science of smoking addiction, the struggles of withdrawal and why quitting requires more than just willpower

"Patients need to understand that addiction is a lifelong battle. That's why we tell them that quitting smoking is a maintenance program, not a one-time cure," he explains. To suppress cravings, individuals must follow structured sobriety techniques. If they consistently apply these techniques, they send a strong message to their brain that they have quit smoking for good. A common concern among those quitting smok-ing is weight gain. Dr. Gideon dismisses this as a misinterpretation of health recovery. "Smoking deteri-orates physical health. When a person quits, their efficiency improves, their appetite returns and they eat better. It's not about gaining weight—it's about regaining health," he says. While quitting smoking is a personal decision, government intervention is necessary to reduce smoking rates. Dr. Gideon criticizes the lack of strict implementation of smoking bans. "The government imposes fines and penalties for smoking in public places, but how many people are actually penalized?" he questions. He believes stronger policies, stricter enforcement, and better awareness initiatives are needed to truly

combat smoking addiction. Dr. Gideon urges smokers to make the decision to quit and follow through with determination. "Addiction is powerful, but your will to quit can be stronger. The first step is believing in yourself," he says.

For those struggling to quit, he strongly advises seeking professional counseling. "Meeting a de-addic-tion counselor is the first and most effective step to overcoming triggers," he adds. At Living Sober Rehabilitation Center, individuals receive personalized therapy and structured recovery programs that focus on long-term sobriety rather than temporary solutions. "It's not just about quitting for a few weeksit's about quitting for life," he concludes.

Add touch of tradition to your Holi feast

The vibrant festival of Holi is approaching, bringing with it the perfect opportunity to gather with loved ones, celebrate the joy of colours and indulge in delightful traditional Zaikedar delicacies that make the occasion even more special. Zeeba Basmati Rice is the ideal component for creating delectable dishes that will enhance your Holi feast with its exceptional quality and unpar-alleled texture.

Enjoy a range of delicious recipes that will bring everyone to the table this Holi and make your celebrations unforgettable with it. Enjoy Holi with ideal combination of tastes and colours!

Basmati Rice to make a vibrant and nourishing vegetable biryani this Holi. The combination of long, slender grains, aromatic spices and fresh veggies will not only be a visual feast but also please all palates.

A warm, sugary bowl of Gulabi Gud Chawal is the epitome of jubilation. This dish, made with is cooked with jaggery, ghee, car-damom and saffron, giving it a wonderful aroma and the perfect amount of sweetness. A musthave to make your Holi festivities sweeter.

This festive Holi Special Pulao, cooked with rice, is infused with dried fruits like cashews, almonds, and raisins. The superior quality of the rice combined with the richness of the dry fruits makes it



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an ideal dish for a Holi feast. Make a traditional Kheer using rice to end your Holi meal on a delicious note. With its thick, creamy texture, fragrant cardamom and saffron flavors, and a sprinkle of crushed nuts, this dessert is a decadent and comforting treat to share with your loved ones.

Holi is a season of joy, togeth-erness and of course, Zaikedar delectable cuisine. By preparing tasty dishes that bring joy and happiness to your celebrations, you can make your Holi even more memorable.

Make it the main component in all your Holi dishes, from colorful pulaos to delectable puddings and enjoy with your family and loved ones.



Making far-reaching changes in intl trade

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his young visionary is changing the face of international trade with a sharp sense of opportunity and a talent for leadership! This young entrepreneur, Nikhil Agrawal, has raised one of the biggest seed rounds in the sector because of his special combination of technological know-how and business savvy. His leadership has changed how companies handle international trade by fostering innovation and creating high-performing tech teams. He is dedicated to breaking down barriers to international trade and realising India's potential, having traveled much and developed a love for empowering entrepreneurs. Excerpts from the interview:

Your path—from computer science and business studies to co-founding a firm funded by Y Combinator and then creating Pazago—indicates a unique combination of technical expertise and strategic vision. In retrospect, do you consider yourself more of a businessman who understands technology or a technologist who understands business?

I've always worked at the nexus of business and technology, which are inextricably linked. I consider myself as a business developer with a thorough understanding of technology, not only as a tool but also as a force multiplier capable of radically altering entire sectors. I seen firsthand how technology could streamline intricate financial decisions at Alinea Invest. I discovered at Credit Karma how automation and data may generate enormous efficiencies on a large scale. An continuation of that idea is Pazago, which transforms a dispersed, relationship-based sector into an organised, data-driven ecosystem. This viewpoint has influenced my leadership style. I don't just build technology; we make technology that solves practical problems, boosts commercial results and builds confidence in a historically untrustworthy industry.

You grew up observing your father as he experienced the highs and lows of being an entrepreneur. Was there a specific instance-perhaps a crisis he handled or a choice he made-that influenced your perception of what starting a business actually entails?

One of my first experiences with true entrepreneurship was observing my father manage a supply chain issue in his company. There was no clear indication of when a shipment that was delayed would be fixed. Businesses depend heavily on connections, trust and sometimes, uncertainty. I recall witnessing the irritation, the phone calls and the continuous back and forth. That experience stayed with me. In trade and supply chains, where companies are compelled to rely on hope instead of procedure, visibility and certainty, it made me acutely aware of the problems.

Having studied in Boston and London, worked in Silicon Valley and now run a business in India, you have been exposed to a variety of entrepreneurial cultures. What do Indian entrepreneurs frequently misunderstand about global scaling? The most common misperception

about India is that its economy still

mostly relies on services. In actuality, India is quickly developing into a product-driven, deep-tech ecosystem. It's an antiquated notion that Indian businesses excel at execution but struggle with creativity. The finest solutions in India aren't simply catching up; they're setting global standards. Take a look at how the country jumped ahead in fintech, digital payments and supply chain technology. However, Indian businesspeople frequently misjudge how difficult it is to scale internationally. Regulatory environments, purchasing patterns and market expectations differ greatly and what works in India does not necessarily apply to other countries. Expanding is only one aspect of scaling worldwide; another is deeply localising without sacrificing operational effectiveness.

How do you handle the conflicting demands of being a youthful founder, where you must not only be fearless and innovative but also win over seasoned investors and business experts who might doubt your background?

In a conventional, high-stakes business like cross-border trading, the only way to gain trust is to produce outcomes, both regularly and in large quantities. Until you demonstrate that you know the business better than everybody else in the room, age is merely a consideration. In addition to discussing transformation, we have built it by putting it into practice. I collaborate with leading exporters from a variety of industries, have helped our clients cut shipment delays by more than 30% and have developed an end-to-end fulfillment infrastructure that applies process rigour to a previously disjointed industry. People want you to be disruptive when you're vound, but true disruption comes from creating something that functions better rather than just creating noise. We have gained the confidence of investors and industry participants in this way.

Many business owners talk about having a "lightbulb moment"—a singular realisation that a system is flawed and ready for change. When did you have that encounter?

It was the identification of patterns in hundreds of exporter discussions, not a single instance. Every company I talked to had the same problems: they didn't know what their orders were, they didn't have a systematic method for handling logistics or quality control and delays and cost overruns were just "part of the business." It dawned on me then: a \$400 billion industry that relies on WhatsApp chats, Excel sheets and intuition. Rebuilding the entire process from the ground up with technology, structure and openness was the goal, not just fixing one inefficiency.

Which tactics have been successful in changing attitudes?

Showing people how technology works is more difficult than persuading them that it does. Exporters don't mind change; they just object to it if it seems dangerous, difficult, or unrelated to their processes. Our approach has been to demonstrate benefit right away and onboard people gradually. We begin by addressing one issue at a time, such as visibility, quality control, or order management efficiency,



rather than expecting them to completely revamp their operations overnight. Naturally, they embrace the entire stack after realising the impact.

How do you envision fostering trust in an industry that has historically been dominated by interpersonal interactions?

I prioritise responsibility and predictability over technology. Consistent execution: All exporters are certain that their orders will be fulfilled accurately and that we will identify problems before they become serious ones.

Partnership mentality: We're an extension of their company, not just a platform, making sure that quality assurance, logistics and currency risk management run well.

Human touch: We strengthen the relationship layer with data-driven decision-making and real-time support, rather than eliminating it when we automate procedures.

Many founders discuss "building with impact, < but what does that imply in real life, in your opinion?

Impact, in my opinion, is more about tangible results than lofty declarations. There will be a significant impact if we can increase trade's predictability, effectiveness and profitability for companies. It involves tackling significant, real-world issues on a large scale. Every choice made is motivated by the same question: Does this make life easier for exporters? An impact occurs if a Mumbai seafood exporter avoids cargo rejection as a result of our technology anticipating a possible quality issue. There will be an impact if a business owner can stop chasing around freight forwarders, shipping lines and suppliers via email and WhatsApp in order to follow an order. There will be an effect if a Gujarati factory receives payment more guickly as a result of our integrated financial solutions streamlining trade financing

What would the perfect future look like, where your vision is completely realised?

Imagine a world in which cross-border trade functions with the same accuracy and predictability as an online purchase, free from delays, quality rejections and supply chain inefficiencies. That is the future we are creating! Every stage of an export order is automated, transparent and completely integrated in this world, from sourcing to fulfillment to payments. Exporters no longer have to spend weeks tracking down information, resolving conflicts, or figuring out complicated compliance issues. Rather, their integrated financial solutions, Alpowered suggestions and real-time insights make international trade simple. Which prediction is the most audacious? Technology will make exporting as simple as domestic sales within the next ten years. Trade finance will be quick and integrated into transactions and AI will predict disruptions before they occur.

elebrate the festival of colours with a breathtaking long weekend getaway! Whether you're looking for serene backwaters. lush green hill retreats, or coastal escapes, these five destinations are perfect for creating vibrant Holi memories. Plan your escape and capture the essence of Holi at these stunning, Instagram-worthy locations.

Niraamaya Retreats **Backwaters & Beyond, Kumarakom**

Set on the tranquil banks of Lake Vembanad, it offers an idvllic escape amidst 8 acres of lush tropical gardens. Enjoy the serenity of Kerala's backwaters while indulging in luxury at this five-star Ayurveda resort. From world-class wellness therapies and gourmet dining to sunset boat rides, this retreat is a picture-perfect setting for your Holi weekend getaway. Capture the beauty of backwaters with dreamy sunset cruises, relax in a luxury Ayurveda spa and indulge in gourmet regional and international cuisine with scenic views.

The Tamara Coorg

For those who love nature and aesthetic landscapes, it offers a dreamy setting amidst coffee and spice plantations. Wake up to the soothing sounds of waterfalls, enjoy gourmet meals, and relax with luxury spa treatments-all while soaking in the natural beauty perfect for your Holi weekend content. Stroll through stunning plantation trails, hike to hidden waterfalls, indulge in gourmet dining, and immerse yourself in Holi celebrations set against a lush green backdrop, making every moment truly picture-perfect.

The Tamara Kodai

Nestled in the charming hill station of Kodaikanal, it blends colonial elegance with modern luxury, making it a perfect escape for a picture-perfect Holi getaway. Breathe in the crisp mountain air, capture serene landscapes and indulge in gourmet dining with breathtaking panoramic views. Experience rejuvenation at the Elevation Spa, embark on scenic nature trails, and savor gourmet meals on long weekend, all set in a luxurious hilltop retreat that offers the perfect balance of relaxation and indulgence.

Niraamaya Retreats Surya Samudra, Kovalam

Experience a beachside Holi like never

before at this luxurious cliffside retreat in Kovalam. With private heritage cottages. an Avurvedic sna, and breathtaking ocean views, this wellness resort offers an unforgettable experience on long holi weekend and stunning seaside content. Enjoy rejuvenating wellness treatments at the Avurvedic spa. indulge in private candlelit dinners by the pool and take in panoramic sea views from secluded beaches-perfect for capturing goldenhour shots and making lasting Holi memories

DoubleTree by Hilton Goa Panaji

Located along the Mandovi River, it offers a peaceful winter escape. The property's modern amenities riverside dining and proximity to Paniim's vibrant culture create a perfect blend of relaxation and exploration. Immerse yourself in festive colors, relax amidst stunning landscapes and experience warm hospitality. Whether you're seeking vibrant celebrations or tranguil moments, this destination promises the perfect blend of excitement and relaxation.



Novotel Goa Resort & Spa

A short four-minute drive from Candolim Beach, it is a tropical escape with Baliinspired aesthetics and lush greenery. Overlooking paddy fields and hills, this resort features serene water bodies, a vitality pool with private cabanas, and Goa's only Turkish Hammam at the Warren Tricomi spa. With 121 bright and comfortable rooms, a supervised kids' club, and diverse dining optionsincluding a swim-up pool bar-this resort blends luxury, adventure and relaxation for the perfect Holi weekend retreat.





The Rangholic 2025 Poster Launch event, organized by JS Creations, was held grandly today. Event organizers Sharath and Jibin, along with actors Keerthi Queen, Meghana Chowdary, Mary Cynthia, Suraj and Ramya, were present at the event, adding star power to the occasion.







SOPS (Society of Progressive students) kick starts their flagship initiative of adopting Olivet Grammer High school in Secunderabad. SOPS formed in 2024 by former students of ISB, is committed to provide aid and support education for underprivileged groups and also support their essential needs such as food, shelter and clothing

The Consortium of Foreign Education Advisors has signed an agreement with the US-based AIRC, which is associated with 450 institutions across the world, at the Taj Deccan Hotel in Baniara Hills. The agreement will allow students to discuss with university representatives and governments in the US, UK, Germany and Australia what they want and what courses they need.



what's brewing?

HOLI-READY GLAM THAT LASTS ALL DAY

Celebrate Holi with makeup that stays as vibrant as the festivities! Elevate your makeup game with Anastasia Beverly Hills Coloured Liners, designed to bring vibrant, waterproof perfection to your festive look! Whether you're aiming for bold, artistic strokes or subtle definition, these highly pigmented liners feature an ultra-fine felt tip for precise, effortless application. The super-fluid, water-based gel formula glides on smoothly, dries quickly and delivers an intense colour payoff that won't smudge, fade, or flake-even through the splashes of Holi!

Shades- Brown, white, Burgundy, Aubergine, Navy Blue

Price- INR 2350

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HOLI DELIGHTS

Indulge your loved ones sweet tooth with a delectable box of gujiyas by FNP embodying the essence of this joyous occasion. Spice up their celebrations with the aromatic thandai mixed with a quintessential Holi treat. Spread the vibrant hues responsibly with packs of green gulal ensuring eco friendly revelry. Experience the traditional charm of tesu flowers adding an enchanting touch to the festivities.

Price: INR 1,699



Pixelin Sciences a leader in agricultural innovation, announced the launch of its products Polyhalite Complex, Belenus and Vervactor a groundbreaking solution designed to "boost crop yields, improve soil health and enhance pest resistance".

In observance of World Kidney Day 2025, Apollo Dialysis Clinics organized a corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative at the Home for the Disabled in Bansilalpet, Secunderabad. The event aimed to raise awareness about kidney health by offering free Urea and Creatinine tests for early detection of kidney disease and providing nutritious meals to the underprivileged residents. Healthcare professionals and volunteers conducted comprehensive kidney screenings, allowing individuals to assess their kidney health and take necessary preventive measures. In addition, attendees were educated on the importance of kidney health, the early symptoms of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD), and lifestyle modifications.

UNBOX VIBRANCY OF HOLI

Dive into the traditional flavours of gujiya perfectly packed in a box by FNP alongside vibrant red green and yellow gulal for a colourful celebration. Add a touch of elegance with fragrant tesu flowers and elevate the festive atmosphere with bright balloons. Adorn your loved ones with chandan tika symbolising purity and blessings. Express your

> warm wishes with a Happy Holi card. Make their Holi memorable with this thoughtful gift brimming with colours and cheer. Price: INR 1,399

COLOURFUL CALL TO ACTION

In a bold new partnership, Tinder is collaborating with actor, podcaster and entrepreneur Rhea Chakraborty's clothing brand, Chapter 2, founded by Showik Chakraborty, to launch a limitededition t-shirt featuring the powerful message: "Bura Na Mano Holi Hai, But Consent bhi Zaroori Hai." This on-trend tee isn't iust about festival fashion-it's a call to action.



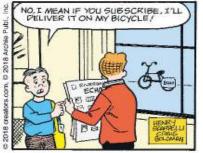




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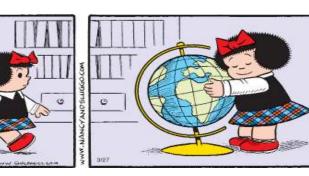
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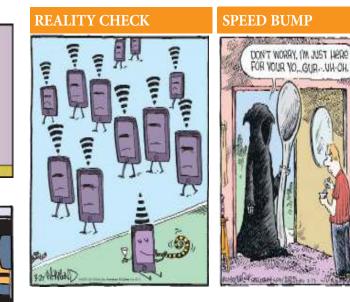
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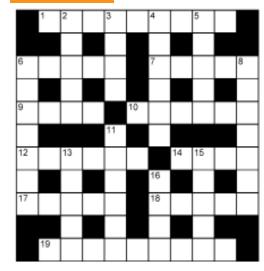
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RAM JAGADISH: COURT IS INSPIRED BY CASES, **BUT A WORK OF FICTION**

I was inspired by many cases, but I wrote a completely fictional story. To ensure authenticity, I thoroughly studied the POCSO Act and consulted police officials, court authorities, and legal experts

am Jagadish is making his directorial debut with Court: State Vs A Nobody, featuring Priyadarshi in the lead role. Actor Nani, along with Prashanthi Tipirneni, is producing the film. The movie will be released tomorrow (March 14) and ahead of the release, the director shared his thoughts about the project. Ram Jagadish previously worked as an assistant director on Urvashi Rakshasivo and Ra Ra Krishnayya. He also made a short film that won him an award

Speaking about Court, he revealed that the film's backdrop revolves around the POCSO Act. "I came across a real case, and after reading about it, I became curious and started researching further. There are similar cases in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh that I wanted to address on screen. I studied multiple case files before crafting the story," he said.

However, he clarified that the film is not based on any specific individual or reallife incident. "I was inspired by many cases, but I wrote a completely fictional story. To ensure authenticity, I thoroughly studied the POCSO Act and consulted police officials, court authorities, and legal experts," the director added.

When asked what makes his film different from other courtroom dramas, Ram Jagadish pointed to its unique romantic subplot. "In my film, there is also a love story, which I believe is a first in the courtroom drama genre," he said. The director also shared how long he waited to narrate the story to Nani. "I waited nearly eight months to get a chance to narrate my story to Nani. When the moment finally came, I presented it for two and a half hours and he patiently listened. Once I finished, he simply said, 'Welcome to Wall Poster Cinema.' That was a huge moment for me." he recalled.

He further explained that many people are unaware of the POCSO Act, which is why he wanted to explore it in-depth through this film.

Roshan and Sridevi play the lead roles in the film. "We held auditions before finalizing these actors. Roshan, who plays Chandu, worked extremely hard for the role. For Jabilli's character, we struggled to find the right actress. We needed a Telugu-speaking newcomer with a passion for acting. After an extensive search, a friend of mine sent me Sridevi's Instagram profile, and I immediately felt she was perfect for the role," he shared After auditioning her, he was convinced she was the ideal choice for Jabilli. Actor Priyadarshi shares a close bond with Ram Jagadish. "I shared everything with him. When I first told him about this story, he instantly wanted to be a part of it and even asked me not to narrate it to anyone else. That's how he came on board," the director revealed

Sivaji also plays a crucial role in the film. "His character is something everyone will relate to because we all have someone like him in our families," he added. Ram Jagadish believes Court is a film that will connect with all audiences. "This story belongs to everyone, and people should watch it to reflect on their own lives," he said

He also shared Nani's reaction after watching the film. "He told me, 'I am proud of you, Jagadish,' which was the best compliment I have ever received," he concluded.



elangana Film Development Corporation (TFDC) Chairman Dil Raju held a media conference to

provide updates on the upcoming Gaddar Film Awards. He announced that a committee had finalised the guidelines for these prestigious awards. "For films released between June 2014

and December 2023, we have decided to present a Best Film Award," said Dil Raju. Starting from 2024, the awards will expand to include all major categories across different departments of filmmaking. He confirmed that the event is scheduled to take place in April.

"We are working to make this a grand event with the full support of the TFDC and the film industry. The government has requested us to organise a large-scale

ing the previously planned Simha Awards under the BRS government. "After the formation of Telangana, some filmmakers applied for Simha Awards and even paid fees to the TFDC. However, the awards never materialised. We are now refunding the amounts that were paid at that time," he clarified. A dedicated committee of industry professionals has been formed to oversee the awards process. "The jury will be finalized within a week, after which they will begin their work," Dil Raju stated.

He also mentioned that the Gaddar Award trophy design would be finalised within the same timeframe. When asked about the Telugu Film

event, so we are starting preparations immediately," he stated. Dil Raju also addressed concerns regardare not competing with the government awards. Anyone can give awards and there is nothing wrong with that," he said. He also noted that while not everyone

may support the initiative, the majority are in favour of it. "If 51% of people are speaking positively about the awards, that's a good sign. For everything, 49% will always be against it, but that doesn't mat-ter—the majority support is what counts," he concluded. There are awards in honour of Telangana pride Paidi Jayaraj and late actor Kantha Rao in this Gaddar Film Awards. Dil Raju said apart from Telugu cinema, they are also giving importance to Urdu Cinema.

Nani, Vijay end rivalry rumours with a reunion pose

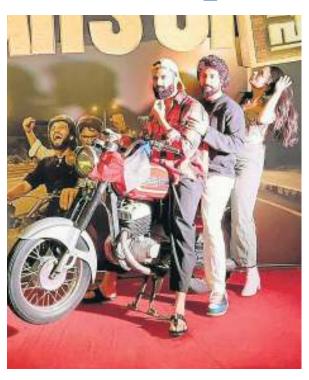
ver the past few days, a war of words has erupted between the fan groups of actors Nani and Vijay Deverakonda. Social media has been buzzing with heated arguments, with both sides posting negative comments about the actors, sparking widespread discussion in the film industry. Despite multiple appeals from actors urging fans to stay united and refrain from negativity, fan wars have continued. A few days ago, tensions escalated as the clash between Nani and Vijay Deverakonda's supporters intensified on social media.

Vijay Deverakonda first gained recognition through his role in *Yevade Subramanyam* (2015), where Nani played the lead. The film, directed by Nag Ashwin and featuring Malavika Nair as the female lead, was released on March 21, 2015. As it marks its 10th anniversary, the movie is set to be re-released on the same date this year.

To commemorate the milestone, Nani, Vijay Deverakonda and Malavika Nair reunited to recreate the iconic bike scene from the film. The gesture comes as a strong message to their fans, putting an end to rivalry rumours and emphasising their camaraderie.

Since his breakout roles in *Arjun Reddy* and *Geetha Govindam*, Vijay Deverakonda has risen to Pan-India fame, while Nani has continued to grow as a star in Telugu cinema. Seeing both actors come together for this special moment sends a clear message that there are no differences between them. The reunion picture of Nani, Vijay and Malavika is now making waves on the internet, proving that true

friendships in the industry remain strong despite fandriven rivalries.



Samantha returns to Telugu cinema with

Soundarya's husband clears air on land dispute, defends Mohan Babu

ate actress Soundarya left an indelible mark on Telugu cinema with her exceptional performances. She acted alongside all the leading actors of her time and was regarded as one of the top actresses of her era. She one of the top actresses of her era. She lost her life in a tragic helicopter crash on April 17, 2004, while travelling for a political campaign supporting her brother's entry into politics. At the time of her passing, she was set to work on two films—one with Mahar Pakuwa two films—one with Mohan Babu and another mythological film with Balakrishna.

Years after her demise, Soundarya's name has resurfaced in the news following a complaint filed by a resident of Khammam. The individual approached the district collector and police, alleging that actor Mohan Babu had illegally occupied Soundarya's land in Jalpally and constructed a house on it. Furthermore, the complainant accused Mohan Babu of conspiring in her death and demanded an investigation, urging authorities to reclaim the property for the government.

Amidst these serious allegations, Soundarya's husband, G. S. Raghu, has



issued an open letter refuting all claims. He firmly stated that neither he nor his late wife had any land or property dealings with Mohan Babu.

In his letter, Raghu expressed his long-standing association with Mohan Babu, calling him family and asserting that the actor never wished harm upon Soundarya or their family. He urged the public not to believe the false rumors and to put an end to the misinformation. "For the past few days, false news has been circulating regarding property in Hyderabad involving Mohan Babu sir and my wife, the late Soundarya. I want to categorically deny these baseless rumors. To clarify, I confirm that Mohan Babu sir has not illegally acquired any property belonging to my wife," Raghu stated.

He further requested the media and public to stop spreading such unverified news. "Since this is completely false, I request everyone to stop sharing and believing these unfounded claims. Let this matter be put to rest once and for all," he concluded



Sam CS to elevate Jack: Konchem Krack with his signature background score

Siddhu Jonnalagadda, widely recog-nized as *DJ Tillu* from the block-buster *Tillu Square*, is gearing up for his next film, Jack: Konchem Krack. Directed by Bommarillu Bhaskar, the film features Vaishnavi Chaitanya of Baby fame as the female lead and is set to release on April 10. The teaser hints at a fresh and exciting genre explored by Siddhu and Bhaskar.

Adding to the excitement, renowned music composer Sam CS has been brought on board to score the film's background music. Sam CS recently worked on select portions of the background score for Pushpa 2, starring Allu Arjun and directed by Sukumar. He has become one of the

most sought-after music directors in South Indian cinema, and now, his music will enhance Jack: Konchem Krack.

Sam CS has earned immense popularity with a series of hit compositions. His recent work on the sensational blockbuster Pushpa 2 and the web series *Suzhal 2* has captivated audi-ences, showcasing his musical bril-liance. With him on board, fans are eager to see how he will elevate Siddhu Jonnalagadda's on-screen presence and enhance his signature swag with a dvnamic score.

Produced by BVSN Prasad, the film also features Prakash Raj, VK Naresh, and Brahmaji in key roles.

an impactful cameo in Paradha

irector Praveen Kandregula, known for his critically acclaimed Netflix film *Cinema Bandi*, is set to return with his latest project, Paradha. Backed once again by renowned filmmakers Raj and DK, the film has already generated buzz with its eerie and intriguing teaser. Starring Anupama Parameswaran in the lead, Paradha delves into the disturbing and archaic practice of Sati in remote villages. The film also features Sangita and Darshana Rajendran in key roles. With its gripping premise and intense storytelling, *Paradha* has piqued the curiosity of

audiences.

In an exciting update, sources close to the project have revealed that actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu will be making a special cameo appearance in the film. It has been a while since Samantha was seen in a Telugu film, making this cameo highly anticipated among her fans. Her role is said to come at a crucial point in the narrative, delivering an unexpected twist that will leave the audience captivated. The scene featuring Samantha is expected to be shot soon and insiders sug-gest it will be one of the film's standout moments. With Paradha nearing completion, the addition of Samantha's cameo has only heightened excitement for the film. Fans are eagerly awaiting to see how her character will contribute to the storvline and the overall impact of the film.

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Manchester United to build 'world's greatest' soccer stadium

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA London

anchester United unveiled plans on Tuesday to build the world's greatest" soccer stadium. A proposed 100,000seater arena, costing around 2 billion pounds (\$2.6 billion), would be built next to United's current Old Trafford home and surpass Wembley Stadium as the biggest in the United Kingdom.

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Manchester United is the world's most favorite football club and, in my view, is the biggest and deserves a stadium fitting of its stature," part owner Jim Ratcliffe said.

Work could begin as early as this year, with completion by the 2030-31 season, the club said

Ratcliffe, who is one of Britain's richest people, said the new venue could be a tourist attraction in the manner of the Eiffel Tower.

"We have 1 billion people around the world who follow Manchester United. They will all want to visit this stadium," he said. Designed by British architect Norman Foster, the first released images of the stadium include three giant tentpoles that would be seen from 40 kilometers (25 miles) away. They support a surrounding covered area, which he describes as "arguably the largest public space in the world?

Wembley is currently the biggest stadium in the UK, with a capacity of 90,000, and is home to England's national soccer teams. Twickenham, the national rugby stadium, holds 82,500.

Argentina puts Maradona's healthcare professionals on trial

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Buenos Aires

n Argentine court on Tuesday started its trial of seven healthcare Approfessionals accused of negli-gence in the death of soccer great Diego Maradona, at age 60.

Maradona was under the care of those professionals when he had a cardiac arrest in a house outside Buenos Aires on Nov. 25, 2020.

Three judges will decide whether those charged, including a neurosurgeon, a psychiatrist and several medical staffers, are guilty of manslaughter. The maximum jail time for those sentenced is 25 years. According to the prosecution, the

accused professionals didn't provide adequate medical care.

Prosecutor Patricio Ferrari said he will provide evidence that, between Nov. 11-25 2020, Maradona was taken to a house in a private neighborhood in the town of outskirts of Bueno

Old Trafford is the country's biggest ded-icated soccer stadium with a capacity of just over 74,000, but is dated in comparison to the likes of the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in London, which regularly hosts NFL games.

Old Trafford, which was bombed during World War II, has been home to United since 1910.

Under the plans, the 20-time English champion said it would not need to relocate during the construction process. It is estimated it would take around 12 months to disassemble Old Trafford once the new stadium is completed.

Ratcliffe paid \$1.3 billion for an initial 25% stake in United last year and made a new stadium one of his priorities.

Today marks the start of an incredibly exciting journey to the delivery of what will be the world's greatest football stadium," Ratcliffe said. "Our current stadium has served us brilliantly for the past 115 years, but it has fallen behind the best arenas in world sport."

United has not set a start date yet but Foster said building work, which could include pre-fabricated parts and a "Meccano" type construction, could mean

it is completed in five years. The timing would likely rely on government involvement in what United wants to be part of a wider project to regenerate the surrounding Old Trafford area. It said it would be worth 7.3 Billion pounds (\$9.4 Billion) to the UK Economy, and the UK Government has already voiced its support for the project.

"Our long-term objective as a club is to have the world's best football team playing in the world's best stadium," United chief executive Omar Berrada said.

Managerial great Alex Ferguson said the club "must be brave and seize this opportunity to build a new home, fit for the future, where new history can be made." The announcement came days after thousands of United fans marched in protest against the club's ownership in the

face of cost cuts, ticket price increases and ongoing failure on the field. United is majority owned by the

American Glazer family, which also owns the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Upon investing, Ratcliffe vowed to return the once-dominant club back to the summit of European soccer after more than a decade since it last won the Premier League.

But his first year in charge of soccer operations has been turbulent. United endured its worst-ever Premier League season last year and is on course to set a new low this term, with the team currently languishing in 14th position.

United has not won the league title since Ferguson's final season in 2013.

Berrada said the club was still focused on returning to the summit of European soccer. "We don't want to inhibit our ability to invest in the team, for us to continue being competitive while we are building a new stadium," he said.

Our number one goal is to get our teams winning and to get the men's team competing for all the titles consistently.

We are doing everything to bring two sides together, says Jay Monahan

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GA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan wants to get a deal done with the Saudi backers of LIV Golf provided it doesn't compromise what he considers the essence of the tour.

Monahan said on Tuesday that President Donald Trump's involvement makes the prospect of reunification "very real." Missing were details on how to get there, only a suggestion that the PGA Tour and the Public Investment Fund of Saudi Arabia were at a standstill.

"We're doing everything that we can to bring the two sides together," Monahan said ahead of The Players Championship. "That said, we will not do so in a way that diminishes the strength of our platform or the very real momentum we have with our fans and our partners. So while we've removed some hurdles, others remain.

"But like our fans, we still share the same sense of urgency to get to a resolution." Monahan and Adam Scott met with Trump at the White House on February 4. The next meeting included Tiger governor behind LIV and its concept of and its \$1.5 Billion investment in a com-

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where progress slowed. Monahan said no other meetings currently are scheduled. "President Trump is a lifelong golf fan. He believes strongly in the game's power and potential and he has been exceeding-

y generous with his time and influence to help bring a deal together," Monahan said. "He wants to see the game reunified. We want to see the game reunified. His involvement has made the prospect of reunification very real.

"When you're in the midst of complex negotiations, particularly when you may be near a breakthrough, there are ebbs and flows in the discussion."

That began a year ago when several players accompanied Monahan to the Bahamas to start the conversation with PIF. The PGA Tour last year brought on Woods and Yasir Al-Rumavyan, the PIF the private equity Strategic Sports Group

mercial venture. That raised questions whether the tour even needed a deal with the Saudis. Driving the current discussion is how to repair the divide in golf, with players like Jon Rahm, Bryson DeChambeau and Brooks Koepka part of LIV Golf and banned from playing on the PGA Tour. The best players are together only four times a year at the majors.

Monahan invited more questions without providing answers when he said: "We believe there's room to integrate important aspects of LIV Golf into the PGA Tour platform

We're doing everything that we can to bring the two sides together." That would not appear likely for the rest of the year. LIV Golf, which began in 2022 with a schedule that avoided some of the biggest events in golf, is playing this week in Singapore opposite The Players Championship, the tour's premier event with a \$25 million purse. Monahan has said over the past month that the priority of the meetings with PIF was about reuniting all the best players more often. He declined to say what "more often" meant or even if that required a financial investment from the PIF.



Bayern Munich victory over Bayer Leverkusen

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Leverkusen

arry Kane is one step closer to being a Champions League win-L ner, and he wants to enjoy Bayern Munich's statement victory over German rival Bayer Leverkusen.

"To beat this team 5-0 over two legs nows the type of team that told broadcaster Prime Video after scoring his 10th Champions League goal of the season in Tuesday's 2-0 second-leg win. "We're in the quarterfinal now where Bayern Munich should be and we want to keep pushing," Kane said. "We just want to enjoy this because it's not easy. Especially when you play your domestic rivals, there's a lot of pressure, there's a lot of intensity that goes into it." Kane added that Bayern hadn't wanted to protect its three-goal lead from the first leg, but instead wanted to put Leverkusen under more pressure by creating chances early on: "In the second half we knew they had to come out and try something and we punished them." Next stop in the Champions League is a quarterfinal meeting with Inter Milan. It will be tough," Kane said. "The San Siro's a really tough place to go but also, any team we play, we know that we can cause problems?

League quarterfinals, that wait could soon come to an end.

The coach who has got the best out of Kane and the players around him wasn't Bayern's first choice last year. Vincent Kompany isn't getting carried away with success. "I won't surf on a hype wave, no chance," Kompany said after beating

without being in "full use of his mental faculties" to decide on home hospitalisation. Ferrari said it was a reckless hospitalisation in which there was no control.

"After condemning him to oblivion in that house ... They deliberately and cruelly decided that he should die," he said.

The prosecutor showed an image of the former soccer star lying in the bed where he was found dead with his abdomen visibly swollen.

The tearful family of the 1986 World Cup winner were present at the courtroom. Maradona's oldest daughters, Dalma and Giannina, sat in the front row near Verónica Ojeda, former partner of the footballer, and Jana, another of his daughters. Minutes before the start of the trial, Ojeda shared a video on social media of Maradona's son Diego Fernando wearing a T-shirt with the face of the football star, and the word "justice."

The trial could last up to four months and there will be three hearings per week.

The spotlight is on neurosurgeon Leonardo Luque, Maradona's personal physician for the last four years of his life. He performed surgery to remove a blood clot from the former footballer's brain just weeks before his death.

Thuram emerges as one of Serie A's leading players

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arcus Thuram has emerged as one of Serie A's leading players this season. The Inter Milan forward is now doing it on the international stage.

Thuram scored a stunning early goal to set Inter on its way to a 2-1 victory over Feyenoord in the second leg of the Champions League round of 16 on Tuesday.

Inter advanced 4-1 on aggregate with Thuram also having scored in the first leg and will face Bayern Munich in the quarterfinals.

Thuram, the son of former Juventus defender and World Cup winner Lilian Thuram, could have added to his tally with more fancy footwork as he showed few ill effects from an ankle injury that has restricted his playing time of late.

"I've had a problem with my ankle for a month, sometimes it hurts more sometimes less," the 27-year-old Thuram said. "I'm not at 100 per cent yet."

However, he certainly seemed back to his best right from the start at San Siro.

There was less than eight minutes on the clock when Thuram received the ball midway inside the Feyenoord half and the France forward then twisted and weaved his way to the edge of the area before unleashing a powerful effort into the top right corner.

That made Thuram only the second Inter player to score in both legs of a Champions League round-of-16 tie, and the first since Dejan Stankovic did so against Ajax in 2006.

Thuram almost repeated his exploits at the start of the second half, turning deftly on the edge of the area before his strike went narrowly over the bar.

He also rattled the crossbar in the 70th minute after again dribbling his way through a maze of Feyenoord shirts.

Thuram received a standing ovation from the San Siro crowd when he was substituted shortly afterward.

Thuram, in his second season at Inter, has become one of the league's top players. He helped the team to the Serie A title last year. Known for his assists last season, the forward has developed into a top scorer in this campaign with 13 goals plus four assists in Serie A.

However, he had only scored once in the league phase of Europe's elite club competition, against Young Boys back in October.

Inter last won the Champions League in 2010 as part of a trio of trophies under Jose Mourinho along with the Serie A title and the Italian Cup.

The Nerazzurri are again on the treble hunt as they lead Serie A and are in the Italian Cup semifinal, where they will play city rival AC Milan. They face a crucial match at Atalanta on Sunday, with just three points separating the two teams at the top of the table.

"It's not that I believe it or I don't believe it," Thuram said when asked about Inter's treble chances. "It's that at Inter we play all the games to win it. And if you do that, then at the end of the season beautiful things arrive.

Kane and Kompany

Kane's career has been defined by an abundance of individual awards and a lack of team trophies. With Bayern leading the Bundesliga by eight points from Leverkusen and into the Champions

isen on Tue He praised Kane's contribution

"It obviously helps when you have a top player who only wants to run and fight for the team like a youth player," Kompany said. "That energy just helps." Leverkusen under strain

Xabi Alonso's team is no stranger to a busy schedule — Leverkusen played 53 games last season, losing only the Europa League final — but the extra strain of the Champions League has seemed to take its toll on his relatively small squad.

Both Leverkusen and Bayern lost their Bundesliga games last week after their Champions League first-leg game. That defeat in itself was a blow to Leverkusen's fading German title defense ambitions, but far worse was an injury to attacking midfielder Florian Wirtz, who is set to be out for several weeks.

Against Bayern on Tuesday, Alonso tried to shake up his tactics with more long balls and a starting spot for tall striker Patrik Schick, but the Czech international's main contribution ended up being an involuntary assist for Kane's goal as Leverkusen didn't have a shot on target until the 65th minute.

Paris Saint-Germain defeats Liverpool in quarterfinals of Champions League

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ianluigi Donnarumma came Through and Paris Saint-Germain defeated Liverpool in a penalty shootout to join Barcelona, Bayern Munich and Inter Milan in the quarterfinals of the Champions League on Tuesday.

PSG beat Liverpool 1-0 on the night to level the aggregate score at 1-1. Ousmane Dembélé scored 12 minutes into the second-leg match after a blunder by the Liverpool defense.

After extra time, Donnarumma stopped the penalty shots by Darwin Nunez and Curtis Jones to secure his team a 4-1 shootout win. Desire Doue scored the winning spot kick for PSG, which will face either Aston Villa or Club Brugge.

"It does not matter if we deserve the win. Both teams deserved to go through," PSG coach Luis Enrique said. "We were better in Paris and they were better here. My team showed great personality and character at Anfield." The French league leader seeking its first Champions League title had lost at this stage in five of the past eight editions. It lost to Borussia Dortmund in last come and go at both ends, with Liverpool

season's semifinals. "It was the best game of football I have ever been involved in," Liverpool manager Arne Slot said. "It was an incredible performance, especially if you compare it with last week. We were creating chances and then we were 1-0 down. We ran out of luck after last week."

Barcelona cruised past Benfica with Raphinha scoring twice and Lamine Yamal once in a 3-1 win at home.

The Catalan club advanced 4-1 on aggregate score after last week's 1-0 victory and will play either Borussia Dortmund or Lille in the quarterfinals.

After a 3-0 first-leg win, Bayern Munich had no trouble advancing past German rival Bayer Leverkusen. Bayern made it to the last eight a record 23 times in the Champions League era after a 2-0 win at Leverkusen to advance 5-0 on aggregate.

Inter moved on past Feyenoord with a 2-1 victory at San Ŝiro to advance 4-1 on aggregate. Bayern and Inter will meet in the last eight.

PSG outlasts Liverpool

A thrilling clash at Anfield saw chances



goalkeeper Alisson pulling off a string of saves to deny PSG, and with Liverpool substitute Jarell Quansah hitting the post in the second half.

Dembélé took advantage of mix up between Ibrahima Konate and Alisson to roll the ball into the empty net for the only goal of the game.

Premier League leader Liverpool, which did not make it to the Champions League last season, won the first leg 1-0 through Harvey Elliott's late goal in Paris last week.

Barcelona powers into quarterfinals Raphinha's double made him the leading scorer in the Champions League this season with 11 goals. He had scored the lone goal last week in Lisbon.

The Brazil forward put Barcelona ahead in the 11th, then Yamal added to the lead in the 27th before assisting in Raphinha's second goal in the 42nd to become the youngest player to score and assist in a Champions League match at 17 years, 241 days. "My teammates make things much easier for me," Yamal said. "It was a good goal but sometimes these things come off and sometimes they don't. For the assist, I tried to shoot and Raphinha turned it into a goal."

Nicolás Otamendi scored for Benfica in the 13th to become the third-oldest scorer in a Champions League knockout game at the age of 37 years, 27 days, according to UEFA. Yamal's goal meant he became the second-youngest.

Kane leads Bayern

Harry Kane scored his 10th Champions League goal of the season and set up another as Bayern Munich cruised into the quarterfinals. Leverkusen never looked likely to overturn the three-goal deficit from the first leg, even before Kane bundled in the ball at a free kick in the 52nd after Leverkusen's Patrik Schick misjudged an attempted clearance.

Kane set up Alphonso Davies for Bayern's second goal with a flicked cross in the 71st as the all-German rivalry became a one-sided contest. Bayern could have scored more as Jamal Musiala hit the crossbar with one shot and the post with another.

Inter comfortably advances

A goal at the start of each half saw Inter easily advance, with Marcus Thuram scoring a stunning eighth-minute opener. The Inter forward received the ball midway inside the Feyenoord half and then weaved his way into the area before unleashing a powerful effort into the top right corner.

Jakub Moder leveled from the penalty spot shortly before halftime after being tripped by Hakan Çalhanoglu.

Inter restored its advantage on the night six minutes into the second half with a penalty of its own, which Çalhanoglu converted after Mehdi Taremi was fouled by Thomas Beelen right in the corner of the area.