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■ Milad-un-Nabi was celebrated across the country on Monday. In Hyderabad the main festival procession has been postponed to Thursday in view of idol immersion

On the occasion of Milad-un-Nabi, a boy performs ablution in preparation for prayers at the Mecca Masjid in Hyderabad on Monday
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WINNING ACT: INDIA STORM INTO FINAL BEATING SOUTH KOREA

India's unbeaten run continued at the Asian Champions Trophy as they eased past Korea to enter the finals against hosts China on Monday

SKIPPER SIZZLES WITH THE STICK AGAIN

Captain Harmanpreet Singh continued with his sizzling form, finding the net twice to help India beat South Korea comprehensively 4-1. Uttam Singh and Jarmanpreet Singh were the other goal scorers. In the final, the defending champions will take on China who defeated Pakistan in the other semifinal via penalty shootout

INDIA YET TO CONCEDE MORE THAN A GOAL

In their first major tournament since the retirement of veteran goalkeeper P R Sreejesh, India have not conceded more than a goal. Goalkeepers Krishan Pathak and Suraj Karkera have done well. Pakistan and Korea will face off in the third place classification match, which will also be played on Tuesday | PTI

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SUPREME COURT HEARING TODAY

The Supreme Court is expected to further hear on Tuesday a case it has initiated on its own following the rape and murder of a resident doctor at RG Kar in Kolkata

36TH DAY OF PROTEST BY JUNIOR DOCTORS

The protesting junior doctors continued their sit-in outside Swasthya Bhawan for the eight successive day and the cease work for the 36th day



Junior doctors protesting against the rape-murder in Kolkata on Monday | PTI

At Rajiv statue unveiling, CM says BRS failed to install Telangana Talli in 10 yrs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Hyderabad

In a sharp attack on BRS supremo K Chandrasekhar Rao, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy alleged that pink party leaders looted the state for 10 years, enjoying power while accusing others of family rule. Referring to BRS' objection over the installation of a Rajiv Gandhi statue, he said: "You built a farmhouse and Pragati Bhavan on 1,000 acres. Ten years weren't enough to install the statue of Telangana Talli?"



Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy addresses the gathering after unveiling statue of former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi in Hyderabad on Monday

Will get statue shifted to Gandhi Bhavan: KTR

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would not rest until that day. Subsequently, he said, "Some unscrupulous elements are speaking about family politics. Indira Gandhi did not take any post while Nehru was the prime minister. Indira Gandhi is still worshipped as a goddess by the poor. She nationalised the banks and worked for the development of the poor. Indira Gandhi is credited with abolishing Privy Purses. She provided housing for the poor and fulfilled their dream of owning a house. During her rule, the Lambada community was included in the Scheduled Tribes category, and backward communities were given reservations. Indira Gandhi sacrificed her entire life for the country." CONTINUED ON P4

Axe falls on Kolkata's top cop

Didi accepts demand of agitating doctors after first meeting; 2 other babus to be replaced

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kolkata

WEST Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday accepted three of the five demands of the agitating junior doctors, including the transfers of Kolkata police commissioner Vineet Kumar Goyal, following their first meeting at her Kalighat residence to resolve the RG Kar standoff.

A new commissioner of Kolkata Police will be announced at 4 pm on Tuesday, she said. Mamata had earlier refused to budge on shifting him, reasoning she needed him till the puja festival is over. But

"Goyal did not wish to continue in his position," she informed. "We have decided to remove Kolkata Police's deputy commissioner of north division as well," she added. She also accepted the demand to replace the director of health services and the director of medical education. As for the other demands, a panel headed by Chief Secretary Manoj Pant will look into them, she said and urged the medicos to end their agitation.



I would appeal to the junior doctors to come and sit for the talks. Every issue can be resolved through discussions. And we must strive to find a solution —Mamata Banerjee

Mamata claimed the talks were fruitful as nearly 99% of the demands were accepted while reiterating that no punitive action will be taken against the doctors who join duty.

After four unsuccessful attempts, protesting junior doctors participated in the meeting that was scheduled at 5 pm but began at 6.50 pm and ended around 9 pm. Both sides took two more hours to finalise the minutes of the meeting.

"Forty-two agitating doctors and chief secretary Manoj Pant

signed the minutes of the meeting," Mamata said. Both sides got copies of the minutes.

The medicos have been on protest demanding justice for the rape-murder of a trainee physician at the RG Kar Medical College on August 9. Escorted by a pilot police vehicle, the junior doctors arrived at Mamata's home at 6.20 pm.

Meanwhile, the CBI interrogated RG Kar's former principal Sandip Ghosh and police officer Abhijit Mondal together in connection with the rape and murder case. They were asked about their activities on August 9 immediately after they learnt about the death. PB

Jani Master booked for repeated rape of ex-assistant

AJAY TOMAR @Hyderabad

A case has been registered against national award-winning Tollywood choreographer Shaik Jani Basha, popularly known as Jani Master, for allegedly repeatedly raping, harassing and hurting his 21-year-old former assistant.

According to the FIR, the complainant claimed that Jani Master sexually assaulted her multiple times during film shoots in Chennai, Mumbai, Hyderabad and also at her residence in Narsingi after she moved to Hyderabad in 2017. She stated that he regularly demanded sexual favours and, upon refusal, would physically abuse and threaten her if she revealed the matter to anyone.

Speaking to TNE, Rajendranagar DCP Ch Srinivas said,

"We have completed recording the woman's statement, and her medical examination has also been conducted. Jani Master is currently absconding, and we are taking further action."

Asked whether the POCSO Act would be included in the charges as the complainant was a minor at the time of the alleged rape, he said they needed to conduct further probe.

This comes after several bigwigs in the Malayalam film industry were accused of sexual assault after the publication of the Hema Committee report. Top actors, including Samantha Ruth Prabhu, have urged the Telangana government to release a long-pending sub-committee report on sexual harassment and gender discrimination in Tollywood. CONTINUED ON P5



AAP may name new Delhi CM today; Kejri huddles with PAC

ANUP VERMA @New Delhi

A day after suddenly announcing his decision to resign, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday held consultations with members of the AAP's Political Affairs Committee (PAC) on naming his successor. Sources said a meeting of the legislative party will be held on Tuesday morning, where the final decision will be announced.

"Today the CM had called a meeting of the PAC, in which all the cabinet ministers and senior party leaders were present. He discussed with everyone about the new CM. On Tuesday, there will be a meeting of the legislative party, in which the discussions will be taken to the second

CM TO MEET GUV AT 4.30 PM

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will meet Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena at 4.30 pm on Tuesday. He is likely to tender his resignation during the meeting

stage," party leader and cabinet minister Saurabh Bhardwaj said.

During the PAC meeting at Kejriwal's residence, the CM held one-on-one talks with senior leaders, taking their individual feedback on the next chief minister, Bhardwaj said.

Names of Kejriwal's wife Sunita and ministers Atishi, Gopal Rai and Kailash Gahlot

are doing the rounds.

Kejriwal, who was released from the jail on Friday after the Supreme Court granted him bail in the Delhi excise policy scam, said on Sunday that he will resign as chief minister in two days. He had added that the party will name his replacement in the next two-three days.

Meanwhile, the Delhi BJP president Virender Sachdeva said Kejriwal's decision to resign was due to compulsion and not a matter of principle.

"The decision to resign was a compulsion for Arvind Kejriwal, not driven by principle. The Supreme Court has clearly pointed out that he cannot go to his office, cannot sign any file, then what choice did Kejriwal have?" Sachdeva said.

MAN WITH RIFLE AIMED AT DON AS HE PLAYED GOLF

AGENCIES

TWO months after a gunman's bullet nicked his right ear, former US President Donald Trump was the target of yet another apparent assassination attempt on Sunday, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said.

Authorities said a man armed with AK-47 was hiding in shrubbery about 400 yards to 500 yards away from Trump as the former president played golf at Trump International Golf Club in West Palm Beach. One of the Secret Service agents noticed the barrel of a rifle pointing out of shrubbery and the force opened fire in the direction of the lurking gunman.

Upon hearing gunshots, the suspect fled the scene in a vehicle and was arrested shortly. No shots were fired at Trump. In his first reaction to the incident, Trump said, "Fear not! I am safe and well, and no one was hurt. Thank God!"

US media named Ryan Wesley Routh as the suspected gunman. He was charged with possession of a firearm as a convicted felon and possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number at his initial court appearance on Monday. P9

INSIDE 2024 CHESS OLYMPIAD: WARANGAL PRODIGY ARJUN ERIGAIJI REGISTERED SIXTH STRAIGHT VICTORY, GOES INTO TOP 10

Cong manifesto mum on Article 370, promises 1L govt jobs, unemployment dole

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

THE Congress poll manifesto for J&K released on Monday was silent on Article 370 but promised the restoration of statehood and the Durbar Move, rehabilitation of migrant Kashmiri Pandits, unemployment allowance and one lakh government jobs.

Senior Congress leader Pawan Khera and J&K Congress chief Tariq Hameed Karra released the manifesto on a day when the poll campaign came to an end for first of the three



Congress leader Pawan Khera and JKPC chief Tariq Hameed Qara release the manifesto in Srinagar | ZAHOR PUNJABI

phase assembly polls.

The party pledged to work towards granting statehood and restoring the Durbar Move — shifting of Secretariat between

twin capital cities of Srinagar and Jammu for six months each. "We will pass the resolution in the first session of the assembly in favour of the Durbar Move," it stated.

But it made no mention of the controversial Article 370 that had given J&K special status. Article 370 was read down the Centre on August 5, 2019.

The Congress also pledged to give first priority to those domiciled in J&K for jobs, government contracts, land allocation and concessions on utilising natural resources.

It promised a white paper on corruption and establish a Lokayukta within the first 100 days to probe charges against officials allegedly involved in scams over the past 10 years.

The Congress also promised to confer all rights on Displaced Persons from 1947, 1965 and 1971 and West Pakistan Refugees, in-

cluding rights to sell and transfer allotted state land and Evacuee Properties.

The party pledged to provide an unemployment allowance to qualified youth of up to ₹3,500 per month for one year. "We will fill 1 lakh vacant government posts and provide a job calendar within the first 30 days to fill

RETURN, REHABILITATION OF KASHMIRI PANDITS

The party said it will take concrete steps to create a conducive atmosphere for the safe and dignified return and rehabilitation of the displaced Kashmiri Pandit community. "We will adopt further measures to create job opportunities for migrant youth," it stated

EXPRESS READ

Modi flags off Sec'bad to Nagpur Vande Bharat

Hyderabad: Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually flagged off the Vande Bharat Express from Secunderabad to Nagpur on Monday. From Thursday, it will cover 585 km in 7 hours and 15 minutes. The train comprises two executive class coaches and 18 chair car coaches, with a total seating capacity of 1,440 passengers. It will depart from Nagpur at 5 am and arrive in Secunderabad at 12.15 pm. For the return journey, it will leave Secunderabad at 1 pm and reach Nagpur by 8.15 pm.

Ration card applications from October-end

Uttam says modalities for new food security and health cards by end of the month, superfine PDS rice from January

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

CIVIL Supplies Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Monday said that the government will complete the process of framing modalities to issue new food security cards and health cards by the end of the month. Authorities would start accepting applications by the end of October, the minister said, disclosing that the state government will supply superfine rice under the public distribution system (PDS) from January 2025.

Uttam was speaking to the media after a Cabinet sub-committee meeting to examine and

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

89.96 lakh food security cards	191.69 lakhs beneficiaries
281.70 lakh total beneficiaries	35.51 lakhs (state) cards
54.45 lakhs NFSA (central) cards	90.01 lakh beneficiaries



recommend the eligibility criteria and modalities for issuance of new food security cards, and health cards.

The meeting was attended by Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Civil Supplies Commissioner DS Chouhan

and other senior officials.

The Civil Supplies minister announced that it was decided that ₹500 bonus for paddy crop would be given from present kharif season.

The meeting primarily decided to suggest to the state gov-

ernment to introduce 'smart cards' with information embedded in QR code/ microchip/ barcode and to continue the existing eligibility criteria.

However, the sub-panel opted to remove the clause "land ownership" as it was ambiguous to the monetary income eligibility. The meeting also invited suggestions from all MPs, MLAs and MLCs across the political parties on the existing eligibility criteria. It was also decided to consider the recommendations of the Saxena Committee constituted by the Supreme Court to advise it on the suitable methodology for BPL census.

Uttam said that the previous

BRS government had deleted 5.98 lakh cards and issued 6.47 lakh cards between 2016 and 2023. He said that the previous BRS regime issued some of the cards during the byelections with the aim of luring voters.

The minister said that the eligibility criteria for PDS in Telangana is family income below ₹1.5 lakh in rural areas and ₹2 lakh in urban areas. He said that this was against the eligibility criteria of ₹1.2 lakh in rural and urban areas in Karnataka, ₹1 lakh in Tamil Nadu, and ₹1.8 lakh in Gujarat. He said that the sub-panel will study this and give its recommendations to the state government.



Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy chairs the sub-committee meeting on SC categorisation in Hyderabad on Monday. Ministers D Sridhar Babu and D Rajanarasimha are also seen

SUB-CATEGORISATION

TG to study other states before implementation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

THE Cabinet sub-committee constituted by the state government to examine various aspects associated with the sub-classification of SCs has decided to study the implementation in states like Punjab, Haryana and Tamil Nadu with the help of legal luminaries.

This will ensure that the process of sub-classification would stand judicial review while ensuring that injustice is not done to other communities.

The sub-committee meeting was chaired by Civil Supplies Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy and attended by Health Minister D Rajanarasimha, IT Minister Sridhar Babu, Transport Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar, Panchayat Raj Minister Dan-

sari Anasuya and MP Mallu Ravi.

Briefing the media later, Uttam said that the sub-committee looked at various aspects in the first meeting and would thoroughly study the matter to provide recommendations on the way forward for the state government regarding sub-classification.

He said that the government was provided with all the legal documents pertaining to sessions court, High Court and Supreme Court regarding the implementation of SC sub-classification. The minister said that the committee will visit the states where SC sub-classification is currently being implemented. He said that they will design a framework enabling individuals and groups to give their suggestions and recommendations.

Revant made TPCC chief with my help: Kaushik Reddy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

BRS MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy claimed that he was responsible for Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy becoming the TPCC chief. "Revanth Reddy came to my house and fell at my feet with a request to make him TPCC chief," Kaushik Reddy told reporters here on Monday. "The chief minister himself admitted that he sent people to attack my residence. It is a very shameful act on the part of the chief minister," Kaushik Reddy said. The MLA said that he was receiving threatening calls and warned that the chief minister would be held responsible if anything happened to him.

He also alleged that as TPCC chief, Revant took ₹25 crore from Etala Rajender and announced that Rajender would win in the Assembly elections. "That is why I quit Congress and joined the BRS," Kaushik Reddy claimed.

His party colleague MLA KP Vivekananda alleged that the law and order situation has deteriorated after Congress came to power in the state. After the directive of the High Court, all the 10 MLAs who switched their loyalty from the BRS to the Congress were feeling insecure, Vivekananda said.

As the BRS plans to take action against the defected MLAs, the chief minister started diversionary politics and sent Arekapudi Gandhi to the residence of Kaushik Reddy, Vivekananda alleged. If the BRS does not get justice on disqualification petitions, the party leaders would meet the President, he disclosed.

Rajiv Gandhi statue location leaves KTR seething

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

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In a statement here on Monday, Rama Rao condemned the state government's "shameful act" of installing Rajiv Gandhi statue "undermining the identity of Telangana".

In protest against Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's action, the BRS working president called upon party workers and leaders to conduct 'paal abhishekam' to all Telangana Talli statues across the state on Tuesday. He also urged the BRS cadre and Telangana supporters to express their dissent against the Congress government's decision.

Rama Rao stated that the entire Telangana society was deeply hurt by the installation of Rajiv Gandhi statue in a place meant for Telangana Talli. He advised the chief minister to rectify this mistake immediately saying that "otherwise, the people of Telangana would teach a lesson at the right time".

Rama Rao clarified that while they had no objection to the Congress government installing a Rajiv Gandhi statue, they were opposed to its location as the spot has been earmarked for the statue of Telangana Talli. He reminded that KCR had chosen this location in July 2023 for the Telangana Talli statue, a decision widely accepted by Telangana society.

The BRS working president said that his party would take steps to ensure that the Telangana Talli statue was installed in its rightful place. He reminded that the BRS had always cautioned about the Congress compromising the self-respect of Telangana for "slavery of Delhi" if it came to power. "Revanth Reddy is doing exactly that — prioritising the approval of Delhi bosses over the sentiments of Telangana people. Those who compromise Telangana's identity for political gains would face political extinction," he said.

The BRS working president said that BRS was the only party that would fight without compromising on Telangana's identity and interests. He said that BRS stands for the welfare of Telangana people, not for the approval of Delhi bosses and would continue to be the shield protecting Telangana's interests.



The statue of former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi unveiled by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Monday, is seen with the full moon in the background, near the Martyrs Memorial in the evening | VINAY MADAPU

Revanth: KTR would have sold tea in Siddipet if not for late PM

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The chief minister praised Rajiv Gandhi, stating that he took charge when the nation was in crisis.

"Rajiv Gandhi gave the right to vote to 18-year-olds, empowering the youth. He is credited with amending the Constitution to provide more powers and funds to gram panchayats and introducing women's reservation in local bodies. Rajiv Gandhi also spearheaded the technological revolution in India," the chief minister said.

Taking a jab at KTR, Revant said: "If not for Rajiv Gandhi's introduction of computers in the country, KTR might have had to sell idlis and eggs in Guntur or tea in Siddipet. KTR has reached this level because of Rajiv Gandhi's vision, yet the BRS leadership remains arrogant despite having lost power in the state."

He then issued a challenge to those threatening to remove Rajiv Gandhi's statue: "Let them come. I will see what

happens. The BRS government was asleep for 10 years, and today the Congress government is installing the Telangana Talli statue inside the Secretariat. On December 9 this year, the Telangana Talli statue will be unveiled at the Secretariat."

Revanth also criticised KCR, stating that the former chief minister did not pay his last respects to Konda Laxman Babuji, a noted Telangana freedom fighter who had given shelter to BRS leaders. He announced that his government had named the IIHT after Laxman Babuji, renamed the women's university after Ilamma and would rename the Telugu University after Suravaram Prathapareddy.

The chief minister also accused KCR of instigating his party members after having lost power: "The Kalakeya gang has turned into a swarm of locusts, ready to attack and devour Telangana again. I appeal to the people to be on high alert and throw out this army of locusts from Telangana."

Cong slams BJP for skipping Praja Palana fete

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

THE ruling Congress has taken serious exception to the BJP declining the invitation to take part in "Praja Palana Day" on September 17.

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy had written to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Union Minister Gajendra Shekhawat, Minister of State for Home

Affairs Bandi Sanjay and others inviting them to the programme. However, the BJP leaders turned down the invitation.

Congress MP Mallu Ravi slammed Union Minister G Kishan Reddy for saying that he would not participate in the state government's official programme.

Speaking to the media at Gandhi Bhavan, Ravi tore into

Kishan Reddy, saying that September 17 was the day monarchy ended and people's governance started.

He said given the importance of the day when Telangana actually got independence, the chief minister decided to hold Praja Palana Day on a grand note.

"The BJP leaders are shamelessly stating that they wouldn't come," Ravi said.

Expansion of Hyd-Vij highway to start soon

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Nalgonda

R&B Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Monday announced that the expansion of the six-lane Hyderabad-Vijayawada highway at a cost of ₹2,000 crore would begin soon.

Venkat said he will lay the foundation stone for the project along with Union Minister Nitin Gadkari.

Speaking to reporters here, the R&B minister said that the construction of roads and drains in Nalgonda town was

being completed at a cost of ₹450 crore. He also stated that 10 drinking water tanks with a capacity of 10 lakh litres each and five tanks with a capacity of 15 lakh litres each have reached the slab stage and the work will be completed soon.

"Along with underground drainage, CC roads will be completed in two years," he said, adding that 50 acres belonging to the Housing Board has been acquired for houses for the impoverished. Work on an integrated hostel will soon be started on another 25 acres at ₹80 crore, Venkat said.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

DEPUTY Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Monday revealed that the state government aims to add an additional 40,000 MW in Renewable Energy (RE) by 2035.

Vikramarka said that the state government was developing a comprehensive renewable energy policy to ensure sustainable, reliable and affordable power; promote RE projects and attract private investments.

Addressing the Global Renewable Energy Investors Meet and Expo in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, Vikramarka said that with over 300 days of sunshine,

Telangana has an estimated solar potential of approximately 26.4 GW. Stating that Telangana was one of the top windy states in India, he said that there is wind potential of approximately 54 GW at 150 meters.

"The state has two major hydro projects with pump operations in Srisailem and Nagarjunasagar. There is further potential to undertake Pumped Storage Projects (PSP), utilising reservoirs or lift irrigation projects or abandoned mines etc. Other RE potential includes green hydrogen, geothermal and mini-hydel," the deputy CM added.

He said, "India has set an ambitious goal of adding 500 GW of renewable energy capacity,



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ed. He urged the investors to join the "Telangana Mission".

"The upcoming initiatives of the government such as Artificial Intelligence City (AI City) and Future City centering around sustainable technologies as well as the Regional Ring Road (RRR) connecting key industrial corridors, as well as the Musi Riverfront Development Project, are expected to drive the energy growth further. Telangana's abundant resources, its skilled workforce, and pro-business initiatives such as TS-IPASS, offer compelling opportunities for companies in the renewable energy sector to thrive," Vikramarka said.



Notices to Revenue officials in contempt plea

Justice CV Bhaskar Reddy of the Telangana High Court has issued notices to the Ameerpet Metropolitan Commissioner and other relevant authorities in a contempt case related to alleged encroachment on ancestral property.

The case was filed by Ali Bin Mohammed Bhakan, who claims ownership and possession of land in Bum Rukun Dowla village, Rajendranagar mandal. The petitioner alleged that the authorities willfully disobeyed court orders. In an earlier writ plea, the judge had directed the respondents to refrain from interfering with the petitioner's peaceful possession without issuing proper notice and following due process of law. However, according to the petitioner, the authorities have failed to comply with these directives.

Senior counsel L Ravichander argued that the respondents' non-compliance amounted to contempt of court. In light of this, Justice Reddy ordered notices to the authorities and adjourned the matter for further hearing.

Plea against order on land record corrections junked

A bench of the Telangana High Court has upheld a decision of a single judge in a land dispute case dismissing a writ appeal filed by one Sagi Hanumantha Rao.

The appellant claimed rights to over 64.5 acres of agricultural land in Kondapalli village, Gangadhar mandal of Karimnagar district, through his mother, who he said purchased it in 1963. However, the names of some individuals were wrongly entered in the possessory column of the land records, Hanumantha Rao said.

The government pleader, however, argued that the appellant's mother had approached the RDO for corrections after a prolonged delay of 57 years. The special tribunal had rightly dismissed her appeal, and the single judge had correctly confirmed this decision.

The bench agreed with the single judge's assessment and dismissed the writ appeal. The appellant was granted the liberty to approach the competent civil court to ascertain his title and possession over the subject property if he so desired.

ALL CHARGED UP

In Gujarat, Bhatti hard-sells TG's renewable energy potential

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ed. He urged the investors to join the "Telangana Mission".

"The upcoming initiatives of the government such as Artificial Intelligence City (AI City) and Future City centering around sustainable technologies as well as the Regional Ring Road (RRR) connecting key industrial corridors, as well as the Musi Riverfront Development Project, are expected to drive the energy growth further. Telangana's abundant resources, its skilled workforce, and pro-business initiatives such as TS-IPASS, offer compelling opportunities for companies in the renewable energy sector to thrive," Vikramarka said.

Jani used influence to prevent victim from getting hired: FIR

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Meanwhile, taking to X, singer Chinmayi Sripada said, "Jani Master basically started abusing this girl when she was a minor... I truly wish this girl all the strength to fight through this."

The complainant said that Jani Master ransacked her home, vandalised her vehicle, sent threatening parcels and even sent unknown men to intimidate her. She further claimed that he pressured her to convert to his religion and marry him, and that his wife had also assaulted her at her residence. On one occasion, he allegedly grabbed her hair and smashed her head against a mirror inside a vanity van.

The woman also stated that Jani Master used his influence in the industry to prevent her from getting hired for projects, depriving her of job opportunities. Initially registered as a zero FIR, the case was later transferred to the Narsingi police for further investigation. It was registered under Sections 376 (2)(n) (repeated rape), 506 (criminal intimidation) and 323 (voluntarily causing hurt) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

Recently conferred national award

Jani Master began his career

as a choreographer in 2009 and has worked in over 80 films, including *Eega*, *Jai Ho*, *Baahubali: The Beginning* and *Geetha Govindam*, collaborating with stars such as Rajinikanth, Salman Khan, Prabhas, Ram Charan, Jr NTR, Vijay Deverakonda, Ravi Teja, Nani and Allu Arjun.

The choreographer was recently conferred a National Award for his work on the song 'Megam Karukkatha' from the 2022 film *Thiruchitrabalam*, sharing the award with Sathish Krishnan.

His most recent project was the 2023 Rajinikanth-starrer *Jailer*.

Jani is also a supporter of Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena Party president Pawan Kalyan and campaigned for him during the recent Assembly elections. However, on Monday, the JSP released a statement on X, directing Jani Master to stay away from party activities after the case was registered against him.

Taking cognisance of the issue, the Telugu Film Chamber of Commerce said an Internal Grievance Committee (ICC) will be convened and the inquiry will proceed as per the guidelines of the POSH Act, 2013.

(With inputs from BH Harsh)

Chikungunya bigger menace than dengue at present, say doctors

178 chikungunya cases reported in TG between January and August

AARTI KASHYAP @Hyderabad

FOLLOWING the dengue panic at the beginning of this year's monsoon, chikungunya has now turned into a bigger menace in terms of vector-borne diseases in Hyderabad. As per the official data of the state health department, 6,405 dengue, 178 chikungunya, 200 malaria and 6,192 fever cases have been recorded in Telangana from January to August 31.

Although influenza continues to plague the city with colds, coughs, fever, and body aches, chikungunya is taking a bigger toll on the health of people, especially due to post-viral chronic chikungunya arthritis (CCA), also known as postviral arthropathy.

The post-viral arthropathy, identified by severe joint pains, can be experienced in patients for more than five weeks after recovery and can be debilitating. Doctors said that at present, mild dengue, chikungunya and influenza patients continue to show up in significant numbers daily, with 5-10 chikungunya cases witnessed every day.

Dr Naveen Kumar, consultant physician at a leading pri-



Recovery takes weeks

Post-viral chronic chikungunya arthritis, identified by severe joint pains, can be witnessed in patients for more than five weeks after recovery and can be debilitating.

private hospital, told *TNIE*, "We do have dengue cases coming in but right now it is the combination of dengue, chikungunya and influenza that is affecting people's health severely. Even patients with post-viral complications are showing up after recovery from the vector-borne diseases, which is prolonging their overall recovery. The usual recovery phase of a viral infection is about one to two weeks, we are seeing pa-

tients taking more time to recover from the post-viral effects."

Doctors also noted that chikungunya cases this year were the most severe in the last ten years and dengue was comparatively milder.

Dr Avash Pani, consultant paediatrician at another leading private hospital in the city, said, "We are seeing at least 10 patients of viral fevers in the OPD, especially influenza and chikungunya. There are some mild dengue cases too, which are recovering at home with medications. In the days ahead, influenza will be a bigger concern and a spike is expected, although we see less dengue cases."

Doctors underscored the differentiating symptoms between dengue and chikungunya. They said while in dengue there would be a severe headache, pain behind the eyes and back pain, and chikungunya would manifest severe joint pains. Children under five years of age, pregnant women, elderly and persons with comorbid conditions were at a higher risk of viral-related complications.



(Top) A container school set up in Bangarupalli hamlet of Kannaigudem mandal in Kantanapalli forest area. (Right) An interior view of the school



Minister comes up with container school idea to beat Forest Act rules

B KARTHEEK @Hyderabad

To overcome the practical constraints that come in the way of constructing permanent structures in core forest areas, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Minister Dansari Anasuya has come up with an idea of setting up container schools and hospitals.

The minister will be inaugurating one such school set up at Bangarupalli hamlet of Kannaigudem mandal in the Kantanapalli forest area. The minister already inaugurated a container hospital in the same hamlet.

The locals brought the issue of the pathetic condition of the local state-run school to the notice of the minister. She, then, asked the district collector to explore the alternative possi-

bilities to set up a proper education and medical facility.

The minister ensured the release of ₹13 lakhs for the creation of infrastructure which included state of art furniture. The school has a length and width of 25X25 feet.

Anasuya has demanded that the Centre relax rules for constructing permanent structures like schools and hospitals in the agency areas.

She sought an amendment to the Forest Acts accordingly. She pointed out that the stringent rules framed under the forest laws were making it difficult for the local administration to lay pipelines and electricity lines.

She said that they were currently dependent on solar power for supplying water and electricity.

Centre's test reveals DL smart cards in TG vulnerable to data breach: NGO

AJAY TOMAR @Hyderabad

A Punjab-based NGO, Raahat, has claimed that several smart cards issued in Telangana for vehicle registration certificates (RCs) and driving licences (DLs) were found to be non-compliant upon being tested by the Union government's technology partner, the National Information Centre (NIC). The

NIC functions under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

On the sidelines of a press conference in Hyderabad, the complainant Kamal Soi, chairman of Raahat, told *TNIE*, "In June, the NIC's Smart Card Technology Division had confirmed to me that they had received 20 cards as samples with two different answers to reset

(ATR). However, upon testing with an OEM tool to identify the chip maker and model, they found that 12 cards were non-compliant for chip-maker Samsung and chip model - S3K140A."

In May, Soi alleged that the chips in the smart cards, supplied by Colorplast India Private Limited, were manufactured in China and vulnerable

to data breaches. He said the chips did not comply with Smart Card Operating System for Transport Application (SCOSTA) guidelines.

On Monday, Soi displayed a letter from the former Transport Commissioner to the TGT-SL and a show cause notice to Colorplast dated June 24 directing the latter to submit its response within 10 days.

"But to my knowledge no response from Colorplast has been received by the department so far despite the passing of over three months," he added and demanded the authorities blacklist the company from participating in any future tenders.

TNIE contacted Transport department officials regarding the allegations but has not received a response yet.

Chilkur priest attends blood donation camp in mosque on Milad-un-Nabi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Hyderabad

IN a display of interfaith solidarity, Chilkur Balaji temple head priest CS Rangarajan on Monday participated in a blood donation drive organised by the Helping Hand Foundation (HHF), a healthcare NGO, on the occasion of Milad-un-Nabi at Masjid-E-Muhammed Hussain, Rajendranagar.

The drive was organised to collect blood for children being treated for cancer at the MNJ Cancer Hospital. Children with cancer, mostly with acute leukemia need regular transfusions while undergoing chemotherapy, the NGO said.

As per data from MNJ Cancer Hospital, nearly 100 units of blood are required in the hospital daily, where nearly 2,500 major and 4,000 minor surgeries are performed annually.

HHF and the temple have been working for the last



Chilkur temple priest CS Rangarajan at a blood donation camp in Hyderabad on Monday

five years in promoting interfaith dialogue, communal harmony and peace at a time when increasing polarisation between the majority Hindu community and the principal minority community is frosty and at its lowest ebb, a release from the NGO said.

Rangarajan and HHF founder Mujtaba Hussain Askari are batchmates from OU and reconnected with each other while helping a Dalit woman who was in need of hearing aids. HHF sponsored the hearing aids in 2019.

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KEJRIWAL'S RESIGNATION DRAMA ATTEMPT TO WIPE TAIN OF CORRUPTION

AFTER doggedly refusing to demit office for more than five months since he was arrested on March 21 in an excise policy scam, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced he will soon do exactly that. The announcement came a couple of days after he was released on bail from Tihar jail by the Supreme Court. While the bench relaxed most of the bail conditions, those by a coordinate bench left him hobbled as they had disallowed him from visiting the chief minister's office and the Delhi secretariat. His powers to sign files were also severely restricted. The logical next step was to go back to the court to get the constraints removed. For, Hemant Soren was not subjected to such conditions when he got bail from the SC after 149 days in prison in a land scam. Soren had followed constitutional morality by resigning as Jharkhand CM before going to jail, though the statute does not say it in so many words. He took back the position in a blink after walking out of jail.

However, Kejriwal is anything but predictable. He sought to conjure a spectacle by claiming he would occupy the CM's chair only after the people's court cleared his name by giving him a fresh mandate. For him, electoral victory is the ultimate badge of honesty, not exoneration by the judiciary. By extension then, all elected lawmakers are clean, which is absurd. In the process, he framed the next Delhi elections as a Kejriwal-versus-the-rest contest. A product of the anti-corruption movement, his conscience curiously was not pricked when the Delhi administration went to seed in the 176 days he was in jail because no policy decisions could be taken in the absence of a functional CM. Apparently, he is trying to retake the Mr Clean label and shake off anti-incumbency, as his government's popularity is visibly slipping.

Since Kejriwal seems not to trust anybody except his wife Sunita, it would be a big leap of faith if anyone else is chosen as his successor as CM. While the state is due for elections in February, he sought snap polls in November along with Maharashtra. But the poll call can be taken only by the Election Commission after the new CM dissolves the assembly and formally seeks early elections. The next few days could indicate how it would all play out.

NEERAJ MISSED TOP SPOTS, BUT MATURED AS ATHLETE

EVER since Neeraj Chopra won gold at the Tokyo Olympics and later was crowned the world champion, he has often hit the No 1 spot in competitions. That's because of his consistency. He touched 89.94 metres in mid-2022; so 90 metres was only a natural progression. Then he was injured and had to miss the Commonwealth Games in 2022. Year 2023 was remarkable with gold at the World Championships and Asian Games. However, the latest season panned out differently as Neeraj competed in fewer events. In terms of improving his distance, there was a bit of stagnancy. What seemed effortless in the previous couple of years, seemed laboured this time. He had to rely on his last few throws to ascend the table. There have been discussions about a groin injury troubling him for some time, but Neeraj did not reveal it until the Paris Olympics, where he finished with silver behind Arshad Nadeem. He again finished second at the Diamond League in Brussels; there, too, he revealed he had fractured his left hand days before the event. It has been a year of second finishes and injuries.

But the season presented another side of Neeraj—of one who would not give up even when things are not going his way. At the Olympics, he had only one competitive throw of 89.45 m. Like most Indian medallists, he could have ended his season there. But he stood by his commitment to the Diamond League. At Lausanne, where he peaked better, he had to rely on his penultimate throw of 89.49 metres to push himself to the second spot. So, for the 26-year-old, it was a year he understood his body better, one in which he had to be mentally very strong. He might not have improved his performance, but he grew as an athlete while finding ways to navigate from tight spots.

The next season will be different. The world will see a more mature athlete. He has to take care of his adductor—deciding soon on whether to go for surgery or rehab, so that he is fit for the next season. With the World Championships scheduled next September, he would get time to recover. And he would want to defend the gold he won in Budapest.

QUICK TAKE

NURTURING YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

THE launch of Bhaskar (Bharat Startup Knowledge Access Registry), a digital platform for the country's startup ecosystem, is a welcome move. It expands on the Startup India portal by going beyond just registering them and helping them with tax breaks by promising to connect young (less than 10 years old), small (less than ₹100 crore in revenues) technology- and IP-focused companies with buyers, sellers and investors—a networking hub and administrative tool. Another feature deserves mention: the platform allows students to enrol and be mentored on the basics of business planning. In a space where the competition could be global, the merits of starting young cannot be overstated.

ONE day in February 2024, I was on a flight from Mumbai to Bengaluru. Sat next to me was a young girl of 14. Sitting across the aisle and travelling with her was her older brother, all of 19. The two were on their way to see their grandmother. Ria is just into her early teens and Rishabh (names changed with permission) is just about in the last of his teenage years.

The bubbly Ria settled into her seat and immediately started chatting me up with a signature comment of a frequent flyer, "I hate aisle seats." "So, you fly a lot?" I asked, and thus began our conversation. We spoke a lot, but there is one big thing that caught my attention. At some point, I asked her a question we 'oldies' love to ask the 'youngies' (forgive the ageism, please): "What's your ambition, Ria?" Pop came the reply without a pause, "I want to be a fashion blogger."

Midway through the flight, I requested Ria if she could switch seats with Rishabh. She obliged. "What's your ambition, Rishabh?" was popped at him, too. Without a thought, Rishabh said he wanted to be a radio jockey and that he was already checking out how to go about it.

This planted a thought in my head—to check out from the larger India, quite apart from the hallowed space of air-travellers, what the ambition of the new young are. I started research across urban and rural spaces. We talk of 475 urban agglomerations in India today and a whopping 6,43,700 villages; my research covered a nano percentage of these. But it is nevertheless telling.

New India and the new Indian are divided in ambition. While urban folk by and large are now experimenting with ambition that is less solid in its intent than ever before, rural Indians have embraced the ambitions that exclusively belonged to the Gen Y and Gen Z folks of urban India.

The research exercise was carried out in three spaces: urban, rural and deep-rural. The target segment interviewed were only those born during or after 2010. The youngest was 10 years old and the oldest 14. The idea was to track into the mind and mood of the Alpha generation and do a quick check on their ambitions as they become a vital part of future India. The diagnostics that emerged tell a story of their own.

Let me start with the answers from Cluster 1, which belongs to the urban space you and I are most familiar with. The young from our big urban agglomerations tend to swing towards jobs

Young Indians in urban, rural and deep-rural areas have markedly different ambitions about their careers. Thankfully, these disparate aspirations add up to a vibrant, balanced country

DREAMS OF THE YOUTH IN THREE INDIAS

HARISH BIJOOR

Brand Guru and Founder, Harish Bijoor Consults



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and vocations that look more like the avocations and hobbies of yore. The yen to love what you do overpowers their decision-making in this sphere. Even as we read this, we need to be careful not to prejudge any of it. We must not pass a value-judgement on anything they say or feel. It's their mind, their life and their thoughts.

Society has impacted them through many tools. There is media (by and large social and digital media), the education system they are in, politics, influencers from sports and cinema, and the fast-evolving business ecosystem they are exposed to.

While none of them are really earners in this ecosystem, they sure are spenders. They know where their pocket

money (and their parents' money) is going today, and that one factor seems to influence their decision-making on careers and ambitions. Let me cut the chase. 87.3 percent of those met indicate a desire to be in the services part of the economy, while 12.4 percent want to be in the 'manufacturing' space. The anecdotal and minuscule other set wants to dabble in 'agriculture'.

The verdict is clear in urban India. The space to be in is services. It is glamorous, ubiquitous, consumer-centric, front-ended and seems to exhibit the ability to earn money and margins irrational to effort, as opposed to the other two sectors. The key ambitions are to be an influencer, blogger, television anchor, retail person, and in e-commerce, digital market-

SAVING IC 814 AND OTHER FLIGHTS OF IMAGINATION

AFTER hitting a few air pockets, Anubhav Sinha's series *IC 814*, about the Kathmandu-Delhi Air India plane that was hijacked by ISI agents in 1999 and force-landed in Kandahar, is now cruising well.

The air pockets were due to the 'hurt sentiments of Hindus'. The terrorists were referred to by code names—Chief, Doctor, Burger, Bhola and Shankar. The last two names, associated with Lord Shiva, were 'politically motivated', they said, to extenuate the terrorist elements. The OTT platform duly issued clarifications and disclaimers. 'Sorry' is the collective password for our times.

IC 814 is not the first such product subjected to a social media boycott: Anubhav Sinha's own *Article 370* (problem: Kashmir sensitivities), Amir Khan's *Lal Singh Chaddha* (majority community unfairly seen as intolerant of minority rights), Akshay Kumar's *Raksha Bandhan* (adverse remarks on sanatana dharm), Ranbir Kapoor's *Brahmastra* (hero's meat-eating habits in real life pitted against the character he portrays), and Shah Rukh Khan's *Pathaan* (SRK being 'partial' to Pakistan in the past).

As for the efforts in cancellation sponsored by the liberals: Sandeep Reddy Vanga's *Kabir Singh* (toxic masculinity), Vivek Agnihotri's *The Kashmir Files* (gaslighting the Muslim community), Sudipto Sen's *The Kerala Files*, (exaggerating the threat of love jihad), Reddy Vanga's *Animal* (toxic masculinity), and Vinay Sharma's *JNU* (politically unfair and regressive), to name a few recent instances.

A cancellation call is a drumbeat of execution by other means. The underlying motive is always to censor imagination. The objections are limited to political, religious or cultural content. It is rarely about how these movies triumph or fail as art.

The idea of cancellation, pioneered into existence primarily by the liberals and now resorted to by the right, is a movement away from aesthetics that's a fundamental condition of the arts. *The Kashmir Files* problem, for example, is not so much about truth or its distortion, as it is not a documentary. It is the grossness of form. The poor aesthetics generate distaste, not catharsis. Leni Riefenstahl was a Nazi propagandist, but her *Triumph of Will* is still art.

The culture of cancellation, pioneered by the political and cultural left as a corrective movement and now equally weaponised by the religious and cultural right,

is effectively thought-policing. It does not respect the idea of imagination. It resists the idea of the idea. This is an Indian endemic. If patriotism for the right is a means to justify the shackling of the imagination, political correctness for the left serves pretty much the same purpose. Both converge and shake hands on censorship.

Art's purpose is rarely catechism and mostly inspiration. It is the forum where



C P SURENDRAN

Poet, novelist, and screenplay writer. His latest novel is *One Love and the Many Lives of Osip B*

Cancel culture was pioneered by the left as a corrective movement. It's now equally weaponised by the religious and cultural right. It does not respect the idea of imagination. *IC 814* is not the only recent entertainment product hit by such turbulence from either side of the ideological divide

we play out the human potential to its maximum, the full play to your dark and golden shadows, as Carl Jung might phrase it. A forum for the human mind to find its release, and rehearse its great tragedies.

Aspiration in this direction risks the label of effete decadence. It is not. A beautiful thing, man or woman—perfect form—is precious because he/she inspires. Beauty is an idea. It was Stendhal who said beauty holds the promise of happiness. If art is the approximation towards the idea of perfection, it fulfills its purpose. America, for instance, is all art. Its superpower is ideas. Its wealth is a byproduct of ideas/patents.

The reason why our start-ups do not get anywhere is that the Indian venture capitalist has little respect for ideas. All he wants

is the return on his investments in six months. Even in traditional technologies, from cars to computers, roads to rockets, India makes do with borrowed imagination. Besides the idea of satyagraha, what might be a reasonable modern Indian invention?

Why should the general run of our movies be any different? Almost all movies mentioned here fail because they dare not be beautiful, or experientially transformative. Yet, we conduct protest marches in the cause of free speech. Well, we cannot have free speech in a culture phobic of imagination.

Year 2047 is the magic moment when India is supposed to emerge as a fully developed nation. The BJP and RSS believe we were once a great nation—especially in the Gupta period (320-550 CE). This is not without substance.

In a recently-published excerpt from his latest book, *The Golden Road: How Ancient India Transformed The World* (which I am yet to read), William Dalrymple talks about the great contribution that Aryabhata (476-550 CE) and Brahmagupta (598-670 CE) made in mathematics. I cannot but observe that this endorsement of the Indian past from Dalrymple, a die-hard liberal, would warm the cockles of the Hindu heart. Especially since the narrative is couched in the currently-fashionable language of apologia flowing from the white male guilt of the coloniser.

But assuming our future, after a fashion, is in the past, a sophisticated return to it still cannot account for the great gaps in the Indian imagination that once invented the 0, but then lost count.

In the 1980s, Allan Bloom's *The Closing of the American Mind* attacked the US university system that encouraged an approach to scholarship based on moral relativism as it undermined critical thinking. Bloom uncannily anticipated the reigning woke culture.

Foreign invasions or otherwise, the Indian mind has been in closure for over a thousand years. It is terrified of the art of ideas. *IC 814* was rescued, but its representation as an idea remains endangered.

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Empty catchword

Ref: *Semiconductor nationalism will take us nowhere* (Sep 16). Too much bragging before we achieve anything is a common trait of PM Narendra Modi. Development seems to be just another empty catchword of the PM. Subramanian Anantharaman, Chennai

Young sanyasi

Ref: *Journey of a young boy into sainthood* (Sep 16). The narration of how such a young boy left the family to learn Vedic metres, different languages, yoga, and music as the head of the Matha is interesting. The craving for his mother and favourite food was overcome with rigorous training. It was not easy to head a Matha at a young age, but with the grace of goddess Kamakshi, Ginni was transformed into Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswati. Prema P, Thanjavur

Kamakshi's grace

The Mahaswamy always had a soft corner for the poor and the downtrodden. The grace of goddess Kamakshi always worked through him. All his gestures conveyed the glory of a great tradition that he started. G Nataraja Perumal, Elathur

Immigration worries

Ref: *B'desh, Rohingya infiltrations major threat to J'khand: Modi* (Sep 16). In a statement, PM Modi warned against the infiltration of Rohingyas from Bangladesh into Jharkhand, describing it as a severe threat to security. His remarks point to a rising apprehension of illegal migration affecting neighbourhood management and safety. Garima Singh, Dhenkanal

Kejri calculation

Ref: *Kejri resignation card* (Sep 16). Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal is taking a calculated risk by offering to quit at a time when Delhi assembly elections are not far off. He is definitely playing on the sentimental aspect to woo the electorate. Whether it is a master stroke or a massive risk will be known only after the polls. Govardhana Myneedu, Vijayawada

Misreading mandate

Kejriwal announced his imminent resignation to seek a certificate of honesty from the public. One may ask the beleaguered CM, why not just wait for the verdict of the court in the excise policy scam? Either he is not too sure of his own innocence or the fairness of the judicial system. A popular mandate is not a *sine qua non* for a political leader's honesty. SR Patnaik, Bhubaneswar



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Today, the youth executive of Jannayak Janta Party extended its support to ensure the protection of the rights of farmers, labourers and the poor.



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'Collegium good. Pool of women judges should expand'

Justice (retired) Hima Kohli recalls her enriching experience in SC, speaks on collegium system, pendency of cases and what it means to be a woman judge

THE day she demitted office as the chief justice of the Telangana High Court, she was promoted to the Supreme Court in 2021. Now retired, **Justice Hima Kohli** has been described as a "people's judge," a "fierce protector of women's rights" and a "symbol of women's empowerment." In an interview with **Suchitra Kalyan Mohanty**, the judge spoke on a range of issues the judiciary is grappling with. **Excerpts:**

Supreme Court, I could have perhaps made more effective contribution. I did my best in those three years. It was a very enriching experience.

Judges, lawyers and people have described you as one of the finest judges. As an SC judge did you get enough time to serve the cause of justice?

I think whatever time one gets, one should make the most of it. I would think that by the time many of us enter the Supreme Court, we are left with about four years before we officially retire. Maybe, we need more time to contribute to the court for a longer time.

You became the first woman CJ of Telangana HC. How do you see your tenure?

Telangana was carved out of Andhra Pradesh. Their courts were common; till about 2019, the high court was unified. It was an enriching experience for me, as the first woman CJ and the second CJ of that state.



A huge pendency of cases was a daunting task. When I went in, I was the only woman judge. By the time I left, a request had gone to the SC to increase the number of judges. I requested the then CJI Ramana to expedite the process. Fortunately, it was during my tenure that the judge strength went up from 24 to 42. This was one of the steps to handle the prolonged litigation period.

It was a landmark day for the judiciary when you took oath, along with two more women judges in the SC on August 31, 2021? How was your experience?

It was the first time in the history of SC that nine judges took oath together from different states, from different HCs. It was a chance that we were three women who took oath together. That was also the first

time in the history of SC we bonded well among us. I said in my farewell speech that we, nine of us describe ourselves as V9 (Victory 9) and had a special bonding, almost like batch mates. We worked together, sat on benches together from time to time, and have carried that relationship forever.

You delivered 39 verdicts and were a part of 207 benches, during your tenure as the SC Judge. You are praised as a "fierce protector of women's rights." Your reaction.

People's perception is important. However, I certainly think that the voice of woman should be heard more effectively. They carry with them a different experience on the bench.

How would you describe the SC collegium's role in giving a bigger role to women in the judiciary?

The question of more women joining the higher judiciary would arise when the collegiums in different state HCs take it into consideration while shortlisting names. The important part is that there should be

enough women in the pool of selection. That pool must expand. Till that happens, you can't have more women coming into judiciary. The point is when it comes to high courts and the Supreme Court, the pool shrinks. It will take time for more women to reach the higher echelons of judiciary.

During your tenure in Delhi and Telangana HCs or as an SC judge, was there any political pressure on you?

I haven't come across any such occasion where I could be pressurized. In any case, I don't think anybody had the guts to approach me with any kind of pressure. People kept a respectful distance. Whatever I did, I did it with a free mind and with an assurance that it was within the four corners of law. Let us not forget that a judge is answerable to his conscience.

Is it the best option to appoint judges to higher judiciary through collegiums? Is it the right method where judges appoint judges?

The collegium route is the best one, as it stands today. Judges are strictly not appointing

judges because there is a role of the state in it. After all, files go to the government. Many times, these files are returned. The selection process in 'judges appointing judges,' also involves clearance from the Intelligence Bureau. The SC collegium does its duty diligently.

You've dissented on a couple of SC verdicts. How would you like to describe it?

A dissent is a view one must respect. It is not necessary that all of us think alike. We come from different backgrounds, cultures, and have varied viewpoints and philosophies in life. But it's not often that I dissented. It's not planned, it happened that too in a couple of cases where I differed.

What are your post retirement plans?

I am not 'retiring', I said that much in my farewell speech. I stand by that. I will try to do photography on nature, birds, flowers and trees. I may also write poetry. I am also a trained mediator under the Singapore international mediation centre as an SC judge. I will see how I can explore more of this world.

You served as the Supreme Court judge for almost three years. How do you describe it?

Three years is very brief period to be able to contribute as effectively as one should have. I took oath as a judge of the apex court virtually on the eve of my demitting office as a judge of the HC. I'm grateful that I was considered by the collegium headed by CJI N V Ramana to be elevated to the SC, along with eight of my other colleagues. Had I stayed a little longer time in the



Cong takes on Modi 3.0, flags govt's 'climb down' on Waqf Bill, lateral entry

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE Congress on Monday hit out at the BJP-led NDA government over Modi 3.0 completing 100 days, claiming that Narendra Modi in his third term had proved to be a "weak" prime minister who was dependent on crutches and setting new records for U-turns.

At a presser, party spokesperson Supriya Shrinete said the government has been forced to backtrack on many of its decisions due to pressure from opposition and the public.

"The reality is that the Modi government has failed on every front. It has been a government of U-turns — from lateral entry to the Waqf Bill to the Broadcast Bill to NPS (National Pension System) replaced by UPS (Unified Pension System)," she said.

The Congress spokesperson said the past 100 days had weighed heavily on the nation's farmers, youth, women, infrastructure, railways, and overall peace.

These days have proved that Modi has neither a solution nor a vision for the country's problems, she said. "Modi's 'habit' of turning a blind eye to issues and running away from challenges continues to persist."

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tion campaign that Narendra Modi was planning for the first 100 days? Where is that plan now? Because from day one, Modi has proved to be a weak prime minister, dependent on crutches, setting new records for U-turns," Shrinete said.

She said during the last 100 days, there had been 38 train accidents with 21 deaths and more than 112 injuries. From the Kanchanjungha train accident to frequent derailments, hardly a day passes without some train going off track, she said. "Meanwhile, the Railways minister is busy making reels, dismissing these accidents as minor incidents," Shrinete claimed.

The spokesperson also raised the issue of terror attacks, saying 26 such attacks had taken place, with 21 soldiers martyred in the 100-day period. She said 29 soldiers had been injured and 15 civilians died in the attacks.



Shah reaffirms govt's fight against terrorism

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

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Amit Shah, Home Minister

'Will bury terrorism'

Indirectly referring to NC, PDP and Congress, Shah said, "They want to bring back Art 370 to push J&K back into terrorism. I want to tell Omar Abdullah that we will bury terrorism in the ground. We will bury terrorism to a depth that it won't rise again," he said.

HOME Minister Amit Shah, while addressing poll rallies in Jammu on Monday, said the Assembly polls in J&K is a fight between those who abrogated Article 370 (BJP) and those who are claiming to bring it back (NC, PDP and Congress) and asserted that the Modi government will bury the terrorism so deep that it cannot rise again.

"This election is between two forces. On one side are those who pushed J&K into terrorism for their political benefits. For 35 years, J&K was burning in the fire of terrorism. Over 40,000 people were killed," Shah said while addressing a poll rally in Banihal on the last day of the poll campaign for first phase of Assembly polls on September 18.

"I want to tell Farooq Abdullah and Rahul Gandhi that are you ready to take blame for terrorism in J&K. They won't take. I know it. For this reason, we have decided that after polls, BJP will issue a whitepaper to fix responsibility of those involved in eruption of militancy and killings in J&K," he said.

In another poll rally in Padder-Nagseni assembly segment of Kishtwar district, Shah said the fight is between those who abrogated Article 370 (BJP)



and those who are claiming to bring it back (NC, PDP and Congress).

"We have decided that J&K is an integral part of India and will remain and nobody can change it. NC has promised that it will restore Art 370 if it wins polls. I want to reiterate that till there is BJP, no power on earth can bring back Art 370." On August 5, centre scrapped J&K's special status and bifurcated erstwhile J&K state into two Union Territories.

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Over 40% Independents in fray in phase-I of polls

JAMMU AND KASHMIR

'Highest from Pampore'

In the Valley, 43.22% candidates are independents. The entry of a large number of independents has made elections very unpredictable. The highest number of candidates are in Pampore constituency with 14 candidates, including seven independents, 4 belong to recognized parties and 3 to other than recognized parties. Only 49 candidates contesting belong to registered political parties

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

IN the first Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir since Article 370 abrogation, the independents are trying their luck in good numbers. Over 40% candidates in the first of three-phase of Assembly polls due on September 18 are independent candidates.

A total of 219 candidates are in fray for the first phase the campaigning for which came to an end today. In the first phase, 18 out of 47 Assembly seats in Kashmir and 8 out of 43 Assembly seats in Jammu region would go to the polls. Of the 16 seats in the Valley, 155 candidates are in the fray.

Of the 155 candidates, a large chunk of 67 candidates are independents.

Only 49 candidates contesting the first phase polls belong to registered political parties while 39 belong to parties, who are other than recognized national and state political parties.

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The highest number of candidates are in Pampore constituency with 14 candidates, including seven independents, 4 belong to recognized parties and 3 to other than recognized

parties. "The presence of a large number of independents has put the candidates of major political parties in a disadvantage as they would be eating into their votes. If the contest is close, then every vote would count. In such a scenario, the independents can put candidates of major parties at a disadvantage," said a political observer.

The entry of independents in the electoral fray is not restricted to Kashmir. They are also contesting in Jammu region. In the eight Assembly seats in the Jammu region going to polls in the first phase on September 18, 64 candidates are in the fray.

Of them 25 are independent candidates while 31 candidates belong to political parties and 8 belong to parties who are other than recognized national and state political parties.

The highest number of 10 candidates, including three independents, are contesting Bhandarwah constituency.

The highest number of five independents are contesting the Ramban seat, where a total of eight candidates, including two from political parties, are in the fray. The three majority political parties National Conference, Congress and PDP, have alleged that independents are being "supported" by BJP to cut into their votes.

'Accessibility Standards' for disabled a reality now

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

FILMS will now be accessible to the hearing and visually impaired. Standards, aimed at making cinema accessible for people with disabilities in public places like theatres, have come into effect, the information and broadcasting (I&B) ministry said on Monday. The ministry had notified the guidelines in March.

"All feature films that are to be certified in more than one language would be required to provide at least one accessibility feature each for the hearing impaired and visually impaired, i.e. closed captioning/open captioning and audio description," the ministry said in a statement.

It announced that the "accessibility standards" module in e-Cinepramaan has been successfully deployed as per the September 15 deadline. "The applicants may now apply/submit their films with the required accessibility features for the hearing and visually impaired, as specified in the guidelines," the ministry said.



As per the guidelines, a producer will mandatorily develop a separate copy of the feature films with audio description, open or closed captioning and Indian Sign Language Interpretation for their understanding. The ministry had set September 15 deadline for implementation of these guidelines.

Feature films submitted for consideration in the National Film Awards, the Indian Panorama section of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) and other film festivals will mandatorily include closed captioning and audio descrip-

tion with effect from January 1, 2025, the ministry said.

"All other feature films being certified through CBFC, including teasers and trailers and meant for theatrical release (digital feature films), would be required to mandatorily provide accessibility features from March 3, 2026," it said.

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deliver the film for certification to CBFC along with files of accessibility features.

"The initiative aligns with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPwD Act), which mandates government action to promote universal access and inclusion in information and communication, including access to films," said the ministry.

The guidelines say that the theatre owners will develop self-regulatory plans for accessibility, following consultations with disability stakeholders and implement accessibility features within two years. A committee appointed by the ministry with half its members being persons with hearing or visual disabilities and representatives from the film industry will oversee implementation of accessibility standards and provide guidance.

The Delhi HC had asked the Centre in November last year to put in public domain the draft guidelines for making the experience of watching films friendly for those with hearing and visual disabilities.

Wanna own gears of Paralympians? Auction of PM mementos begins today

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE sixth edition of the auction of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mementos provides an opportunity to grab footwear and sports gears used by the Indian medallists of recently concluded Paris Paralympics.

The highest priced mementos up for sale are a pair of spike shoes presented to the PM by silver medallist javelin thrower Ajeet Singh Yadav, para-athlete Simran Sharma, and high jumper Nishad Kumar as well as a signed cap of silver medallist Sharad Kumar -- all priced around ₹2.86 lakh.

Badminton racket of Paralympics bronze medallist Nithya Sre Sivan and shuttler Sukant Kadam and discus of the silver medallist Yogesh Khatuniya have been priced at ₹5.50 lakh.

"The portal of the auction will go live on Tuesday," announced union culture minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat. A white Nagpuri cotton an-



gavastram (stole) with detailed woven border and a couple of traditional headgears of different states are among a couple of mementos are of the lowest base price at ₹600.

"A committee evaluates the mementos and decides the base price. Total values of articles under auction this year decided by the committee is ₹1.5 crore. However, these souvenirs given to the PM have sentimental values, hence they are priceless and their monetary values are symbolic," said the minister. Shekhawat said that this year

602 memorabilia are part of the auction. Last year, 912 articles were auctioned and the ministry fetched ₹11 crore while the reserve price of the items was ₹2.8 crore. So far, the government has collected ₹54 crore through the bids.

The amount collected through the sale of articles goes to the Namami Gange Programme. About 100 mementos are displayed at the National Gallery of Modern Art in New Delhi. The auction will start on September 17, PM Modi's birthday, and will end on October 2.

TRAIN DERAILMENT Three wagons of a Bengaluru-bound goods train derailed between Misrod and Mandideep stations near Bhopal on Monday, affecting traffic on one line, an official said. Efforts are underway to restore the route.

4 DEAD IN RAIN-RELATED INCIDENTS IN UP

Table with 4 columns: State, Max, Min, State, Max, Min. Includes entries for Ahmedabad, Bhopal, Jaipur, Amritsar, Chennai, Kolkata, Srinagar, Mumbai, Panaji, Patna, Lucknow, Port Blair, Imphal, Chandigarh.

RG KAR: Jawhar Sircar says he disapproved the handling of the case by TMC govt ■ Docs demand end of threat culture in medical institutions

'Total societal movement in Bengal'

"MY time is up, Sir." Jawhar Sircar quipped in his quintessential style while tendering his resignation to Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Thakkar. Never shied away from airing his views—off course, erudite—the Presidency College alumnus cracked the UPSC exams at an early age and went on to become one of the most formidable and distinguished bureaucrats heading several high-profile departments at the state as well as the Centre. The Bengali bhadralok had a clear vision for the country's public broadcaster—Prasar Bharti—when he was CEO. He quit the Trinamool Congress very recently in the wake of the horrific rape-murder of a trainee doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital as he didn't like the handling of the case by the state administration. Excerpts:



tests are non-political. The party sees the role of the Opposition parties—the BJP and the CPM—in engineering the protests. The second part of the protest, Reclaim The Night may appear to be occupation of public space at night—both spatial and temporal space—but it has a wider meaning for the society. It is a manifestation of a women led people's demand for justice not only for the poor woman victim but for womankind as a whole. Look at how women from all walks of life have hit the streets to 'Reclaim' seeking a guarantee for justice from government but also from society. Their pent-up anger against patriarchy in society also. The horrific rape-murder of the 31-year-old doctor was the trigger point for this wider issue.

ing. Else, how would one describe the participation of almost all sectors—from cab drivers to Swiggy delivery personnel, from common citizens to housewives, old and young—join the protests. The message is loud and clear—Bengal isn't prepared to let culprits to go unpunished. It is a collective angst. It is a clear assertion of the people of Bengal that they will tolerate horrific rapes that happened in Hathras, Unnao or Kathua in Bengal. A Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh cannot be allowed in Bengal.

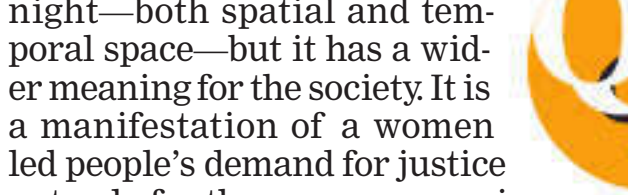
In your resignation letter, you were very critical of the handling of the case. Please elaborate.

I had differences with the party leadership. My approach is different. I would have jumped straight into the problem and opened dialogues and back channels, then talk and talk till a resolution is found.

I remember an incident at Barrackpore Rastraguru Surendranath College in 1979 when as an IAS officer I, despite repeated warning by fellow officers, I went straight in the college and engaged with the protesting students.

I believe that both parties—the state government and the protesting doctors—must engage, talk to each other and find a solution. Only dialogues can resolve the situation.

What next for you? I will continue to fight for the right causes. I will speak and write.



The protests are signs of people's anger against the TMC government? It is a total societal movement happen-

Docs demand nat'l support for justice

ASHISH SRIVASTAVA @ New Delhi

THE national capital on Monday witnessed a united show of doctors' strength who came together to demand justice for their colleague in Kolkata. Senior doctors and a delegation from the West Bengal Junior Doctors Front (WBJDF) held a joint press conference with Delhi Resident Doctors Associations (RDAs) seeking national support for their justice amid the standoff with the West Bengal government.

The doctors accused the Kolkata Police of evidence tampering and demanding a thorough probe by the CBI. Subarna Goswami, a prominent member of the Joint Forum of Doctors, sought accountability, stating, "We want the Kolkata Police Commissioner to be removed and a probe to find out under whose direction he was acting," said Dr Goswami.

He criticised what he described as a "health syndicate" within the state administration. He alleged that the syndicate, involving high-ranking officials and medical institution heads, was obstructing the investigation and tampering evidence. "This syndicate, responsible for rampant corruption in every health institution, must be dismantled to ensure the safety of junior

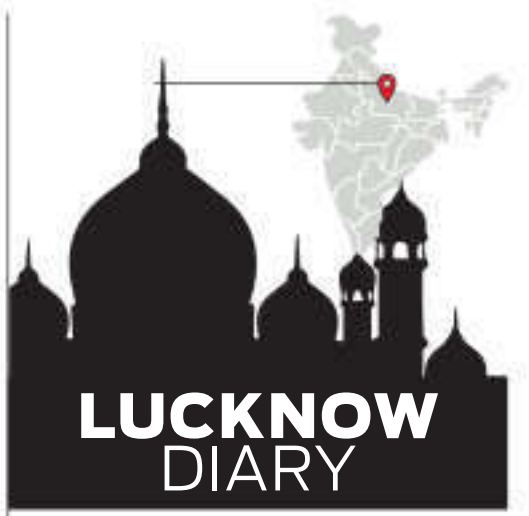
doctors when they return to work," he asserted.

The junior doctors' delegation reiterated their demands including enhanced workplace safety, implementation of gender audits, establishment of Internal Complaint Committees in all institutions, and an end to the threat culture in medical institutions.

The medicos called for national solidarity, urging citizens across the country to support their cause. "We implore everybody to resonate with our 5-point demands of justice. Together, we hope that we can be united in the face of injustice, cowardice and malice and reclaim back the basic tenets of liberty, autonomy and justice," they said.

Meanwhile, the Delhi RDAs, extending solidarity to their colleagues in West Bengal, warned that any coercive action by the Mamata Banerjee government against the protesting doctors will lead to escalation of the protest.

"While we have temporarily suspended our strike as per the Supreme Court's directive, any coercive measures against our fellow doctors in West Bengal will force us to resume our nationwide strike," said Indra Shekhar, President of the AIIMS RDA.



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Sulking 'Chhoti Bahu' Aparna Yadav pacified

Upset over her appointment as vice-chairperson of Uttar Pradesh State Women's Commission, Aparna Yadav, the Chhoti Bahu of SP patriarch late Mulayam Singh Yadav, finally assumed the office on Wednesday but not before meeting UP CM Yogi Adityanath. After being appointed to the post early this month, Aparna had delayed her joining while the other office-bearers, including Babita Chauhan as chairperson and Charu Chaudhary as another vice-chairperson had assumed their roles immediately. Aparna was unhappy with her role as she felt that she deserved better given political stature of her family.



Ayodhya emerges as top tourist destination

Ayodhya has edged out Varanasi to emerge as the top tourist attraction in UP, with 11 crore domestic and international tourists visiting the temple town in the first six months of this year as compared to 4.61 crore visiting Varanasi. The surge is evident. When compared with the first six months of last year, which saw 19,60, 34, 967 tourists, this year registered a jump of over 13 crore visitors with Ayodhya being on top of the list with 10.99 crore tourists, including 2,851 foreign visitors, thronging the temple town. Varanasi followed with 4.61 crore, including 1,33,999 international travellers.

On governance, CM Yogi leaves nothing to chance

After the debacle in recent Lok Sabha polls, UP CM Yogi Adityanath is making changes to streamline the governance further and ensure efficient monitoring of government schemes at the district level. In a recent development, he allocated new district responsibilities to both the deputy chief ministers, ministers, state ministers with independent charge. Yogi, along with his two deputies, will now oversee the review of 25 districts each, with district assignments rotating every four months. Yogi pushed ministers to maintain coordination and work in collaboration with the organisation to ensure public welfare policies and schemes were implemented.

'One nation, one election' gets Nitish backing, CM says beneficial for growth

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

BIHAR chief minister Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal (United) lent its support to its ally—BJP's 'one nation, one election' plan. JD(U), in a statement issued on Monday, highlighted the benefits of 'one nation, one election' policy of BJP and said that it was beneficial for the nation's all-round development.

ance, of which JD(U) is a part," he asserted.

JD(U) leader contended that whatever decisions related to development are taken by the Centre, it would be implemented in a better manner after simultaneous election policy come into effect. JD(U)'s reactions came in the wake of Prime Minister Narendra Modi led NDA government's recent initiative to implement 'one nation, one election' in its third term.

PM Modi, in his Independence Day address, had made a strong pitch for simultaneous elections, saying that frequent elections created hurdles in the country's progress.

BJP in its election manifesto had promised to implement 'one nation, one election' plan during its third term. In March 2024, a high-level committee on 'one nation, one election' led by former President Ram Nath Kovind submitted its report supporting the idea.

Sources said with PM Modi 3.0 government set to complete its 100 days on September 17, the party wanted to fulfil election promise in five years.



Oppn spreading negativity, trying to reinstate Article 370, says Modi

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Monday criticised the Opposition, accusing some individuals of trying to undermine the country's unity by fragmenting it and attempting to reintroduce Article 370 in Kashmir. The PM's speech at the launch of various development projects at the GMDC ground in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, underscored the importance of every Indian aspiring to be a global ambassador for the nation and showcasing its strengths, while also acknowledging that some individuals are spreading negativity.

"Some individuals promise to restore Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir to reintroduce dual constitutions and legislations," he added.

Their hatred, the PM said, blinds them to the point where they seize every opportunity to defame India. They are also persistently targeting Gujarat.

While inaugurating the 4th Global Renewable Energy Investor's Meet and Expo (RE-INVEST) at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar earlier in the day, PM Modi declared, "India's diversity, scale, capacity, potential, and performance are exceptional, setting the stage for



Indian solutions to have global applications. Not just India, but the entire world believes that India is the best bet of the 21st century."

He then reflected on recent global events hosted by India: "In the past month alone, we organised the Global Fintech Fest, saw participation in the First International Solar Festival, held the Global Semiconductor Summit, and hosted the 2nd Asia-Pacific Civil Aviation Ministerial Conference. Today, we continue this trend by hosting a conference on Green Energy." Enumerating his government's priorities and progress during its first 100

days in office, the PM said, "We have taken significant decisions, including the construction of seven crore houses—more than the population of many countries—with four crore houses already handed out in previous terms. We've also approved 12 new industrial cities, green-lit eight high-speed road corridor projects, launched over 15 semi-high-speed Vande Bharat trains, and established a research fund of Rs 1 trillion. Additionally, we've announced various e-mobility initiatives, promoted high-performance biomanufacturing, and approved the Bio E3 policy."

Manipur net ban lifted, schools to reopen today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

THE Manipur government on Monday lifted the week-long ban on mobile internet services in the five Imphal Valley districts and ordered the reopening of schools and colleges from Tuesday.

The decisions were made as no major incidents of violence were reported since last Wednesday. "...the Governor of Manipur is pleased to order revocation of any extant orders for temporary suspension of internet and mobile data services including Lease Lines, VSATs, Broadbands and VPN services in the territorial jurisdiction of the state with immediate effect," an order issued by the home department said.

The ban on internet was imposed in the Imphal East, Imphal West, Thoubal, Bishnupur and Kakching districts on September 10 following the outbreak of violence during protests by the students. Broadband and fixed lease line internet services were restored on September 12.

However, curfew is on in Imphal East, Imphal West, Thoubal and Bishnupur, albeit with relaxation. CM urged everyone to use the internet responsibly and refrain from posting any inflammatory content.

6L applications for 300 hostel superintendent posts

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

THE fixation for a government job among the youth remains high. In a recruitment exam conducted by the Chhattisgarh Vyavsayik Pariksha Mandal (Professional Examination Board) for 300 posts of students' hostels superintendent, over 3.53 lakh aspirants appeared on Sunday. As many as 6.30 lakh youths had initially put in their applications.



The clamour for government jobs is such that overqualified youths also apply for lower posts just to get into secured employment. This indicates lethargy among youth to work while waiting to get jobs, causing large-scale unemployment — Jawahar Suriseti, an academic

expected to be released later this month.

The advertisement for the recruitment of 300 superintendent posts were announced in October last year and the applications were invited this year. "We were astounded with the response. Over 3.53 lakh of them, which is around 56% of the total applications, turned

up for the recruitment test", the officer said.

The required qualification also included the knowledge of the computer. The age limit was between 18 and 35 years. The reserved category candidates received some age-limit relaxation.

State capital Raipur's 165 exam centres had around 34

thousand applicants present. Not just candidates who were 12th pass, which was the recruitment eligibility criterion but many post-graduates in different streams and from other professional courses aspired for the given job. The experts interpreted the number of applicants aiming for the job as indicative of the enormity of existing unemployment.

"The clamour for government jobs is such that overqualified youths also apply for lower posts just to get into secured employment. This indicates lethargy among the youth to work while waiting to get these jobs, perpetually causing large-scale unemployment and burden on families. Youths should get familiar with various other options," said an academic Jawahar Suriseti, who helps youths to find a meaningful career.

The examination comprised 100 multiple-choice questions carrying one mark each for a correct response. The youths who appeared in the test later shared that they faced some strange and interesting questions like what's name of the national vegetable.

SP MLA accused of abetment to suicide of minor on the run

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

AFTER getting booked in two cases, including abetment to suicide and keeping a bonded labourer, Samajwadi Party (SP) MLA Zahid Beg and his wife Seema Beg have been absconding from their house in Bhadohi. The district police took their son to Kotwali police station for questioning on Sunday.

As per Bhadohi ASP Rajvir Singh, after lodging FIRs against the MLA and his wife in connection with the alleged suicide of a teenage girl who was working as a domestic help and the rescue of another minor girl from MLA's residence, the couple is absconding. "To know the duo's whereabouts, police are interrogating people associated with the MLA," he said, adding that the MLA's son, Zayem Beg and his security guard had also been interrogated. After a questioning session, he was released, said police.

Following the alleged suicide of a 17-year-old girl at the top floor of the MLA's house in Bhadohi on September 9, and the rescue of a 15-year-old girl by a joint team of labour, an FIR was lodged against the MLA and his wife on the charges of human trafficking and keeping bonded labour.

Cong MLA's son booked for girl's suicide in MP

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

AN alleged suicide by a 25-year-old girl and booking of the local Congress MLA's son for abetting the suicide has heated up the BJP-Congress politics in tribal-dominated Alirajpur district of Madhya Pradesh.

The young girl allegedly committed suicide on September 13. A probe by the additional SP, which included recording statements of her mother, brother and other family members, brought to the fore the suspected role of the local Congress MLA Sena Mahesh Patel's son Pushpraj 'Bhaiyu' Patel. "Based on the findings of the probe being conducted by the ASP, a case under Section 108 of BNS (abetment of suicide) has been registered against Pushpraj alias Bhaiyu Patel," SP-Alirajpur district Rajesh Vyas said on Monday.

Bhaiyu Patel is a school-time friend of the deceased girl. Pushpraj's father Mahesh Patel, who is the former Alirajpur district Congress chief and husband of Jobat seat MLA Sena Patel, however, claimed that the police acted hastily. "My son and that promising daughter knew each other. But the girl's social media and phone data suggests that my son has nothing to do it," said Patel.



15 People died in Central Europe after flooding sparked by Storm Boris



Table with weather forecasts for various cities including Beijing, Colombo, Dhaka, Dubai, Houston, Istanbul, London, Los Angeles, Melbourne, Moscow, New York, Singapore, Toronto, and Washington.

TRUMP'S ATTACKER HAD PLANNED TO RECRUIT AFGHANS TO FIGHT FOR UKRAINE

Ryan Wesley Routh has criminal record, donated to Democratic party

WASHINGTON

The 58-year-old man detained in connection with an apparent assassination attempt on former president Donald Trump has said in an interview in 2023 that he planned to recruit potential Afghan soldiers through Pakistan to fight in Ukraine against Russia.

Ryan Wesley Routh, who authorities suspect was planning to attack the Republican presidential nominee as he played a round of golf, made these remarks to The New York Times.

During an interview with newspaper in 2023, Routh also said he was seeking recruits for Ukraine from among Afghan soldiers who had fled the Taliban. He said he planned to move them, in some cases illegally, from Pakistan and Iran to Ukraine. He said dozens had expressed interest.

"We can probably purchase some passports through Pakistan since it's such a corrupt country," he was quoted by the New York Times.

He has shown pro-Ukraine views into his public statements because of which he was interviewed by several news organisations, including The New York Times and Semafor in 2023. Routh is a self-employed affordable housing builder in Hawaii who at times has criticised the former president.

During Sunday's attack, Trump was on the course, a few hundred yards away, when Secret Service personnel spotted Routh concealed in the bushes and opened fire, law enforcement officials were quoted as saying by the New York Times.



Photos show an AK-47 rifle, a backpack and a Go-Pro camera on a fence outside Trump International Golf Club displayed during a news conference on Sunday in West Palm Beach | AP

Musk deletes his joke tweet on Trump assassination

Elon Musk deleted a post on Monday morning that questioned why former President Donald Trump has faced two apparent assassination attempts in recent months while President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris have not encountered any, CNN reported. Musk later claimed the post was a joke.

He fled the scene in a vehicle and was taken into custody during a traffic stop, and a rifle with a scope was recovered from the bushes, along with a camera and two backpacks, the report added.

Routh, who has a lengthy criminal record from North Carolina, frequently posted about politics and exclusively donated to Democratic candidates and causes dating back to 2019, the New York Post reported.

He also bashed Trump in an April 22 post on X. PTI

Worst typhoon in 75 years brings Shanghai to a halt

BEIJING

BEBINCA, the strongest typhoon to have hit China's Shanghai city in 75 years, on Monday left a trail of destruction, bringing the megacity with a 25 million population to a grinding halt.

Bebinca, the 13th typhoon to hit China this year, made landfall in Shanghai around 7:30 am, according to the Shanghai Central Meteorological Observatory. The typhoon, with the maximum wind force near its centre reaching 42 meters per second, churned ashore at the Lingang area of Pudong district. Bebinca unleashed gales and torrential rain in the city, state-run Xinhua reported.

Pictures on social media showed trees uprooted and light poles toppled. The typhoon ruined the three-day Mid-Autumn Festival holiday for the people of Shanghai. Authorities advised residents to stay indoors unless necessary.



A policeman blocks the entrance to a road as fallen trees obstruct commute in the area on Monday | AP

On Sunday, the State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters activated the Level-IV emergency response for China's eastern Anhui Province and raised the re-

sponse in Shanghai and Zhejiang provinces to Level III.

Bebinca has led to flight cancellations over Shanghai and the suspension of passenger ferry operations in the city. Shanghai Railway Station also suspended passenger trains on

several routes passing through the city till Monday.

Shanghai Disneyland, Disneytown and Wishing Star Park remain closed on Monday, with the two resort hotels providing services to in-house guests, the Shanghai Disney Resort said in a statement. It added that normal operations are expected to resume from Tuesday.

Doctors and nurses in the city were busy as the typhoon created trouble for their patients. Shanghai First Maternity and Infant Hospital issued a notice on Monday asking pregnant women who were unable to come for their regular checks to reschedule. PTI

SHOGUN, HACKS' WIN TOP EMMY AWARDS

THE 76TH ANNUAL EMMY AWARDS WERE HANDED OUT ON SUNDAY AT THE PEACOCK THEATER IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES

THE BIG HITTERS

Drama series: Shogun

Comedy series: Hacks

Limited, anthology series, movie: Baby Reindeer

Actor in a drama series: Hiroyuki Sanada, Shogun

Actress in a drama series: Anna Sawai, Shogun

Supporting actor in a drama series: Billy Crudup, The Morning Show

Supporting actress in a drama series: Elizabeth Debicki, The Crown

Actor in a comedy series: Jeremy Allen White, The Bear

Access in a comedy series: Jean Smart, Hacks

Supporting actress in a comedy series: Liza Colón-Zayas, The Bear

Supporting actor in a comedy series: Ebon Moss-Bachrach, The Bear

Actor in a limited, anthology series or movie: Richard Gadd, Baby Reindeer

Actress in a limited, anthology series or movie: Jodie Foster, True Detective: Night Country

Supporting actress limited, anthology series or movie: Jessica Gunning, Baby Reindeer

Supporting actor in a limited, anthology series or movie: Lamorne Morris, Fargo

Reality competition program: The Traitors, Peacock

Scripted variety series: Last Week Tonight with John Oliver

Talk series: The Daily Show

Writing for a variety special: Alex Edelman, Just for Us

Writing for a comedy series: Lucia Aniello, Paul W. Downs and Jen Statsky, Hacks

Writing for a drama series: Will Smith, Slow Horses

Writing for a limited series, anthology or movie: Richard Gadd, Baby Reindeer



The team from Shogun accepts the award for outstanding drama series

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Israel air strike in Gaza kills 18

GAZA

GAZA medics and rescuers on Monday said Israeli strikes on several homes killed at least 18 people, as Hamas claimed it had ample resources to sustain its fight nearly a year into the war.

The latest strikes came as Israeli Defence Minister Yoav Gallant warned that prospects for a halt in fighting with Hezbollah militants along the Lebanon border were dimming, yet again raising fears of a wider regional conflagration.

Senior Hamas official Osama Hamdan said in Istanbul on Sunday: "The resistance has a high ability to continue."

"There were martyrs and there were sacrifices... but in return there was an accumulation of experiences and the recruitment of new generations into the resistance." AFP

Secret Service needs more hands: Biden

WASHINGTON: President Joe Biden said on Monday that the US Secret Service needs more personnel to perform its duties after a second apparent assassination attempt against Republican election candidate Donald Trump. "One thing I want to make clear, the (secret) service needs more help, and I think the Congress should respond to their needs," Biden told reporters at the White House.

Trial begins of man close to Charlie Hebdo attackers

PARIS

A French jihadist, who was close to the brothers behind the 2015 massacre at the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo, went on trial in Paris on Monday.

Peter Cherif, also known as Abou Hamza, was arrested in Djibouti in 2018 after years allegedly fighting in the ranks of Al-Qaeda in the Middle East.

He is being tried for terrorism-related offences allegedly committed between 2011 and 2018, and the 2011 kidnapping of three French aid workers in Yemen. In 2015, Cherif was placed on a US blacklist as a member of the Yemen-based militant group Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP).

Cherif, 42, was linked to a Paris jihadist cell and was named in the enquiry into the January 2015 attack on satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo, due to his regular contact with the perpetrators, brothers Said and Cherif Kouachi. Twelve people were killed in the massacre that sent shock waves across France.

Peter Cherif has not been formally charged over the attack but his potential involvement is expected to be at the centre of the trial.

Investigating judges believe that he "facilitated the integration into AQAP of one of the Kouachi brothers, most probably Cherif" and that he had knowledge of the plan to carry out an attack in France.

According to several witnesses, AQAP advised foreign fighters in Yemen to return to their countries of origin to stage attacks. Peter Cherif is also believed to have maintained contact with Cherif Kouachi on his return to France. AFP

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Table with columns: Direction, Boundaries. Rows: North, South, East, West.

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All that piece and parcel of land measuring Acres 2-00 Guntas in Survey No. 110 situated at Kokapet Village, Gandipet (previously Rajendranagar) Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana and bounded by:

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All that piece and parcel of land measuring Acres 1-35 Guntas in Survey No. 108A situated at Kokapet Village, Gandipet (previously Rajendranagar) Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana and bounded by:

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MAHAVEER CO-OPERATIVE URBAN BANK LIMITED.,

HEAD OFFICE - 7-1-59/7, Opp: Indian Bank, Beside Plastic World, Ameerpet, Hyderabad - 500016, Mail Id - ho@mahaveerbank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property) [Rule 8(1)]

Whereas, The undersigned being Authorized Officer of the Mahaveer Co-operative Urban Bank Ltd., H.O. Ameerpet, Hyderabad under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred u/s 13 (12) read with (Rule 3) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued demand Notice dated 05-07-2024, calling upon borrower Sadhule Shivramulu S/o. Balakistiah R/o - H.No.17-2-578/18, Kurnarguda, Saidabad, Hyderabad - 500059.

Borrower and Property: Sadhule Shivramulu S/o Balakistiah R/o - H.No.17-2-578/18 Kurnarguda Saidabad Hyderabad - 500059. To repay the amount mentioned in notice of 1) Term Loan Account No.18 Rs.6,36,411/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Four Hundred Eleven Rupees Only) which includes interest up to 31-08-2024.

2) Term Loan Account No.24 Rs.3,11,074/- (Rupees Three lakhs Eleven Thousand Seventy Four Rupees Only) which includes interest up to 31-08-2024. TOTAL AMOUNT: 9,47,485/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Forty seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Five Only) With Future Int from 01-09-2024.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, property owner, guarantor, and Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of said Ordinance read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the 12th September 2024.

The borrower, Property Owner and the Guarantors and Public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Mahaveer Co-operative Urban Bank Ltd. for an Amount Rs. 9,47,485/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Forty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Five only) which includes interest up to 31-08-2024.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that the Piece and parcel of House No.17-2-578/18 consisting of ground and first floor adm 54.5 Sq. Yards Situated at Bharath Nagar Madanpet Hyderabad Belongs to SADHULE SHIVRAMULU, Telangana State - 500059.

Place :- Hyderabad Date :- 12-09-2024 For Mahaveer Co Op Urban Bank Ltd Sd/- (Vijay Kumar Chowdhury) MD/CEO/Authorized Officer

Copy to Guarantor's Sadhule Shivramulu - 17-2-578/18, Kurnarguda, Saidabad, Hyd-500079 Mr. Alefi Srishailam - Plot No.141, Road No.6, Suryanagar Colony, Hayatnagar Mr. Bolla Harish - #18-2-483/37, Temple Jangampet Falakunuma, Charminar, Hyderabad - 500079

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The borrower, Property Owner and the Guarantors and Public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Mahaveer Co-operative Urban Bank Ltd. for an Amount Rs.74,65,340/- (Rupees Seventy Four Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand Three Hundred Forty only) which includes interest up to 31-08-2024.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Eq. Mortgage All that the Portion of House bearing Municipal Old No.18-3-498/5 and Assessed with new MCH No. 18-3-498/5/D, Admeasuring 208 Square Yards or equivalent to 173.89 square meters, situated at outside Aliabad, Hyderabad, Telangana state - 500053. Purchased by Mr. B. Ramesh Kumar.

Place :- Hyderabad Date :- 12-09-2024 For Mahaveer Co Op Urban Bank Ltd Sd/- (Vijay Kumar Chowdhury) MD/CEO/Authorized Officer Mr. Kranthi Kumar - #18-3-498/2/A Laxmi Nagar, Near phoolbagh play Ground, Aliabad, Charminar, Hyd - 500053 Mrs. B. Swathi - #18-3-498/2/A Laxmi Nagar, Near phoolbagh play Ground, Aliabad, Charminar, Hyd 500053

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

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NW/148/III/Tender Notice/GS/2024-25 Date: 13.09.2024

The open tender for the following work is floated and the details of the tender are already uploaded at www.irops.gov.in

Sl. No. 1, Tender No.: T-2024/25-GS-001, Authority: Dy. CE/GS/INR, Advertised Tender value: IN Rs. 24,06,75,969.00, Earnest money: IN Rs. 13,53,400/-, Completion period: Fifteen Months, Cost of tender form: IN Rs. 0, Description of the work: SCR Gati Shakti: Nanded Division: Proposed by-pass Line at Purna Junction Station (3.22 Km) for connecting Purna-Akola & Purna-Secunderabad Main lines of South Central Railway; Proposed execution of Earth work in formation/ cutting including blanketing to IRS GE:0004 specifications, Construction of Minor Bridges, Drain, Plat Form with COPR RBG Building, Goompiles, Supply, Transportation and Dumping of stone ballast, Transportation of P. Way materials, Laying and linking of BG Track, assembling and insertion of SEJs, Points and Crossings and execution of other connected miscellaneous works.

Sl. No. 1, Tender No.: T-2024/25-GS-001, Similar nature of work (for coating above 50 lakhs) "Any Civil Engineering work consisting of execution of earthwork in formation and any type of bridges".

The above tender will be close on 10/10/2024 at 15:00 hrs. Dy. Chief Engineer/GS/ Nanded

Open e-Tender Notice No. NED/E.29/ TrD/Tender/12 & 13/2024-25 Dtd 13.09.2024

Sealed tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works:

Sl. No.: 1, Tender No.: N/E.29/TrD/Tender/12/ 2024-25, Description of Work: Provision of two loop lines at GEVRA between Badnur-Karmad stations of Nanded division-OHE arrangements. Completion period: 6 months, Approx. Value: Rs. 3,16,33,822/-, Bid security: Rs. 3,09,200/-

Sl. No.: 2, Tender No.: N/E.29/TrD/Tender/13/ 2024-25 Description of Works: Design, Supply, erection, testing & commissioning of 25 KV AC OHE including provision of new SSP along with modification to existing SCADA for by pass line at Purna Jn to connect Purna-Akola line to Mamad-Secunderabad line. Completion period: 6 months Approx. Value: Rs. 3,36,33,888/- Bid security: Rs. 3,18,200/-

Date of Closing 14.10.2024 at 16:00 hrs. A1183 Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (TR/Nanded)

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.irops.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in





Govt may develop K'taka as semiconductor hub

Karnataka government and Centre working together to create semiconductor ecosystem there, says Kaynes CEO

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THE government may develop a semiconductor ecosystem in South India after establishing a hub in Gujarat, said Raghu Panicker, CEO of Kaynes Semicon, a subsidiary of Karnataka-based electronic manufacturer Kaynes Technology. Panicker highlighted that both the Karnataka government and the central government are actively working on developing another semiconductor hub in Karnataka.

"I think so (the government is developing a semiconductor unit in South India), because I see the Karnataka government is very active in this. And so is the central government. I'm not exactly privy to give more details, but they are doing it," said Panicker.

The government recently approved Kaynes Technology's application for an OSAT (Out-

ROAD AHEAD

Recently, Cabinet approved Kaynes Semicon's semiconductor unit in Sanand

The plant to see an initial investment of ₹3,300 CR

It will be fully operational in the next 18 to 24 months

The first phase of production will begin with a 100 MN chip capacity in 10 to 12 months

The chips produced in the unit will cater to a wide variety of applications

When the plant is fully operational, it will produce 1 billion chips

Initially, Kaynes planned to set up its facility in Telangana but later changed its location to Gujarat

The subsidy should be for semiconductor components usage in India, for instance, substrate, raw material, gases, and equipment manufacturing.

Raghu Panicker, CEO of Kaynes Semicon



sourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test) facility unit in Sanand, Gujarat. The plant, worth ₹3,300 crore, is expected to be fully operational in the next 18 to 24 months. This is the fifth application accepted by India's Semiconductor Mission, launched by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology in December 2021, with an outlay of ₹76,000 crore to make India a semiconductor hub like Taiwan.

"The construction work has already started in Sanand, Gujarat, and the first production or first phase of production will start with a 100 million chip capacity in 10 to 12 months. After two and a half years, when the plant is fully operational, it will produce 1 billion chips," said Panicker. Initially, Kaynes planned to set up its facility in Telangana but later changed its location to Sanand, Gujarat, where other compa-

nies like Micron Technology are also establishing their presence. The reason for shifting its semiconductor manufacturing unit to Gujarat was the development of the entire ecosystem in the region, said Panicker.

Kaynes Technology has chosen its technology partners for its semiconductor unit, including Globetronics from Malaysia, Aptos Technologies from Taiwan, AOI in Japan, and California-based Mixx Technologies. The chips produced in this unit will cater to a wide variety of applications which include segments such as industrial, automotive, electric vehicles, consumer electronics, telecom and mobile phones, among others. When asked about the government's focus for the next phase of the semiconductor incentive scheme, Panicker suggested that it should include incentives for equipment manufacturing.

Bajaj Housing shares more than double on listing

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

SHARES of Bajaj Housing Finance made a stellar debut on the stock exchanges on Monday. On the NSE and the BSE, the company's shares were listed at ₹150 per share, 114.29% higher than the issue price of ₹70.

The stock closed its first day at ₹165 on NSE, higher by 135.71% from the IPO price of ₹70, and at ₹164.99 on BSE, a 135.70% premium. This blockbuster listing added a whopping ₹79,000 crore to the company's valuation on day 1, highest in India's capital market history for a new entrant. Bajaj Housing Finance's market capitalisation stood at ₹137,507 crore at Monday's close as against ₹58,300 crore at the time of issue. The firm also widened the valuation gap among the housing finance companies. Housing & Urban Development Corporation stood at the second position with a market valuation of ₹49,476.96 crore, followed by LIC Housing Finance at ₹37,434.54 crore and PNB Hous-

ing Finance (₹27,581.41 crore). The strong listing for the Bajaj Group company was on the expected lines given the ₹6,560 crore IPO, the biggest of 2024 so far, received record subscription numbers amidst a bullish run in the broader market. Bajaj Housing Finance IPO was subscribed 63.61 times.

It received bids for more than 4,628 crore equity shares as against the 72.75 crore shares which were on offer. The share applications were valued at nearly ₹3.24 lakh crore, another high for an IPO. Sanjiv Bajaj, chairman and MD of Bajaj Finance, said on Monday that even they had not expected the way the shares opened.

"It also has additional responsibility on management and the board. The way we have built a quality business in the last 7 years, we will move ahead in the same way," said Bajaj after the listing ceremony in Mumbai. He expects 12-15% credit growth in the housing finance industry as the economy is showing very strong tailwinds.

LISTING DAY GAINS

COMPANY	LISTING DATE	ISSUE PRICE (₹)	LISTING DAY CLOSING (₹)	% LISTING DAY GAIN
Sigachi Industries	15-Nov-21	163	604	270
Vibhor Steel Tubes	20-Feb-24	151	442	193
Paras Def & Space Tech	01-Oct-21	175	499	185
BLS E-Services	06-Feb-24	135	371	175
Tata Technologies	30-Nov-23	500	1314	163
Latent View Analytics	23-Nov-21	197	489	148
Bajaj Housing Finance	16-Sep-24	70	165	136
Tatva Chintan Pharma	29-Jul-21	1083	2310	113
Indigo Paints	02-Feb-21	1,490	3119	109
G R Infraprojects	19-Jul-21	837	1747	109

ENERGY

₹32.45 lakh cr pledged for green projects

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

BANKS and financial institutions have committed around ₹32.45 lakh crore for green projects, said New and Renewable Energy Minister Pralhad Joshi. Speaking at the inaugural session of the 4th RE-INVEST 2024, the minister also urged investors to invest in the rapidly growing renewable energy sector.

"We have received overwhelming commitments from states and UTs, as well as from developers, manufacturers, and financial institutions, to support our goal of 500 GW by 2030. Developers have committed to an additional 570 GW of capacity addition," said the minister.

According to the minister, manufacturers have pledged additional production capacities of 340 GW in solar modules, 240 GW in solar cells, 22 GW in wind turbines, and 10 GW in electrolyzers. The event was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was joined by global and domestic investors, companies, and leaders in the energy industry. Joshi also mentioned the significant response to the Prime Minister's Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, which has resulted in a more than 33-fold increase in solar rooftop capacity since its announcement.

The minister highlighted that installed renewable energy capacity has grown from 75.52 GW in March 2014 to over 207.7 GW now, representing a 175% increase over the past decade.

During this period, total renewable energy generation in India has risen by 86%, from 193.50 billion units to 360 billion units. "This growth is driving unprecedented demand for energy, and we are committed to meeting this demand sustainably, with significant advancements in renewable energy," he said.

Govt plans non-profit co to push start-up initiatives

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE government is planning to set up a non-profit company under the Start-up India programme to push all its start-up initiatives. It is planning an ONDC-like platform to allow start-ups to register themselves, access and share information in order to allow them to network and collaborate across the entire start-up value chain.

As a first step towards this, the minister of commerce and industries Piyush Goyal launched a platform, Bhaskar (Bharat Startup Knowledge Access Registry), an initiative of Start-up India.

On the new platform, registered start-ups can seamlessly collaborate, share and access information about the ecosystem. Goyal said that his ministry has decided to set up as non-

profit company so that all the elements of Start-up India are integrated and brought under one umbrella.

"Startup India has become a powerful name, the good system by itself should have a house of its own," said the minister while floating the idea of a non-profit company to bring in all the government's start-up initiatives under one roof. He also said that the new company should issue shares to unicorns, so that they also bring in their efficiency into the company.

Speaking about Bhaskar, Goyal said it is a one-stop digital platform for data dissemination, exchange, interaction for the entire start-up ecosystem through simple easy to use links and easy to navigate technology catalysing the

growth and success of the start-up ecosystem across India and beyond. He expressed hope that BHASKAR 2.0 would be improvised and released soon with enhanced features and technology so that it becomes like an ONDC platform for start-ups. ONDC is a section 8 (non-profit)



company that promises to bring millions of offline retailers into the e-commerce fold. ONDC connects offline and online retailers with buyers and suppliers. Bhaskar promises to easily connect and collaborate with like-minded people via personalised dashboards and peer-to-peer connect features.

One can get registered on the platform, generate profile cards and get discovered across the start-up ecosystem. Bhaskar will house the ever-evolving start-up ecosystem stakeholders under one single roof, making it the largest digital registry of the start-up ecosystem in the world in the coming times.

So far 1.46 lakh start-ups registered under Start-up India initiative would be automatically migrated to the new platform.

FinMin 100 days under Modi: UPS, FATF, incentive scheme and more

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

IN the first 100 days of the new Modi government, the Ministry of Finance's major achievement was the country's successful Mutual Evaluation by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) in June 2024, which recognised India's measures against money laundering and terrorist financing. India was placed in the 'regular follow-up' category, a distinction shared with only three other G20 nations, reflecting the effectiveness of the JAM (Jan Dhan, Aadhaar, Mobile) framework and efforts to transition towards a digital economy.

The Union Cabinet also approved the introduction of the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) to improve the National Pension System for Central Government employees. This initiative ensures minimum pension guarantees and inflation indexation, while balancing the need to protect taxpayer



interests. Additionally, the Banking Amendment Bill 2024 was introduced in Parliament to enhance governance standards within the banking sector. This bill focuses on strengthening depositors' protection, improving audit quality in public sector banks, and streamlining nomination processes for customer convenience.

The launch of the PM Internship Scheme in top companies is another significant initia-

tive, aiming to provide internship opportunities for 1 crore youth over five years, enhancing their employability and exposure to real-world business environments. Furthermore, the government extended the benefits of the 12th Bipartite Wage Settlement to Regional Rural Bank employees and pensioners, impacting around 93,000 staff and 40,000 pensioners. In addition, amendment of the Securities Contracts Regulation Rules (SCRR), 1956 allows Indian companies to directly list their securities on international exchanges with in the International Financial Services Centres (IFSC) at GIFT City. This initiative aims to align India with global standards, making it easier for public companies to access international markets. In the recent budget, the ministry reduced duties on gold, silver, and platinum, making it easier for businesses to manufacture and boost exports.

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

MARKETS regulator Sebi has said all the concerns raised by its employees shall be addressed "amicably through internal channels", and the statement issued earlier this month after employee complaints stands withdrawn.

A day after their protest at the headquarters, on September 4, the Sebi had officially issued a statement saying all the allegations made in the letters were unfounded and instigated by some outside elements to secure their own interests. "The Sebi addresses employee-related matters through appropriate internal mechanisms. Following constructive discussions with representatives of all grades of officers, Sebi and its employees have reaffirmed that such issues are strictly internal and will be managed in accordance with the organiza-



tion's high standards of governance and within a time-bound framework," Sebi said in a statement issued on Monday.

It said the employees have strongly condemned the unauthorised release of internal communication and have confirmed that all concerns shall be addressed amicably through established internal channels.

The earlier statement, which now stands withdrawn, was issued on September 4 after around 200 of its officers took out a protest march.

The release had said that the employees were being instigated by external elements to "go to the media, go to the ministry, go to the Sebi board perhaps to serve their external elements' own purpose." It also referred to a letter that "a group of Sebi employees" had sent to the HRD on August 6, and a second letter they had sent seven days later.

DIGITAL

Infosys to build new digital platform for LIC

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

IT services company Infosys will develop a next-generation digital platform for the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC). The IT company will spearhead LIC's digital transformation initiative called DIVE (Digital Innovation and Value Enhancement).

Infosys will provide LIC with turnkey system integration services using AI capabilities from Infosys Topaz and DevSecOps services from Infosys Cobalt.

The IT firm will help establish the necessary infrastructure for digital transformation and ensure ongoing monitoring and maintenance once the platform is operational.

The NextGen Digital Platform will enable LIC realize the objectives of DIVE, and the platform will also serve as an open platform, enabling swift integration with FinTech companies and Bancassurance partners, Infosys said.

Siddhartha Mohanty, CEO & MD, LIC, said, "Our collaboration with Infosys marks a significant milestone in our digital transformation journey."

Salil Parekh, CEO & MD, Infosys, said, "By leveraging Infosys' extensive experience in digital transformation initiatives and prowess in AI and Cloud, we aim to equip LIC with a robust digital infrastructure that will deliver superior customer engagement, enhance operational efficiency and enable rapid market responsiveness."



Buchs putting out facts to contradict allegations: FM

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

SEBI chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch and her husband Dhaval Buch are defending themselves and putting out facts that contradict the allegations of Congress, said Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

Speaking at an event in New Delhi, she said, "Quite a few of the allegations have been answered... I think the facts will have to be taken on board." On being asked whether she was satisfied with Madhabi Puri Buch's answers, Sitharaman said, "I'm not here to judge that." In a joint statement issued last Friday, Sebi chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch and her husband Dhaval Buch had denied the al-



M&M expects demand revival for LCVs in H2FY25

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

AUTO major Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) is expecting a revival in demand for light commercial vehicles (LCVs) during the second half of the ongoing financial year. The automaker, which dominates more than half of the LCV market, feels that increased government spending and improving rural sentiment will support the growth momentum.

Veejay Nakra, President of Automotive Division, Mahindra & Mahindra said that intense heatwaves and the election season led to a slowdown in demand for LCVs after two years of blockbuster sales in the 2-3.5 tonne segment.

"However, the government spending after the election outcome has been robust, and the monsoon is above normal this year. This is expected to have a positive impact on the LCV seg-



'To support multiple powertrain options'

R Velusamy, President - Automotive Technology and Product Development at M&M said that designed to support multiple powertrain options, including electric in the near future, Veero addresses the diverse operational needs of businesses.

We are already seeing demand revival in the two-wheeler and tractor segment...this is a strong indicator that we will see the same for LCV," Nakra told TNIE. He also said that the company's new product - Veero - will help M&M to increase its

market share in the southern region where Ashok Leyland and Tata Motors are the dominant players. Even though M&M has a market share of 63% in the 2-3.5 tonne segment in the domestic market, its share in the southern markets

RETURNING RISHABH UNDER SPOTLIGHT

After missing out on Test cricket for almost two years, wicketkeeper-batter likely to make a return in the first Test vs Bangladesh

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @ Chennai

RISHABH Pant is set to be in the spotlight soon. With India's first Test against Bangladesh beginning in Chennai on Thursday, Pant is likely to make a return to the Test team after almost 20 months. Although Dhruv Jurel kept wickets against England earlier in the year and is currently part of the squad, Pant could get the nod ahead of Jurel in the playing XI.

And one could see glimpses of it as Pant had a fruitful net session on Monday with the bat at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in the lead up to the opening Test. The left-handed batter was employing his trademark shots and seemed to be in good touch. After his recovery from the car accident that he suffered in December 2022, Pant played in the IPL this year and was also part of the Indian team that won the T20 World Cup in the United States and West Indies.

The focus is now on whether he's ready for red-ball cricket and if he is the same player that he once was in the longest format of the game. He played the opening round of the Duleep Trophy game, but keeping to R Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja and Kuldeep Yadav in Test cricket is different. The Chennai Test will paint a better picture on where he stands. Former India wicketkeeper Syed Kirmani, who is regarded as one of the finest keepers to have represented India, is batting for Pant.

"Pant is a talented wicket-keeper. He is a quality wicket-keeper-batter and he should get back the job he once did with panache," said Kirmani. "He (Pant) has played the IPL and



also white-ball cricket for the country. So what is the big issue now? He should naturally be part of red-ball cricket too. He is an all-format player," added the World Cup-winning keeper.

Test cricket requires a lot of hard work and with India scheduled to play five at home and

Who did what?

Even as Chennai turned its hottest self, with temperatures closer to 40 degree Celsius even though it felt like a lot more, players from India and Bangladesh sweat it out at the MA Chidambaram Stadium on Monday. A look...

JAISWAL'S ROUGH GRIND

He was the leading run-scorer of the last Test series against England, but Yashasvi Jaiswal did not have an easy time batting in the nets. While he continued to hit spinners, the left-handed opener struggled against

pacers in the centre-wicket practice. From Jasprit Bumrah to Mohammed Siraj to Akash Deep to the net bowlers, everyone made him uncomfortable with the 22-year-old

edging multiple times to a non-existent slip cordon. Bumrah even sent the stumps cart-wheeling once. Amidst all this, Virat Kohli took him aside, had a conversation and so did Gambhir. After a short break, Jaiswal turned to closed nets where he faced throwdowns to get his position right and not poke at deliveries outside off-stump.

five in Australia, the job of the wicketkeeper is all the more important. Kirmani felt Pant will be up for the challenge. "I think the quality of his performance as a wicketkeeper across formats is very good. I'm sure he must have been practising in his hometown, be it at the NCA in Bangalore...wherever, he must be regularly practising. He has played the Duleep Trophy and so on. So on that basis, I'm sure he is on track for red-ball cricket too," opined Kirmani. "As I said earlier, the quality of his performance is very good. So when you come back after a long break into Test cricket, it will take some time to get back the original form. If he fails one or two matches, it doesn't matter. He is a class act

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KOHLI VS BUMRAH

When two of the best in business go against each other it is always going to be competitive. Jasprit Bumrah bowling in red ball to Virat Kohli is that. Kohli hasn't played the format in nine months, Bumrah, as is always the case, is at his peak. He ran full tilt, moving the ball either way to Kohli and Jaiswal. One such delivery, sharply came in to wrap Kohli's pads and Bumrah almost did a celebrapoeal. There was some banter on and off as well through the contest.

EYES ON RAHUL/SARFARAZ

While India's top six is all but set, the one place of contention remaining is the No 5 slot between KL Rahul and Sarfaraz Khan. The senior batter spent a lot of time in slip catching, then in closed nets before moving to centre-pitch practice. Sarfaraz had his share of stints as well while trying to work out some chinks with assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate. It is still early to say, but from the looks of it, Rahul could be the frontrunner.

SHAKIB YET TO JOIN

For Bangladesh, all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan was not at the training as he had not yet arrived in the city. The former captain, who was in England, playing county cricket for Surrey, is expected to join the team tomorrow for training.

CHESS OLYMPIAD

Six in a row for Arjun, India takes sole lead

AGENCIES @ Budapest

WORLD number four Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi registered his sixth victory in as many games as the Indian team secured its sixth straight win in the ongoing 45th Chess Olympiad in Budapest on Monday.

Erigaisi scored over Russian-turned-Hungarian Sjugirov Sanan on what turned out to be a hard-fought day for the Indian men in the sixth round.

On the top board, D Gukesh played out an easy draw as black against top Hungarian Richard Rapport. Meanwhile, Praggnanandhaa decided to sign peace with former great Peter Leko.

With Vidit Gujrathi securing a victory over Benjamin Gledura, the Indian men won by a 3-1 margin, making them the sole leaders in the event as China was held to a draw by a spirited Vietnamese team that scored another great 2-2 result.

In the women's section, Di-



A file photograph of Arjun Erigaisi

vya Deshmukh scored the much-needed victory over Elena Danielian to help India gain an early lead against Armenia. Additionally, D Harika played out a draw with Lilith Mkrtchian on the first board while R Vaishali followed suite against Mariyam Mkrtchyan.

With the team leading by 2-1 margin, Tania Sachdev played it safe from a position of strength and played out a draw on the fourth board with Anna Sargasyan to help India win 2.5-1.5.

ACT hockey: Harmanpreet's twin goals sink Korea; take India to final

AGENCIES @ Hulunbuir (China)

SKIPPER Harmanpreet Singh's sublime form resulted in twin strikes as defending champions India entered the final of the Asian Champions Trophy with a clinical 4-1 win against South Korea in the semi-final here on Monday. India scored through Uttam Singh (13th minute), skipper Harmanpreet Singh (19th, 45th) and Jarmanpreet Singh (32nd), while Korea's lone goal came from through Yang Jihun (33rd)'s penalty corner conversion.

India's attacking intent finally paid off in the 13th minute when Uttam positioned himself at the right place at the right time to tap in Arajeet Singh Hundal's supply from the right. Four minutes into the second quarter, India secured their first penalty corner and Harmanpreet scored his sixth goal of the tournament to hand his side a 2-0 lead.

At the stroke of half-time,



India players celebrate a goal during the semifinal against Korea | HOCKEY INDIA

custodian Suraj Karkera came out of his line to save an effort from the opposition player. A brilliant scoop from Sumit from the right finds Jarmanpreet just outside the circle on the left flank and the latter neatly collected the ball and took a step or two to get inside

the circle and slap the ball to extend lead.

With a second left for the third quarter, India secured another penalty corner and captain made no mistake. Then the controlled show from the Indians helped them defend the lead to march into the final.

EXPRESS READ

Guadalajara Open: Frech captures title

MEXICO CITY: Magdalena Frech defeated qualifier Olivia Gadecki 7-6 (5), 6-4 to capture her first WTA title at the Guadalajara Open. Frech became the fourth Polish woman to win a singles title this century joining Magda Linette, Agnieszka Radwanska and current world No.1 Iga Swiatek. Frech made her first WTA singles final last July but the the Guadalajara Open was her maiden WTA 500 final.

Golfer Lahiri finishes sixth in LIV Chicago

BOLINGBROOK (USA): Anirban Lahiri carded a final round 3-under 67 to secure a tied-sixth finish, while Jon Rahm won his second tournament in three starts to claim the season-long individual championship at the LIV Golf Chicago. His team, Crushers, grabbed the team title. Rahm shot a bogey-free 4-under 66 to win both LIV Golf Chicago and the individual title at Bolingbrook Golf Club.

AGENCIES @ Manchester

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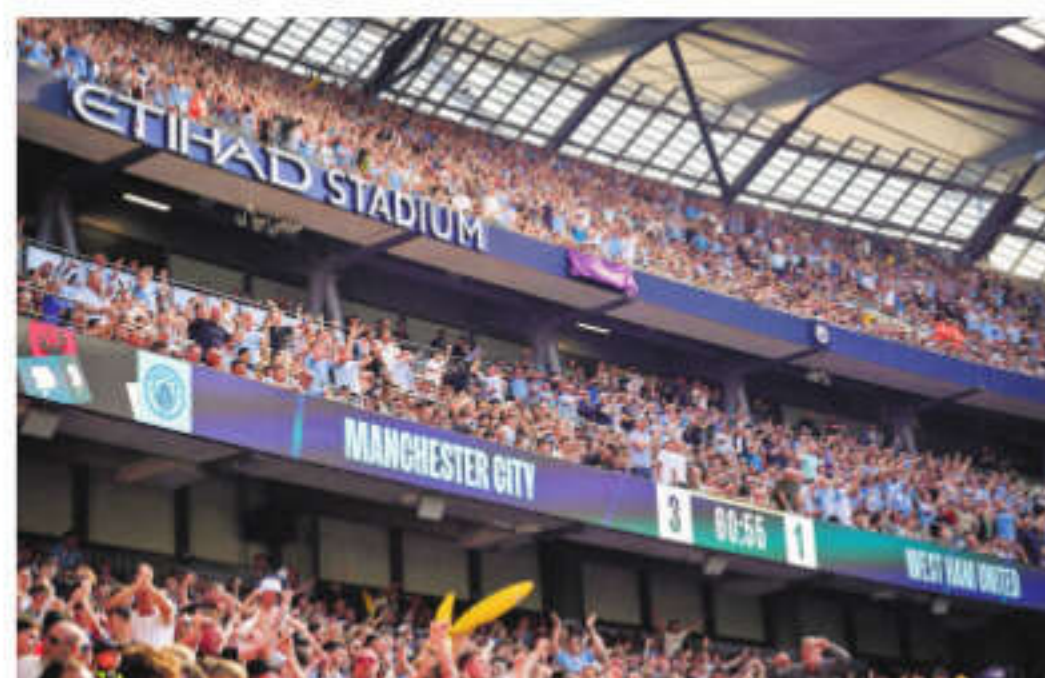
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leaked emails and documents, likely hacked, that were published starting in 2018 by German magazine Der Spiegel. The documents allegedly showed attempts to cover up the source of City's income in a bid to comply with Financial Fair Play rules operated by Eu-

From tennis ball to pace sensation: Rana's journey

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

HE had not held a cricket ball in his hand until he turned 17 but only four years later Nahid Rana started hurrying world-class batters with his raw pace. He crossed 150kmph on his Test debut against Sri Lanka in March this year and consistently touched the 150kmph mark in two five-day matches Bangladesh played against hosts Pakistan. The 21-year-old dismantled Pakistan in the Rawalpindi Test claiming four wickets including that of captain Shan Masood, Babar Azam and Saud Shakeel in the second innings to hand his team a historic 2-0 clean sweep.

With Bangladesh touring India for two Tests and three T20Is, Najmul Hossain Shanto and Co will expect Rana to continue in the same vein. More importantly, the pace sensation standing at around six feet two inches would be keen to outfox batters like Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma on his first tour to India.

Rana might be the centre of attraction given his recent exploits on the field and the pace he generates but it was a far-fetched dream almost five years ago when he decided to leave his village Horishpur (Harishpur) for district headquarters Chapainawabganj to pursue his dream of becoming a cricketer. "One of my acquaintances from his village called me and told me about the pace he generates," Alamgir Kabir, former Bangladesh pacer who played three Tests for the country, told this daily. Alamgir works as a fast bowling coach at the Clemon Rajshahi Cricket Academy started by former Bangladesh Test captain Khaled Mashud along with a few divisional cricketers.

But for Rana to make a move, he had to fulfil a demand put forth by his elder brother, who was working in Saudi Arabia and the primary earning member of the family. "Rana's father is a small-time farmer and it was his elder brother who used to send money to the family from Saudi Arabia to make ends meet. Initially, the brother was skeptical and was of the opinion that due to cricket Rana's studies might take a back seat. So he demanded Rana to complete his 10th class before moving to district headquarters. Once that was done, he asked Rana to complete his 12th along with cricket coaching," added Alamgir.



Bangladesh pacer Nahid Rana with bowling coach Alamgir Kabir

Even moving to the academy didn't work immediately for Rana as it was raining then and the youngster had to wait to showcase his skills. "On Day One, I gave him a new ball and an old ball to check his skills. He bowled quite well with both balls. His pace was extraordinary as our professional keeper was struggling to collect the ball. But a lot needed to be done as his run-up was haphazard and he was holding the ball with both hands. These issues make a bowler injury prone. So we worked on him for almost two years before he made his first-class debut," reminded the coach.

Swimming, climbing trees developed Rana's muscles Alamgir holds Rana a natural talent and attributes his fast bowling to activities he used to do in his village. "He was tall and that definitely helps to extract extra bounce from the surface. But his shoulders were also strong. Besides, his core body was well-built. I asked about it and he said he used to swim for hours in his village. He also used to climb mango trees up and down, along with his friends. These activities apparently developed his muscles and made him fit enough to bowl faster."

Rana used to bowl for hours in the nets with the coach video-graphing him. They both used to watch the videos later and work on the pacer's skills. The efforts put in by the pacer and the coach paid rich dividends as the former made his first-class debut for Rajshahi Division against Barisal in the National Cricket League in October 2021. In the next season (2022-23), Rana claimed 41 wickets to grabbed eyeballs. However, it was his stints for Khulna Tigers in the Bangladesh Premier League that caught the eye of selectors and eventually fetched a national call-up for the Test side this year.

Usually, youngsters of his age follow the footprints of famed cricketers in their early days. But Rana is different. "I once asked him whom he follows as a cricketer and his reply was unique. 'Sir I want to be Nahid Rana, why should I become like anyone else'. The reply was surprising but I also asked him to be natural and carve out his own paths." With 11 wickets from the first three Tests, Rana has already announced himself on the world stage. How he fares in the two Tests against India will further shape his career and Alamgir strongly believes there will be many not only in Bangladesh but across the world to follow the footprints of Rana when he hangs his boots.

REPUTATION ON THE LINE

City hearing a chance to clear name or taint their dominance

AGENCIES @ Manchester

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judges appointed by a lawyer who chairs the league's judicial panel. The hearing will be held behind closed doors, and a verdict is not expected until next year. Potential punishment for a "serious breach" of the league's rule book is wide-ranging. Dependent on whether City is found guilty of any of the charges, possible sanctions include a fine, points deduction or in "extreme cases, expulsion from the competition" according to the league's rules.

City said it was surprised by the charges when they were made last year. "The Club welcomes the review of this matter by an independent Commission, to impartially consider the comprehensive body of irrefutable evidence that exists in support of its position," it said in a statement. "As such we look forward to this matter being put to rest once and for all."



Brain scans of a pregnant woman revealed a reduced volume in and thickness of grey matter along with a significant rise in steroid levels, according to a study published in the journal Nature Neuroscience. The results could have broad implications for understanding one's parental behaviour, how vulnerable they are to mental health disorders, along with their patterns of brain aging, the authors said

RISHITA KHANNA @Bengaluru

A 32-YEAR-OLD IT professional in Bengaluru used to experience blurred vision towards the end of her workdays. The symptoms worsened during weekdays due to her heavy workload and her lack of proper sleep, but improved on weekends when she stayed away from the computer screen. After a medical evaluation, she was diagnosed with hypermetropia, and her symptoms were managed through corrective glasses, reducing non-essential screen time, and practising good digital hygiene, including frequent breaks, proper ergonomics, and adjusted screen settings.

Computer vision syndrome (CVS), also known as digital eye strain, is becoming increasingly common as screen time has increased among adults and children, leading to eye strain, headaches, and other visual discomforts. The condition, driven by prolonged use of digital devices, is particularly affecting people in the age group of 25-40, and children who spend excessive time on computers and smartphones.

Experts highlight that factors like inadequate breaks and reduced outdoor activities are contributing to the rise in symptoms. Moreover, the pandemic's shift to remote work and learning further amplified these issues, making digital eye strain a growing health concern.

Dr Ashwin Santosh Shetty, consultant ophthalmologist at Aster CMI Hospital, noted a spike in cases, pointing out that 25% of people in the 25-40 age group are facing eye strain due to increased working hours in front of and insufficient breaks from screens. "The problem is not limited to adults, children are also increasingly experiencing eye problems, primarily due to excessive screen time for learning and leisure activities, reduced outdoor play, and poor digital hygiene," he said.

The symptoms are usually reversible with proper care, such as reducing screen exposure, encouraging outdoor activities, and consulting an ophthalmologist if symptoms persist, says Dr Shetty. He stressed on the importance of managing screen time and fostering good digital habits, especially in children who may have underlying conditions like hypermetropia (farsightedness) that can worsen with prolonged screen use. Elaborating on the symptoms and its sub-categories, Dr Sukanya Meikandasivam, consult-

DIGITAL EYE STRAIN

REDUCE SCREEN EXPOSURE TO STOP VISION LOSS

WARNING SIGNS

- Sore, tired, burning or itching eyes
- Watery or dry eyes
- Blurred or double vision
- Headache
- Sore neck, shoulders or back
- Increased sensitivity to light (photophobia)
- Difficulty concentrating
- Feeling that you cannot keep your eyes open

ant ophthalmologist at Gleneagles BGS Hospital, said it can be categorised into three types: visual symptoms (blurry vision, visual discomfort, and double vision), ocular symptoms (dry eyes, redness, reflex tearing, and irritation), and extraocular symptoms (headaches, shoulder pain, and discomfort



HOW TO REDUCE OR PREVENT EYE STRAIN

Adjust the lighting: When watching TV, keep the room softly lit. When reading printed materials or doing close work, position the light behind you and direct it onto the page or task. If you're reading at a desk, use a shaded light positioned in front of you

Take breaks: Take occasional breaks and rest your eyes by looking away from the screen or book

Limit screen time: This is especially important for children as they may not know the risk of poor screen habits

Artificial tears: Artificial tears can help prevent and relieve dry eyes. Your eye specialist can suggest which eye drops might be best for you

Improve the air quality of your space: Some changes that may help prevent dry eyes include using a humidifier, adjusting the thermostat to reduce blowing air and avoiding smoke. If you smoke, consider quitting. Moving your chair to a different area may help reduce the amount of dry moving air on your eyes and face

Choose the right eyewear: If you need glasses or contacts and work at a computer, consider investing in glasses or contact lenses designed specifically for computer work

TIPS FOR COMPUTER WORK

Blink often to refresh your eyes: Blinking produces tears that moisten and refresh your eyes

Take eye breaks: Try the 20-20-20 rule: Every 20 minutes, look at something 20 feet away for at least 20 seconds

Check lighting and reduce glare: Bright lighting and too much glare can strain your eyes and make it difficult to see objects on your monitor

Adjust your monitor: Position your monitor directly in front of you about an arm's length away so that the top of the screen is at or just below eye level. It also helps to have a chair you can adjust

Use a document holder: If you need to refer to print material while you work on your computer, place it on a document holder. The goal is to reduce how much your eyes need to readjust and how often you turn your neck and head

Adjust your screen settings: Enlarge the type for easier reading. And adjust the contrast and brightness to a level that's comfortable for you



Dr Keshava R
On heart attacks

Senior director, Interventional cardiology, Fortis Hospital

Myth: Heart attacks only occur in older adults

Fact: About 1 in 5 heart attacks occur in people under the age of 40. Young adults may think they are invincible, but heart disease can affect anyone. Factors like family history, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, smoking, obesity, and diabetes can increase the risk of heart attack, even in young adults.

Myth: Young adults are immune to heart disease

Fact: Young adults may think they are too young to worry about heart disease, but the truth is that heart disease can start early. Certain conditions like cardiomyopathy and congenital heart defects can increase the risk of heart attack in young adults, apart from factors like smoking and family history.

Myth: Heart attacks are always caused by high cholesterol

Fact: While high cholesterol is a risk factor for heart attack, it is not the only cause. Heart attacks are caused by multiple factors and conditions like cardiomyopathy, congenital heart defects, and spontaneous coronary artery dissection. Lifestyle factors like poor diet, lack of exercise, stress, and substance abuse can also increase the risk. It is important to remember that attacks can occur even with normal cholesterol levels.

Myth: Heart attacks are always preceded by warning signs

Fact: While some heart attacks are preceded by warning signs like chest pain or shortness of breath, others may occur without warning. Young adults may experience symptoms like fatigue, lightheadedness, or cold sweats, which can be mistaken for other conditions. It is essential to be aware of the symptoms and seek medical attention immediately if they occur.

Myth: Young adults can't get a 'real' heart attack

Fact: Heart attacks in young adults can be just as severe and life-threatening as those in older adults. Young adults often come to the hospital much later than older people because they are under the impression that a heart attack won't happen to them and often mistake it for a gastric problem. As a result, they wait one to two days before seeking medical attention, leading to massive damage.

-COMPILED BY RISHITA KHANNA

ASHISH SRIVASTAVA @New Delhi

Personalised medicine and AI are transforming cardiac care

DESPITE advancements in medical science, heart disease remains a major global health challenge, continuing to be the leading cause of mortality worldwide. According to the WHO, cardiovascular diseases are responsible for approximately 18 million deaths annually.

Traditional methods of diagnosing and treating cardiovascular conditions often rely on generalised approaches, which may not fully account for individual patient differences. However, recent breakthroughs in AI and personalised medicine are transforming cardiovascular care.

Experts said AI has enabled medical practitioners to perform more comprehensive assessments of cardiac patients, allowing them to predict outcomes and tailor treatment protocols with greater precision. "During diagnostic tests, vast

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amounts of data are generated. As humans, we tend to focus on key findings, often overlooking additional data that may contain valuable insights. AI helps us analyse the entire dataset, identifying patterns that may go unnoticed," said Dr Manish Bansal, senior director, clinical & preventive cardiology, cardiac care, Medanta, Gurugram.

"For instance, when a patient undergoes an echocardiogram, AI can assess not only the obvious issues, like valve narrowing, but also subtle factors that could affect future risk.

This leads to more accurate evaluations and helps guide decisions on whether early surgical intervention is necessary or if conservative monitoring is sufficient," he said.

Dr Kala Jeethender Jain, consultant cardiologist at Yashoda Hospitals, Hyderabad, added, "AI-driven tools, such as deep learning models, analyze imaging data and echocardiograms to detect subtle changes in cardiac function that may be missed by the human eye, enhancing early detection of conditions like cardiomyopathy and coronary artery disease."



Research studies back these observations. According to a 2021 study published in 'Circulation: Cardiovascular Imaging,' a journal by the American Heart Association (AHA), AI algorithms demonstrated superior performance in analysing cardiac imaging compared to traditional methods. The study revealed that AI-driven tools achieved a 92% accuracy rate in detecting left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) from echocardiograms, surpassing the 85% accuracy rate of human experts.

However, some cardiologists urge caution on the current state of AI in cardiovascular science. Dr Rajiv Passey, senior cardiologist at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital in Delhi, pointed out the need for further research. "Significant limitations remain in the current studies, underlying technology, and the clinical application of these techniques. Prospective, multi-centre randomised controlled trials involving

interdisciplinary and cross-industry collaboration are necessary to validate the utility and reproducibility of AI in cardiovascular medicine," he said.

Despite these challenges, there is growing optimism about AI's potential to predict and prevent heart disease, particularly in at-risk populations. "One of the biggest hurdles in preventing heart disease is that many people underestimate their personal risk. General advice like avoiding smoking, eating healthy, and exercising is well-known but often ignored. AI and personalised medicine help address this issue by offering tailored risk assessments that are more accurate than generalised predictions," Bansal said.

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Sir,

REF: MADRAS HIGH COURT (IP Division) (TJ)P(CR), No.6 of 2024 APEX LABORATORIES PRIVATE LIMITED Vs. K. PRASAD REDDY. Rectification against your copyright in the artistic work ZINCOVIT under No. 90270/2011 dated 29.3.2011.

Please take notice that my clients, M/s. Apex Laboratories Private Limited, had filed the above rectification petition against you before the Copyright Board and subsequently to the Intellectual Property Appellate Board (IPAB) to cancel/rectify your registered copyright in the artistic work ZINCOVIT under No. 90270/2011 dated 29.3.2011. After the abolition of the Intellectual Property Appellate Board, the above petitions were transferred to the Hon'ble Intellectual Property Division, Madras High Court.

Please take notice that the Hon'ble High Court of Madras has ordered paper publication in and has directed you to appear either through yourself or through your counsel on 24/09/2024 or as and when the matter is listed failing which the matter would be heard and decided in your absence.

Yours Sincerely,
R. Sathish Kumar
Counsel for the Plaintiff
315/152, Thambu Chetty street,
5th flr, Parrys, Chennai 600 003

BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004
Bid No.: E-52/2024-25 Date: 13.09.2024

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E-Tenders are invited for & on behalf of the President of India for the supply of following items. Only e-offer will be accepted for which vendor must have Class III Digital Signature and registration on IREPS. The details of tenders are in the following sequence S.No. - Tender No. (Due Date), Description and Quantity.

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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION
Puducherry, the 16.09.2024

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1 No. of the work : 3 number Road & Bridge Works.
2 Estimated cost : Rs. 185.56 Lakhs to Rs. 297.37 Lakhs
3 Class of Contractor : "B" & "A" Class
4 Period of completion : 08 (Eight) Calendar Months to 10 (Ten) Calendar Months
5 Date and Time of availability of Bid document in the portal : From 11.30 Hours of 23.09.2024 to 16.00 Hours of 08.10.2024
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DAY'S DIARY

Space Shuttle Enterprise

On this day in 1976 NASA unveiled its first space shuttle, the Enterprise, during a ceremony in Palmdale, California.

EXPENSIVE AFFAIR

Development of the aircraft-like spacecraft cost almost \$10 billion and took nearly a decade.



TAKING FLIGHT

In 1977, the Enterprise became the first space shuttle to fly on its own. It was lifted 25,000 feet into the air by a Boeing 747 airplane and then was released.



SPACE TRAVEL

NASA began launching regular flights of the space shuttle in 1981 starting with Columbia from Cape Canaveral, Florida. Early shuttles took satellite equipment into space and carried out scientific experiments.

'Didn't want to play a serial killer...'

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At the launch of their flagship store, renowned designers Abraham & Thakore talk about their decades-long journey, working with weavers around the country and love for Hyderabad *Biryani*

SHREYA VERONICA

AN aesthetic fashion boutique with vibrant architecture and outfits that blend perfectly with the latest trends. Renowned designers Abraham & Thakore have opened their store in Hyderabad and *CE* hears all about it from them.

About the new store and the city of Hyderabad, David said, "We are very excited to be here, we love the location, and we love where we are. We love the city and the *biryani*. The talented architects have done a great job with the store, which tells the whole story to people."

The store showcased some amazing collections that the two designers worked on, keeping in mind the season and trends. "The



'FASHION IS COMMUNICATION'



new collection is called *Parallel World* and this has been launched in all our stores. It plays with form and elements like lines, stripes and checks, very much a part of A&T design language. We maintain consistency in design language," Rakesh emphasised. Dressed in black and white, they looked handsome, like two classy gentlemen. On their obsession with the colours, David said that during designing, creating patterns and drawing, the planning and plotting can be clearly done in black and white. "You can study the definition, the balance and proportions of a form. B/W is fundamental. If you add too much colour, these have many emotions and sometimes the message can be a little confusing."

Speaking about their jour-

ney, David said, "All the garments at the front are from the archives and not for sale. We curated them in 2010 and got them here for the opening especially for Hyderabad. These are the key designs of A&T's runway collections, showing the different techniques and ideas that we had over the years." Pointing to a *saree*, David said, "The first *saree* was acquired by the Victoria And Albert Museum for their permanent collection." He then went on to show another outfit, a sustainability design where every sequence was made with X-rays. "Everything is about an investigation into a new technique. When we were recycling, we wanted to create something using waste. So, we went to hospitals, picked up those X-rays and cut them into sequences. If you look closer you can see figures.



Pics: Vinay Madapu



means clothes that last." There are so many ways to showcase style. For the designer duo, it means something different, with Rakesh saying, "Style means clothes that last and being elegant."

About social media and fashion influencers, David said that it is wonderful that everybody is in touch with everybody. "I think style is about always being appropriate and having good manners. It is not just about a new dress from Zara."

He added that the duo draws inspiration from pretty much everything, such as the streets, music, movies, paintings or travel destinations. Rakesh was all praise for Hyderabad, saying, "It has a different style, it is quite amazing. We had a pleasant experience here."

The designers had much to say about what constitutes fashion. To David, fashion is about finding ways to communicate. He said, "What you wear is how you and the world see you." Rakesh defined it differently, concluding, "Fashion is a non-verbal language, it's talking without words."

is also the V&A woven by the famous Gajam Govardhana. In fact, I have learned Ikkat from him. He understands the whole process and it makes it easy for us. When we get something complicated he is actually the first person to help us." Keeping up with trends and also commenting on fast fashion, David says, "We don't believe in fast fashion. This might sound like a cliché but we believe in style. We talk about sustainability and responsibility, which

Each one has worked with different ideas," David added. Regarding the time taken to get all of these together into a design, Rakesh said, "It takes time. We worked with ragpickers who collected it for us." The two designers have done a lot of handloom work too. "We started with handlooms. At the same time we also focus on industrial fabrics. We worked with handloom clusters in southern AP and Telangana and also worked with weavers in Banaras, Maheshwar in Maharashtra, and West Bengal too. It changes from season to season," Rakesh said. On working with the weavers of Telangana, Rakesh pointed to a *saree* and mentioned, "The first *saree*, a double Ikkat *saree*,

Channelling Chakali Ilamma, Telangana's warrior

Pics: Sri Loganathan Velmurugan



NITIKA KRISHNA

FLAMES danced in her kohl-lined eyes as she swung her sickle from left to right, bringing the trembling *razakars* to their knees. "My *bhoomi* (land), my *pandisthe* (crops)!" she cried. That was the indomitable Chakali Ilamma, who fought against social *anyayam* (injustice) under Nizam rule.

And what better way to commemorate her 39th death anniversary than a Kuchipudi dance ballet—conceptualised and choreographed by renowned danseuse Alekhya Punjala. Organised by the State Department of Language and Culture along with the Telangana Sangeet Nataka Academy at Ravindra Bharathi, the performance made jaws drop right from the

opening act, a Bonalu depiction enlivened by traditional *teenmaar* folk beats.

As the *teenmaar* receded to give way for the folk song *Bonam Techamu Thalli* in *Kalyani raagam* with *Adi taalam*, Alekhya, our Chakali Ilamma, gently tapped her feet and made a powerful entrance. Flanked by her fellow washerwomen, each serving a melange of grace and elegance and singing *Vuthuku, Vuthuku* in *Sarasangi raagam* with *Adi taalam*, Ilamma sang with her infinite wisdom, "Remove the *maila* (dirt) of the human *manasu* (mind) by washing their *batalu* (clothes)." Oh, we were stunned by the powerful dialogues written by the late Vaddepalli Krishna.

Amid deeply entrenched caste divides, a kind landowner encouraged Ilamma to farm, of-



fering land. We saw Ilamma's norm-driven reluctance—defined by Alekhya's furrowed brows and anxious eyes—grow into pride and relief when she took to farming. Thanking Goddess Bathukamma, the women held baskets of flowers and sung in *Maand raagam* with *Khanda Gati taalam*. "Bathukulu marayani bathukummale aadalinka (We will sing, dance and rejoice as our lives have changed for the better)."

What versatile music, com-

posed by VBS Murali, and melodious songs sung by Harini Ivaturi and Sai Charan Ivaturi.

Suddenly, *Mayamalavagowla raagam* took over with *Adi taalam* as the villainous *razakars* stormed onto stage, disrupting the happy women and hoarsely singing, "How dare you offer *poolu* (flowers) and rejoice like this?" The men ordered the washerwomen to dance naked for them as the latter begged, "Nee *banchana*, nee

banchana (I'm your slave, please don't do this)."

This was where Ilamma's character arc took a turn for greatness—eyes red, she wielded a sickle in her hand and literally put her foot down. Not just the *razakars*...we trembled too as we beheld her fury when she said, "Just like we remove *kalupu* (weeds) in the field, let us cut the *gonthu* (throats) of these ruthless fellows. Each one of us are *Maa Kaali*." This rage even baffled Ramachan-

dra Reddy—the hefty zamindar wearing a buttoned black coat and a red, Nizam-style *topi* (cap)—who demanded she give up her land and crops to him. In *Gambhiranata raagam* with *Adi taalam*, he jeered, "O woman, you are from *pedarikam* (poverty). Where do you get this *dhairyam* (bravery) to fight against me?" To which Ilamma retorted in *Simhendramadhyamam raagam* with *Tisra Gati taalam*, "O Raakshasa, you are a slave of the *razakars* yet you question me!" In no time, Chakali Ilamma put one foot on the zamindar's chest, assuming Goddess *Kali*'s face of fury.

Our hearts merrily danced as her community sang *Jai Jai Ilamma* in the *Thilang raagam* and *Khanda Gati taalam*. Curtains closed but our hearts were left open, longing for more of this scintillating, masterpiece of a performance.

Speaking to *CE*, Alekhya Punjala said, "Before my performance, I closed my eyes and prayed to Chakali Ilamma, 'Please energise me'. This performance was especially close to my heart because it underscores the history of Telangana, the land I come from. But what pains me is that people are losing touch with their roots, so my main aim is to make people aware of it."

Chakali Ilamma's great-granddaughter, Chityala Shwetha, said, "We have never met Chakali Ilamma but watching Alekhya *garu* dance, we felt she was right there."

CMA Revanth Reddy, Deputy CM Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, and other ministers who attended heaped praises on what could be best described as a heart-wrenchingly beautiful depiction of Telangana's most fierce warrior.



BOOK NOOK



End of Story
 By AJ Finn
 This psychological thriller ensnares readers in a web of suspense and secrets, exploring the darkest corners of the human mind. It follows a protagonist whose reality becomes as complex as the case they seek to solve.

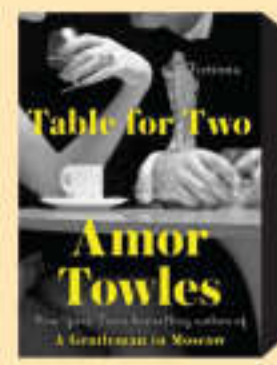


Table for Two
 By Amor Towles
 The book is a captivating collection of short stories and a novella, all interconnected by intimate conversations that shape lives. It highlights the transformative power of vulnerability and honesty in fostering self-discovery and connection, exploring the complexities of long-term relationships.



The Wedding People
 By Alison Espach
 In this brilliant blend of wit, compassion, and astute observation, the author explores the intricacies of human relationships with humour and empathy, delving into self-discovery, unexpected friendships, and the joy of chance encounters.



What Does it Feel Like?
 By Sophie Kinsella
 This novella celebrates life with warmth and humour, offering a poignant narrative that will both break and mend the heart. A beautiful love story that serves as a glowing beacon of hope amid darkness.



BIDDING FAREWELL

A boy is seen carrying an idol of Lord Ganesha for immersion at Hussainsagar lake | SRI LOGANATHAN VELMURUGAN

QUICKFIX

CHOCOLATE BANANA HEALTHY FROZEN DESSERT

- INGREDIENTS**
- Banana : 1
 - Dark chocolate: 1/4th cup
 - Salted Peanuts: 2 tbsp
- METHOD**
- Mash up the banana on a plate.
 - Melt some dark chocolate and pour it on the mashed banana.
 - Roast some salted peanuts and top the banana with the peanuts.
 - Freeze this for at least 1-2 hours and enjoy!



Contributed by Likitha Kopuru, Bengaluru

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Beauty

Botnal, an ageing solutions skincare brand, proudly unveils Kare Taker 2.0. This enhanced formula continues Botnal's legacy of delivering powerful ageing solutions while embracing the brand's core values of using unique natural alternatives for chemical ingredients.

WHERE: www.botnal.com



Skincare

Say goodbye to disturbing excess sebum, unconcealable enlarged pores, white flakiness, and achieve smoother, more refined skin with Innisfree's Super Volcanic Pore Clay Mask.

WHERE: https://in.innisfree.com

Festive

This season, Warp 'n Weft presents a curated selection of exquisite handwoven couture, cherished by renowned celebrities, and perfect for making a statement at any festive celebration.

WHERE: https://warpnweft.in/



Accessories

Hair Drama Co.'s latest collections, featuring exclusive collaborations with Emily in Paris and Barbie!

WHERE: https://hairdramacompany.com/collections/hdc-x-emily-in-paris



Music

Rivaayat is an evening of delight and smiles by the most sought veteran singer duo Waddal's, for the last several decades known for their amazing rendering and articulate presentation.

WHEN: Sept 21, 6 pm

WHERE: Shilpakala Vedika, Madhapur



ASK AN EXPERT

fulfilled as an individual. Hire a trusted caretaker who can provide full-time care for your toddler. Install CCTV cameras so you can monitor your child's well-being while you're at work, so you have peace of mind. Set boundaries at home and work, and don't hesitate to ask for help. You don't have to be perfect — be patient with yourself as you transition into this new role. Balancing work and parenting takes time, but thousands of mothers manage both. Good luck!

Send in your queries to Askpreetishenoy@gmail.com

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FITBIT

ARDHA USTRASANA (HALF CAMEL POSE)

This is a beginner-level variation to prepare the body for the foundational pose, Ustrasana (Camel Pose). It develops the required flexibility-strength-stability to gradually transition into Ustrasana. This simple pose requires good core and knee strength, neck and shoulder flexibility, and awareness to balance. Hence, warm-up along with mastering the Kneeling Pose is a must. A heart-opening practice, it ensures the efficient functioning of the intercostal muscles, supporting the lungs to the fullest.

STEPS

- Start in Dandasana. Inhale, bend the legs one by one at the knees, and come to Vajrasana, toes touching and heels apart. Exhale.
- Keep your hands on the thighs, take a few breaths. Raise your spine and push your lower back onto the heels.
- Inhale, raise the body, back straight, and come on your knees.
- Tuck your navel in, keeping the knees and feet hip-width apart and aligning the hips, knees, and feet. Don't separate your legs and feet behind you. Be conscious of resting your feet.
- Stand on your knees tall, for a breath or two, preparing the mind for a backbend.
- Inhale, raise your arms overhead, lengthening from the armpits and sides of your rib cage.
- Press firmly into the tops of your feet. Inhale, raise upwards with abdomen tight.
- Exhale, drop your right arm on the right foot while simultaneously taking the upper body behind curved inwards and downwards in Half Camel Pose Variation Head Up.
- Finally, raise the chest upwards. Bring the spine inwards and release the head and neck backward while extending your left hand behind, palm facing up, at shoulder level.
- Breathe slowly and stay here for about six breaths,

BENEFITS

- Strengthens the muscles of the legs, back, hips, chest, neck, arms and shoulders.
- Encourages the chest, rib cage, and front abdominal muscles.
- Activates inner thigh muscles, shin, knees, and ankles.
- Builds strength in the knees, thighs, lower back, and pelvis.
- Improves range of motion of the hips.
- Prepares the body for kneeling poses.
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- Stimulates the reproductive and excretory systems.
- Good for runners, gymnasts, athletes, swimmers, and dancers.
- Helps teens or kids to develop strength of mind and body.

LIMITATIONS

- Students with weak musculature, general body weakness, or weak knees or arthritis, experiencing HBP or heart problems, epilepsy, severe lower back pain, herniated discs or weak back, migraine, vertigo, dizziness, or ailments related to the abdomen, trauma and anxiety, injuries at knee, ankle, legs, hip, lower back, spine, rib cage, neck, shoulders and arms, undergone recent surgery at knee, hip or abdomen, pregnant/postnatal women, and senior citizens must avoid this.



By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

Wedding

Known for their design-led bespoke luxury, Sarah & Sandeep have recently launched their wedding collection-Sartorial Festive 2025 which forms an innovative and groundbreaking fusion to modern minimalism and traditional Indian craftsmanship.

WHERE: https://www.sarahsandeep.com/



Wellness

Wikka, a luxury wellness brand, which merges the timeless principles of Aromatherapy with the wisdom of royal family traditions offers holistic healing of the mind, body and soul.

WHERE: https://www.wikka.in/



Workwear

Make way for Autumn neutral shades for everyday styles to refresh your workwear routine from Marks & Spencer.

WHERE: www.marksandspencer.in



Storytelling

Helly Shah is all set to perform a new hour of relatable stories & heartwarming poems for you at 25 and Single India Tour.

WHEN: Sept 22, 6 pm

WHERE: The Comedy Theatre, Gachibowli



Footwear

ALDO introduces the ALDO Sport Heritage Collection, featuring the exclusive ALDO Sport Club signature sneakers. The collection blends advanced comfort from ALDO's Pillow Walk technology with vintage-inspired design, offering a stylish yet relaxed take on contemporary fashion athletics.

WHERE: www.aldoshoes.in



Concert

Papon, the versatile and soulful singer-songwriter is all set to perform live in the city.

WHEN: Sept 21, 7 pm

WHERE: Ananda Convention, Kothwalguda



Play

Adapted from Neil Simon's "The Good Doctor", "Tea with Everything", Directed by Mala Pasha, is a collection of short plays cleverly styled, with richly drawn characters and ingeniously plotted story-lines, each play ending with a delightfully unexpected turn of events.

WHEN: Sept 21, 6.30 pm

WHERE: Guruswamy Centre, West Marredpally



Theatre

"Udhedun" is a heartwarming yet comical exploration of love, relationship and cultural clashes, and the lengths one woman is willing to go to secure her happily-ever-after.

WHEN: Sept 21, 4 pm & 7 pm

WHERE: Rangbhoomi Spaces & Events, Serilingampalle



ARTCORNER



PILGRIM

In artist S Moe Z's paintings, one will find the importance of light set against darkness.



RESHMI CHAKRAVORTY

MAPS are not merely tools for navigation; they are visual narratives of exploration, discovery, and understanding. Over time, artists have recognised the poetic and imaginative potential of maps, transforming them into powerful canvases of creative expression. Cartography-inspired artworks have emerged as a distinctive genre that intertwines geography, culture, history, and imagination. One such artist is Ankon Mitra, a trained architect who practices as a landscape designer, sculptor/installation artist and curator. At the ongoing solo exhibition *Maps Unfolded* at Kalakriti Art Gallery, presented by Kalakriti Archives and curated by Prshant Lahoti, one can teleport to the pre-Colonial era without a time machine and just through folds and pleats.

The maps featured in this exhibition include traditional Indian pilgrimage maps, printed bazaar maps, and city maps, each offering a window into the society of a bygone era. "Through this exhibition, we have tried to juxtapose the precision behind the science of origami and cartography (the age-old science and art of map-making)," says the curator.

Ankon has built an international reputation as a pioneer of the folding technique through his diverse projects. His studio's work has been exhibited in India, Italy, France, UK, USA, Japan, the Netherlands, Brazil, Switzerland, Singapore, UAE, The Maldives, Malta, and China, most recently at the CODA Museum in Apeldoorn, The Netherlands, and Arte Laguna, Arsenale de Nord, Venice (2021), the India Pavilion of the London Design Biennale at the Somerset House (2022) and the Shanghai Paper Art Biennale (2023). His inspiration draws from the natural and universal phenomenon of folding, evident in the very DNA of life, the formation of landscapes, and the movement of oceans. "Folding is my spiritual cord with the universe, my anchorage, and the act of folding is my prayer," says Ankon, further adding, "This exhibition is a series of intense explorations between history and city grids, map-making and folding, what maps reveal and what they hide, how spatial information is encoded into the abstract symbology of maps and how maps which are essentially 2D can be translated into a series of 3D sculptures, murals and installations—expressions of form, space and light. Most importantly, this collaboration is an exploration of how the deep science and craft of maps can be made accessible and of immense interest to a wider art appreciating community, enlarging its ambit to beyond map nerds and bibliophiles."

Re-imagined globes

"It was a long journey from globes to flat maps, with many mathematical challenges along the way, and now these series of sculptures take a imaginative leap to visualising globes as Origami Modular polyhedrons, turning the rare and archival 2D maps back into 3Ds of a very different kind, combined with antique silver and gold cardstock papers," the artist explains.



MAPPING PAST & PRESENT

'MAPS UNFOLDED'—A SOLO EXHIBITION BY ANKON MITRA AT KALAKRITI ART GALLERY, WHERE ARCHIVAL MAPS AND PRINTS MEET PLEATS AND FOLDS



Shaakha-Proshaakha (Aerial roots & branches)

A series of historical and contemporary maps of India's road and rail networks over time are transformed into a spatial installation consisting of aerial roots and branches, akin to a 'Barag Ka Ped'. "From the times of the Indus Valley civilisation to the times of Buddha, Mahavira and the Adi Shakharcharya, and to Gandhi's extensive rail journeys in India upon his return from South Africa, our ancients and modernist thinkers have travelled the length and breadth of this land, creating those travel networks that have connected our nodes, and have rooted us into a singular and uniquely interconnected civilisation. This work is a metaphor of those maps of connections. This immersive installation is planned inside a mirror room, which would reflect and multiply the work ad infinitum in the space, capturing the true significance of 'endless, infinite and everlasting,'" informs Ankon.

Votive urns

Religious maps and pilgrimage maps from the Kalakriti Archives are harnessed in this work to create a series of folded and pleated urns and vessels. Like the maps themselves which convey a desire of the initiate to undertake a spiritual journey to find the sacred within oneself by tracing a path to a place imbued with that kind of energy.



Cloud maps

The formation of clouds is one of the most beautiful and stunning phenomena that occur on Earth. This installation references 'Cloud Maps' released into the public domain by the European Space Agency (ESA), NASA, ISRO, The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) and their geosynchronous satellites, as well as video footage from the International Space Agency (ISS). These are maps that are frozen at a moment in time and then change immediately the next moment—they are maps of clouds as much as they are maps of time—of the seasons, markers of the ephemeral but glorious nature of our lives—etched in gold and black.

Moons & constellations installation

A series of illustrated maps of the constellations embedded in the indigo and white speckles of the Milky Way galaxy—and a surprise when viewed from the other side—the faces of the glorious moons of our Solar System—challenging our conventional notion of spheroids in space.

City lights: Illuminated maps

A series of colonial era archival maps of cities and urban areas from the Kalakriti Archives are transformed into a collection of lighting design objects. The diverse geometries connect to the stories of the urban development of these cities. Kolkata, Goa, Mumbai/Bombay, Hyderabad, Chennai/Madras all feature in this collection.

As a 21st century economy and a rising world power, India struggles with many urban issues, climate change and unique 21st century problems—these illuminated maps are not just beautiful works to create nostalgia, but ask us to ponder about the future, through a lens on the past.

The exhibition is on view till October 5.

VENNAPUSALA RAMYA

"I can't, I'm tired," we gasp, breathless, after climbing just two floors of stairs when the elevator is 'out of order'.

We drag ourselves, panting, up the next two, wondering how anyone could find joy in such exertion. Maybe that's why we admire those who hike mountains—because we know the struggle of these brave souls who see the world from much higher places, where every step is a battle against gravity, fatigue, and fear.

Vineel Sagar M is one of those rare individuals who takes on challenges without a second thought. For him, every peak is a promise and every climb, a calling. From reaching the heights of Mt Kilimanjaro to scaling the icy slopes of Mt Elbrus, Vineel's story isn't just about mountains but about following what truly makes him happy. "I never felt that climbing a mountain or doing something that makes a person happy is a challenging thing," says the Hyderabad-based adventurer and mountaineer.

It all started back in 2013, just after he had finished his intermediate studies and was travelling from Warangal to Hyderabad. "I've always had a deep love for nature and adventure. One day, while on the road, a rock climbing school billboard caught my eye. With no map in hand, I retraced my steps all the way from Hyderabad, determined to find it again. I was drawn to the challenge and the thrill of conquering something new. Though I didn't realise how tough it would be at first, I embraced the experience and found a passion for overcoming obstacles," he adds.

Without wasting any more time, Vineel signed up for a rock climbing course in 2014 and completed his Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (HMI) course in 2016. He says, "My coach, Shekar Babu sir, spotted my rock climbing talent early on and encouraged me to take up mountaineering at HMI Darjeeling. During the course, I even helped the instructors as a translator and led over 60 Andhra students on a tough expedition. That experience really built my confi-

Call of the mountains



dence and determination as a mountaineer."

Soon after the course, he embarked on the Seven Summits journey in January 2017 with a climb up to Mt Kilimanjaro, where his sister became Asia's youngest to reach the peak. "That first expedition was incredible. I still thank the immigration officers in Delhi for allowing a minor to travel abroad without parents. They heard about my record and decided to let me through," he further adds.

Most recently, the 28-year-old climbed Mount Elbrus solo on August 21, 2024. "I had planned the summit on Independence Day, but bad weather kept me stuck at base camp for a while. My ultimate goal is to conquer the Seven Summits and write a book about my adventures, sharing the stories of the people and cultures I encounter along the way," he explains.

Of course, achieving dreams isn't easy—it requires sacrifices. Vineel quit his job midway to focus on his climbing goals. He also drew inspiration from people like Ravi Kumar, a fellow student he met

while studying different terrains and the Seven Summits at HMI. "Ravi, an experienced climber and a close friend of Malli Mastan Babu, gave me invaluable advice and helped me plan my path to conquer the Seven Summits."

While his love for nature has always fuelled his passion, Vineel's real challenge has been the years-long journey before and after Kilimanjaro. He funded that climb by training his sister to become Asia's youngest on the peak while juggling B.Tech studies. "Clearing the expedition debts in six years showed me that true grit goes far beyond the climb itself," he shares, adding, "To

succeed in this field or in life, you need to stay calm and face challenges head-on, no matter how tough they seem. My experience working as a delivery boy, in billing departments, and at a call centre has really helped me develop these skills."

Despite his lifelong dream of climbing Mount Everest and setting a world record, the economic downturn during the pandemic made sponsorships hard to come by. "A few years ago, the state government recognised my potential and promised to sponsor my Everest expedition, but that fell through. Self-funding for expeditions is a tough challenge, not just in mountaineering but in any sport. I have to thank my parents for their support; they even encouraged me to take a loan to climb Mt Kilimanjaro and Mt Elbrus," he says, adding that he is getting ready for further accomplishments (climbing Mt Everest) and looking for the support to make this dream come true.

When asked what advice he would give to aspiring mountaineers or adventurers, Vineel says, "Start with shorter hikes to build your skills and endurance, then gradually take on more with mountaineering courses. Always climb with experienced companions and remember, mountaineering is a lifelong journey of learning and exploration. And be aware of the financial side; avoid taking unnecessary risks."

He reveals that he's filled with happiness and pride when standing atop those peaks. "My mother saw the talent in me, and I've proven her right. Finishing the journey is bittersweet, but the memories last forever. The phrase 'records are waiting' keeps me going—I believe some of them are meant for me."



CELEBRATING CULTURE ON CANVAS



VENNAPUSALA RAMYA

M F Husain's dynamic works, FN Souza's provocative pieces, and Akbar Padamsee's abstract creations were on display alongside international masters like Pablo Picasso and Henri Matisse, whose innovative and vibrant works added to the mix. The 'International Art Show', curated by renowned names like M Shankar, PJ Stalin, and Ashok Macha, showcased a diverse and stunning collection of masterpieces.

With a focus on modern art, the show brought together incredible works from about 30 countries, including the US, UK, Germany, Russia, Nepal, France, and more. Indian artists from cities like Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, and Hyderabad also made a mark, offering visitors a rare chance to experience a blend of artistic brilliance from around the world.

"The main aim of the show is to highlight how contemporary art is evolving globally by exploring different markets, styles, and creative journeys. It's a space to see how past masters have shaped the art world, while offering inspiration for future generations," said Ashok Macha. "We've worked hard over the past year, collaboratively curating and organising this event, and it's all come together. M Shankar, an international curator, and the rest of our team put our hearts



and souls into making this show a reality. It's a proud moment for India and Telangana, showing off our cultural richness and artistic talent on a global stage."

The exhibition featured a wide range of mediums and subjects, with 200 artists contributing their work. Local talent from Hyderabad and the surrounding areas also got their chance to shine. Artists like Naresh Bollu, from Warangal, whose piece 'Weaving Icon' reflects his background in weaving, and Maredu Ramu, who took inspiration from his trip to Mumbai's Dharavi slum for his artwork, were featured. Roja Sanchana from Visakhapatnam drew inspiration from her surroundings to present both a sculpture and a painting. The show also spotlighted emerging talents like HA Pri-

ya, Madhuri Parasaram, Srilatha Koli, and many more.

Speaking to *CE*, curator M Shankar explained, "One of the main focuses of this exhibition is to include international works. As the lead curator, I made sure to bring in pieces from places like the Philippines, Brunei, Nepal, Russia, and the UK, creating a diverse and exclusive selection. My co-curators have worked just as hard, and together we've built something that allows artists and visitors to engage with different styles and perspectives."

He also pointed out the unique power of visual art to cross language barriers. "Whether it's a flower, a mountain, the sun, or the moon, these images speak a universal language. You don't need to know Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati, French, or German to understand them. Visual art doesn't need words to connect with people, making this show an enriching experience for everyone. With its variety of colours, forms, and themes, it'll inspire the younger generation while delighting art lovers, collectors, and connoisseurs."

For anyone passionate about fine arts, whether you're a learner, enthusiast, or professional, this show is an opportunity to explore, learn, and grow.



HYDERABAD DIGEST

Hair transplants made easy

Medicover Hospitals proudly announces that Dr Rajasekhara Madala, a renowned plastic surgeon specialising in cosmetic surgery and hair transplants, has successfully completed 100 hair transplant procedures, offering safe and effective solutions to hair loss. With advancements like Follicular Unit Extraction (FUE), Dr Madala performs minimally invasive hair transplants in just 4 to 5 hours, while patients remain awake and comfortable throughout.

Brick&Bolt launches Experience Centre in Hyd

Brick&Bolt, India's leading tech-enabled construction company recognised for its customer-centric solutions, has opened its latest Experience Centre (EC) in Hyderabad. Located at Plot No.1-98/75a-75b, Titanium Building, Jubilee Enclave, Madhapur, this modern facility highlights Brick&Bolt's commitment to transforming the construction landscape for property owners nationwide.

WAO launches Consumer Education Campaign

The World Avocado Organisation (WAO), a non-profit organisation which represents producers, exporters and importers of avocados across the world. After the successful push in 2023, WAO has now launched its 2024 campaign in India to educate consumers and food businesses about health benefits of regular avocado consumption and how to best use this fruit in varied Indian cuisines.

RED Health's swift emergency response saves critical H1N1 patient

In a recent medical case, RED Health, Asia's first JCI accredited medical transport company and India's leading emergency medical service provider, successfully transferred a 51-year-old woman battling H1N1 viral pneumonia and acute hypoxic respiratory failure from Raipur to a super-specialty hospital in Hyderabad.

Celebrate Onam with a feast of tradition at Dakshin

ITC Kakatiya invites you to experience the vibrant flavours of Kerala as Dakshin presents its special Onam celebration till September 17. Celebrate the festival of harvest with a sumptuous spread that captures the essence of Kerala's culinary heritage.

'DIDN'T WANT TO PLAY A SERIAL KILLER JUST FOR SHOCK VALUE'

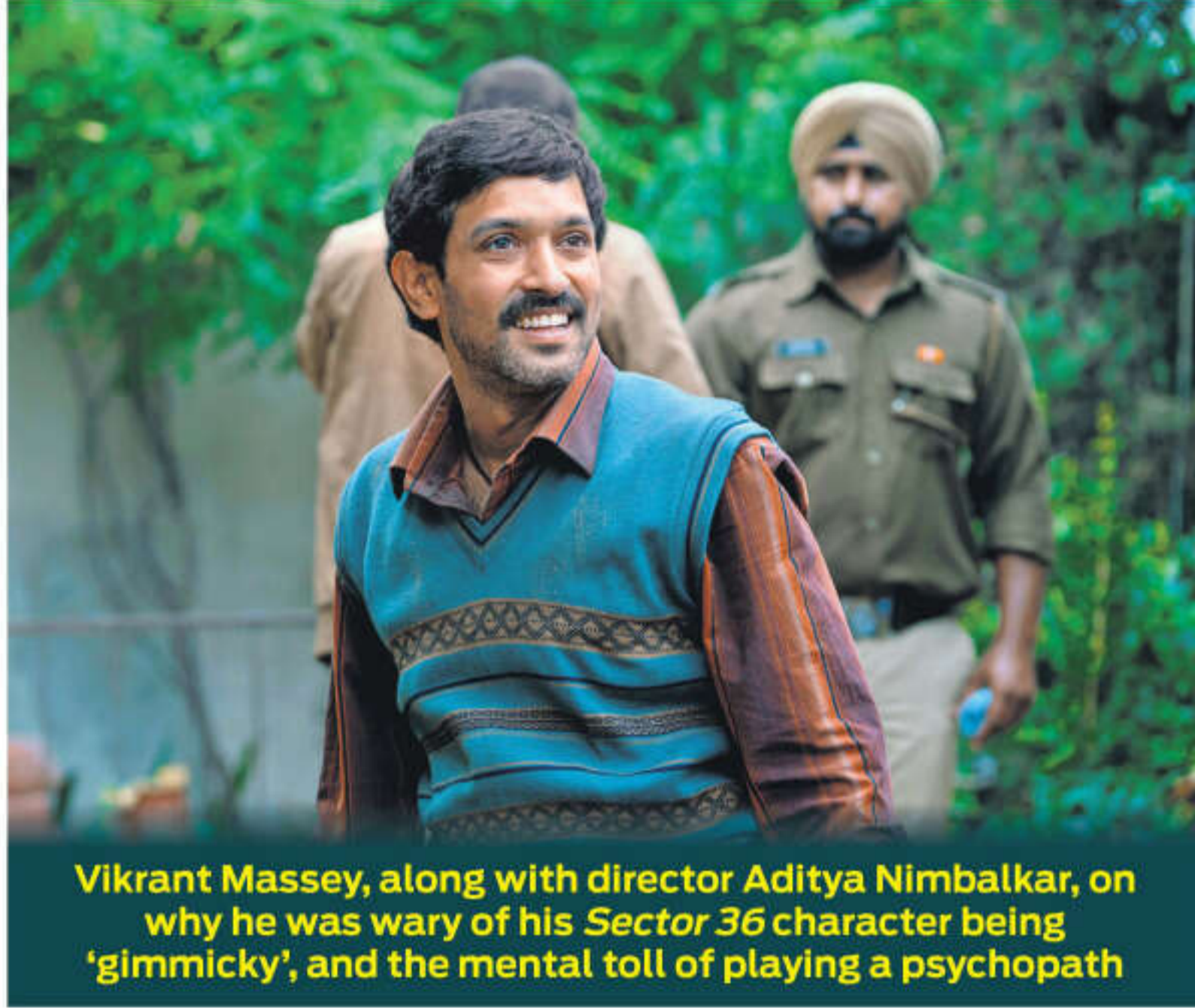
KARTIK BHARDWAJ

VIKRANT Massey does a 180-degree turn with *Sector 36*. After essaying the role of an exemplary IAS aspirant in *12th Fail*, he embodies a serial killer with a penchant for kids in this cat-and-mouse thriller. The film also marks the debut of Aditya Nimbalkar, who has learnt the ropes while working with acclaimed director Vishal Bhardwaj. Vikrant calls *Sector 36* a story of the 'times we live in.' We speak to the actor and director on whether the film was inspired by the 2006 Nithari killings, how Vikrant didn't want his portrayal of a psychopath to be 'gimmicky' if the character messed with his head and more.

Excerpts:

Vikrant, would you say that the urge to do something different made you say yes to this role?

Vikrant Massey: At a surface level the reason would be this. I wanted to take a shot at playing



Vikrant Massey, along with director Aditya Nimbalkar, on why he was wary of his Sector 36 character being 'gimmicky', and the mental toll of playing a psychopath

and Ram are two facets of a society which we all have witnessed in life.

Vikrant, you have often described yourself as a sensitive individual. Playing a serial killer must have taken a toll on your psyche. Were you a little bit apprehensive while taking up the role?

VM: I was apprehensive, but not in terms of how the character will affect my emotional and mental health. After working for years, I know how to separate my personal and professional life. I didn't want to be gimmicky, I was wary of that. I didn't want to play a serial killer to grab attention or for shock value. The apprehension was more when it came to how we were going to execute it. We have had so many serial killers in films before and I didn't want to play this one in an over-the-top manner. But there is no denying that there is some impact the character leaves you with. As actors, we live so many lives in one life. There are days when you get sleepless nights, but I guess that's the nature of the job. That's what you sign up for.

Deepak Dobriyal plays the conscientious cop while Vikrant is the psychopathic killer. Did you guys ever consider a flip in roles?

AN: No, actually I mean I knew both would have killed it in either of the characters but that never crossed my mind. **VM:** I can actually tell you why it could not have happened. I don't think I could have justified Deepak's part because, for the character of Ram Charan, I didn't have the personal experiences needed for that. However, that doesn't mean I had any experience of being a serial killer.

That we'll never know...
 No, no, nothing like that (laughs).



Aditya Nimbalkar

a character I hadn't done before. It was surely a challenge. But, one major reason I did this film was because I felt it was one of the most important stories of our time. When I was contemplating being part of *Sector 36*, a lot of my advisers were doubtful as to whether it was the right film to do at a time when I had become a 'commercial actor'. When I heard that label, I wanted to do it even more.

Aditya, this is your debut. Every director wants his first to be a

theatrical...

Aditya Nimbalkar: Honestly, I desired it too but we were getting a platform like Netflix so I was content. In today's day and age, not every film gets the big screen, I understand that. Moreover, *Sector 36* is a film made for personalised watching. I wouldn't exactly call it a commercial film.

You have extensively worked with Vishal Bhardwaj as an assistant director. You were also credited as co-writer for Talvar (2015). How much of his style influenced your filmmaking?

AN: Almost all of it. Showing the film to him was one of my most nervous screenings. It was only him and me in the in-house theatre at the Maddock Films office. He really liked it.

Our relationship is such that he didn't shy away from giving his critique of certain portions that didn't work for him.

Although it's not explicitly stated, Sector 36 seems to be inspired by the 2006 Nithari killings...

AN: We actually took inspiration from multiple events and cases that have happened all over the country. This film is told through the prism of Deepak Dobriyal's cop Ram Charan Pandey and how he clashes with Vikrant's Prem Singh.

VM: It is a story that is rooted in realism but there is also a lot of symbolism and metaphor. Deepak's character is the conscience of the film. It is about two opposite forces colliding with each other. It's a yin and yang story. Prem



Squid Game creators face lawsuit from Indian filmmaker

DIRECTOR Soham Shah has filed a lawsuit against Netflix for allegedly plagiarising his 2009 film *Luck* to make the Korean series *Squid Game*, a claim the streamer on Sunday said holds no merit.

"This claim has no merit. *Squid Game* was created by and written by Hwang Dong Hyuk and we intend to defend this matter vigorously," a Netflix spokesperson said in a statement. According to the documents of the lawsuit obtained by American outlet TMZ, *Squid Game* — which became the most watched series on Netflix when it premiered in 2021 — is a "rip-off" of the movie starring Imran Khan, Shruti Haasan, and Sanjay Dutt. Created, written and directed by Hwang Dong Hyuk, *Squid Game* follows 456 players, all of them in deep financial debt, who are brought to a secret place to play a deadly children's game for a chance to win a 45.6 billion won prize.

On the other hand, *Luck* revolves around an underworld kingpin who recruits people endowed with 'luck' from across the globe to take part in a series of challenges designed to test their chance factor, as gamblers around the world bet on them.

According to TMZ, in *Luck* "it's only after characters start competing that they realise losing any of the challenges means death — and that the death of a fellow participant also increases the money available to the remaining contestants". In the documents, Soham also claimed that he wrote the story of the film around 2006 and the film released in July 2009.

In several interviews, Hwang has said he first came up with the idea for the Netflix series in 2006.

Soham's allegations come months ahead of the season two premiere of *Squid Game*, fronted by Korean star Lee Jung-jae, on December 26.

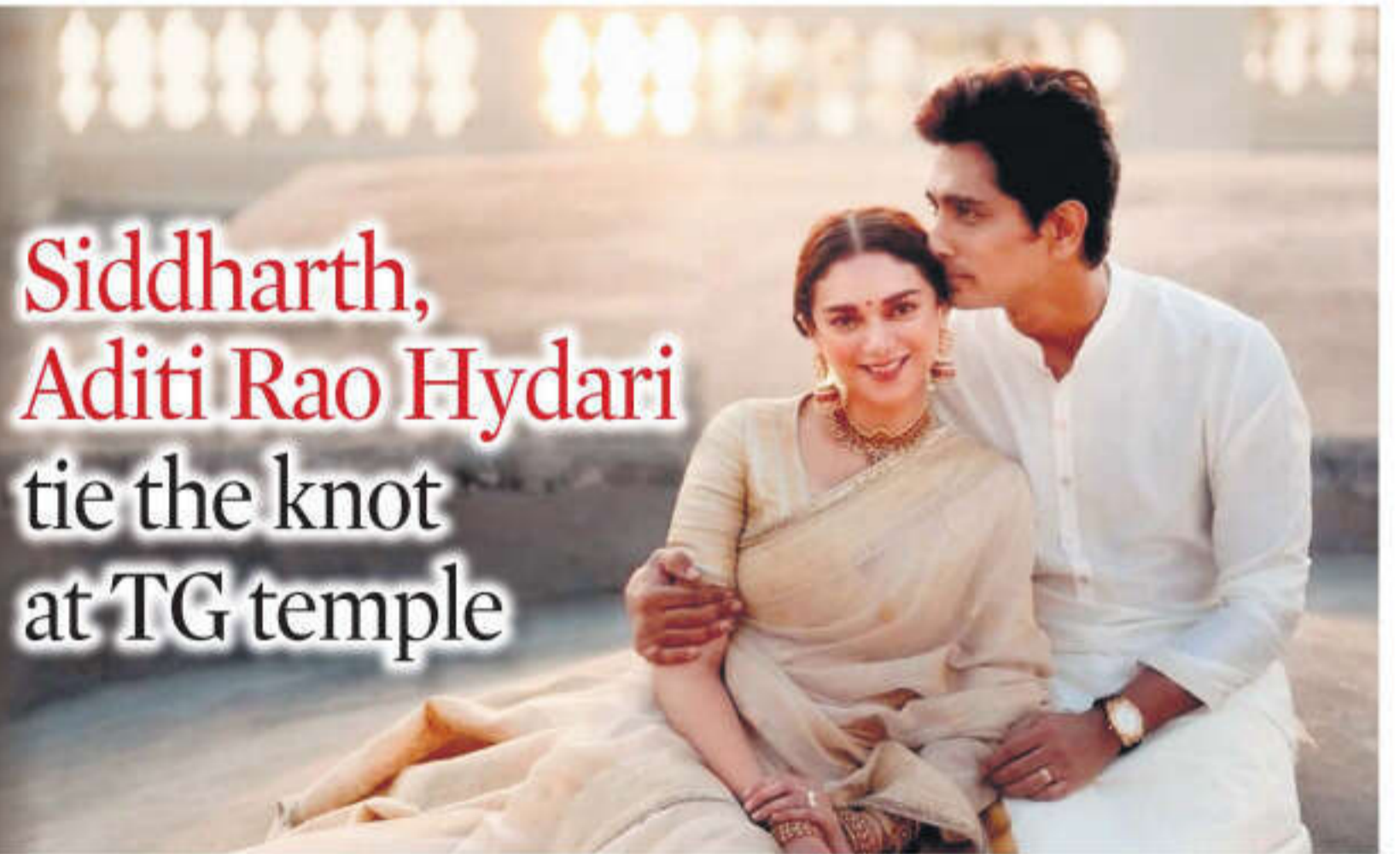
ON Monday, actors Siddharth and Aditi Rao Hydari took to their official Instagram handles to announce that they have officially tied the knot. The ceremony seems to have taken place privately, in the vicinity of a 400-year-old temple in Telangana.

Sharing photos of their intimate ceremony, the couple wrote, "You are my Sun, my Moon, and all my Stars..." To being Pixie Soulmates for eternity...to laughter, to never growing up... To Eternal Love, Light & Magic. Mrs & Mr Adu-Siddhu." While Siddharth has chosen to wear traditional

silk white dhoti and shirt, Aditi is seen in a simple off-white saree and a complementary golden blouse.

As per reports, Aditi and Siddharth began dating each other after they collaborated on the Tamil-Telugu film *Maha Samudram* (2021). She was previously married to actor Satyadeep Mishra, who got hitched to designer Masaba Gupta last year.

On the work front, Siddharth, who was last seen in *Indian 2*, has *Indian 3*, *Test*, *Miss You* and another project tentatively titled *Siddharth 40* in the pipeline. Aditi, last seen in *Heeramandi*, has *Gandhi Talks* and *Lioness* coming up.



Siddharth, Aditi Rao Hydari tie the knot at TG temple

Laggam to release on October 18

SAI Ronak and Pragya Nagra will be soon seen in the romantic drama *Laggam*. Over the past few months, the makers have been promoting their film with song releases. On Sunday, the *Laggam* makers set October 18 as the release date for their film.

Written and directed by Ramesh Cheppala,

Laggam is set against the backdrop of Telangana heartland, and promises to be a family entertainer. Venugopal Reddy is producing the film under the banner of Subishi Enter-

tainments. Veterans like Rajendra Prasad and Rohini are part of the film's ensemble cast, which also includes Lakshman Meesala, Prabhavathi, Saptagiri, LB Sriram, and Viva Reddy, among others.

On the technical front, Bala Reddy and Bonathala Nagewara Reddy are in charge of cinematography and editing, respectively. Eminent composer Mani Sharma has composed the background score, while Charan Arjun is the music director.

As of now, *Laggam* remains the only major Telugu release on October 18.



Tom Holland and Austin Butler join hands in American Speed

A recent report has stated that Tom Holland will team up with Austin Butler in *American Speed*, a true story of brothers who were race drivers but became infamous for their involvement in drug smuggling.

The film will feature the story of three brothers, Don, Dale, and Bill Whittington, with Don and Dale competing in Le Mans and Indy 500 multiple times.

The duo fell from grace for being part of the International Motor Sports Association scandal in the 1980s, after it was learned that they financed their racing

activities with drug smuggling proceeds. The two brothers were arrested for the crime.

However, there is no official word yet on who will play the third brother and no director's name has been attached to the project.

Tom Holland and Austin Butler have the fourth *Spider-Man* film and Darren Aronofsky's *Caught Stealing* in their pipelines respectively. Butler is also reported to star in *Heat 2*, directed by Michael Mann.

