

Delhi government has no power to indefinitely postpone collection of annual charges and development fees by private unaided schools as it would unreasonably restrict their functioning. The Delhi government has contended that its orders of April and August last year were issued in larger public interest as due to the COVID-19 lockdown people were in financial crisis. The single judge verdict, passed on the plea by Action Committee Unaided Recognised Private Schools, said that schools shall collect annual fees with a deduction of 15 per cent as allowed by the apex court in the Indian School case. It also said the amount payable by the students have to be paid in six monthly installments from June 10.



# Womenia

## Dentist by profession, photographer by passion

ASKARI JAFFER

Namrata Motihar Rupani, a dentist by profession, tried photography and transformed into a professional photographer with her hard work and passion. She started a photo services company “Capture Life” in Hyderabad and conducting photography workshops and counts the wedding shoot of badminton star Saina Nehwal, among her memorable works.

“I am a qualified dentist and an accomplished commercial photo-grapher for the past 16 years. Born & raised in Delhi, I was inclined towards medicine, and graduated with Bachelors in Dental Surgery from Christian Dental College, Ludhiana after which I furthered my education by doing Fellowship in pediatric dentistry and a Fellowship in Aesthetic Dentistry from Germany. Married in a business family and I have two daughters and live in Hyderabad. I’m also a trained Kathak dancer, voracious reader, and love listening to music,” says Namrata.

Namrata says that she had chosen photography as her free time hobby but later, it turned out to be a full time profession. “My life in Delhi consisted of studying in one of the best schools (Mater Dei School), and also being inspired by the various role models at home in my family, and my various teachers at school. After this I went onto do my graduation in Dental Surgery. I returned to do my residency from Ganga Ram Hospital, Delhi and also worked as a private practitioner. I have been practicing since 2002 in Hyderabad, initially as an associate in a dental hospital and opened my own clinic in 2007 thereafter,” she says.

“I ventured into photography when I bought a camera to pursue my passion in available time. My interest and proficiency grew and I became an avid photographer. I used to go out to shoot in my free time. Over years, I could convert my passion for photography into a full-fledged commercial photography business doing weddings, events, commercial projects and exhibiting my work. I conduct incredibly popular workshops to teach photography to enthusiasts. I also have a Fine Art Print business to make fine art prints and provide design and print solutions. I run all my businesses under the brand “Capture Life”, Namrata added.

Namrata claims that her



Photo's by Namrata



**The joy and happiness on the faces of my clients as they view their photographs is my biggest inspiration**

*-Namrata Motihar Rupani*

health issues made her to focus on photography. “Photography was something that happened to me. I bought myself a camera at a time when I was taking a break from the clinic due to some health issues. And there was no plan in place. Things just kept unfolding organically one after the other.”

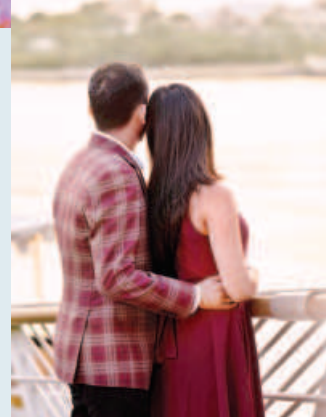
About her inspiration, Namrata says, “It has been an unforgettable journey so far. It has been a privilege. Satisfaction, and joy to transform lives of patients positively by restoring and offering guidance towards their oral health. Professional photography has been challenging but I have enjoyed the process. The inspiration towards creativity and the execution of a vision are my driving forces in this venture. Also, the joy and happiness on the faces of my clients as they view their

photographs is no less inspiring. Come to think of it, Life itself to me is inspiring. I just have to look around me.”

“Documenting the making of the ‘Metro Rail Project’ for ‘L&T’. I got to view the city from a whole new perspective and there weren’t even drones then. I actually climbed high buildings in Nampally or the pillars at a metro construction site to see Hyderabad in such a different light,” says Namrata.

While asked about the challenges faced, Namrata said, “Dentistry just like any other medical profession throws up changes and innovations which are challenging. Challenges present themselves in the form of financial issues, finding new clients, and recently the Covid-19 pandemic. In photography, challenges centre around client satisfaction, constantly raise the creativity bar, incidents related to things going wrong at the critical moment, and of course competition. Challenges have also been trying to balance two very diverse fields, to manage both and ensure that I am giving the required time and attention to each of them. Each day is a new day, and I wake up and tackle it with the intent to try and succeed.”

Namrata says that her family support is unimaginable in her journey. “In the Indian family context, a woman with professions of a dentist and photographer needs family support and encouragement. Fortunately, I have been blessed with both. At no time has odd hours, outside city locations and other



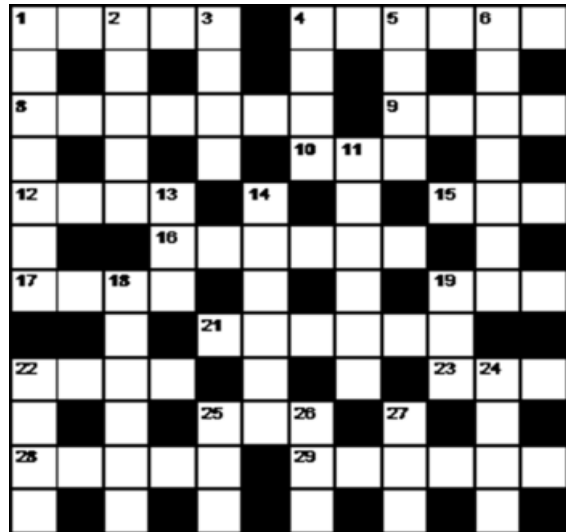
working issues ever been criticised or for that matter made me uncomfortable in any way. I have everybody’s love and support at home.”

Namrata speaks about her company “Capture Life”. She says, “It is a company I started which has three verticals under it. The dental and oral health care clinic, photography business and as well as fine art printing. We take care of all the needs of the clients under those verticals. I also conduct Photography workshops and have over 700 students now in the last 6 years.”

### Future endeavors

There is a plan to open a couple of branches of my clinic, and ensure that we are present in multiple locations to address the dental needs of as many people as possible.

Through my photography and fine art printing, I wish to capture and document memories and moments of people’s lives, for them to go back to - and also immortalise those memories by printing them in the highest quality possible.



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SOLUTION TO JULY 12

### CROSSWORD

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- Greek god of love (4)
- Seinfeld regular (6)
- Monarch (4)
- Apprehension (4)
- Movie genre (6)
- Clenched hand (4)
- US college (4)
- By way of (3)
- Spooky (5)
- Large freshwater fish (7)
- Capital of Uganda (7)

#### Down

- Jargon (5)
- Frolic (7)
- Branch of Islam (5)
- Himalayan legend (4)
- Flesh of a cow (4)
- Paint poorly (4)
- Cause something to bend inwards (7)
- Ancient invaders (5)
- Disregard (6)
- RSVP option (3)
- Buddhist enlightenment (6)
- Quack remedy (7)
- Pan-broil (3)
- Smelling strongly of (7)
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SOLUTION TO JULY 12

TWEET PATROL



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Reminiscing some great and happy memories from the sets of Devdas. Even 19 years later it all feels so fresh! Thank you Sanjay for sharing these. Will Cherish these forever! Here's our ode to #DilipKumar, just like #Devdas, you will continue to live on...forever! #19YearsOfDevdas



## How to take care of your lips?

Human lips are a tactile, and delicate sensory organ. Lips don't have sebaceous glands, which mean that unlike the other areas of your skin that don't produce their own protective oil. Lips also get thinner as you get older the body produces less collagen, causing them to lose their plumpness.

Jasdeep Singh Chadha, Founder and CEO, Seer Secrets says, “It is important to take care of your lips and it's high time when you have cracked lips and cold sores are concerned. Post all the digging; we're pretty convinced that ex-foliating and masking your pout is your one-way ticket to elegant, pillowy lips. It's possible.”

Thus, without further ado, he listed some simple lip care tips that promise to reveal perfectly primed lips.

### Drink plenty of water - For dry lips

Dry lips are an indication of dehydration. Dry, cold air and central heating can wreak havoc on your body's hydration levels, so keep your skin and your lips moist by sipping plenty of water throughout the day.

### Lip savour – Natural and herbal product

Natural fruits and herbs work extremely well on dry lips. Natural herbal lip care products with ingredients such as water-melon, coconut, and turmeric. These fruits and herbs have enough water to keep your lip hydrated.

### Lip scrub - For tanned and pigmented lips

Treat pigmented or tanned lips to a natural scrub. To give UV rays protection to your lips. Choose rambutan, dates, and lip



scrub. It will not only brighten your lips but also make yours pout free from flake, roughness, and parches.

### Lip mask- To replenishing your lips

Apply coconut or lemon balm and mask on your lips for a kissable pout without a slick of a scented moisturising lip like butter, so keep your lips nourished all day long.

### Lip plumper- For chapped lips

To avoid chapped lips and to penetrate nourishment and get it locked into the lips. Apply flavoured natural ingredient products containing raw mango, paprika, and mint lip plumper. These ingredients help in reducing happiness by

softly sloughing away dead skin cells to reveal fresh and revived lips.

### Blush it up - Give your lips a natural boost

To give your lips a perfect blush of nature and nourishment. Sometimes it becomes difficult to carry makeup palettes, packs of brushes, and lipsticks with you. It works multi-purposely. Blush It Up tint that can be a great replacement for your makeup. Moisturise your lips and cheeks with an oil-free look. It works as a natural blush on your skin. Lip and cheek tint are multi-tasking. It is easy to apply and handy. You can use this blush it up Tint anytime you leave for outside.



### NEWS ROUNDUP

## Bhumi Pednekar's quick makeover

Actress Bhumi Pednekar treated her fans with a quick makeover on social media. Bhumi posted a video on Instagram. The clip see the actress applying foundation, contouring, and doing her lips and hair. “Let's start the week with some fun on #Reels #Bbeauty #monday,” Bhumi wrote as caption. On the professional front, the actress recently announced she would star alongside Akshay Kumar in the upcoming film, “Raksha Bandhan”. The film is directed by Aanand L. Rai. She also has “Badhaai Do” with Rajkumar Rao and “Mr Lele” with Vicky Kaushal lined up.

## French Fries Day

Whether you call them ‘French Fries’, ‘Chips’, Finger Chips, or French-Fried Potatoes, this delicious treat is loved around the world, and French Fries day celebrates them.

Not to be confused with the American ‘Chips’, which are thinly sliced pieces of potato fried until crisp, French Fries are the delicious result of ‘batons’ of potato cut to various thicknesses and then fried in oil.

The outside of this staple companion food to hamburgers and other grease-ball favorites generally have a golden texture, varying from soft to crispy, and most often served with little more than a dusting of salt. French Fries are one of many foods whose name is most misleading, as the origins of this fat fried food seem to be in Belgium. The story of their creation can be found in a family manuscript dated 1781, which reveals that potatoes were originally cut into the shape of fish and served in lieu of the fish normally caught in a series of small villages in Belgium. It seems the river had frozen over and the fish they normally caught and fried were unable to be caught.

Why they're called French is often attributed to troops coming over during World War I who got their hands on Belgian Fries. The official language of the Belgian army at that time was French, and as a result the men thought they were in France rather than Belgium. Interestingly, in that region of the world, they are still called “Flemish Fries” to further complicate matters. Now, these treats are loved the world round, even becoming the ‘national snack’ of the Netherlands.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY  
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National French Fry Day



July 13



# Khattar launches ‘Dial 112’ for emergency response



**The existing emergency numbers like 100 (police), 101 (fire), and 108 (ambulance) will be integrated into the unified toll free number 112:**  
**Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar**

CHANDIGARH

HARYANA Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Monday launched the state's centralised emergency response and support system (CSERC) 'Dial 112'. The CSERC's centralised telephone number will be for emergency complaints concerning po-

lice, fire, health, road accidents and any other emergencies, Khattar said in Panchkula before launching the service.

Home and Health Minister Anil Vij, state Assembly Speaker Gian Chand Gupta and Director General of Police (DGP) Manoj Yadava were among those present on the occasion. Khattar and Vij flagged

off 630 emergency response vehicles equipped with mobile data terminals from Panchkula during the occasion. The chief minister also inaugurated the newly-built state-of-the-art State Emergency Response Centre (SERC) at Panchkula, which is the nerve-centre of the state's 'Dial 112' project.

With the introduction of this new response system, the existing emergency numbers like 100 (police), 101 (fire), and 108 (ambulance) will be integrated into the unified toll free number 112, Khattar said. Executed with a budget of more than Rs 300 crore, the system is designed in such a way that it promises minimum response time to citizens in distress with an average of 15 to 20 minutes all over Haryana, said Vij. The system is based on hi-tech geospatial

technology providing immediate response to the distress calls received from across the state, justifying the initiative's tagline "Just a call away", said Vij. The home minister said that two vehicles per police station will be made available for speedy response to emergencies. Vij said that four language experts -- Hindi, English, Punjabi and Haryanvi -- will be appointed in call centres to deal with complaints. After receiving calls, these language expert teams will forward the message to the response team, which will ensure to reach the complainant within 15 to 20 minutes, he said.

The state government is committed to providing prompt emergency support to its citizens and hence envisaged developing a robust system, said Khattar. This state-of-the-art system would fur-

ther improve the overall security scenario and would also help in prevention of crime across the state, he said. 'Dial 112' project will bring transparency and ensure accountability among the various emergency service providers, which will lead to faster emergency services delivery to the residents of Haryana, Vij said.

Chief Secretary Vijai Vardhan, Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Rajiv Arora, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) IT A S Chawla and senior officers of the police department were also present on this occasion. The system shall be operated by nearly 5,000 trained personnel, while 630 brand new SUVs are equipped with 23 in-fleet items, including first-aid-boxes, stretcher, crime extrication kit, to take required action on the spot.

## Maya questions timing of arrests by UP ATS

LUCKNOW

AFTER Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, BSP supremo Mayawati also raised questions on Monday on the Uttar Pradesh police's claim of arresting two Al Qaeda-linked terrorists in the state capital, saying such an action ahead of assembly polls leads to doubts in the minds of people.

"If the UP police's claims of busting a terrorist conspiracy in Lucknow and the arrest of two people having links with Al Qaeda are right, then it is a very serious matter and appropriate action should be taken, but no politics should be done in its garb, as such an apprehension has been expressed," she tweeted in Hindi.

The former chief minister raised the issue of the timing of the arrests. "This type of action only when the UP Assembly elections are approaching creates doubts in the minds of the people. If there is any truth behind



this action, then why were the police oblivious (to such activities) for so long? "This is the question being asked by the people. Therefore, the government should not take any action which increases unrest among the people," she said in another tweet

The Anti-Terrorist Squad of the UP Police on Sunday said it had arrested two terrorists belonging to Al-Qaeda supported 'Ansar Ghazwatul Hind' from the outskirts of Lucknow. Explosive material was also recovered from them.

## PUNJAB GOVT DOCTORS GO ON 3-DAY STRIKE

Health services, including OPD and elective surgeries, remains suspended

CHANDIGARH

MEDICAL services were affected in Punjab as government doctors went on a three-day strike from Monday to protest against alleged silence of the state government over their issue of non-practicing allowance (NPA).

Health services, including out-patient department (OPD) services and elective surgeries, remained suspended in government hospitals, said Punjab Civil Medical Services Association president Dr Gagandeep Singh.

However, emergency services, post-mortem and Covid-related services continued, protesting doctors said. Doctors working in government hospitals have been protesting against the recommendation of the Punjab's sixth pay commission de-linking non-

practicing allowance from the basic pay. They are also agitating the pay commission's recommendation of reduction in the NPA from 25 per cent to 20 per cent.

The strike call was given by the Joint Punjab Government Doctors Coordination Committee (JGDCC), which has members from the Punjab Civil Medical Services Association and is supported by the Punjab State Veterinary Officers Association, Rural Medical Officers Association, Punjab Dental Medical Officers Association and Punjab Ayurveda Officers Association.

The government doctors in the state had already held strikes three times over the NPA issue. They had threatened to go on an indefinite strike from July 19 if their issues were not resolved by the state government.



## GM NR holds review meet

Ashutosh Gungal, General Manager Northern Railway held a performance review meeting with the departmental heads and divisional railway managers of Northern Railway through video conferencing from Baroda House, NR headquarter office in New Delhi. Amongst many issues deliberations were on Safety, status of works for improvement of speed to 160 Km/h, infrastructure enhancement and dismantling of worn out structures at stations, yard remodeling, and maintenance of tracks and OHE, train operations, punctuality and staff training schedules.

Safety is the prime focus over Railways. The GM emphasized on improving the maintenance standards of tracks and overhead electric wire systems. He advised that post covid as nor-



malcy is returning infrastructure improvement projects need to be completed on time. Remodeling of stations and improvement of infrastructure and especially dismantling of old worn-out structures like FOBs to be carried out on priority. Improvement of yards and works on 160 Km/h speed enhancement are to be expedited. Punctuality of the passenger and freight trains is to be improved and asset failure issues to be tackled earnestly.

## Goyal given additional charge

MINISTRY of Power, Government of India has given the additional charge of the post of Director (Finance), National Power Training Institute (NPTI) to Shri R.P. Goyal, Director (Finance), NHPC Limited, India's premier hydropower company and a



Schedule 'A' Enterprise of Government of India. National Power Training Institute (NPTI) is a National Apex body for Training and Human Resources Development in Power Sector with its Corporate Office at Faridabad.

## 2022 UP polls: Priyanka holds strategy meet with party leaders

PARTY VOWS TO HIT STREETS AGAINST YOGI GOVT

NEW DELHI

AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Monday brainstormed with senior Congress leaders from Uttar Pradesh on the preparations for the next year's assembly polls, as the party resolved to hit the streets against the BJP government over issues such as unemployment, price rise and law and order.

With the Congress seeking to intensify organisational activities in the run up to the polls, Priyanka Gandhi held a virtual meeting with the party's advisory council to the general secretary and the working group on strategy and planning for the state.

They discussed the rising prices, the coronavirus situation, the recently held panchayat elections in the state and organisational training camps, sources said. The Congress general secretary in-charge Uttar Pradesh noted during the meeting that people are troubled by soaring inflation with prices of petrol, diesel, mustard oil, fruits and vegetables "sky high". She also pointed out that though input costs of farmers had doubled, their income had come down.



Priyanka Gandhi also flagged the violence during the panchayat polls and alleged that BJP workers indulged in stone-pelting and firing.

The Congress leaders who participated in the meeting denounced the Yogi Adityanath dispensation, saying it had failed on all counts. It was resolved at the meeting that the Congress will take the fight against the BJP government to the streets over issues such as rising prices, unemployment and the "jungle raj" prevailing in the state, the party sources said. Congress' state unit

chief Ajay Kumar Lallu, senior party leaders Salman Khurshid, Rajiv Shukla, Pramod Tiwari and Rashid Alvi, among others, participated in the meeting. The meeting comes a day after Priyanka Gandhi met Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, who the sources said is likely to play a key role in preparing the Congress organisation in Uttar Pradesh for the assembly polls with a focus on strategising and booth management.

Last week, Lallu had expressed confidence that his party has the capacity to fight the elections without aligning with either the SP or the BSP and form the next government on its own. His remarks had come days after the Samajwadi Party and the Bahujan Samaj Party ruled out forging any major alliances for the Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls. In an interview with PTI, Lallu had also said the Congress would fight the assembly polls in Uttar Pradesh next year under Priyanka Gandhi's "dekh-rekh (supervision)", and that under her leadership, the party would make a comeback in the state after over three decades.

## UP polls: SBSP chief to meet Kejriwal next week

BALLIA

SUHELDEV Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP) chief Om Prakash Rajbhar on Monday said that he will meet Aam Aadmi party leader Arvind Kejriwal this week to firm up an alliance for the Uttar Pradesh assembly polls. Smaller parties, he said, will play a major role in forming the next government in the state after the 2022 assembly polls "I will meet Kejriwal on July 17 in presence of Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh.

During the meeting talks will be held to include the AAP in the Bhagidari Sankalp Morcha as an ally," Rajbhar told PTI. The Morcha is a front of smaller parties

led by Rajbhar. The AIMIM had recently announced that it would contest 100 seats in the next Uttar Pradesh assembly polls in alliance with the Morcha. Rajbhar said the Morcha has held initial level talks with the SP for an alliance.

The chief of Jan Adhikar Party, which is an ally of the Morcha, met SP National President Akhilesh Yadav, he added. When asked about the result of the meeting, Rajbhar said they held preliminary level talks. Asked whether Yadav would be ready for an alliance with AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi, Rajbhar said there is no enemy in politics.



## Prime accused in UP Al Qaeda case was asked to collect bombs

LUCKNOW

AFTER the Uttar Pradesh Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) busted a terror module linked to Al-Qaeda in Lucknow on Sunday, sources said on Monday the main-accused came in contact with the handler a year-and-a-half ago, and had been asked to assemble bombs with commonly available ingredients.

The ATS had nabbed two terrorists from the Kakori area of the city on Sunday, and a team of the squad had launched a search operation in the area. The two suspects were taken in custody on Sunday for interrogation.

The UP ATS on Monday also got remand of the two accused; and a 14-day remand period will start from Tuesday.

Sources have revealed that the main accused is well-educated; and holds a diploma. He was earlier working as a lab technician and later ran a battery shop.

An improvised explosive device has also been found at the hideout being search, showing the use of potassium nitrate and phosphorus in the terror operations. During the preliminary questioning, the accused said that he had informed his handler, that obtaining phosphorus was difficult. He had thus been asked

to source the compound from match sticks, the accused said.

He has also revealed the names of more people who were part of the same ring, and police is currently on their lookout.

The ATS had received information that an Al-Qaeda terrorist based near Pakistan-Afghanistan border, Umar Halmandi, was trying to recruit Indian youths for the terror outfit. Halmandi had identified a few marginalised people in Lucknow to radicalise and recruit them into the AQIS organisation. This module was being readied under Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind (AGH), an offshoot of Al Qaeda, which

has been set up to carry out terror activities, the police said in a press release.

Those arrested were identified as Minhaz Ahmed and Masiruddin aka Mushir. A third accomplice was identified as Shakeel. The three were receiving instructions from Halmandi to carry out terror activities in various cities of Uttar Pradesh, including Lucknow, before August 15, police said.

Minhaz and Masiruddin were apprehended on Sunday after ATS commandos surrounded the house, they had gathered in, from all sides. The bomb disposal squad was also called in to the

spot. In this operation being led by IG GK Goswami, two pressure cooker bombs, time bombs and a huge cache of arms have been recovered so far.

As per sources, the ATS was keeping an eye on this house, which belongs to a person named Shahid, for a long time due to suspicious activities of visitors, especially one named Waseem.

The ATS had started the search operation on Sunday after the information was confirmed. Local police were also present on the spot. The ATS sealed the Kakori area and evacuated the nearby houses.



Suspected Al-Qaeda terrorists being produced in court by police personnel, in Lucknow on Monday



# Make industrial safety a top priority

**A**LARMED over the dwindling safety forms in the country, several trade union leaders recently called for urgent action by the Government of India to improve occupational health and safety. In as many as 116 industrial accidents in chemical and mining industries across the country, around 230 workers lost lives between May 2020 and June 2021.

In fact, since the resumption of industrial activities after the Covid-19 lockdown measures in May 2020, India witnessed a series of industrial accidents. From May to December 2020, around 64 accidents were reported wherein 118 workers were killed and several hundreds were injured. From January to June 2021 over 117 workers were killed and about 142 workers were injured in about 52 industrial accidents that happened in mining and chemical industries. These statistics are merely indicative of the grave situation as they are based on compilation of mainstream media reports and accidents reported by trade union affiliates. The real number may be much higher.

A large number of workers also died due to Covid

19, some of them contracting infection at their workplaces. So far in about 30 industrial establishments, 1,857 workers lost their lives to Covid in the manufacturing sector, both public and private. While untrained and contract workers add to the woes, poor safety inspection system, weak implementation of safety protocol and safety awareness, inadequate risk assessment and response; negligence; breakdown of the emergency response procedures have all exacerbated the impact of accidents.

Industrial accidents in India are a serious concern; however, they are highly under-reported, and their coverage is also incomplete. All aspects of safety, including materials, tools, equipment, work environment, job and task procedures, and all stakeholders (government, employers and workers) must create a foolproof system of multiple layers of prevention. But, this is not the case. One would expect existing laws framed over a period of 100 years will enable plant safety and bring reassurance among workers. However, we are still in a worrisome situation concerning human

and animal life, environmental repercussions, and property damage. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) website has published that 130 significant industrial accidents took place recently in India, claiming 259 lives and debilitating 560 people around the plant area (it does not specify any timeline, of course).

The Centre should form an expert commission to analyse the industrial accidents and identify the root causes and errors committed so as to protect the safety of workers and immediately address the safety crisis. The recently passed Occupational Health, Safety & Working Conditions Code, 2019 falls short of addressing trade unions' concerns. It has limited and confined coverage and leaves out a vast section of working people, including precarious workers. They must work with unions to devise policies and strengthen the existing laws/directives to ensure health and safety of the workers. But, concerned as it is with privatisation and changing labour laws, the government may care little for the lives of the workers.

# A vision for centre of excellence studies in Classical Telugu



PROFESSOR K YADAGIRI

**T**HE Central government declared Telugu as a classical language in 2008. The Telugu people of Andhra Pradesh and the Telugu diaspora felt happy as it was an honour to the Telugu people all over the world. Moreover, the GOI earmarked a grant of Rs 100 crore in 2010 for this purpose. It also organised a survey in all the districts of the undivided Andhra Pradesh between 2010 and 2012 for ascertaining a suitable location for establishing a Telugu Language Classical Centre.

The government also constituted a committee for this purpose in 2012, which comprised Joint Secretary, MHRD, CIIL Director, Principal Secretary of Education, Government of AP, Secretary, Central Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi, Director, Telugu Akademi, and Director, AP Cultural Department. The committee met three times and took suggestions of Telugu writers, scholars, editors of Telugu newspapers and several Telugu organisations for the location of a suitable venue for the same purpose. It decided unanimously in favour of establishing the Telugu Classical Language centre temporarily at the existing government cultural building at Madhapur near Hyderabad.

The bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh state in 2014 delayed the process of establishing the Telugu Classical Language Centre. Consequently, the Centre continued to be part of the CIIL in Mysore

for a long time, and as such it was away from the Telugu people. Meanwhile, in January 2020, the said Centre was shifted to Nellore in Andhra Pradesh as per the wish of a VIP in the Central government. Nellore is not a suitable place for either of the Telugu states. As such, it is not in the interests of Telugu people, scholars and researchers for the development of a Classical Telugu Language Centre. Hence, I propose that the Telugu Classical Language Centre be shifted to a place in or around Hyderabad in order to make it accessible to all the Telugu people.

We are aware of the activities of the CESCT (Centre of Excellence Studies in Classical Telugu) as per the guidelines of the CIIL (Central Institute of Indian Languages) at present. The government should come forward to appoint chairperson to oversee the entire language development process which is highlighted as a key task in the New Education Policy (NEP).

I propose to present my views regarding the establishment of CESCT at a place in the Telugu States by the Central government for its development. These views are based on my association with the State Institute of Telugu Akademi and Telugu University and the experiences gained by me in the process of the development of the same.

- Immediate Action Needed**
- Immediate steps to be taken up to set up a Telugu Classical Language Centre in the two Telugu states are as follows:
1. First of all, the Central government education department should arrange a meeting with the officials of the two Telugu States regarding the establishment of this Centre
  2. An advisory council or governing body should be set up. Retired eminent scholars and popular writers should be selected and appointed to this Governing Body along with the officers as well as various organizations with administrative experience in the field of literature.
  3. CIIL has not had a regular director for the past six years. A renowned literary figure and a retired professor with experience in the field of administration with not more than 70 years should be appointed as the Chairman of the Institute instead of Director.
  4. As the Central government has already declared this Telugu Classical Language Centre as a Centre of Excellence, this Centre also shall be declared an autonomous institution just like ICHR and CIFEL.
  5. Proficiency, mastery, and holistic vision with broader perspective view in linguistic literature are most prevalent among the elderly skilled persons. So, the staff working in this organisation should be looked after without any restrictions on the age limit.
  6. When the Telugu Classical Language Centre was announced, the Andhra Pradesh State was undivided. But in 2014, the state of Andhra Pradesh Re organised into two states, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. For this reason, the funds provided by the Central government to this institution are sanctioned to the both two States in the ratio of 58:42 as per the State Reorganization Act, then only there will be no possibility of any dispute. Accordingly, a Centre for Telangana shall be established in Hyderabad. Andhra Pradesh will have to set up another centre.

- Future Plan of the Centre**
1. Why set up CESCT near Hyderabad
  - It is in the fitness of things to recollect that A.K.Singh, Joint Secretary, MHRD, organised three meetings in Hyderabad in 2012 for establishing the centre there. It was also agreed in principle that the Centre could be established in the State government cultural centre at Madhapur, Hyderabad, then. However, the then government of undivided Andhra Pradesh did not give any undertaking to the MHRD in the context of the impending bifurcation of the state. I am aware of these developments as I was a member of the proposed committee in my capacity as the Director of the Telugu Akademi then.
  - People of the Telugu states are aware of the prominence of Hyderabad as a centrally located place and how conducive it is for all the resource persons engaged in research in Telugu culture and language. Moreover, Hyderabad is well connected by air and trains from various places of India.
  2. Name 10 chairs after Classical Telugu poets
  - There is an imperative need to select the great works of the classical poets for revisiting these great poets in order to look at these poets from a fresh perspective from the 10 proposed chairs. Several regional language centres in different parts of the Telugu states, which organise meetings, discussions, workshops and oriental training centres, can also enrich a Centralised location in Hyderabad for their mutual benefit. These proposed chairs can cater to the intellectual needs of the classical Telugu scholars. The proposed ten Chairs can develop ten Telugu regional Centres at various places in the Telugu states for the enrichment of Telugu language.
  3. Preparation of monographs
  - I. Monographs on reputed Classical Telugu Poets: It is proposed to commission well known scholars to write 200 monographs in a simple language easily accessible to everyone on reputed ancient Telugu poets as the first phase in the first year, and get the same published. Such monographs need to be made available to most people at affordable prices so that such books should be part of every household. It was possible for me to publish 158 monograph of this kind in 2012 within four months during my tenure as Director, Telugu Akademi. These monographs were launched at the Telugu Conference in Tirupati then.
  - II. Monographs on Arts, Culture and Tradition: Reputed scholars can be commissioned to write 100 monographs on the classical Telugu poetical works on the above issues.
  - III. Monographs on ancient Science Books: Our researchers discovered that a number of science books had been written on various topics in Telugu several thousands of years ago. 100 Monographs need to be written on such books.
  - (Writer is a former Director of Telugu Akademi (Andhra Pradesh State Institute of Telugu Language) and former Vice-Chancellor (In-charge) of Telugu University, Hyderabad) (The second and concluding part will appear in these columns on tomorrow)

# Justice minus humanity is injustice



Madabhushi Sridhar Acharyulu

**T**HE time has come to prove that we, the citizens, jailers, police, judges (from magistrates to top) and political rulers, MPs and doctors, are human beings. An average man cannot understand the due process or nuances of justice system. But he can understand that judicial courts and prison officers have refused to allow the straw-sipper for Father Stan Swamy, who cannot hold a glass of water because of shaking of hand due to Parkinson's disease. Whether any anti-terror law empowered the authorities to deny this human health essential need? Or we lost all values of humanity at every level including judiciary?

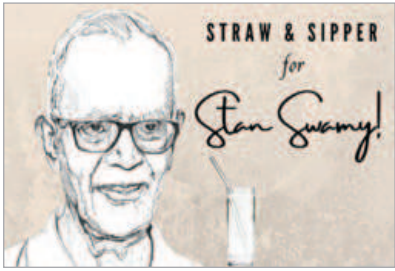
A professor of different faculty asked a fundamental question why on the same facts and law a court says yes and the other says no. As a student of Constitutional law, I think this fundamental doubt is more powerful than guaranteed fundamental rights and unenforceable fundamental duties in our Constitution. Any length of explanation cannot clear this doubt. Due process suffers if it is in the hands of undue personalities.

**The cruelty**

The cruelty of the prison officials and courts is reflected when they deferred or questioned or delayed the plea for a straw-sipper for Swamy. Courts continuously rejected his bail applications including some on medical grounds. The courts were either silent or ignored the plea for sipper. The National Investigating Agency opposed the plea for sipper. On what grounds we do not know. Perhaps, they also do not know. Is it because a sipper in the hands of Parkinson patient is threat to national security? When his friends and relatives sent scores of sippers, the prison authorities rejected them. That means they were also not allowed inside.

**Shaking hands**

On October 9, 2020 it was submitted to the Special Court in Mumbai that Swamy could not even sign the Vakalatnama, as his hands were shaking, and he could not hold the pen. Then court was kind enough to allow him to affix thumb impression. Swamy was sent to judicial custody straight away because the NIA did not seek his custodial interrogation. This means there was no need for his custody. If it is mandated that he should be available for every inquiry or prosecution could have been enough. When his lawyers asked court to release him on medical bail based on humanitarian grounds, the NIA said there is no such provision in UAPA, and the court agreed.



An image as part of national campaign for his straw and sipper

There is no place for humanitarian grounds at all, what a wonder?

**Law that did not provide for sipper**

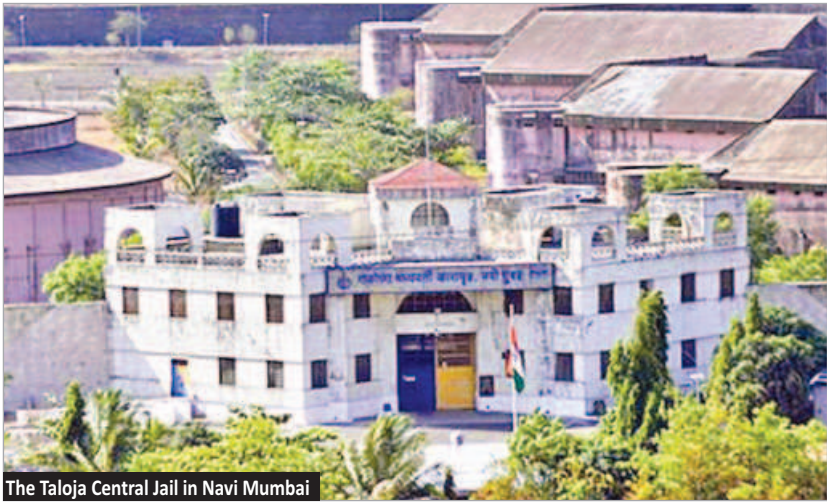
Whether history recorded any petition for a straw-sipper? On November 6, Swamy lawyer's petitioned to the Court to provide sipper and straw as he cannot even take water without it. His counsel said when he was arrested in Ranchi Jharkhand, a packed bag was taken with his belongings, that included his clothes and a steel sipper and straw to help him drink water or tea without spilling. The prayer was for return of the straw and sipper. The NIA said it had not seized any items belonging to Swamy. After NIA's contentions, the special court has rejected the request for sipper. The judge did not ask NIA to prove the genuineness of their claim that nothing was confiscated by them.

**Disability law**

National Platform for the Rights of the Disabled wrote to NHRC that, "at the time of his arrest, Father Swamy was carrying a bag with a straw and sipper, but this was seized by the NIA. The NIA refused to hand them back and jail authorities refuse to provide him these inexpensive but essential assistive items. He has trouble eating because of tremors. He is unable to take a bath, bring water or wash clothes. Father Stan also has serious hearing problem and needs hearing aid for both ears".

The right to assistive products, accessible services, barrier-free environment, and reasonable accommodations is mandated by the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 (RPWD Act) and there is a legally binding provision under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities that India ratified in 2006.

Muralidharan Vishwanath, General Secretary, National Platform for the Rights of the Disabled, said that it is obligatory that Stan Swamy be provided with requisite age and disability appropriate accommodations, assistive aids including straws and sippers as also human care assistance as required. We beseech you to ensure compliance of rights of prisoners with disabilities as also providing them



The Talaja Central Jail in Navi Mumbai

Perhaps time has come for Indian judges to prove that they are also human beings besides being judges! It was only after widespread national outcry over refusal to provide him with sipper that they provided him on November 29. He suffered without sipper since his arrest on October 8, 2020

with reasonable accommodations as mandated by international conventions.

**Are we human?**

The entire judiciary in India and of the world should have hung its head in shame for such a strict order to save sovereignty and integrity of India, the great. The court said a fresh application could be made to provide him with the items as per jail manual. The jail manuals probably never contain a sentence for sippers and straws, if no patient of Parkinson was imprisoned earlier. When fresh application was filed and that was brought on to the bench, the NIA sought 20 days' time on November 6, 2020 to file a reply, and court readily gave 20 days and adjourned to November 26, 2020, the Constitution day or law-day in India, without asking why you need 20 days to say yes or no to sipper request? Perhaps time has come for Indian judges to prove that they are also human beings besides being judges! It was only after widespread national outcry over refusal to provide him with sipper that they provided him on November 29. He suffered without sipper since his arrest on October 8, 2020.

**Prisoners' rights**

Over the years, the Supreme Court has in several cases clearly held that prisoners

also have certain fundamental rights including those stated above, which in this case are being violated.

Ten opposition parties including the Congress, TMC and DMK have written to President Ram Nath Kovind, urging his intervention in the matter to hold those responsible for the death of Stan Swamy. The letter demands the release of all those detained in the Bhima Koregaon violence case. It also accused the government of non-rightfully treating a patient in custody. Speaking about the activist's condition, it said, "He was denied treatment for his various ailments including debilitating Parkinson's. Only after a nationwide campaign was conducted that even a sipper to drink liquids was made available to him in jail."

**No Covid Treatment**

A complaint on May 16, 2021 was filed at Maharashtra Human Rights Commission that Swamy lodged in Talaja Central Jail, Navi Mumbai, was being denied medical facility during the COVID-19 period, had not been vaccinated yet and that there was no proper medical care in the jail hospital, that the majority of jail staff had tested Covid positive especially most of the kitchen staff, and the number of under-trial prisoners had also contracted the Coronavirus, yet no RT-PCR tests were conducted there. He was vaccinated after testing positive for Corona. While NHRC, MHRC and Bombay High Court were examining the humanity issues, the Covid infection aggravated. Covid could not wait for the NIA to file chargesheet, the High Court to decide the medical bail, on next date after adjournment and took away Stan Sway who was yet to be accused. On the hearing day (Cannot say that it was las date) the court was kind enough to feel sad after noting the proven fact that he was dead.

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## LETTERS

### Dawn of a new era

**F**LAMBOYANT entrepreneur Richard Branson piped fellow billionaire Jeff Bezos in the space tourism race by blasting off in a Virgin Galactic spaceship on Sunday. Branson's maiden journey peaked at 85 km above the earth, where the two pilots and four passengers experienced five minutes of zero gravity and saw the earth's curvature before safely gliding back home. It was also a dream come true for Indian-born aeronautical engineer Sirisha Bandla who accompanied Branson on his flight. She joins Kalpana Chawla and Sunita Williams in the elite list of Indian-origin women to fly into space. The historic trip heralds a new dawn.

N J Ravi Chander, Bengaluru

### Samir's success story

**U**NLIKE cricket, the game of tennis is a tough game and the odds are even. Samir Banerjee, 17, despite a wobble, became the first India-American player to win a Grand Slam boys' singles title, beating compatriot Victor Lilov 7-5, 6-3 in one hour and 21 minutes in the final at the Wimbledon championships on Sunday. Though Indian American players like Prakash Amritraj and his

cousin Stephen Amritraj played on the circuit and won some titles too, Samir is the first to win the boys singles title at a Grand Slam. It is notable that four Indians – Ramanathan Krishnan, Ramesh Krishnan, Leander Paes and Yuki Bhambri – have won the boys' singles title at Grand Slam events. Even though Indian players could not make a worthwhile move in this year's Wimbledon, Samir's success is a consolation.

C K Subramaniam, Mumbai

### Gruelling wait ends for Messi at last

**I**T is heartening to note that Messi-led Argentina won the Copa America finals against Brazil by 1-0. The wait for 28 years is really a long period. However, Messi deserves the win for the efforts of a good teamwork. A word of praise for Harleen Deol for her excellent and sensational catch in the T20 women cricket match against England. Her efforts were really superb though India lost the match.

Gururajan Ramachandran, Chennai.

**I**I gave us 120 minutes of football at its best with superb passes and headers and 10 penalty shootouts with 5 of them

yielding goals, to boot. We were rewarded for forgoing our sleep to watch the match. It was worthy of a World Cup semi-final, if not the Final. It was a real cliffhanger before Italy lifted the Cup. Not that England played worse on home soil or Italy played better, it was sheer luck that smiled on Italy that crowned it the European champions.

G David Milton, Maruthancode (Kanyakumari dt)

**I**II ARGENTINA put up a spirited display to end a 28-year title drought and reach the pinnacle of glory at the Copa America final. Angel di Maria did the star turn for the victors. Though the Selecao had more ball possession, they could not translate that into goals. However, the success would count as an extraordinary triumph for Argentinian skipper Lionel Messi - he led his country to its first major title since 1993 and lifted his first major trophy for the national team after several near misses. Well done, boys!

N J Ravi Chander, Bengaluru

**I**IV THE month-long mesmerising football bonanza is over with Argentina kissing the Copa America 2021 and Italy the Euro Cup 2021 but the moments of these two tournaments will linger in the

hearts of soccer fans around the world. The various nations, football federations and authorities need a big applause as the matches were conducted smoothly and safely especially at a time when the whole world is under the grip of an epidemic.

M Pradyu, Kannur

### Do justice to CPSU pensioners

**A**PROPOS the 'Mega cabinet raises massive expectations from Modi' published in inbox (July 11), I like to add one more point. More than sixty lakh retirees from wound up central public sector undertakings (CPSUs) are denied their legitimate right for more than two decades. They are getting a static pension and without medical aid. Whenever Employee Pension Scheme 1995 (EPS-95) case is taken up by some MPs in parliament, the stock reply is that, "the case is in Supreme Court," and the court is adjourning it every time. PM who is now holding the portfolio of pensions is once again urged to render justice. Apex court is also requested to dispose of this case which is listed for hearing on 20-07-2021.

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# HC suspends GO on empowering VROs

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THE Andhra Pradesh High Court on Monday issued interim orders suspending GO No 2 of the State Government transferring powers of panchayat sarpanches and secretaries to village revenue officers (VROs). The petition challenging the GO was filed by Tokalavanipalem Sarpanch Krishna Mohan of Guntur district. The High Court questioned the State Government over introducing village secretariats while the panchayats and sarpanches were existing. The GO No 2 issued on March 25 had brought 15,004 village secretariats, its 1.34 lakh staff and 2.66 lakh volunteers under the fold of the Revenue department.

The salaries and grant of leave of absence, was to be handled by the VROs. As a result, the sarpanches would remain nominal without any control over the secretariats. In June, the High Court reserved its order on a petition that opposed GO Ms No2 (dated March 25, 2021) through which certain powers of the village administration were sought to be transferred to the VROs. Krishna Mohan argued that the GO was issued in violation of the Constitution and the spirit of Article 73 of the Constitution Amendment Act. His contention was that academic qualification of panchayat secretaries was graduation while for the VROs it was just SSC and hence panchayat secretaries

were more competent to provide effective administration. Besides, the VROs are under the supervision of Tahsildars who oversee the revenue administration hierarchy while the panchayat secretaries are accountable to the Mandal Parishad Development Officers (MPDOs), District Panchayat Officers and Secretary (Panchayat Raj & Rural Development) at the district and State levels respectively. The advocate on behalf of the State Government argued that the new system was introduced to implement the welfare schemes efficiently and make them reach beneficiaries. He said it was meant for administration convenience and not to create any parallel power centres.

# SPEAKER TO TREAD CAUTIOUSLY

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NEW DELHI

LOK Sabha Speaker, Om Birla, here on Monday said that the House would follow all the processes in dealing with the disqualification process of a member but will not rush ahead unduly. In his interaction with the media ahead of the Monsoon Session of the Parliament, the Speaker said he would listen to the arguments of both the parties — YSRCP and its MP K Raghurama Krishna Raju — before arriving at a decision regarding the demand of the YSRCP. He was referring to the claim of the YSRCP leader, V Vijayasai Reddy, who had recently met him to urge him to disqualify the rebel MP as the party had submitted “all evidence” of anti-party activity of the latter. Vijayasai Reddy had gone ahead and warned of



Om Birla

- Om Birla makes it clear that he will not ‘rush ahead unduly’ over demand by YSRCP to disqualify rebel MP Raghurama Krishna Raju
- His comments come in the wake of warning by Vijayasai Reddy that his party members will stage protests in House if he doesn’t take action over their repeated pleas for disqualification of the MP

- Says he will listen to the arguments of both sides before arriving at a decision

protests during the upcoming session if action was initiated against the rebel member. When asked about it, the Speaker said all members and parties had the right to protest during the sessions and he would

not comment on it. However, “one should remember the rules and regulations” in doing so, he said adding he would not resort to a “running commentary” on the same. The Speaker had earlier re-

portedly told the YSRCP leaders who met him three days ago with their demand that he would give notices to both the groups with a 15-day time for response. Only then, the matter would be referred to the Privileges Committee, he said. The YSRCP leadership questioned the “delay” over the matter and sought early action against the MP as he had been denting the image of the party with his anti-party stand and comments. Referring to the action taken against the former JD (U) MP, Sharad Yadav, in the past, Vijayasai Reddy, repeatedly had sought similar urgency in the present matter too. The House will also be dealing with another complaint lodged by the MP himself over the physical torture in custody by the AP police in the past.

KRISHNA WATERS

## BJP condemns TDP Prakasam MLAs’ letter

- Party general secretary Vishnu Vardhan Reddy says the letter to CM is ‘anti-Rayalaseema’ and is furthering the ‘fake’ propaganda of Telangana on projects
- MLAs of Addani, Kondapi and Parchur writes to CM saying that both Telangana and Seema lift irrigation projects at Srisailem are detrimental to the interests of Prakasam farmers and people
- The BJP leader while terming the letter ‘a shameful act’, castigates the YSRCP govt for not acting against TS to safeguard business and political interests of leaders

AMARAVATI

BJP state general secretary V Vishnu Vardhan Reddy on Monday lashed out at Prakasam district TDP MLAs and called their letter to Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy as ‘anti-Rayalaseema’ and furthering the alleged fake propaganda of Telangana. “TDP MLAs from Prakasam district have written the letter furthering the fake propaganda of Telangana and in opposition to



V Vishnu Vardhan Reddy

Rayalaseema,” he said while addressing the media in Guntur. He was referring to the letter written by Addani MLA Gottipati Ravi Kumar, Kondapi MLA Dola Bala Veerananjaya Swamy and Parchur MLA Elurui Sambasiva Rao. The trio said they were writing the letter on behalf of Prakasam district farmers and people and claimed that both Telangana and Rayalaseema lift irrigation projects at Srisailem are detrimental to Prakasam district. However, the BJP leader said that a letter like this at the moment is a shameful act and lashed out at Telangana for acting in a way which is dangerous to Andhra Pradesh. Training his guns at the state government, Vishnuvardhan Reddy alleged that the government is not acting against Telangana to safeguard business and po-

litical interests of leaders. “We will join the masses and start a movement for water resources,” he said, questioning if there was a water resources department in the state. Andhra Pradesh and Telangana are engaged in a bitter war of words over water projects in either states with both terming them as illegal. Already, Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy has written several letters to the Centre on the issue and has complained against Telangana. He complained that Telangana’s unilateral siphoning of water from Srisailem, Nagarjunasagar and Pulichintala reservoirs will jeopardise the drinking and irrigation needs of Rayalaseema, Nellore and Prakasam districts, including Chennai city’s drinking water requirements. Jagan Mohan Reddy said Telangana continues to blatantly violate the provisions of the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014, acting in a whimsical manner with utter disregard to the operational protocols and directions of Krishna River Management Board. Though power generation is incidental to irrigation needs, he complained that Telangana has started utilising Srisailem reservoir waters for power generation from the very first day of the water year which started on June 1, well below the minimum draw down level (MDDL) of over 834 ft. (HANS)

## GVL writes to CM opposing renaming of Telugu Akademi

- Alleges that the move appears to be aimed at reducing the importance of Telugu language

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BJP Rajya Sabha Member G V L Narasimha Rao wrote to Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy stating that the decision taken by the state government on Telugu Akademi is detrimental to the interests of Telugu language and culture. He appealed to the Chief Minister to withdraw the decision of renaming Telugu Akademi as Telugu and Sanskrit Akademi, or else the BJP will strongly oppose it in every manner. In his letter, the MP said that the decision of the state government to change the name of Telugu Akademi to Telugu-Sanskrit Akademi seems to be part of efforts to reduce the importance of Telugu language. He said establishing new academy for Sanskrit may be ideal but it should not reduce the importance of Telugu language. The MP said the decision by the state government earlier to abolish Telugu as medium of instruction has become a nightmare for thousands of students studying in the medium. He said last week, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the technical education should be offered in Indian languages and the AICTE has prepared B Tech textbooks for the coming academic year in eight Indian languages.

## Udaya Lakshmi assumes office as PCA member

- Calls on CM after being appointed as AP State Police Complaints Authority
- Says AP has set up the body following the directives from the SC
- Explains that unlike in the past, the people now can approach the PCA if their rights are violated by police

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B Udaya Lakshmi, IAS, who retired as principal secretary, has been appointed as member of AP State Police Complaints Authority (APPCA). Udaya Lakshmi who assumed office on Monday as a member of the Authority, called on Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy. Speaking on the occasion, Udaya Lakshmi said that the APPCA was established by the state government as per the orders of the Supreme Court for the first time. She said until now if there is a serious crime like lockdown death, crime against women and children like kidnap of minor girl, rape of a woman due to inaction of police or illegal detention, violation of



B Udaya Lakshmi calls on Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy after assuming office as a member of APPCA at Tadepalli on Monday

law by police, the people have to approach High Court. But now after establishment of PCA, the aggrieved persons can directly approach it and lodge a complaint. The PCA will play a role of a judge on wheels and is accessible to any victim of a serious crime involving police, she said. The former bureaucrat said PCA is a specialised body to bring transparency and accountability of police officers towards people. Similarly, she said, the

police while taking a person into custody in a crime, have to inform jurisdictional police station as per Criminal Procedure Code. But sometimes they do not inform local police and bring that suspected person, illegally detain him/her for many days and they may be tortured. In such cases, the person concerned may lodge a complaint with PCA and it will act immediately by sending notices to the police officer involved, she added.

## TS Guv takes vax in tribal thanda

Says tribals should overcome vaccine hesitancy and take the jab to prevent falling prey to coronavirus

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HYDERABAD

MOTIVATING the tribals to get vaccinated to protect themselves from Covid, Governor Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan on Monday got her second dose of vaccine at KC Thanda in Maheshwaram mandal of Ranga Reddy district. Concerned about reports indicating low percentage of vaccination among tribals, the Governor took her second dose in presence of tribals and urged them to take vaccine as it was safe. “I just want to set an example by taking the vaccine at their remote habitation and motivate tribals to overcome vaccine hesitancy and come forward to get vaccinated,” she said. Seated along with tribal women, who came in their traditional attire, the Governor took the jab evoking instantaneous applause from tribals and the Health staff and the media personnel present at the Primary Health Centre. The Governor, a doctor herself, called for cent per cent vaccination of all tribals with special attention to the primitive groups living in remote forest areas. “The tribal people should be given vaccination on a priority basis. They should be protected from this deadly virus,” she added. A tribal woman, Sunitha, said the Governor herself coming to



the habitation and getting vaccinated was a huge honour for them. She said Dr Tamilisai’s visit has inspired the tribals and gave them a new hope and courage about vaccination. “I have a special fondness and liking towards tribals. I came here to give you all courage to get vaccinated and get protected,” she added. She appreciated Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao’s efforts in effectively containing

the pandemic in the State and taking the vaccination drive forward. Education Minister Sabitha Indra Reddy stated that it was a huge honour for the tribals across the State that the Governor took the vaccine at a tribal habitation and thus set a personal example for others. Earlier, the Governor planted a sapling at the village garden and offered prayers at Shiva Ganga temple along with her

husband and eminent Nephrologist Dr P Soundararajan. She surprised villagers by distributing sweet boxes to each of the household in the Thanda and handed over sweet boxes to some participants at the meeting. Zilla Parishad chairperson Dr Anitha Harinath, senior police officials, public representatives, officials and a large number of tribals turned up for the Governor’s visit.

## HEAVY RAINS IN TS FOR TWO DAYS

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THE Indian Meteorological Department bulletin has warned of heavy to very heavy rains on July 13 and 14 at isolated places in Siddipet, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Medak and 11 other districts in the State. The bulletin said thunderstorms with lightning and gusty winds with 30-40 kmph speed were very likely at isolated places across the State. Heavy rains to lash Hyderabad, Medchal - Malkajgiri, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Medak and four other districts. According to the bulletin, on July 14, there will be thunderstorms coupled with lightning and gusty winds at isolated places across Telangana. Heavy to very heavy rain is likely to occur in Adilabad, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Jagtial, Rajanna-Sircilla, Suryapet, Warangal (Rural & Urban), Janagaon, Yadadri-Bhongir, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Medak and Kamareddy districts. Heavy rains are also very likely in Karimnagar, Peddapalli, Mahabubabad, Siddipet, Mahbubnagar and Nalgond districts. On July 15, heavy rains likely to lash Adilabad, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Jagtial, Rajanna-Sircilla, Warangal (Urban), Janagaon, Siddipet, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Medak, Kamareddy and Mahbubnagar districts.



## Power network strengthened under ‘Palle & Pattana Pragathi’

TSSPDCL CMD G RAGHUMA REDDY ATTENDS THE PROGRAMME

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HYDERABAD

UNDER the “Palle and Pattana Pragathi” programmes, the Telangana State Southern Power Distribution Company Ltd (TSSPDCL) has strengthened its distribution network at an expenditure of Rs. 100 crore. Participating in the programme on Monday CMD G Raghuma Reddy said that the network has been strengthened in 8,539 villages and 84 urban local bodies. “Various works like erection of intermediate poles, replacement of bent, rusted, damaged poles, replacement of damaged stay wire, re-stringing of loose and hanging conductors, arranging separate lines for streetlights, replacement of damaged, stuck up streetlight metres and arranging separate metres and boxes for streetlights has been taken up,” he said. The CMD, along with J Srinivas Reddy, director (operations), reviewed the works taken up under Palle and Pattana Pragathi with engineers of Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy, Medak, Mahbubnagar and Nalgonda combined districts through a video conference. Reddy informed that the government was giving top priority for energy sector. Since the State formation Rs. 31,000 crore was spent on various development works, including 33/11kV sub-stations, laying of new lines, distribution transformers, transformers, laying of underground cables, and RMUs for strengthening the distribution sector. The CMD reviewed maintenance of department stores in field offices.











# EURO 2020 C'SHIP

## Donnarumma the hero as Italy clinch title

LONDON

GOALKEEPER Gianluigi Donnarumma was the hero with two saves in the penalty shootout as Italy won the Euro 2020 title 3-2 on penalties after the final against England ended 1-1 after extra time.

Marcos Rashford sent his penalty into the post and then the Italian goalkeeper saved shots from Jadon Sancho and Bukayo Sako after England goalkeeper Jordan Pickford had done well to thwart Jorginho and Andrea Belotti on Sunday evening, reports Xinhua.

Once again the penalties were cruel on England, but Italy will argue that after suffering in the first half, they did enough in the remainder of the game to deserve the win.

While Italy were unchanged from the squad that beat Spain in the semifinal, England coach Gareth Southgate returned to the three central defenders who had served so well against Germany.

Southgate's tactics paid immediate dividends when Luke Shaw volleyed England into a second-minute lead. Harry Kane dropped deep and created space for Kieran Trippier and the wing-back had time to pick out Shaw's run at the far post.

Once ahead, England looked comfortable with Kieran Trippier seeing a low cross cleared, but overall, the English were content to close down the spaces in midfield and defence, with Calvin Phillips, Declan Rice, Mason Mount and at times even Harry Kane, closing down and denying the Italians angles to pass the ball.



Italy's goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma (right) makes a save against England's Bukayo Saka during penalty shootout of the Euro 2020 soccer championship final match at Wembley Stadium in London on Sunday.

Perhaps that meant the English at times lacked men to launch effective counter-attacks, but Italy were unable to build anything and their only chance of the half came from an individual



Italian players celebrate with the trophy after the Euro 2020 soccer final match on Sunday

run and shot just wide, by Federico Chiesa. Italy came out strongly at the start of the second half, looking to dominate where they had struggled before the break. Insigne fired a free kick just high and wide after a needless foul from Raheem Sterling and although Harry Maguire headed a free kick over, it was game on for Italy.

Federico Chiesa's run ended with Pickford blocking from a narrow angle and the England goalkeeper did even better to block Chiesa's shot in the 62nd minute.

Italy were playing in and around the England penalty

area and although Maguire flicked Chiesa's cross out for a corner, Leonardo Bonucci was able to scramble home from close range after Pickford had blocked Marco Verratti's original header.

Bukayo Saka and Jordan Henderson came on as England reverted to four at the back, while Chiesa had to limp off with an ankle injury as the game went into extra time.

With four minutes of normal time remaining, a pitch invader stopped the action and stewards struggled to catch him adding to a sense of chaos at the stadium after ticketless fans earlier forced their way in.

England were struggling to string passes together and it wasn't long after Calvin Phillips fired wide that Jack Grealish replaced Mount and the former almost set up Saka with his first action, while at the other end Pickford did well to deny Federico Bernadeschi.

Pickford blocked Brnadeschi's free kick, while John Stones was inches away from a free kick as Donnarumma came flying out as nerves got frayed, legs tired and England looked to retake the initiative. Gareth Southgate made two late changes, bringing on Rashford and Sancho for the penalties, but the move backfired as neither scored their spot kick. (IANS)

## Djokovic celebrates Wimbledon triumph by eating grass again

LONDON

EATING grass to celebrate his Wimbledon title is becoming a habit for Novak Djokovic and the Serb engaged in his customary act again on Sunday after beating Matteo Berrettini of Italy in the final in four sets.

Soon after securing a 6-7(4), 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 victory, Djokovic plucked some grass from the Centre Court surface and chewed on it -- something he has done after each of his five previous triumphs here.

He first did this in 2011 after beating Rafael Nadal for his first Wimbledon title.

Djokovic had once explained why he celebrates in this manner at Wimbledon.

"When I was younger, I always dreamt of winning Wimbledon and I wanted to do

other two members of the Big Three, as the players with the most number of Grand Slam singles titles in the Open Era.

Federer, the winner of eight Wimbledon titles, was among the first to wish Djokovic, saying, "Congrats Novak on your 20th major. I'm proud to have the opportunity to play in a special era of tennis champions. Wonderful performance, well done!"

Nadal, who lost to Djokovic in the French Open semifinal this year after a gruelling four hour and 10 minute battle tweeted, "Congrats @DjokerNole on this amazing achievement. 20 Grand Slam titles is huge and it is amazing that we are 3 players tied on this. Well done and, again, congrats to you and your team for



"When I first broke into the Top 10, for three or four years, I lost most of the big matches against these guys (Federer and Nadal) and something shifted at the end of 2010 and the beginning of 2011. The past 10 years have been an incredible journey and it's not stopping here," Novak Djokovic

something different. And I didn't come up with a more original idea, so I thought I might as well just eat some grass," Djokovic had said.

He once again referred to his childhood dream during the prize distribution ceremony on Sunday.

"A seven year old boy preparing Wimbledon trophy with improvised material in his room, and today standing here with my sixth Wimbledon trophy, it's incredible," he said on Sunday.

**Federer, Nadal lead tributes to Serb after 20th Grand Slam win**

Swiss ace Roger Federer, Spaniard Rafael Nadal and several present and former tennis greats hailed world No. 1 Novak Djokovic for winning his sixth Wimbledon title and 20th Grand Slam crown overall at the hallowed Wimbledon centre court.

By winning the title on Sunday after beating Italy's Matteo Berrettini, the Serb top seed joined Federer and Nadal, the

this!@Wimbledon." Tennis great Billie Jean King urged the Serb to continue his sublime form and win the Olympic gold. "Congratulations to @DjokerNole, 6x #Wimbledon champion! He's simply the best, and thrives on pressure. The Golden Slam is still in his sights. Next up: the Olympics."

Legendary tennis player Rod Laver, winner of four Wimbledon titles in the 1960s, tweeted, "Congratulations Novak. Amazing achievement, you are on your way to a Grand Slam. Matteo, you played a fantastic tournament and I have no doubt your time will come." India's cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar, tweeted, "Great win @DjokerNole! Many congratulations on winning the @Wimbledon & your 20th Grand Slam title. Despite a challenging start and taking time to find your groove, you fought on and took your game to the next level. Absolute champion mentality to win this one." (IANS)

## Hyd'bad FC sign up Spanish midfielder Eduardo Garcia

HYDERABAD

INDIAN Super League (ISL) side Hyderabad FC on Monday signed Spanish attacking midfielder Eduardo 'Edu' Garcia on a one-year contract. The experienced 31-year-old joins Manolo Marquez's side from last season's runners-up ATK Mohun Bagan. Born in Zaragoza, Spain, Garcia spent three seasons with the Real Zaragoza's B side before going on to represent the senior side in the 2016/17 season of the Spanish Segunda Division. He moved to India for the first time with Bengaluru FC in 2017, making 14 appearances in the ISL before joining Chinese side Zhejiang Greentown who paid a transfer fee to secure his signature. He returned to India with ATK FC in January 2018 and helped the Kolkata-based side to the ISL title in 2019/20 scoring in the final against Chennaiyin FC. Garcia

spent the 2020/21 ISL season with Antonio Lopez's ATK Mohun Bagan and helped his side as they narrowly finished second in the league, and made it to ISL final. During his time in the ISL, Garcia has made 47 appearances, netting 10 goals while providing 12 assists. Coach Marquez believes that Garcia's versatility will help the team. "Edu (Garcia) is a good player and such players are always important. He has lots of experience of playing in India and will certainly help the youngsters in the squad," said Manolo. "He can play in centre midfield, attacking midfield and on the wings too. His versatility will be a huge asset for the squad. I am sure he will be comfortable with the group," added Manolo. "I am very excited to start my journey with Hyderabad FC. I promise to give my best and help the club grow with my experience and my work," said Garcia after signing the contract.

## International Handball Week kicks off

Hyderabad District Handball Association begins celebrations for the 2nd International Handball Week at Chintal Basti grounds (Ram Leela Ground). International Handball Week this year is unique as it also marks the IHF's 75th anniversary. The celebration was inaugurated by B. Manohar Babu, TRS leader. SR Sanjeev Kumar General Secretary, K. Sudhakar jt. Secretary, Ratnakar Treasurer, Siva Kumar Jt. Secretary and others executive members Including players attended the function. The celebration will be held till July 18 and various matches will be held in Hyderabad. International Handball Week was born to celebrate



in 1946 when the International Handball Federation was founded in Copenhagen, Denmark. The debut edition in 2020 saw a celebration of the sport across the world through various events. In addition, the IHF also launched a new, vibrant logo.



## Conway, Sophie named ICC Players of the Month

DUBAI

NEW Zealand opener Devon Conway and England left-arm spinner Sophie Ecclestone have been named ICC Players of the Month for June. "Conway won the award ahead of team-mate Kyle Jamieson, who was the Player of the Match in the WTC (World Test Championship) final against India, with South Africa's Quinton de Kock the other nominee for his fine performances on their tour of the West Indies," said a statement from the International Cricket Council (ICC).

The left-handed batsman is the first New Zealand player to win the ICC Men's Player of the Month award after an impressive first month in Test cricket, cracking a solid double century on debut against England at Lord's and following it up with two half-centuries in his next two games, including in the ICC WTC Final in Southampton.

"I am truly honoured to win this award. That I have received it for my performances in Test cricket makes it extra special," said Conway. The England left-arm

spinner Sophie pipped the Indian pair of Shafali Verma and Sneha Rana to become the second English woman player to win the ICC Women's Player of the Month award after Tammy Beaumont, who won it in February. Sophie, a winner of the annual ICC Emerging Player of the Year award in 2018, was the most successful bowler in the one-off Test against India in Bristol, in which she grabbed an eight-wicket haul. She also grabbed three wickets each in the two ODIs which followed. "It is really nice to win this award. It is after a period in which we've played all three formats so it feels good to be recognised for my performances in the Test and the white-ball series," said Sophie. "We've been happy as a team how we've performed across this series. We would have liked to have won the Test match but hopefully we can clinch the multi-format series," she added.

"It's all crucial preparation for the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup in New Zealand [in 2022], when we'll be defending the title we won in 2017, and we feel in a decent place as a team." (IANS)

## Manpreet-led hockey side has lots of quality players: Tirkey

BENGALURU

THE Manpreet Singh-led Indian men's hockey side has a lot of quality players, giving the team a good chance of finishing on the podium, said Dilip Tirkey, one of the best defenders India has produced.

"I have great expectations from the current Indian men's team. I think there is a lot of quality in the side, and they have a good chance of finishing on the podium at Tokyo. I would like to wish the team all the very best and I hope that they do well in the Olympics this year," said Tirkey, who represented the country in three Olympics - 1996 Atlanta, 2000 Sydney and 2004 Athens.

Speaking about the excitement of playing in his first Olympics in Atlanta, Tirkey said, "Every athlete has a dream of becoming an Olympian, and I got a chance of playing in the Olympics for the first time in 1996. We had some big players in our team at that time such as our captain Pargat Singh. I was very excited to play in the Olympics."

On his memories from 2000 Sydney, Tirkey said that the 1-1 draw against Poland will always remain a big regret for him and the Indian team.

"We performed very well in the league stages of the 2000 Olympics. We played well against Argentina, Australia, and Spain and we needed to defeat Poland to qualify for the semifinals, but we couldn't do it. The match against Poland got so difficult for us and it ended in a 1-1 draw in the end.

"We were leading 1-0 after I scored in the 53rd minute but Poland managed to score in the last few moments of the match. If we had beaten Poland, then we could have qualified for the semifinals and after that anything could have happened. So that draw against Poland has remained as a sad memory for us."

The 43-year-old said that there were many exciting moments during the 1996 Games, including Leander Paes's bronze-winning feat. "There were many exciting moments for us at the 1996 Olympics. Tennis star Leander Paes also made history in the Olympics by winning bronze. It was India's first Olympic medal in an individual event in a long time. We got to see the US President Bill Clinton as well, who visited the Olympic Village. I went to watch the athletics and football events at the Olympics as well." (IANS)





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