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Don't let arguments take the peace in your relationship

Have you ever felt like you know you're right, but the other person doesn't understand? Or maybe every once in a while, you just have to have something go your way? For some people, the feeling of urgency nudges them into using some of these tactics speaking more loudly, bringing up evidence, speaking with a tone of urgency, refusing to let the topic drop, following the other person from room to room.

These strategies create problems, though. A raised voice can sound like an attack. Evidence provides an opportunity to get sidetracked by debating the evidence. Urgency often comes across as impatience or frustration.

If the conversation stays on track, you can keep trying to solve the problem. If it turns into an argument, you might need something another strategy.

There are many ways to gracefully step back from an argument. Here are four simple statements you can use that will stop an argument 99 percent of the time.

Let me think about that

This works in part because it buys time. When you're arguing, your body prepares for a fight: your heart rate goes up, your blood pressure increases, you might start to sweat. In short, you drop into fight-or-flight mode. Marriage researcher John Gottman calls this "flooding". Your mental focus narrows, so that you think about the danger in front of you rather than nuances and possibilities. Because of this, the ability to problem-solve plummets.

Taking time to think allows your body to calm down. It also sends a message that you care enough to at least consider someone else's point of view, which is calming for the other person in the argument.

You may be right

This works because it shows willingness to compromise. This



signal is enough to soften most people's position, and allow them to take a step back as well. Yet it's hard to do. Sometimes my clients worry that giving an inch is very close to giving in. In my view, it's usually the opposite: acknowledging someone else's point of view usually leads to a softening.

Notice that with this Aikido-like sidestep, you are not agreeing that the other person is right. You're only acknowledging that there might be something to their point of view, and implying that you'll consider what they said.

I understand

These are powerful words. They work because they offer empathy. They stop an argument by changing its direction - trying to understand someone else's point of view isn't an argument. They are sometimes hard to say, because pausing to understand can sometimes feel like giving in. It's important to remember that understanding doesn't mean you agree and the second is understanding doesn't mean you have to solve the problem. With the pressure to assert yourself or fix it out of the way, you can just listen.

I'm sorry

These words are perhaps the most powerful in the English language. One administrator I know says that half his job is apologizing to people. Many people are reluctant to apologize, fearing that an apology is an admission of guilt and an acceptance of complete responsibility. This view unfortunately often makes the problem worse.

Apologies sometimes just express sympathy and caring, "I'm sorry you didn't get that job."

More often, though, apologies mean owning some part of the responsibility: "I'm sorry my comment came across that way. It's not what I meant."

Occasionally an apology is an admission of complete responsibility, and in those cases a heartfelt expression of regret becomes all the more important. Apologies change the game from "It's Not My Fault" to "I Understand." Apologies are powerful; they have prevented lawsuits, improved business communication, and healed personal rifts.

Of course, sidestepping an argument is only the first step in sorting through an emotionally charged issue. Sometimes you have to dig beneath the surface so that you can talk about the beliefs and feelings underneath. Then there's work to be done in negotiating a compromise or coming to an agreement. However, arguments keep you spinning in circles, and usually make the problem worse.

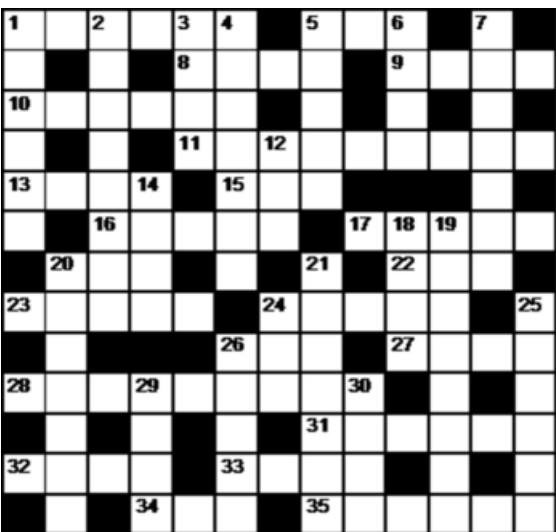
Sometimes the only way not to lose is to stop playing the game. Like Frankie, you can change the rules. Instead of, "One of Us Has to Win," you can play, "Let's Take Some Time with This." With a simple statement, you can buy time, show willingness to compromise, offer empathy, or own part of the problem. These strategies are the basis of good communication. When the object of the game is to stop arguing, both players can win.



Giving quality entertainment is what I believe in, says Nikki Tamboli

Nikki Tamboli is flooded with work. From music videos to stunt-based reality shows, the former "Bigg Boss 14" housemate has a lot on her plate. She says being consistent and giving quality entertainment is what I've always believed in.

Nikki said, "Being consistent and giving quality entertainment is what I have always believed in. This phase of my life, where I am getting back-to-back work, is truly a blessing." "I am here to entertain and give my best to my fans and the people who watch me onscreen. This is just the beginning and there is more to come in the coming days. Also, my new song is releasing next week and I am sure you all will love as we loved making this," Nikki said. Nikki is currently seen with Milind Gaba in the music video of the song titled "Shanti". She was also shooting in Cape Town for "Khatron Ke Khiladi 11". She is also doing in a song by Tony Kakkar titled "Number Likh".



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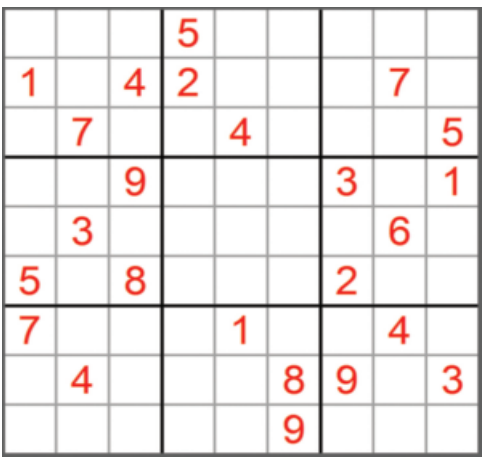
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- Muslim headscarf (5)
- Indoor game (5)
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- Sum charged (3)
- British noblemen (5)
- Watering holes (5)
- Behave; deed or doing (3)
- You have my ____ : I promise ? (4)
- Author of Huckleberry Finn (4,5)
- Tray (6)
- State of USA (4)
- Effective date, in law (4)

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- Head covering (3)
- Dodges (6)
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- Collectively (8)
- Steak style (4)
- Infernal (7)
- Hussein's capital (5)
- Eating program (4)
- Doh, musically speaking (7)
- Chemist's workroom in short (3)
- Elevation (4)
- One or two (1,3)
- Determined (8)
- Aural discomfort (7)
- Famous French artist (7)
- Wood sorrel (3)
- Beautifies, bedecks (6)
- Breath-taking (5)
- Perceive as fact (4)
- Finger feature (4)

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I believe ... in Truth and Simplicity
I believe in my country, my India.



Actress Radha Bhatt shares happiness for her role in 'Sunflower'

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Actress Radha Bhatt, who has played varied roles in projects like "Zindagi Ki Mehak", "The Family Man", and "Manikarnika", is currently seen playing the role of Mrs Ahuja in the web series "Sunflower" on Zee 5.

Talking about her role Radha says, "I am playing the role of Mrs Ahuja in the series. She is a beautifully civilized wife. She takes very good care of her husband and agrees to whatever her husband decides. But she is physically and mentally so exhausted that she has now accepted this life as her fate." On being asked about her experience of working with veteran actor Ashish Vidyarthi in the new web series "Sunflower", Radha says, "When I got selected for the part, I found out that very good names are associated with the project. I was very excited to be a part of the series. On my first day on the sets when I saw Ashish sir, I was in awe of him. He is very generous and humble. I thought I might get intimidated by his personality and his experience and level of seniority in the entertainment field but as soon as we talked for a bit, nervousness turned into comfort."

Lastly, she expresses her gratitude for getting an opportunity to be a part of the series. "It's a huge opportunity to be a part of a series like this. It was a memorable experience to work with some of the best actors of the film industry, who are so keen and passionate about their craft. It's an experience I will cherish forever," says Radha.

Working in 'Sunflower' is an experience I will cherish forever - Radha Bhatt



When it comes to skin care, hand cream should be first priority

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With most Skincare routines today, the focus is usually on the face while the hands are subjected to a secondary treatment or an afterthought. We must remember that each time we wash our hands; they lose moisture, become dry and dehydrated. In our current altered lifestyle, life without perpetual hand washing and sanitizing is unfathomable. Here's why investing in a good hand cream is the absolute need of the hour.

Hydrating

The skin on the back of our hands is thinner and has fewer oil glands, making it more prone to dryness. In comparison, the skin on our palms is a lot thicker, so for moisture to penetrate this area, it is advisable to use a hand cream that uses efficacious formulations that are infused with the goodness of Vitamin C and Hyaluronic Acid and promises hydration with anti-bacterial properties.

Cleansing

Hands are undeniably the most precious assets that are used to access and communicate with the world. More often than not, they are often subject to invisible bacteria and germs. Excessive use of hand wash or san-



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itizer may damage the sensitive skin of your hands; thus, it is recommended to opt for a high-quality anti-bacterial hand cream that can serve the dual purpose of hydration and protection against germs.

Combat ageing

What the face conceals, the hands give-away, holds true when it comes to matters of age. Our hands spend just as much time exposed to external elements as our faces and when we neglect to care for them, we leave them defenseless against the effects of aging. A dermatologist recommended hand cream will help boost moisture levels and skin elasticity, while combating pigmentation, dehydration and premature wrinkling.

Therapy in a tube

The ritual of applying a hand-

cream can prove to be a peaceful experience and a quick escape from a hectic day. The gentle of act of massaging the hands as they soak in all the hydration is known to calm the nerves, alleviate anxiety and unclench mental pores. This short 'me-time' break lends us a moment of self-reflection that can do wonders not just for our hands but also our mind.

Happy cuticles

The area around nails is designed to protect our nails from bacterial infections. The process of excessive hand washing can make cuticles dry and flaky, making them vulnerable to bacterial infections. Applying a good quality hand cream will ensure that the cuticles and nails are nourished and well looked after, making them appear healthy, bright and shiny.

Women in Engineering Day



Women in Engineering Day is an international awareness campaign to raise the profile of women in engineering and focus attention on the amazing career opportunities available to girls in this exciting industry. It celebrates the outstanding achievements of women engineers throughout the world.

The science of engineering has been responsible for a huge amount of development in the way that we live today. Leaps and bounds in the engineering field have given us the benefit of living easier lives, living in better homes, and using better means of transport and that's just to name a few developments.

Although even today, some may see engineering as being a male-dominated sector, Women in Engineering Day reminds us that actually, it's far from it. In fact, this is a sector in which women are making some huge waves. So today is all about the ladies taking part in some incredible achievements against all odds, and showing just what they can do. Women in Engineering Day is an international awareness campaign to raise the profile of women in engineering and focus attention on the amazing career opportunities available to girls in this exciting industry. It celebrates the outstanding achievements of women engineers throughout the world. Taking place annually, it's your day, so get involved. You can help out by sharing information about the day with your friends. Organization owners can get involved by sponsoring the day, too. Ultimately, the goal of the day is to make sure that the future engineering landscape is built by equal amounts of men and women, so that we may be able to continue to grow and develop together.



Modi's name enough to win 2022 state polls: UP BJP vice prez

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NEWLY-APPOINTED Uttar Pradesh BJP vice president and former IAS officer AK Sharma on Monday said people of the state love Prime Minister Narendra Modi the same way as they did in 2013-14.

In a letter dated June 20 and addressed to state BJP chief Swatantra Dev Singh, Sharma said, "In my humble opinion, even today, the people of Uttar Pradesh love Modiji the same they had done in 2013-14. To win the upcoming (UP Assem-

bly) elections, the name and patronage of the mass leader is enough. Along with this, there are blessings of the party chief and seniors."

"I will make every possible effort, and also enable other colleagues to make efforts," he said in the Hindi letter which he also posted on Twitter. He added, "I am of the firm belief that under your leadership and the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the BJP will bag more seats in the 2022 Assembly elections than the past."

He thanked Singh, the party's

state leadership and the central leadership for appointing him the vice-president of the UP BJP. "As a member of the party, I once again take the pledge to give my best contribution in the interest of the country," he said. Singh also mentioned the work done by him as an IAS officer.

"From 2001 to 2021, I had the honour of making a small offering and helping him as an assistant in the historic march of 'vikaas purush' Narendra Modi from being the Chief Minister (of Gujarat) to the Prime Minister," he said. "I have been a



small partner in the long, successful, comprehensive and global saga of Modiji. This is his 'kripaa' that he has given me an opportunity," he said.

The Uttar Pradesh unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Saturday appointed its state MLC A K Sharma, a former IAS officer, as its state vice president. The announcement was made by UP BJP president Swatantra Dev Singh. Known for delivering time-bound results, Sharma earned Modi's confidence as his secretary during his tenure as the Gujarat

chief minister by successfully handling the Vibrant Gujarat campaign to get investments to the state.

He was also handling the MSME (micro, small and medium enterprises) ministry's affairs, a crucial department working under the prime minister's plan for the revival of the economy following the coronavirus-triggered lockdown. Sharma did his schooling from the Mau district in eastern Uttar Pradesh and post-graduation from the Allahabad University.

CRWWO celebrates International Yoga Day

Central Railway Women's Welfare Organisation celebrated International Yoga Day on June 21, 2021 at Nirmal Park, Byculla. Tanuja Kansal - President of Central Railway Women's Welfare Organisation alongwith the Executive Committee Members attended this celebration.

On this occasion, Tanuja Kansal emphasised on the importance of Yoga and how it helps in building a stronger mind and body.

Addressing the gathering, Smt Kansal said that Yoga is a spiritual discipline which focuses on bringing harmony between mind and body. It is an art and science of healthy living. It has always been approached as a

technology for inner wellbeing. Yoga professes a complete system of physical, mental, social and spiritual development. She said that Yogic exercises recharge the body with cosmic energy and facilitates attaining of perfect equilibrium and harmony.

She further said that yoga enhances personal power, increases self-awareness, helps in concentration and reduces stress & tension. While elaborating the benefits of Yoga, Smt Kansal said that the art of practicing yoga helps to control ones' mind, body and soul. It brings together physical and mental disciplines to achieve a healthy body and peaceful mind.



Akhilesh alleges UP govt hiding Covid death toll

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SAMAJWADI Party president Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday accused the Uttar Pradesh government of hiding the actual number of deaths due to Covid-19.

Through this, he said, the BJP government is actually hiding its face. Yadav's remarks came a day after a report claimed that the death toll due to COVID-19 in 24 districts of Uttar Pradesh from July 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021 was up to 43 times higher than the official figures.

Its findings are based on a comparison of the official death toll in these districts during the nine-month period with the excess deaths registered in the state's Civil Registration System (CRS). The mortality data was accessed through a Right to Information (RTI) application. In



a tweet in Hindi, Yadav said, "According to information accessed through the Right to Information, it has come to light that the death toll in 24 districts of Uttar Pradesh in the nine months of the pandemic till March 31, 2021 is up to 43 times higher than the government figures."

"Actually, the BJP government is not hiding the death figures but its face," he said. As of Monday, Uttar Pradesh's COVID-19 death toll stood at 22,224 while the total number of cases was 17,04,476, according to a government bulletin.

90% of Haryana cops have received first dose: DGP

CHANDIGARH

NINETY per cent of Haryana Police personnel have received the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine while 65 per cent have taken both doses, Director General of Police (DGP) Manoj Yadava said on Tuesday. The Haryana Police has nearly 60,000 personnel, including home guards and Special Police Officers (SPOs). The vaccination drive for police personnel, who are included in the frontline workers category, started on February 4. "So far, 53,924 officers and jawans have got the first anti-

Covid shot and more than 38,988 have received both doses," Yadava said in a statement. He said 90 per cent of the police personnel have received the first dose and are waiting for the completion of the mandatory gap period to take the second dose. Around 65 per cent of the police personnel have taken both doses of the vaccine, he added. Yadava stressed that the protective shield of the vaccine is very important to prevent the infection. In addition, all precautions and safety guidelines must be followed. "While working on the frontline, policemen have to protect themselves against

the infection along with (ensuring) the safety of others. With a good pace of vaccination, we are striving to achieve the target of 100 per cent vaccination soon," he said.

Besides maintaining law and order, the DGP said, the police personnel took care of the elderly, ensured that the poor and needy got food and migrant workers and labourers returned home safely. "After noticing the shortage of ambulances in the deadly second wave, more than 460 Innova vehicles were provided to all districts to transport infected patients free of cost to hospitals and back home," he said.



CHANDIGARH

FORMER Punjab chief minister Parkash Singh Badal was on Tuesday questioned at his official residence here by the SIT probing the 2015 Kotkapura police firing incident in Faridkot.

The Punjab Police Special Investigation Team (SIT) reached Badal's Sector 4 MLA flat and questioned him for nearly two-and-a-half hours. The Punjab government had formed the new SIT led by Additional Director General of Police L K Yadav to probe the Kotkapura police firing incident following the directions of the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

Senior SAD leaders including Maheshinder Singh Grewal, Prem Singh Chandumajra, Daljit Singh Cheema, besides SGPC chief Jagir Kaur were present at Badal's residence. Addressing the media, the SAD leaders said Badal cooperated with the SIT, like he had done when a previous investigation team had questioned him two years ago. They

said that at the time of the previous SIT, whose report was quashed by the Punjab and Haryana High Court, the investigations were conducted in a "politically motivated" manner and even now the agenda was allegedly politically driven. The SIT had rescheduled the questioning after the 93-year-old Badal had expressed his inability to appear before it at a rest house in Mohali on June 16, saying he is not keeping good health.

"...Still not in good health, Badal, however, is keen to fulfil his legal and constitutional duties as a law abiding citizen of the country," Harcharan Bains, principal adviser to the Shiromani Akali Dal president Sukhbir Badal, had earlier said.

Prakash Singh Badal was the CM when incidents of desecration of a religious text and police firing at people protesting against it took place in Faridkot in 2015. The new SIT is investigating the two FIRs registered on October 14, 2015 and August 7, 2018 in connection with the

KOTKAPURA FIRING

Former CM Badal questioned by SIT



Kotkapura incident.

The high court had on April 9 this year quashed a report by an earlier Punjab Police SIT. The court had then directed the state government to set up a new SIT without Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh, an Indian Police Service

officer who was part of the earlier team. Singh took voluntary retirement after the court order and on Monday he had joined the Aam Aadmi Party in Amritsar in the presence of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

"High court quashed the pre-

vious SIT's report. We had said that previous SIT under Kunwar Vijay Pratap was having political agenda, which has now been proved as a day earlier the officer, who took premature retirement, has joined the AAP," said Grewal.

DENIED TO FLY WITHOUT RT-PCR REPORT...

Passenger held for ruckus at IGI

NEW DELHI

A 36-year-old passenger from Uttar Pradesh was arrested for creating ruckus at the Indira Gandhi International Airport here after allegedly being denied boarding by the airline for not carrying a mandatory RT-PCR test report, police said on Tuesday. Suraj Pandey, a businessman from Rudrapur in Uttar Pradesh, was arrested on Monday based on a complaint received from Deepak Chadha, Deputy Manager of Vistara Airlines, they said.

In his complaint, Chadha alleged that the passenger came to IGI Airport's Vistara airline counter for heading to Mumbai by flight number UK933 but he did not have an RT-PCR report and was not allowed to board the aircraft following which he missed the flight, police said.

The airline official further al-




leged that around 3 pm, Pandey turned violent and started shouting. He also got onto the baggage belt and started walking on it and obstructed the airline staff and other passengers, police added. Deputy Commissioner of Police (IGI Airport) Rajeev Ranjan said, "We checked the CCTV footage to verify the complainant's version."

From the contents of the complaint, CCTV footage and enquiry conducted so far, accused Suraj Pandey had committed offence under relevant sections of the Delhi Police Act. Subsequently, he was arrested and his medical examination was also conducted." Since it was a bail-

able offence, the accused passenger was released on bail and will be produced before a court here, he said. An official statement issued by the Vistara spokesperson said the customer booked the flight from Delhi to Mumbai on June 21 but was not accepted on the flight as he was not carrying a COVID-19 RT-PCR test report, which is mandatory as per government guidelines.


"In reaction, he behaved badly with our staff and other customers, and his acts threatened the safety of ground operations. We have provided a full refund of the booking to the customer and notified the authorities of the incident," the spokesperson added. Vistara stands firm with its zero-tolerance policy against unruly behaviour or act that endangers the safety, security, and dignity of its customers and staff, the airline further said.

State-wise COVID-19 Vaccination in India



As on June 22, 2021, till 7:00 AM

| State/UT | As on June 22, 2021, till 7:00 AM | | 1st Dose | | 2nd Dose | Total Doses |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| | 1st Dose | 2nd Dose | Total Doses | 1st Dose | 2nd Dose | Total Doses |
| Maharashtra | 2,25,48,801 | 55,34,119 | 2,80,82,920 | 33,99,795 | 6,96,130 | 40,95,925 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 2,22,66,842 | 40,61,825 | 2,63,28,667 | 29,37,889 | 7,37,689 | 36,75,578 |
| Gujarat | 1,77,05,548 | 48,85,905 | 2,25,91,453 | 34,78,161 | 4,43,202 | 39,21,363 |
| Rajasthan | 1,82,14,095 | 34,79,097 | 2,16,93,192 | 15,49,970 | 5,43,039 | 20,94,009 |
| Karnataka | 1,62,99,541 | 33,08,324 | 1,96,07,865 | 6,74,353 | 1,01,439 | 7,75,792 |
| West Bengal | 1,49,78,061 | 43,50,152 | 1,93,28,213 | 5,28,924 | 75,223 | 6,04,147 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 1,45,71,531 | 21,36,505 | 1,67,08,036 | 5,60,022 | 72,364 | 6,32,386 |
| Bihar | 1,21,57,700 | 29,79,051 | 1,51,36,751 | 4,14,333 | 79,740 | 4,94,073 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 1,12,50,631 | 27,44,859 | 1,39,95,490 | 3,82,244 | 77,232 | 4,59,476 |
| Tamil Nadu | 1,07,87,814 | 22,90,247 | 1,30,78,061 | 3,92,951 | 52,806 | 4,45,757 |
| Kerala | 98,59,341 | 25,49,313 | 1,24,08,654 | 3,79,210 | 56,896 | 4,36,106 |
| Odisha | 82,96,961 | 18,40,090 | 1,01,37,051 | 3,56,323 | 53,143 | 4,09,466 |
| Telangana | 79,57,825 | 13,34,286 | 92,92,111 | 3,11,565 | 58,938 | 3,70,503 |
| Haryana | 66,71,112 | 11,84,343 | 78,55,455 | 1,63,237 | 37,482 | 2,00,719 |
| Chhattisgarh | 64,24,457 | 12,30,303 | 76,54,760 | 1,51,695 | 14,738 | 1,66,433 |
| Delhi | 50,06,896 | 15,95,366 | 66,02,262 | 1,38,469 | 12,288 | 1,50,748 |
| Punjab | 55,09,425 | 8,65,055 | 63,74,480 | 1,21,956 | 15,520 | 1,37,476 |
| Jharkhand | 49,48,108 | 9,26,014 | 58,74,122 | 1,04,815 | 7,154 | 1,11,969 |
| Assam | 46,32,662 | 10,85,784 | 57,18,446 | 17,32,133 | 1,50,662 | 18,82,795 |
| Source: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare | | | | | | |



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Rural areas administered more doses than urban

NEW DELHI

AS India achieved a "historic milestone" of administering 88.09 lakh coronavirus vaccine doses in a single day on June 21, nearly 64 per cent of the jabs were given in rural areas, the government said on Tuesday. Madhya Pradesh administered the maximum number of doses on June 21, followed by Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Assam, an official said.

Addressing a joint press conference on the pandemic situation and vaccination status, the official said, "A historic milestone was achieved on 21st June 2021 -- 88.09 lakh doses administered in a single day." Of the doses, 36.32 per cent were administered in urban areas and 63.68 per

cent in rural areas, the official said. Since the vaccination began in mid-January, India has administered 29.16 crore doses of COVID-19 vaccines till 3 pm on June 22, he said.

The government also said the coronavirus situation has been improving in the country but stressed on following COVID-19-appropriate behaviours. It said there has been an almost 90 per cent decline in India's daily COVID-19 cases as compared to the highest peak reported on May 7. It said 22 cases of delta plus variant of the coronavirus have been detected in the country so far, and added that it's still not a variant of concern. Of the 22 cases of delta plus variant, 16 have been reported from Ratnagiri and Jalgaon in Maharashtra and the rest from Madhya Pradesh and Kerala, the government added.

Punjab introduces free testing, treatment of Hepatitis B

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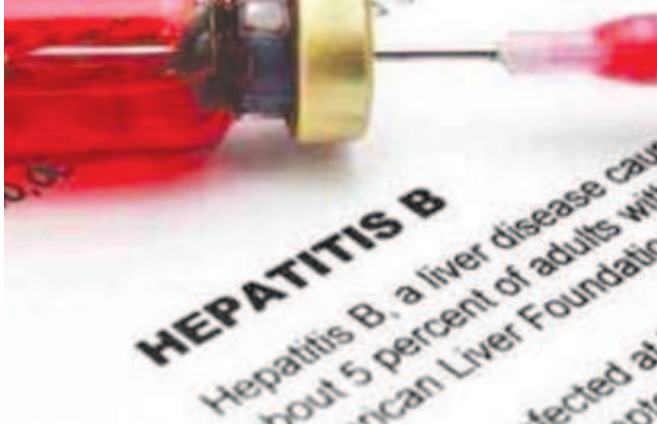
PUNJAB government has introduced free testing and treatment of Hepatitis B in all government health institutions, Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu said on Tuesday.

Presiding over the statewide launch of the initiative at district hospital in Mohali, Sidhu said the state government has introduced Hepatitis B screening tests and treatment in all medical colleges, District Hospitals (DHs), Sub-Divisional

Hospitals (SDHs) and Anti-Retroviral Treatment (ART) and Oral Substitution Therapy (OST) centres.

"In addition, Hepatitis B viral load testing facility will be extended at 27 centres, free of cost for the benefit of marginalized sections," he said. "State Health Department has entered into a rate contract with Oncquest Laboratories under which they have provided a laboratory technician at every District Hospital and Government Medical College.

"Hepatitis B samples will be taken at these institutions from the patient free of cost, while the cost of the test will be reimbursed to the lab at the rate of Rs 851 by the state government," he said, as per an official statement. "The line of treatment for Hepatitis B is extensive and expensive but the state government will give free medicine to the concerned. Even the Hepatitis B positive Punjab patients under treatment in PGIMER will be provided medicine free of cost," informed



Sidhu.

He said that a nodal officer has been deputed in PGIMER for the same and has been handed over stock of requisite medicines. The minister said that Punjab had introduced free tests and treatment for Hepatitis C about five years ago. The Hepatitis C treatment centres have been increased from 25 to 66. So far about 96,000 patients in Punjab have been treated for Hepatitis C free of cost, he said.

"The treatment of Hepatitis

C continued even during Covid pandemic. In the year 2020, about 12,000 patients were treated for Hepatitis C and during the current year by May, approximately 4,900 patients have been treated," he said. Regarding COVID-19 vaccination, he said about 61 lakh people have been vaccinated so far and awareness activities and testing has been increased in rural areas. Sidhu cautioned the people against lowering the guard and exhorted them to abide by COVID-19 related guidelines.

Time to create level playing field in retail

THE proposed ban on flash sales of e-tailers such as Amazon and Flipkart has made the e-commerce players jittery. Flash sales are one of the prime sources of driving sales numbers in India for e-tailers and any ban or restriction is going to impact these numbers adversely. According to the proposed norms under the Consumer Protection Rules, 2020; e-tailers would be barred from offering 'flash sales' for any goods or services on their platforms. The rule also proposes to put restrictions on scaling up private brands.

Now, this issue has two aspects. Firstly, whether such restrictions will ensure a level playing field for thousands of offline retailers operating in this space and secondly, whether these norms will be able to spur new jobs and attract investment into the burgeoning field of e-commerce.

On the first aspect, traders' associations across the country have been demanding fair rules in order to compete with the global e-commerce giants. Traders' lobby, The Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) has long been arguing that such sales give an unfair

advantage to the e-commerce companies by giving exclusive access to the new products at its launch. Apart from it, deep discounting puts small retailers at a disadvantageous position. Therefore, such sales should not be allowed for e-commerce players at the cost of offline retailers. There is truth in the fact that such exclusive access to a few players create distorted trade practice.

Secondly, if such norms are implemented, then what will be the outcome of such restrictions? As we know, e-commerce giants like Flipkart and Amazon have created thousands of blue-collar jobs in India since starting their operations in India. Apart from blue-collar jobs, hundreds of white-collar jobs have also been created by these e-tailers. Also, application of technology brings in a lot of efficiency in supply chain management. Through these tech platforms, a lot of micro-entrepreneurs are able to sell their products directly to consumers without any intervention of intermediaries or commission agents. Therefore, e-tailers have not only created jobs, spur innovation but also have enriched the whole ecosystem by helping to

formalise the economy. Not only foreign brands but also many domestic e-tailers have invested billions of dollars in the last one decade.

As India readies to come up with a new set of regulations, these two aspects should be considered before finalising the norms. For, the country can't put strict restrictions on the burgeoning e-commerce space which has become part and parcel of people in the last five years or so.

Even the corona pandemic has increased this reliance with deep penetration into the rural heartland of the country. At the same time, India can't be taken for granted by the e-commerce giants. Therefore, fair trade practices with a level playing field for all are also imperative. This is a difficult balance to draw given the conflicting interesting groups operating in this space. However, a country as vast as India requires various forms of trade channels and any technology-powered entity can better solve the critical issues of supply chain management. Therefore, a fine balance will be a better option to solve India's purpose than throwing the baby with the bathwater.

Integrative Medicine



Leveraging traditional systems of medicine



DR KRISHNA REDDY NALLAMALLA

ONE of the core purposes of medicine is to relieve suffering. Medicine has been evolving over millennia to serve this purpose across the world. Some of the oldest systems of medicine continue to thrive all over the globe. While traditional systems evolved through experiential wisdom, faith and belief, modern systems evolved through reason, analysis, and experimental evidence. Patient health seeking behaviour is influenced by prevailing culture, beliefs, prior experience, peer reference, ease of access and the cost.

Advances in modern medicine have significantly improved health status of populations. Despite these advances people continue to suffer from unrelieved chronic pains, unexplained physical symptoms, and growing burden of life long non-communicable diseases and mental illnesses. Costs of modern healthcare have been growing faster than economic growth across the world accounting for impoverishment and inequity. There is a growing emphasis on improving social determinants of health, healthy living, and prevention of illness. Similar shift is happening towards a holistic approach to health and disease. Traditional systems of medicine are being increasingly subjected to experimental evidence to understand their safety and effectiveness so as to integrate these systems with modern systems of medicine. This evolution underlies the concept of Integrative Medicine, wherein the best of both systems of medicine are used as per patient's choice and response.

Every system of medicine, whether traditional or modern, has to be safe and effective in promoting health, preventing disease, treating an illness, and in providing relief from chronic incurable diseases. Both the systems should also demonstrate that they are cost-effective. Scientific analysis of traditional drugs, formulations, and methods may yield newer drugs and therapies. Lack of evidence in traditional therapies is not equivalent to lack of efficacy.

India is home to Ayurveda, one of the oldest systems of medicine. There are formal education systems for traditional systems and are grouped as AYUSH (Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy). A separate ministry oversees AYUSH systems of medicine. There are nearly 800,000 professionals qualified in AYUSH systems of medicine. While majority practice their respective system of medicine, some of them choose to enter careers in public health, health management, and health informatics. Some even practice in allopathic settings as physician assistants. AYUSH professionals are also deployed as part of primary healthcare centers.

Increasingly AYUSH professionals are using same diagnostic tools being used by allopathy professionals to diagnose underlying conditions and monitor the efficacy of their treatments. Conversely, allopathic professionals refer cases to AYUSH systems of medicine for some of the chronic ailments for which allopathic drugs are considered not effective or safe. Patients suffering from chronic pain, allergy, bowel disorders, mental disorders tend to seek alternate medicines. Sizeable number of patients with diabetes and high blood pressure prefer treatment from traditional systems. Some of the leading medical institutes in the West are starting departments for Integrative Medicine with adoption of some of the well-known traditional systems of medicine as part of providing holistic care to identified patients. Advanced research is being undertaken to validate the safety and efficacy of these practices and also to understand the possible mechanism behind their efficacy. Yoga and meditation are the most widely studied traditional systems of wellness. Traditional systems of medicine are integral part of India's health system. They have evolved over millennia and survived to meet healthcare needs of people. They continue to be the only source of healthcare in some of the underserved areas. There is a growing acceptance of some parts of these systems globally with increasing scientific validation of their safety and efficacy. A well-designed research study comparing yoga-based cardiac rehabilitation was comparable to the modern cardiac rehabilitation methods. Unlike modern system that requires elaborate infrastructure and manpower, yoga is simple to administer, amenable for home practice and is highly cost-effective. More broad and rational integration of traditional systems of medicine into modern medical systems may aid in strengthening India's health systems.

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BJP in wait and watch mode in AIADMK fight

ARUN LAKSHMAN

EVEN as the AIADMK is training its guns on estranged former interim general secretary of the party, V.K. Sasikala, its alliance partner BJP is adopting a wait and watch approach in this battle.

Sasikala reached Chennai in a cavalcade of 1,000 cars from Bengaluru following her release from the Bangalore Central prison after serving a four-year jail term in the disproportionate assets case. She was in the process of extensively campaigning in the 2021 Tamil Nadu assembly elections for the Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK), a political outfit floated by her nephew TTV Dinakaran and mainly focusing on her caste, the Thevar community, which has a strong presence in south Tamil Nadu.

Political observers are of the opinion that by pitching in with the AMMK and winning a few seats, she was planning to barge into the AIADMK to take control of the party. However, with both Edappadi K Palaniswami (EPS) and O Panneerselvam (OPS) strongly opposing any patch-up with Sasikala and the AMMK, she announced that she was quitting active politics and would pray for the return of the 'Golden Rule of Amma (Jayalalithaa)' in Tamil Nadu. That statement was taken with a pinch of salt by political leaders, analysts and journalists.

M.K. Manoj, a former journalist with a leading Tamil daily in Chennai, said, "Sasikala was in the process of coming back to the centre-stage of Tamil Nadu politics, an arena which she dominated for several years during the Jaya regime. Unfortunately, she failed to read the writing on the wall that she was persona non grata for the AIADMK and didn't have a place in the party."

He said that both EPS and OPS had made good inroads among the party cadres and middle level functionaries while she was in jail. With the party in power, many of the small demands of the cadres were met by these two leaders and their party colleagues, effectively creating a new support base in the party.

"Sasikala announced her retirement from politics after a message from the BJP central leadership and hence she had kept quiet," said Manoj.

The central BJP leadership did not want her to spoil the party for the AIADMK by splitting votes in the 'Thevar' strongholds. However, the AIADMK and BJP combine lost the assembly elections.

Can we fulfil Milkha's last wish?

MOOT POINT



Dr Ramu Suravajjula

THE legendary athlete Milkha Singh left the world without fulfilling his long-nurtured dream and last wish: witnessing India winning a gold in track and field at the Olympics and the tri-colour flying

high. Milkha and his wife, Nirmal Saini, another sportsperson, within a short span of five days, succumbed to the dreaded Covid-19 that put the latest edition of the Summer Olympics in limbo. About 100 Indian players in 12 sporting categories are all set to take part in Tokyo 2020 from July 23 to August 8 but, alas, none of the athletes qualified for the short distance sprinting event. It means, The Flying Sikh's olympic gold quest will remain a mirage at least till 2024 Olympics to be held in Paris.

Each and every player, Tokyo-bound, must take a pledge to fulfill the last wish of the iconic sports star the country ever produced. He is still the first Indian male to reach the final of an Olympic athletics event and the only athlete to have won gold in 400 metres at the Asian Games as well as the Commonwealth Games. As many as 38 years after Milkha set it (45.74 seconds) in the Rome Olympics for a fourth-place finish in 400 m, Paramjit Singh bettered by running 45.70 seconds in 1998 National Championships in Kolkata.

The current 400 m national record is in the name of Muhammed Anas Yahya clocking 45.24 in 2018. The world record for 400 m is 43.03 set by Wayde van Niekerk of South Africa, the current Olympic Champion. Given this huge margin, can we even think of a gold at Olympics as dreamt by Milkha? Who knows, sports always springs surprises.

Winner of 70 odd international medals out of 80 competitions, including the most coveted 1958 Commonwealth Games gold medal, Milkha long ago busted a myth that track and field is not our cup of tea. From the moment his beloved father, with blood oozing from the wounds caused by rioters, asked him 'Bhag Milkha...Bhag' (Run Milkha...Run) to escape from being butchered by a group of religious zealots in Pakistan, Milkha lived through the horrors of partition and endured the rough and tumble of life.

The most satisfying moment for him was when the country that made him an orphan bestowed "The Flying Sikh" dec-

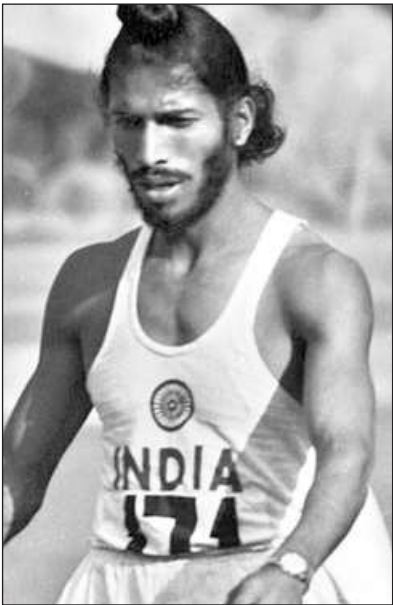
oration on him as a salutation. An eternal symbol for hard-work, discipline, dedication, humility and patriotism, Milkha's legacy will keep on inspiring Indian sports for generations to come.

Milkha had an emotional bond with the historic city of Hyderabad. In his fourth attempt to join the Army, in 1951, he was recruited and stationed at the Electrical Mechanical Engineering Artillery Centre in Secunderabad where he was introduced to Athletics. Being the Brand Ambassador of the Hyderabad 10K run, Milkha visited the EME Centre on November 29, 2014 and kissed the hallowed turf as soon as he entered the venue named after him.

"How can I forget this place! Thanks to my coach Havaladar Gurudev Singh, I took up athletics. Yeh to mujhe Gurudwara Samaan hai (this EME Stadium is equivalent to a Gurdwara to me)," he said during his visit, the last one to Hyderabad. Milkha always suggested the governments and sports bodies to focus on result-oriented coaches to ensure international medals. "It is time we stopped hiring permanent coaches without setting goals. We should recruit coaches on contract basis and their contact should demand medals," he suggested and sought to know why other coaches are not producing champions as the national badminton coach Pullela Gopichand did.

True to Milkha's observation, the Hyderabad-based Gopichand's dedicated efforts and the results his trainees achieved have instilled confidence to the Indian sports world that China wall can be breached. However, it is sad to know that both the Olympic medalists nurtured by Gopichand parted ways with the coach for some obscure reasons. The Gold prospect at Tokyo, the 25-year-old PV Sindhu is getting trained by a South Korean coach in Hyderabad. We can look at Sindhu to fulfil Milkha's gold ambition as she mastered the art of reining in the top-class opponents from China. Moreover, Sindhu's arch-rival Carolina Marin of Spain opted out of the Olympics owing to a nagging injury.

Even as the Olympic preparation has gone haywire due to the pandemic, the Indian athletes' training suffered a jolt with the resignation of the Athletic Federation of India's high-performance Director Volker Herrmann from his post in November 2020. The German was appointed to the post in June 2019 to take care of Indian athletes till Tokyo Olympics but the sports ministry extended his contract till the end of 2024 Olympics. Without signing the new contract, he rushed home leaving Indian ath-



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letes in lurch. Herrmann's predecessor, a British Olympian Derek Boosey had resigned after serving the athletes for a brief period ahead of the Rio Olympics.

In Milkha's career, a foreign coach Dr Arthur W Howard played a key role though three Indian coaches helped him improve his timings in the National and Army camps. The US coach's technical tips helped Milkha win the gold medal in the then British Empire and Commonwealth Games at Cardiff in 1958. Milkha outsmarted South African Malcolm Spence to create history thanks to a tiny point made by Dr Howard.

It doesn't mean that we are in dire need of foreign coaches to excel in sports. A former sprint queen PT Usha and the son-of-the-soil Nagapuri Ramesh are among those who are working relentlessly to produce world-class athletes in India. The sports bodies should consider the China's policy of making use of former players to train the budding players.

The government of India, which supports players under its ambitious 'Khelo India' scheme, should find out the ways to nurture rural talent to produce a crop of athletes to reach the standards set by Milkha. Mind you, athletics is one area that helps improve the overall medals tally.

gers. We can't live in lockdowns continuously. But at most should be taken while relaxing lock down restrictions and it has to be done step by step. On the other hand vaccination drives are not going at brisk pace as there is a huge gap between supply and demand ratio. Considering all these, is the stage perfectly set again for a possible return of Covid 3.0 as feared by our medical experts and imposing Himalayan thrust on the medical fraternity? V Nagendra Kumar, Hyderabad

Vaccination issue

ABSOLUTE transparency is required to be put on the print media and social platforms, on the availability of vaccine stocks at all government and corporate hospitals. Presently people have realised that vaccination is necessary for survival. However, they are not aware about the vaccine availability in the various government and corporate hospitals so as to take a call which place to proceed for vaccination. It is a matter of deep concern that on one hand we have huge gatherings in the government hospitals for getting vaccination and on the other hand corporate hospitals roll out programmes for residential colonies for vaccination drives. When the corporate hospitals do not get the minimum strength for vaccination in the residential complexes, the complete mission fails leading to wastage of precious time and energy.

It should be made compulsory for corporate hospitals to open a counter at the government hospitals. Those individuals who want to pay and get vaccinated, at the corporate rates, should be vaccinated from the corporate hospital quota. Taking a cue from the permission Indian Railways gave private airline operators permission to open their counter on railway stations. A passenger who wanted to travel urgently purchased the air ticket when train ticket was not available.

Further people from the lower income group and the daily wage labourers should also be permitted for vaccination from the corporate quota. The payment terms for the LIG and migrant workers should be relaxed. Payment

on instalments basis through debit card can be agreed upon by the Corporate Hospitals.

P Satya Lakshmi, Secunderabad

Action afoot in J&K

CENTRE'S rethinking on restoring statehood to Jammu and Kashmir is a welcome step. There is no point in blaming the government for having made the State into UT at the first instance. Situations in States like Kashmir keep changing, sometimes violent and sometimes peaceful because of its geographical location. Further, basically Kashmiris are peace-loving people and do not like to be taken for granted. I remember visiting Srinagar some three years back and my short conversation with a medical shop owner gave me a glimpse of how Kashmiris view things. When I asked him why is Kashmir always in the news for wrong reasons unlike in seventies when it was truly a paradise. He just said that a Kashmiri loves one and all but at the same time not afraid of anyone. Love is the language of communication seems to be the order of the day here.

D Nagarjuna, Hyderabad

Long toil awaits oppn parties

IT is a fact people by and large firmly believe that there is no matching personality in the opposition that equals PM Narendra Modi and same is proved in the 2019 elections when Modi was returned to power second time despite his government's failures. To counter this issue, opposition need to win the confidence of people by taking up their genuine issues without blaming Modi blindly (Pawar to lead oppn against Modi, June 22). Anti-BJP parties should realise that it cannot form government without first proving itself as a successful opposition.

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LETTERS

Don't open schools from July 1

THIS refers to 'What's hurry in reopening schools, ask doctors' (THI June 21). The decision taken by the TS government to reopen educational institutions, schools and colleges on July 1 is imprudent. I think Huzurabad byelection prompted KCR to lift the lockdown entirely. Doctors and parents are reluctant and don't see eye to eye with the Chief Minister's hasty decision. According to doctors vaccination is the only solution to curb Coronavirus. It is mandatory for students to take jabs to protect against virus.

Parents are very anxious and apprehensive about the safety of their children to attend physical classes. It is vulnerable and unsafe for children to attend physical classes without taking jabs. They are unable to put to wear masks for hours at a stretch. They feel suffocated to wear masks continuously. Teachers with masks are unable to clarify and explain lessons in an explicit and lucid manner. It is cumbersome for children to maintain physical distance. It is imperative and wise for TS government to put off the decision to reopen schools from July 1 and allow all educational institution, schools and colleges to take online classes until the students take jabs.

Zubair Khan, Hyderabad

We are not out of the woods yet

THERE is news that Delta plus Covid cases were recorded in Maharashtra on Monday which is again causing great concern. State after state are relaxing Covid restrictions one after another as Corona cases are residing. Some states like Telangana have completely lifted lockdown and curfew restrictions. What is astonishing is that even mass transport services (like MMTS) were given a nod to run their services where people normally travel by hanging and virtually no space between passen-

CM KCR goes around with his exhibitionism, empty promises: BJP

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TELANGANA BJP State general secretary Gujjula Premender Reddy and State secretary Dr S Prakash Reddy asked Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao to shun his 'Numaish' exhibition programme to hoodwink farmers and people in the State for political gains.

Addressing the media here on Tuesday, Premender Reddy said that BJP along with party Kisan Morcha has submitted memorandums to District Collectors across the State to take immediate steps to address the problems faced by farmers. He said that farmers have been facing several problems for the last several days like delay in paddy procurement, paddy brought to the market yards getting wet in rain, not lifting the paddy procured to mills, delay in



transferring funds into farmers' accounts against paddy procured, he added.

Premender Reddy demanded CM KCR to implement Crop Insurance Scheme (CIS) to provide cover for the crop losses if Telangana government don't wish to implement Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bhima Yojana (PMFBY). He alleged that millers and TRS leaders, who were hand in glove, were imposing a cut of 10 kgs per quintal while procuring paddy. He also

phoo phooed the State government's claims of acting tough against spurious seeds and fertilisers and said that thousands of farmers were incurring heavy loss with spurious seeds due to the inaction of the State government.

Further, the banks were recovering the pending dues from the funds deposited in farmers' accounts under Rythu Bandhu Scheme (RBS), as the State government delaying farm loan waiver scheme.

Premender Reddy said that the Chief Minister is going around the State with his exhibition programme to mislead people to gain political interests.

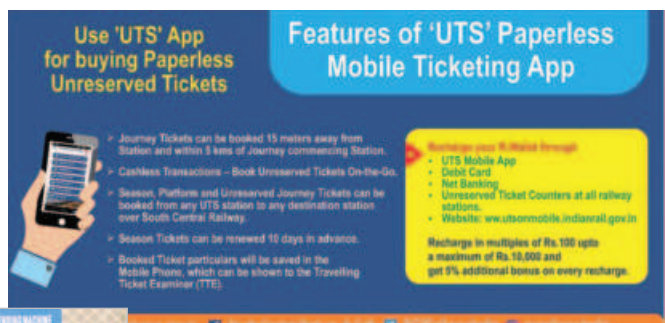
Dr Prakash Reddy reminded how the Chief Minister earlier made several promises at Bhongiri, Nagarjuna Sagar, Huzurnagar to develop villages and towns allocating special funds. Also, how he had failed to deliver on his Rs 200 crore allocation to develop Osmania General Hospital and construct four multispecialty hospitals in Hyderabad. The TRS chief has repeated the same rhetoric at Siddipet, Warangal and Vasalamarri village, he pointed out. Finding fault with the Chief Minister holding a community launch and meeting when Covid norms are still in force, the BJP leader alleged that the TRS leaders trying to stoke Telangana sentiment for the ensuing Huzurabad by-election.

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MMTS passengers can avail benefits of Extended Season Tickets and Additional Bonus on cashless purchases from tomorrow. Due to the cancellation of the MMTS train services last year some of the season ticket holders having a valid tenure couldn't utilize their tickets for the remaining period.

To assist such ticket holders, South Central Railway (SCR) has extended the validity of all the season tickets to the extent of number of days lost, from the date of resumption of the train services that is from June 23.

"As such, passengers holding valid Season tickets (purchased either on App or at booking coun-



ters) should approach the booking counters at MMTS / Sub-urban stations to validate and extend their existing season tickets. Apart from the option of purchasing tickets at the Booking counters, all cash-less modes

of purchasing MMTS tickets will be functional for the MMTS travelers. Further to encourage pas-

sengers to opt for contact-less and Cash-less purchase of MMTS tickets," said senior officer, SCR. Gajanan Mallya, General Manager, South Central Railway appealed to all MMTS rail users to avail both the facilities of extension of season tickets as well as Cash-less ticketing options to make their journey safer and hassle-free. He advised rail users to utilize digital mode for purchasing the MMTS tickets, in order to avoid overcrowding at general booking counters and also to reduce physical contact while purchasing the tickets.

ESIC Covid-19 relief scheme

- Family members will be eligible for family pension equivalent up to 90 per cent of the average wage of the deceased employee
- This scheme will be valid for two years

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THE Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has notified Covid-19 relief scheme to the families of employees, covered under ESIC, who died of Covid-19. This scheme will be valid for two years.

The family pension which is normally payable only in case of death due to employment injury has now been relaxed to include death due to Covid-19. As per the scheme, the family members of the employee will be eligible for family pension equivalent up to 90 per cent of the average wage of the deceased employee, subject to a minimum of Rs 1800 per month.

Eligibility conditions are the employees should have been registered under the ESI scheme at least 3 months prior to the date of diagnosis with Covid-19 and contribution in respect of him/her should have been paid or payable for at least 70 days during the period of maxi-

mum one year immediately preceding the diagnosis of coronavirus disease.

Those employees falling short of the required contributory condition of 70 days due to their leave under Maternity or TDB or ESB, the number of days of such leave will also be considered as eligible under these criteria, only under this special scheme. Besides, the spouse of the deceased employee shall be eligible for medical treatment in ESI hospital/dispensaries on payment of Rs 120 per annum. The claim for the pension benefit can be submitted in any branch office of ESIC along with the Covid-19 positive report, death certificate, and the identity (Aadhar Card or Voter ID or E- Pehchan in original) of the deceased employee and age proof of the dependent family members (Copy of Aadhar Card, Birth Certificate of all claimants). For more information, can contact the help desk of the nearest ESIC branch office or visit www.esic.nic.in.

Budget schools face 25 % dearth of teaching staff

SABYA SINGH
HYDERABAD

ALTHOUGH the schools are set to reopen on July 1, with full preparedness, there is a dearth of 25 per cent of teaching staff in all the budget schools across the State. It is said that several teachers, who left the State citing the closure of schools in March owing to the ongoing pandemic, have not yet returned from their homeland. Even the school managements of budget schools are unsure of their availability on whether they will return or not once schools reopen, which has left them perplexed.

It is said that the teachers who

were employed in the State hailed from Kerala, Odisha, West Bengal and other neighboring States. And, the managements said those teachers have not resigned nor were removed from schools. But, if they do not attend once schools resume, the schools will gear up for recruiting new teaching staff instead.

General secretary Yadagiri Shekhar Rao of Telangana Recognized School Managements Association (TRSMA) told The Hans India that conditions will be critical if teaching and non-teaching staff will not show up on July 1. "Barely six days are left to reopen schools. Every school has to recruit around 20-35 teaching

and non-teaching staff, which will take 15-30 days to begin the recruitment process. We have approached Finance Minister Harish Rao and the State-level banking committee to provide us financial help and are expecting adequate amount of loan to recruit staff."

He added that the budget schools are expecting minimum of Rs 10 lakh to 15 lakh and are confident that the government will allocate over Rs 5,000 crore for budget schools across the State. The Telangana Teachers Private Forum (TPTF) said that more than 1,000 budget schools were shut down due to which many teachers lost jobs. "Some

budget schools have taken loans through on properties to run their schools. On the other hand, the schools are demanding the government to provide funds," said Lakshmi of TPTF women wing.

On the condition of anonymity, a private teacher who teaches in a budget school in Secunderabad, reasoned that schools are eager to reopen to generate fees from parents. However, the teaching and non-teaching staff was not being paid, apart from the financial aid from the government. Hence, many left for home and will likely not return because schools will not have a proper salary to provide them.

Will take action against private schools for violating GO 46: TS informs HC

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

ON Tuesday, the High Court heard a public interest litigation filed by Hyderabad School Parents Association, about high fees and online classes in private schools.

The school education department informed the court that it was taking action against schools that are charging high fees.

The Education Department said it had issued notices to schools violating GO 46 and taken explanations. The State government informed the Court that it will take action against schools under the State government within four



weeks. Further, CBSE and ICSE schools will not come under their purview. The government will bring it to the notice of the concerned boards.

The High Court, which registered the government interpretation, observed that there was no need for an inquiry into the online lessons as the lockdown has been lifted. The High Court concluded the trial on the Plea.

MLA Chennamaneni Ramesh citizenship case: Adjourned for 2 weeks

HYDERABAD

THE Telangana High Court on Tuesday heard plea on the dual citizenship row on Vemulawada MLA Chennamaneni Ramesh. MLA Chennamaneni Ramesh filed a counter affidavit in the High Court, stating that he had given back his German citizenship. The Central government has sought some time to file a counter affidavit. Telangana High Court has given two weeks to the Central government. High Court directed that further deadlines will not be given again and should be prepared for final arguments. The matter was adjourned for two weeks.

Traders brace for hallmark rule

MD AMEEN
VIJAYAWADA

GOLD and jewellery customers need not go to corporate jewellery shops to purchase hallmark-marked jewellery henceforth. They can buy the hallmark-marked gold articles from the small and medium shops/showrooms also from July 1 as the Union government issued orders for sale of only hallmark-marked jewellery for the traders, whose turnover is more than Rs 40 lakh. The government issued orders to the jewellers to register their names with Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS) and sell the hallmark-marked (stamped) gold articles. The gold articles made by the traders or purchased by the traders are tested at authorised centres known as Recognised Assaying and Hallmarking centres. The traders with turnover of Rs 40 lakh per year must sell the hallmark-marked (stamped) jewellery only. Traders with turnover below Rs 40 lakh per year are exempted from the rule.

The BIS Hallmarking is done by privately owned Hallmarking centres. These centres get recognition from the BIS and collect charges from the traders for testing the quality and stamping. Hallmarking is the accurate determination and official confirmation of the proportionate content of metal in a gold article.

Gold and jewellery with 22 carat, 18 carat and 14 carat will be tested at these centres. As per the orders, the gold traders



- Centre issues orders mandating gold traders to register with BIS
- Traders with turnover of more than Rs 40 lakh per year must enrol their names with BIS to sell only hallmark-marked gold articles
- Merchant associations say gold and jewellery customers will be assured of quality of the articles they buy

must register their names by July 1. Kona Srihari Satyanarayana, joint secretary, The Bezwada Jewellers and Bullion Merchants Association, said the gold traders have to get the gold article tested at the registered hallmarking centres before the sale. The sale of hallmark-marked jewellery will increase the transparency on the quality and the trader. He said the gold and jewellery traders have started registration of their names online with the BIS and added it is very easy process. The traders

can register their name logging to www.manakonline.in.

On the other hand, the traders have to pay gold quality testing charges to the hallmarking testing centres.

It is estimated that more than 5,000 gold jewellers in Andhra Pradesh will register their names with the BIS to sell the hallmark-marked jewellery.

The hallmarking centres are very limited in number in the state. Only six hallmarking centres are in Vijayawada. Gold traders with turnover of Rs 40

lakh in the towns like Nuzvid, Gudivada, Jaggaiahpet, Pedana and other towns have to come to Vijayawada for testing the quality of the metal and hallmarking. Setting up hallmarking centre is expensive. It requires machinery and trained workers.

Javvadi Appaji, gold and silver trader, Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada, welcomed the decision taken by the Union government making mandatory that the traders must sell hallmark-marked jewellery from July 1.

He said the gold and jewellery customers will get assurance from the BIS on the quality of the purchase they made. He said hallmark has five types of logos and will enhance the confidence of the customer on purchase of gold articles. He said the sale of hallmark-marked jewellery is in practice for more than 10 years. But, the Union government has made it mandatory from July 1 this year.

The officials of the BIS are trying to create awareness among the gold merchants to register their names by July 1. On the other hand, the price of gold articles is likely to increase because the traders spend extra money for hallmarking. The hallmarking centres have to pay to the Union government to get registration and it is expensive.

It is estimated that less than 100 hallmark centres are in the state. It will take a long time, to set up more hallmarking centres. Till then, the gold traders have to depend on the limited hallmarking centres.

International business hub to be created in Vizag

- IT and Industries Minister Goutham Reddy says the govt intends to attract best IT, ITES and financial services to the State
- Business towers, hotels and other facilities will be part of the hub
- Firms can express interest at APIIC.in

AMARAVATI

INDUSTRIES and IT minister Mekapati Goutham Reddy on Tuesday said the government will create an international business hub in Visakhapatnam to attract best companies.

"Our government intends to create an international business hub in Visakhapatnam to attract the best IT and ITES and financial



services, MNCs to start operations in a business friendly environment in the port city," said Reddy.

He said the hub will include business towers, hotels and facilities for MICE (meetings,

incentives, conferencing, exhibitions) and called for expression of interest at Apiic.in

According to the minister, the state recently released the electronic policy while clarity on the new IT policy release will emerge after a meeting with chief minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy on Thursday.

Considering the new reality of work from home, the senior YSRCP leader said special focus would be laid on work from home option.

He said the government will brainstorm on the kind of incentives to be extended to the companies through the new policy. Meanwhile, the state is also doing a survey on IT employees at the village level. The survey will be carried out by volunteers. The government aims to count the number of IT employees at the state level.

AP CM welcomes Vamsadhara Tribunal's verdict

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AMARAVATI

CHIEF Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy has welcomed the judgement of Vamsadhara Tribunal permitting Andhra

Pradesh to construct Neradi barrage across the Vamsadhara river and directed the officials to focus on construction of the barrage once the gazette is released.

The Chief Minister instructed the officials to prepare an action

plan for the construction of the barrage and said the judgement of the Tribunal will be beneficial to both Andhra Pradesh and Odisha states.

He said he would invite Odisha Chief Ministers and other public representatives for the foundation stone ceremony of the barrage. He said the policy of Andhra Pradesh government is to move forward with mutual cooperation.

Ayurvedic docs to give allopathic pills in U’khand

Announcement sparks a sharp reaction from IMA, Uttarakhand, which terms it illegal

The ayurveda-versus-allopathy debate has taken a new turn with the Uttarakhand government deciding to allow ayurvedic doctors to prescribe select allopathic medicines to patients in emergencies.

Making the announcement on the sidelines of a programme to mark the International Day for Yoga at the Uttarakhand Ayurvedic University here on Monday, Ayush Minister Harak Singh Rawat said the decision was taken for the benefit of the people living in the state’s remote hill areas, where the primary health centres mostly have ayurvedic doctors.

There are around 800 ayurvedic doctors in

Uttarakhand and as many ayurvedic dispensaries, of which 90 per cent are located in the remote hill areas, he said.

The decision, which requires changes in the Uttar Pradesh Bharatiya Chikitsa Adhiniyam, will help people living in the disaster and accident prone hill areas who are deprived of proper healthcare facilities, the minister said.

However, the announcement sparked a sharp reaction from the Indian Medical Association, Uttarakhand, which termed it “illegal”.

“It is illegal and falls into the category of mixopathy,” IMA, Uttarakhand secretary Ajay Khanna said.



“Mixopathy will only harm patients in an emergency. The Supreme Court and the high courts are very clear on this. Ayurvedic doctors cannot practise allopathy as they are not qualified for it,” he said.

“How can ayurvedic doctors prescribe allopathic medicines without knowing about allopathy?” Khanna asked.

However, Bharatiya Chikitsa Parishad, Uttarakhand vice president and senior physician J N Nautiyal welcomed the decision, saying 80 per cent of the state’s population, which is deprived of healthcare facilities, is going to benefit immensely from it.

On the IMA’s reaction to the announcement, Nautiyal said, “The IMA has double standards. Ayush doctors work in the ICUs and emergency wards of hospitals. The IMA has no problem with that. But now, when something is going to benefit such a large number of people in the hills, they have a problem.”

The ayurveda-versus-allopathy debate began in the country last month when Ramdev questioned the efficacy of allopathic drugs in the treatment of COVID-19, prompting the IMA’s Uttarakhand unit to serve a defamation notice to the yoga exponent and demand a compensation of Rs 1,000 crore from him.

WINDOWS

Child’s admission issue: Man sends bomb threat

MUMBAI: A 53-year-old man, upset over his child not getting admission in a school, sent an e-mail to the Maharashtra government claiming a bomb was placed in the state secretariat, which later turned out to be a hoax, police said on Tuesday. The incident took place on Monday following which the accused, identified as Shailesh Shinde, was arrested from his residence in Ghorpadi area of Pune. Shinde was upset over his child not getting admission in a school and had sent a few e-mails complaining about the school to the Chief Minister’s Office at the ‘Mantralaya’ (state secretariat), he said. As he did not get any response to his mails, he sent a message on the state Home department’s e-mail ID wherein he mentioned that a bomb was placed in the Mantralaya, the official said.

Fake TRP case: Arnab named

MUMBAI: The Mumbai Police has named senior television journalist Arnab Goswami as an accused in the alleged TRP (Television Rating Points) rigging scam in its second charge sheet filed before a court on Tuesday. The charge sheet was submitted before a magistrate’s court by the police’s Crime Intelligence Unit (CIU) probing the case.

“Among others, Goswami and ARG Outlier have been named as accused in the charge sheet,” lawyer of Goswami, the Editor-in-Chief of Republic TV, said. The alleged fake TRP scam came to light in October last year when the rating agency Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) filed a complaint through Hansa Research Group (HRG), alleging that certain television channels were rigging TRP numbers.

The police named Republic TV and two other Marathi channels that were allegedly involved in the practice. They further said that sample houses, where bar-o-meters had been installed to monitor the ratings, were paid to watch certain TV channels to boost the TRP. The amount paid was between Rs 400 and Rs 500 per house per month.

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Security personnel during the 16th Tamil Nadu Assembly session, at Kalaiavanar Arangam, in Chennai on Tuesday

Get vaccinated or go to India: Philippines Prez

US researchers mark b’day parties as Covid risk

India records 42,640 cases, lowest in 91 days

MANILA/NEW DELHI

Warning that the second wave of the pandemic would be disastrous for the Philippines, President Rodrigo Duterte has threatened to arrest the Filipinos who don’t want to get vaccinated against Covid and asked them to leave and “go to India if you want or somewhere, to America.”

Speaking during a pre-recorded televised public address, Duterte said that the country is facing a national emergency and “we must triple our efforts” to contain the virus, according to media reports from Manila.

“Don’t get me wrong. There is a crisis being faced in this country. There is a national emergency. If you don’t want to get vaccinated, I will have you arrested. And I will inject the vaccine in your butt. You are pests. We are already suffering and you’re adding to the burden,” Duterte said.

US researchers have measured how birthdays might contribute to increases in Covid-19 infection through a study whose findings support the cautionary calls in India against unrestricted social gatherings and parties amid the fall in new infections.

The researchers have found that in areas with high Covid-19 transmission, households with recent birthdays averaged about 86 more cases per 100,000 individuals than other households in the same areas without birthdays during the same time.

Their study, based on a sample of nearly three million households across the US, did not count the birthday parties but used birth dates of household members through health insurance records as a proxy for social gatherings or in-person festivities.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi urged the government to prepare



People crowd at a central business district after certain restrictions were eased, in Bengaluru on Tuesday

for the third wave of coronavirus by improving medical infrastructure and vaccinate on a war footing to protect all Indians.

He also released a white paper by the party on the Centre’s Covid handling, saying, “It is pretty clear that the management of the first and second wave was disastrous.”

Gandhi also took a swipe at the prime minister for turning emotional while talking about Covid deaths in his address to the nation, and said the deaths have been needless and could have been avoided.

“The prime minister’s tears cannot wipe the tears of those who lost the lives of their kin. The PM’s tears did not save the lives of those who

died, but oxygen could have saved them,” he said.

He alleged the prime minister did not take the second wave seriously and was fighting elections in Bengal and his focus was elsewhere.

The former Congress chief said there were some central reasons as to why the first and second waves were disastrous and added that the party has “tried to point out those reasons in our white paper”.

India recorded less than 50,000 new coronavirus infections, the lowest in 91 days, taking the total tally of cases to 2,99,77,861, while active cases fell below 7 lakh after 79 days, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Tuesday. A total of 42,640 Covid infections were reported in a day, while the death toll climbed to 3,89,302 with 1,167 daily fatalities, the lowest in 68 days.

A man in Odisha’s Mayurbhanj district claimed that he was given a second dose of Covid-19 vaccine, Covishield barely five minutes after he had received the first dose. The incident took place at Khuntapura village of the district.

Though vaccination centre admitted the ‘mistake’ but the Mayurbhanj district magistrate has denied the charge. According to the existing guidelines, the second dose of Covishield can be given to a beneficiary only after 12-16 weeks of receiving the first dose.

Prasanna Kumar Sahu, a 51-year-old man from Bachuripada village, said he went to Khuntapura village to take his first dose of Covid-19 vaccine. After taking the first dose, he was under observation for 30 minutes as mandated under the vaccination guidelines.

While he was waiting at the centre, a nurse came and gave him another jab of the vaccine, Sahu claimed. Thus, the second dose of the vaccine was given within minutes after the first dose.



₹1 lakh reward for parents with most children: Mizoram Minister

AIZAWL: At a time when Assam and a few other states in the country have come up with a two-child policy to control population, a Mizoram minister has announced cash reward of Rs 1 lakh to any family with the highest number of children under his constituency. By announcing the cash prize on the occasion of Father’s Day on Sunday, Mizoram Sports minister Robert Romawia Royte -- who represents the Aizawl East-2 constituency -- is seeking to encourage Mizos to have a big family.

He did not specify the minimum or a maximum number of children a parent must have to be awarded the monetary incentive.

“Mizoram’s population density of 52 persons per sq km is much below the national average of 382. The infertility rate and the declining growth rate of the Mizo population have been a serious concern for many years,” Robert Romawia Royte said.

Royte added that the prize money will be sponsored by the North East Consultancy Services owned by his son.

The minister is the owner of Aizawl Football Club, popularly known as Aizawl FC, and the North East Consultancy Services is the official sponsor of the club.

According to the 2011 census, Mizoram has a population of 10.91 lakh and is the second least populous state in India.

The state covers an area of around 21,087 sq km, 91 per cent of which is thickly forested. Recently, 76-year-old Ziona Chana often attributed as the head of the world’s largest family, with 38 wives, 89 children and 33 grandchildren -- passed away at a private hospital in Mizoram’s capital city, Aizawl.

Poorer nations short of vax supply: WHO

LONDON: Many poorer countries lack Covid-19 vaccine doses to continue with their inoculation programmes, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has said.

WHO senior adviser Dr Bruce Aylward said the Covax programme -- the international vaccine-sharing initiative -- had delivered 90 million doses to 131 countries,

but it is nowhere near enough to protect populations from the deadly virus, the BBC reported. Uganda, Zimbabwe, Bangladesh, and Trinidad and Tobago have reportedly run out of vaccines in recent days. Of the 80 low-income countries involved in Covax, “at least half of them do not have sufficient vaccines to be able

to sustain their programmes right now”, Aylward said, at a WHO briefing in Geneva on Monday. “If we look at what we’re hearing from countries on a day-to-day basis, well over half of countries have run out of stock and are calling for additional vaccines. But in reality, it’s probably much higher,” Aylward said.

Lakshadweep govt’s controversial orders stayed

KOCHI: In a setback to the Lakshadweep administration, the Kerala High Court on Tuesday stayed two controversial orders issued by the island administration. The orders that have been stayed, include on removal of beef and chicken from the noon meal scheme and the decision to close all the dairy farms in the island. The court was hearing the public interest

litigation filed by advocate A.Akbar hailing from the island. When the court had asked the reason behind passing such orders, the Centre replied that since there were no proper facilities for storing meat, it was decided to drop it from the menu. The reason for the Animal Husbandry department to close down the dairy farms was that such farms were found not to

be financially viable. The court, however, did not find these reasons valid and stayed both the orders until further notice. Since the appointment of former Gujarat Minister Praful Khoda Patel as the new island Administrator, things have been in turmoil following new orders, which the islanders feels are a breach on their culture and traditions.

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TODAY'S QUOTE

Hope to see Jet Airways flying again

WE are delighted with the NCLT's go-ahead for the resolution plan of Jet Airways. Certainly, we are quite hopeful of the airline's revival. And if all go well, we hope that by the end of this year, we can see some Jet Airways flights in the skies again


— **Ashish Chhawchharia**, Jet Airways Resolution Professional



REPORT

1 in 4 mobiles purchased online in 2020

ONLINE channel accounted for about 45 per cent of the mobile phone sales in the country in 2020, according to Counterpoint Research. Online sales accounted for about 26 per cent share of the global mobile phone market last year - meaning that one in four mobile phones sold was purchased online

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| US Dollar | 74.96 | South | |
| Euro | 89.18 | African Rand | 5.96 |
| UAE Dirham | 20.81 | Hong Kong Dollar | 10.99 |
| Thai Baht | 2.57 | Japanese Yen | 0.77 |
| British Pound | 104.02 | New Zealand Dollar | 52.3 |
| Australian Dollar | 56.26 | Saudi Riyal | 21.76 |
| Canadian Dollar | 60.55 | Swedish Krona | 9.98 |
| Swiss Franc | 81.48 | Singapore Dollar | 56.2 |

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BIZ BRIEFS

Paisabazaar's new offering

Paisabazaar.com has announced the launch of step-up credit card, a credit builder product designed for consumers with limited access to formal credit, due to ineligible credit score. A key part of Paisabazaar's long-term growth strategy is building neo-lending products with partners. Step-up card helps consumers with damaged credit or those with no credit history to steadily build their credit score. It also allows them to enjoy benefits of a credit card and earn strong returns on their fixed deposit. Naveen Kukreja, CEO, co-founder, Paisabazaar.com, said: "We are uniquely placed to expand the reach of formal credit, together with our partners. The step-up card, created with SBM Bank India, is a testimony to our commitment to serve under-served customer segments."

Kankatala opens store

Kankatala Sarees has launched 11th retail outlet of India in Kukatpally, Hyderabad. The Kukatpally outlet is Kankatala's second store in Hyderabad and is dedicated to their clientele in and around the area. The store will house more than 20,000 sarees hand-picked from 50 major weaving clusters of India. The store will host authentic handwoven marvels that are one of a kind including Signature Kanchipuram, Banarasi, Patola, Ikat, Paithani, Kota, Uppada, Khadi, Jamdani, Organza, Kalamkari, Gadwal, Tussar. "We are delighted with the love and support our patrons have showered us with for the last 77 years and have constantly encouraged us to grow. The launch of this store, too, is one such example," said Mallikarjuna Rao Kankatala, Chairman, Kankatala Sarees

Providence helps staff

Providence India has announced unique initiatives for employees to help them tide the pandemic. The benefits rolled out are in line with the organizational ethos such as elderly care, bereavement leave, unrestricted Covid care leave, home quarantine coverage and emergency financial assistance. The organization is also conducting vaccination drives for employees, and their families. Murali Krishna, SVP, company's country head of India, said: "Our guiding thought being no one should suffer due to lack of care, we formed an emergency care team to honour requests for help and care. Our efforts were focused around minimizing struggles for those fighting to survive and save the lives of their near and dear ones by mobilizing all necessary resources possible across the country."

Tata Tea's Covid initiative

Tata Tea has launched its latest edition of #JaagoRe campaign with an aim to spread awareness on a cause which is the need of the hour in the current state of pandemic. The initiative aims to sensitize people and urge them to help those who may need support in their Covid-19 vaccination journey, spreading awareness and inspiring others to help their support staff and people around them to get vaccinated through digital outreach. Tying up with volunteer groups and NGOs to help the less privileged. Puneet Das, President, Packaged Beverages (India & South Asia), said: "JaagoRe has always been instrumental in addressing large social issues collectively by spreading awareness and inspiring people to take action. This time, we are focused on protecting those who help us every day."

Chip designers in great demand

Chip makers scale up output in view of the severe shortage of the semiconductor-based microchips used in several consumer goods industries

DEBASIS MOHAPATRA
BENGALURU

INDIAN engineering services firms are witnessing good demand from chip designing segment as global semiconductor firms, cellular and electronics majors are ramping up capacity.

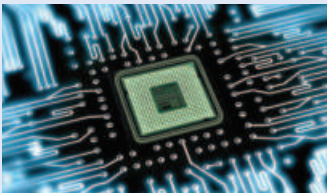
Currently, most industries including automotive firms, cellular and electronics industry, gaming technology sector are reeling under severe shortage of semiconductors seen globally.

To bridge the gap, many countries including the US, Japan, South Korea, and several European nations are ramping up existing capacity or building new fabrication units. Such ramp up is leading to high demand for chip designing companies. In India, engineering services firms with chip design expertise are seeing more demand. "At L&T Technology Services, we are well-placed to cater to the rising demand in the segment (chip design) over the next five years. We have made key acquisitions in the semiconductor space to enhance our global offerings and capabilities in the complete VLSI chip design and embedded software. These acquisitions will act as a force multiplier for

CHIPPING IN

● To bridge the gap, the US, Japan, South Korea, and several European nations are ramping up existing capacity or building new fabrication units

● Experts say this technological progress is giving rise to requirement of more specialised semiconductors' design and manufacturing



LTTS in times to come," said Giri KK, Global Head of Telecom and Hi-Tech at L&T Technology Services (LTTS). Despite the semiconductor shortage, various industries including manufacturing players are undertaking their research and development (R&D) work that is driving demand for the chip designers. "The pandemic has left players with no choice but to reimagine themselves relevant for the new normal world and earlier perceived technology spend are now looked upon as investment strategies. Demand for digital engineering services and new-age solutions such as electric vehicles, autonomous vehicles, IoT (internet of things), AR/VR (augmented reality/ virtual real-

ity), connected ecosystem, medical devices, 5G with embedded systems are on the rise. Since late last year, the world is facing severe shortage of microchips due to sudden demand surge for tablets, personal computers and mobile phones amid widespread work-from-home operating model. Due to this shortage, many user industries such as automotive firms, cellular and electronics industry in India are looking at disruption in production schedule.

India is a net importer of semiconductor with minimal manufacturing base in the country. In 2019, the country imported around \$10 billion worth chips from other countries, out of which 70 per cent was sourced from China.

NCLT clears Jet Airways resolution plan

MUMBAI

THE National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on Tuesday approved Jalan Kalrock Consortium's resolution plan for the bankrupt-Jet Airways. Jet Airways, which suspended operations in April 2019, has been undergoing a resolution process under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) for two years.

In October 2020, the Committee of Creditors (CoC) of the grounded airline had approved the resolution plan submitted by a consortium of UK's Kalrock Capital and UAE-based entrepreneur Murari Lal Jalan. In June 2019, NCLT admitted the insolvency petition against Jet Airways filed by the lenders' consortium led by the State Bank of India.



Shares gain 5%

NEW DELHI

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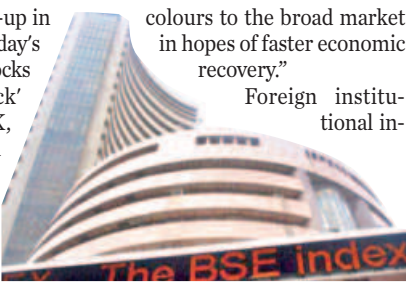
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Sensex tests record intra-peak of 53K

MUMBAI

EQUITY benchmark Sensex ended on a flat note after scaling the 53,000-mark on Tuesday as investors booked profits at higher levels. A depreciating trend in the rupee also weighed on sentiment, traders said. After touching a lifetime intra-day peak of 53,057.11, the 30-share BSE Sensex settled 14.25 points or 0.03 per cent higher at 52,588.71, marking its third straight session of gains. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty rose 26.25 points or 0.17 per cent to close at 15,772.75 points.

"Markets opened strong on the back of global cues and pick-up in the pace of vaccination. Tuesday's trade saw hectic activity in stocks pertaining to the 'unlock' theme. Nearing Mount 53K, however, Sensex witnessed profit-taking across the board in afternoon trade," said S Ranganathan, head (research) at LKP Securi-



Key indices retreat on profit-booking, end flat

ties. Vinod Nair, head (research) at Geojit Financial Services, said: "During early hours, Indian market traded strongly following yesterday's rebound in western markets which focused on economic recovery partially offsetting concerns over a possible change in Fed policy in the future. Volatility returned after main indices tested near all-time high levels, recurring weak closing of Asian and European markets and feeble futures. Falling Covid infection rate along with ramping up of vaccination in India added colours to the broad market in hopes of faster economic recovery."

Foreign institutional in-

vestors (FIIs) were net sellers in the capital market on Monday as they offloaded shares worth Rs 1,244.71 crore, as per exchange data.

Maruti Suzuki, which was the biggest laggard in Monday's session, topped the Sensex gainers' chart on Tuesday with a jump of 5.25 per cent. L&T, UltraTech Cement, TCS, Titan, Tata Steel and Bajaj Auto were the other winners, advancing up to 2.20 per cent. On the other hand, Asian Paints, Bajaj Finance, Nestle India, HUL, IndusInd Bank and Sun Pharma were among the major laggards, dropping up to 1.91 per cent.

Sector-wise, BSE capital goods, industrials, auto, power and basic materials indices spurred as much as 1.95 per cent, while realty, bankex, FMCG and finance ended in the red. Broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices climbed up to 0.83 per cent.

ESIC announces Covid relief scheme

HANS BUSINESS
HYDERABAD

EMPLOYEE'S State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), under Ministry of Labour & Employment, announced a new scheme as 'ESIC Covid-19 Relief Scheme' to provide relief to families of the employees, covered under ESIC, who died due to Covid-19. As per the scheme, the employee family member gets a pension equivalent up to 90 per cent of the average wage of the deceased employee, subject to a minimum of Rs 1,800 per month.

The spouse of the deceased employee gets a medical treatment at ESIC hospitals on paying Rs 120 per annum. The validity of the scheme will be for two years effective from March 24, 2020. The scheme will only apply to employees who had registered under the ESI scheme at least three months prior to the date of Covid-19 infected and contribution in respect of whom should have been paid for at least 70 days during the period of the one year after preceding the Covid-19 infection.

Higher occupancy boosting pvt hospitals' financial health



19 treatment by private hospitals. The sector clawed back in the second quarter and had recovered completely by the third as elective surgeries and preventive healthcare treatment increased and Covid-19 treatments, too, were permitted for most private hospitals. This helped limit the overall revenue decline to 12 per cent for the full year.

Manish Gupta, Senior Director, CRISIL Ratings, said: "While the second wave lashed again in April,

the first quarter this fiscal will be sharply better on-year, with occupancy of 75 per cent, almost double on-year. This will be largely on account of a surge in Covid-19 treatments more than offsetting the deferral of elective surgeries and outpatient footfalls. As the second wave recedes in the second quarter, we expect pent-up demand for non-Covid-19 treatments to rebound and support occupancies. Overall, higher occupancies of 65-70 per cent this

Recovery in operating margins will render stability to credit profiles, even as capital spending is enhanced after the curtailment last year, an analysis of 40 hospital companies (including 36 rated Crisil Ratings), with a combined revenue of about ₹32,000 cr, showed

—Crisil study

fiscal versus 58 per cent in the last, would drive rebound in revenue growth."

Higher occupancy should, in turn, drive recovery in operating margin as well, but remain short of the pre-pandemic level of 15 per cent. Much of the revenue increase would be on account of Covid-19 beds, which can realise only 50-60 per cent of average revenue per bed for non-Covid-19 treatments, as State governments cap the charges.

Union Bank celebrates Yoga Day

HANS BUSINESS
HYDERABAD

UNION Bank of India organized International Day of Yoga -2021 with the theme "Yoga for well-being", which was much relevant present pandemic situations. The bank

has invited renowned Yoga Master Dr Govindraj Shetty AG (PHD in Yoga) for the webinar organised on the occasion of International Day of Yoga.

All the staff members were participated in the programme.



Euro 2020

Belgium knock out Finland, Denmark move past Russia

COPENHAGEN

BELGIUM broke down the resilient Finns 2-0 to progress into the last-16 with three wins in as many games, while Denmark swept through after securing a 4-1 win over Russia in Euro 2020 group stage.

Belgium dominated possession on Monday and kept Finland on the back foot but for all that the forwards were only able to test goalkeeper Lukas Hradecky twice, through Romelu Lukaku and Jeremy Doku, in the first half, reports Xinhua.

After the break, Belgium remained in control of the proceed-

ings. But they had to wait until the 74th minute before Hradecky deflected a header that dropped off the post, into his own goal to break the deadlock.

Finland posed no threat to Belgium's defence and had to swallow the second goal seven minutes later as Lukaku got his name on the scoreboards after utilising Kevin de Bruyne's build-up work to kill the game.

At the second game in Group B, Denmark stunned Russia 4-1

to ensure a berth in the round of 16.

Russia played with a rock-solid defence before Mikkel Damsgaard's hammer marked the opener late in the first half.

Denmark increased the pressure and made it two through Yussuf Poulsen, who took advantage of a moment of madness from defender Roman Zobnin at the hour mark.

Russia scored their consolation goal in the 70th minute after

Artyom Dzyuba converted a penalty.

Denmark responded well and broke Russia's resistance with goals from Andreas Christensen and Joakim Maehle in the closing stages.

With the results, Denmark snatched the second spot with three points on goal difference, behind Group B winners Belgium (9 points) and followed by Finland (3 points) and Russia (3 points). (IANS)



The Netherlands, Austria enter last-16 stage

AMSTERDAM

THE Netherlands scored a convincing 3-0 win over North Macedonia to end their Group C campaign with an all-win record and enter the pre-quarterfinals of Euro 2020.

North Macedonia started well but Ivan Trickovski's goal was ruled out for off-side while Aleksandar Trajkovski hit the post.

Dutch striker Memphis Depay, who has just been

signed by Barcelona, opened the scoring with a counter-attacking goal. Two second-half finishes from Georginio Wijnaldum (51st minute and 58th minute) sealed three points for the Netherlands before Darko Churlinov saw another goal ruled out for off-side.

In another game, Austria defeated Ukraine 1-0 to enter the last-16 stage. The win put Austria in second place in Group C with six points. They will face Italy in the pre-quarterfinals in London on Saturday. Ukraine, who finished in third but with a negative goal difference, will have to wait until the end of the group stage to find out if they are through to the pre-quarterfinals.

This is the first time the Austrians are through to the knockout stages of the Euro. Christoph Baumgartner got the important goal in the first half when he poked Alaba's corner past goalkeeper Heorhiy Bushchan. Austria could have had a lot more with Marko Arnautovic firing two wide shots before the break. Ukraine never looked in command in the game. (IANS)

Shami sizzles with four wicket haul but New Zealand take 32-run lead

SOUTHAMPTON

MOHAMMED Shami's artistry was on full display but New Zealand still managed to take a crucial 32-run lead after scoring 249 on the fifth day of the World Test Championship final against India here on Tuesday.

More than the quantum of the first innings lead, New Zealand will gain psychological advantage as their seam attack can go for the kill on the final day to force a result. New Zealand showed more intent on keeping the scoreboard ticking with Kyle Jamieson (21) and Tim Southee (30) throwing their bats around for useful runs which certainly put the pressure back on India going into the final session of the day.

(49) with a classic Test match dismissal -- delivery rearing up and shaping out which was edged to Virat Kohli at third slip.

Sensing that mere survival would spell doom, New Zealand scored 114 runs in the post lunch session even as Shami and Ishant remained standout performer bowling their hearts out.

Jamieson and New Zealand's all-time third highest six-hitter Southee got some easy runs at the fag end which could prove to be useful in the final context. But no amount of praise is enough for Shami, who brought India back in the match before New Zealand could press its foot on the pedal.

Such was his domination that Williamson managed only seven runs in an entire session of play. Ross Taylor (11) was dismissed as Shami reaped the rewards for finding the fuller length which enticed

SCOREBOARD (TEA, DAY 5)

India 1st Innings: 217 all out
New Zealand 1st Innings: (Resuming at 101/2)

Tom Latham c V Kohli b R Ashwin30
Devon Conway c M Shami b I Sharma....54
Kane Williamson c V Kohli b I Sharma ..49
Ross Taylor c S Gill b Shami11
Henry Nicholls c R Sharma b I Sharma7
BJ Watling b M Shami13
Colin de Grandhomme lbw b M Shami1
Kyle Jamieson c J Bumrah b M Shami21
Tim Southee b R Jadeja.....30
Neil Wagner c A Rahane b R Ashwin0
Trent Boult not out7
Extras: (B-4, LB-10, NB-5)19
Total (all out in 99.2 overs)249
Fall of Wickets: 1-70, 2-101, 3-117, 4-134, 5-135, 6-162, 7-192, 8-221, 9-234.
Bowling: Ishant Sharma 25-9-48-3, Jasprit Bumrah 26-9-57-0, Mohammed Shami 26-8-76-4, Ravichandran Ashwin 15-5-28-2, Ravindra Jadeja 7.2-2-20-1.

the batsman to go for a drive. Shubman Gill, at short cover, took a brilliant diving catch.

Ishant then had the normally dependable Henry Nicholls (7), who went for a 'fishing expedition' when the lanky speedster pushed his length fuller by a yard and the edge at second slip was taken by Rohit Sharma. BJ Watling (1), in his last Test, got a ball that would have put the best in the business in trouble. (PTI)



India's captain Virat Kohli (center) celebrates with teammate Mohammed Shami (right) after the dismissal of New Zealand's BJ Watling during the fifth day of the World Test Championship final match at the Rose Bowl in Southampton, England on Tuesday

S Africa crush Windies, win Test series 2-0

GROS ISLET (ST LUCIA)

KESHAV Maharaj took a hat-trick as he bowled South Africa to a 158-run victory over the West Indies in the second Test, to make a clean sweep of the two-Test series at the Daren Sammy Cricket Ground.

Starting the day on 15-0 in pursuit of 324 for victory, West Indies were in the game at 107-3 at one stage after lunch.

Then, left-arm spinner Maharaj claimed a hat-trick as he ended with 5/36 off 17.3 overs. He became only the second South African to perform the feat in Test history.

Left-hander Kieran Powell defied the South African bowling for two-and-a-half hours to top score with 51 runs, which included nine boundaries, but could not save his team from a defeat.

Powell fell when he tried to launch Maharaj into the on-side but was

caught by Anrich Nortje on the mid-wicket boundary. Next ball, the world's top-ranked Test all-rounder, Jason Holder, was caught at short-leg by Keegan Petersen. This was followed by Joshua da Silva, who was caught at slip by Wiaan Mulder off Maharaj for a duck.

West Indies lost captain Kraigg Brathwaite early as he edged Kagiso Rabada (3/44) to South African skipper Dean Elgar at first slip.

Rabada then accounted for Shai Hope and had Kyle Mayers (34) to end with five wickets in the match, which helped him secure the Player-of-the-Match award.

The teams will now travel to Grenada for the five-match T20I series, starting on June 26 at the National Stadium.

Brief scores: South Africa 298 and 174 beat West Indies 149 and 165 (K. Powell 51, K. Mayers 34; K. Rabada 3/44, K. Maharaj 5/36) by 158 runs.

ISL: Hyderabad FC signs winger Abdul Rabeeh

HYDERABAD



INDIAN Super League side Hyderabad FC has signed promising Kerala winger Abdul Rabeeh AK ahead of the new season, the club announced on Tuesday.

The 20-year-old Malappuram native becomes the second new addition for the club this season. Having started his youth career with MSP Higher Secondary School in Malappuram in 2013, Rabeeh has also featured in the AIFF Youth Leagues at the U16 and U18 levels, apart from the 2nd Division League. He spent the 2020-21 season with Luca SC, Malappuram, playing a crucial role for his side in the Kerala Premier League, where he was zeroed in upon by the HFC scouts.

"Hyderabad FC is currently a club where most young footballers would love to play. The opportunity they are offering to youngsters like me, is something I cannot let go," Rabeeh said. "Their major contribution to the national team gives all young players belief, and I cannot wait to be a part of the club and show my quality." (PTI)

Ticket sales for 2022 World Cup set to begin in January

ZURICH

FIFA is preparing to start selling tickets for the 2022 World Cup in January while still trying to find out more on Qatar's plan to make coronavirus vaccines mandatory for spectators.

World football's governing body became aware of the vaccination requirement only at the weekend when it was announced to state media by Qatari Prime Minister Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz Al Thani.

FIFA would not say if it agrees with the plan or discuss the logistics behind checking the vaccination status of thousands of visiting fans.

"Further details will be provided at the appropriate time in advance of the start of the ticket sales for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, which is currently scheduled for January 2022," FIFA said in a statement to The Associated Press, providing the first timeline for sales.

Ten of the 12 European teams to have qualified will be known by January. Rather than starting in June as usual, this World Cup will begin on Nov. 21 next year to avoid the fierce summer heat of the Gulf nation. (AP)

Former Indian athletics team coach Yuri dies in Ukraine: AFI

NEW DELHI

FORMER Indian athletics coach Yuri Ogorodnik, who was sacked for his alleged involvement in the infamous 2011 dope scandal, has died at his native place in Ukraine, the national federation said on Tuesday.

He was 84. He was associated with Indian athletics for nearly two decades since the early 2000s, training the Indian athletes during his multiple stints. The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) condoned his death in Kharkiv on Monday. AFI President Adille Sumariwalla described Ogorodnik as a friend of Indian athletics who played a role in



its evolution.

"I am sad that we have lost a friend of Indian athletics. He made a difference with his approach to training and preparation for competition," Sumariwalla said.

Ogorodnik was booted out in July 2011 after six top Indian athletes, including 2010 Commonwealth and Asian Games 4x400m relay gold-winning team members Ashwini Akkunji, Sini Jose and Mandeep Kaur, tested positive for a banned steroid. He was brought back as coach in 2015 to train the Indian athletes for the 2016 Olympics, after which he left the country for good. (PTI)





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