

GHMC razes old buildings in Charminar

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AS part of an action plan for the monsoon season, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) held a special drive on dilapidated buildings on Saturday. During the drive in Charminar zone, three dilapidated buildings were demolished and for one building, the civic officials asked the residents to vacate or repair structurally. Similarly, one building was demolished in Secunderabad zone.

So far this year, the action has been initiated on 194 dilapidated buildings in the city in which 127 buildings were demolished and 67 were vacated or repaired by the owners. The GHMC has identified 563 dilapidated structures this year. During the previous year 231 dilapidated structures were demolished and 129 are either repaired or vacated.

In case of most dangerous structures, as a precautionary measure, the civic body officials are vacating inmates, sealing the buildings, barricading the structure and displaying notice cautioning public not to move around these structures.

TRS MLAs hit back at Revanth over call to stone turncoats

- The TPCC chief had earlier asked people to stone the turncoats of Congress
- TRS MLAs accuse Revanth of paying Rs 20 cr to Manickam Tagore to land in PCC post

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ANNOYED with the call given to people by the new Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee president, A Revanth Reddy, to stone down the MLAs who have defected the party, TRS MLAs on Saturday said that people were ready to hit Revanth with slippers for defecting several parties.

Addressing a press conference at the TRSLP office, ruling party MLAs D Sudheer Reddy, Gandra Venkata Ramana Reddy

and Pilot Rohit Reddy lashed out at Revanth for his call given to people to stone them down. The MLAs said that they had joined the TRS as per the Schedule 10 of the Constitution, which was brought by the Congress party.

Sudheer Reddy added that Revanth was synonymous for blackmailing and there was a lot of difference between him and Revanth's character. "Revanth Reddy is a black-mailer, who has hired a team of revenue officials, using the Right to Information Act, to find loopholes in land dealings. He carries out unconstitutional activities. You (Revanth) did not tender your resignation to the Speaker as an MLA in 2018, instead gave it to Telugu Desam chief N Chandrababu Naidu. We will slap you with slippers

for this," said Sudheer Reddy. He said that the Congress

Rs 20 crore to Congress leader Manickam Tagore to get the PCC post.

MLA Gandra Venkata Ramana Reddy said that the growth of Revanth itself was controversial. "Revanth was first in BJYM of BJP, he then joined TRS, later TDP and now in Congress. No other person has changed these many parties in the last 15 years. A case under Section 503 and 506 of IPC should be booked against him for asking people to stone down defected MLAs," Reddy said.

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Chief Minister in Rajasthan, Ashok Gehlot, welcomed opposition party MLAs into his party. He alleged that Revanth had paid



9,835 uneven manholes identified for repairs

The water board to spend Rs 12 cr for works and planning to complete by July 10

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THE Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) has identified 9,835 uneven manholes on city roads and is set to even them to the road level by July 10. Addressing the officials at a review meeting on Saturday, water board MD Dana Kishore said that as part of ongoing Pattana Pragathi works, these manholes would be evened out to

the road level by spending around Rs 12 crore. He ordered the officials to take necessary precautions like barricading while making repairs to manholes and finish the works by July 10.

Earlier, Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MAUD) Minister KT Rama Rao instructed the officials of water board to carry out repairs to manholes as sanitation should be given utmost priority as part of Pattana Pragathi.



Central and Western Railway General Manager Alok Kansal interacting with doctors and other medical staff of both the Railways at their first virtual congregation

Central, Western Rlys medical staff lauded

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CENTRAL and Western Railway General Manager Alok Kansal on Saturday showered praises on the medical fraternity of both the zones for rendering noble services for over 15 months, fighting the Covid battle from the forefront treating about 7,000 Covid patients. Addressing a virtual programme organised by the medical departments of both the Central and the Western Railways jointly, Kansal spoke highly of the untiring efforts by the doctors and staff of Jagjivan Ram Hospital, Mumbai Central (WR), and Bharat Ratna BR Ambedkar Memorial Hospital, Byculla (CR), taking on the Covid as frontline warriors.

Two informative presentations on vital topics – Chest Pain to Heart attack and Fitness in Covid-19 – were presented by senior specialist doctors on this occasion.

Kansal expressed his concern for them, by cautioning them to be careful while dispensing their duties and exhorted them to get themselves vaccinated for their



safety. He also suggested to them to dedicate some quality time for themselves. Some doctors also showcased their talents in singing, poem recitation and satire.

Due to an initiative by the GM, for the first time doctors from both Central as well as Western Railway came together to celebrate this occasion as one Railway family by breaking the barriers of railway zones. Kansal appreciated the doctor's empathetic gesture by reciting a meaningful couplet "Ponchh kar ashq apni aankon se, muskarao toh koi baat bane." He also penned and recited a spontaneous couplet on this occasion, admiring the role of doctors - Mareezo ka dekhkar haal, sabka dil kampta hai...Ye doctor ke bas ki hi baat hai, jo hum sabhi ko sambhalta hai."

The event was attended by senior deputy general manager, CR, principal chief medical directors of both Central and Western Railways, medical directors of Jagjivan Ram Hospital and Ambedkar Memorial Hospital as well as other doctors, physicians from headquarters and divisions of both the Railways.

106 cars distributed under Driver-cum-Owner scheme

Government spends Rs 15 cr on the scheme by providing 60% subsidy

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MINISTERS Koppula Ishwar and Mohammad Mahmood Ali handed over Maruti Swift Dzire cars to 106 beneficiaries selected under the Driver-cum-Owner Scheme under the Minorities Finance Corporation. The event was held on Saturday at Haj House, Nampally. Minister for Minority Welfare Koppula Ishwar said that the government has not only introduced but successfully implemented several schemes for the uplift of minorities. The government has spent Rs 15 crore on this scheme during the financial year 2020-21, he informed.

The Minister said about 60 per cent subsidy would be given by Minority Finance Corporation



on the total cost of the vehicle under the scheme. "Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao is moving forward with the commitment he gave to minorities for their security, welfare and integration," he stated. Praising the scheme, the Minister said that the Driver-cum-Owner scheme

initiated by the Telangana government was very innovative and unique as no such scheme was being implemented anywhere in the country.

Adding further about the scheme, he started the scheme would help unemployed minority youth to become financially



HYDERABAD

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Timber worth ₹50 lakh stolen

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LB NAGAR

A gang of miscreants kidnapped a timber trader and robbed timber worth Rs 50 lakh in LB Nagar on Friday night. According to police, a gang of around 10 persons kidnapped Arif Aktani, owner of Kaif Wood Traders in LB Nagar and robbed the timber from his shop. Later, they left Aktani in Medchal and fled away. Meanwhile, the police, who suspect financial disputes between Aktani and offenders, formed special teams to nab the offenders.

Govt spending Rs 2 lakh a day on chai, biscuits to Sectt babus?

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LET THE RULE OF LAW PREVAIL, NOT THE LAW OF 'RULERS'!

DR HC UPADHYAY

THE laws are not made to suit the convenience of the rulers alone, but they are enacted to maintain peace, harmony and order in the society. Politicians often change their colours like a chameleon, while the people at large are only concerned about their bread and butter and above all, safety from the dangers within and out of the country.

Obviously, no government worth its salt can ever afford to tolerate the people whose agenda is to create division, chaos and unrest in the country either by themselves or with overt and covert support of forces operating from other countries. Seen in this context, in these columns, we have voiced our grave concern for the sovereignty and unity of the country, and time and again called for the strong action against such fringe elements, which pose a grave threat to the very existence of India as one nation.

Therefore, strict implementation of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) without any mercy or let up is the need of the hour. The three-member gang of sleeper cell of the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) connected with Darbhanga blast, which has recently been arrested from Hyderabad, speaks volumes for such a ruthless enforcement of the UAPA notwithstanding the chest-beating by the anti-national coterie masquerading as intellectuals

from different spheres of activities. Subsequent to the gang's arrest, the hue and cry raised against the crackdown by the country's ace Intelligence agency, the National Intelligence Agency (NIA) is a vocal proof of the engagement and support by such pseudo-intellectuals in nation-breaking activities.

Now, let's look at this small local incident which occurs frequently in and around Telangana. Keeping in tune with the provisions of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (PCA), some committed groups like Gau Rakshak Samiti and others, have been agitating against the inhuman manner of transportation of animals, including cows and calves. Quite often their complaints to authorities are not attended immediately resulting into the commission of crimes under Section 11 of the PCA. This particular Section lists 15 types of crimes against animals. Recently, the Kerala High Court in a heartwarming gesture, directed the Registry to rename a writ petition as "In Re Bruno" in memory of a hapless dog that succumbed to the inhuman act of three youngsters. Now, if some animal-lovers or public-spirited persons come forward to prevent the crimes against animals, particularly when the police remains inactive, there is nothing wrong. Even the CrPC permits a private person to apprehend a person engaged in commission of a cognizable offence subject



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to the condition that such an apprehended person shall be handed over to the police at the earliest.

However, some elected representatives with an oblique motive on the vote-bank unduly interfere in the matter by addressing representations to the top brass in police and directing them to turn a deaf ear against the violators of law on animal protection. This is nothing but illegal interference in the official work of public servants which deserves to be condemned in the harshest words. The apex court too, has time and again, made it clear that a public

servant need not obey the illegal commands of superiors, including the political bosses.

After all, the Constitution recognises the Rule of Law and can never be replaced by the law of the rulers.

High Courts told to speed up Execution Proceedings

In a bid to speed up the Execution Proceedings (EPs), the Supreme Court has recently issued a slew of directions to all High Courts. A division bench of the apex court in Rahul S Shah vs Jinnendra Kumar Gandhi observed: "The

Execution Proceedings which are supposed to be handmaiden of justice and sub-serve the cause of justice are, in effect, becoming tools which are being easily misused to obstruct justice." With a view to reduce delays in EPs and do complete justice, the court issued some 16 specific directions to the High Courts.

Plea against Union Minister falls flat

A plea seeking action against Union Minister General VK Singh, former Chief of the Army, fell flat when the apex court rubbished it. The plea was filed by one, Chandrasekaran Ramasamy claiming to be an activist. He had taken objection to Singh's comments made on February 7, 2021 during his visit to Tamil Nadu. He had said: "... none of you come to know how many times we have transgressed (LoC) as per our perception. We don't announce it. Chinese media does not cover it. Let me assure you, if China has transgressed 10 times, we must have done it at least 50 times as per our perception."

The petitioner contended that this statement of the Minister was in breach of his oath as a Minister, besides weakening India's position globally while giving an opportunity to China to justify its transgressions into Indian side of LoC.

However, the bench headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) NV Ramana was

not convinced and refused to interfere.

Live-in couples dilemma

Confusion prevails over the plight of couples living in live-in-relationship. Recently, the Punjab and Haryana High Court granted protection to a live-in couple. But just about a week ago, two other benches of the same High Court had refused to grant any protection to such couples.

Live-in relationships are akin to marriages against parental wishes, where the couple often needs protection. The bench of Justice Sudhir Mittal observed:

"The individual also has the right to formalise the relationship with the partner through marriage or adopt the non-formal approach of a live-in relationship." According to Justice Mittal, live-in relationships are becoming more and more popular in India, even outside of big cities. He added: "Such relationships are not prohibited by law, and thus, persons who enter into such relationships are entitled to equal protection of laws."

Considering the glaring contradiction between the judgements of the same High Court, now there are only two legal possibilities to set at rest the ticklish issue. First, the larger bench decides the matter; and Second, the matter is taken to the Supreme Court for a final decision once and for all.

First compliance report by Google, FB under new IT rules a big step towards transparency: Prasad

NEW DELHI

IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad on Saturday lauded major social media platforms such as Google, Facebook and Instagram for publishing their first compliance report on voluntary removal of offensive posts as per new IT rules, terming it a big step towards transparency. Under the new IT rules, large digital platforms that have over 5 million users are required to publish periodic compliance reports every month, mentioning the details of complaints received and action taken thereon.

"Nice to see significant social media platforms like Google, Facebook and Instagram following the new IT Rules. First compliance report on voluntary removal of offensive posts published by them as per IT

Rules is a big step towards transparency," Prasad tweeted. The publishing of compliance reports by Google, Facebook and Instagram is bound to turn up the heat on Twitter, which has been engaged in a tussle with the Indian government over the new social media rules.

The government has confronted Twitter for deliberate defiance and failure to comply with the country's new IT rules, and not appointing the requisite officers, leading to it losing the 'safe harbour' immunity. Facebook on Friday said it "actioned" over 30 million content pieces across 10 violation categories during May 15-June 15 in the country, as the social media giant brought out its maiden monthly compliance report as mandated by the IT rules.

It actioned content related to



spam (25 million), violent and graphic content (2.5 million), adult nudity and sexual activity (1.8 million), and hate speech (311,000). Other categories under which content was actioned include bullying and harassment (118,000), suicide and self-injury

(589,000), dangerous organisations and individuals: terrorist propaganda (106,000) and dangerous organisations and individuals: organised hate (75,000). Instagram took action against about two million pieces across nine categories during the same



period. 'Actioned' content refers to the number of pieces of content (such as posts, photos, videos or comments) where action has been taken for violation of standards.

Taking action could include removing a piece of content from Facebook or Instagram or covering photos or videos that may be disturbing to some audiences with a warning. Google had stated that 27,762 complaints were received by Google and YouTube in April this year from individual users in India over alleged violation of local laws or

personal rights, which resulted in removal of 59,350 pieces of content.

Koo, in its report, said it has proactively moderated 54,235 content pieces, while 5,502 posts were reported by its users during June. Apart from publishing periodic compliance reports every month, the rules also require disclosure on the number of specific communication links or parts of information that the intermediary has removed or disabled access to in pursuance of any proactive monitoring conducted by using automated tools. Ac-

cording to the IT rules that aim to curb blatant abuse and misuse of platforms, the significant social media intermediaries are required to appoint a chief compliance officer, a nodal officer and a grievance officer and these officials have to be resident in India.

Non-compliance with the IT rules would result in these platforms losing their intermediary status that provides them immunity from liabilities over any third-party data hosted by them. Facebook recently named Spoorthi Priya as its grievance officer in India. India is a major market for global digital platforms. As per data cited by the government earlier this year, India has 53 crore WhatsApp users, 41 crore Facebook subscribers, 21 crore Instagram clients, while 1.75 crore account holders are on microblogging platform Twitter.

NDMC, CSC come together to boost civic services

NEW DELHI

IN order to provide better civic amenities under its jurisdiction, the North Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) has joined hands with a technology firm under the 'Digital India' initiative, said a senior official on Saturday.

According to the official, a memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between the NDMC and the CSC e-Governance Services India Limited on Friday to facilitate better services.

The Common Service Centres (CSC) scheme is one of the mission mode projects under the 'Digital India' programme of the Union government. It has been set up by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Tech-



nology. The scheme provides a centralised collaborative framework for delivery of services to the citizens.

Speaking to IANS, NDMC Mayor Raja Iqbal Singh said that various online municipal services such as registration of birth and death, property tax, e-mutation, health trade licence, general trade licence, factory licence, application services, park and community hall bookings, renewal of

tehbazari, and hawking would be available through these CSCs.

The people who do not have access to IT infrastructure can avail the multiple municipal services under the CSC centres, he added.

Singh said the CSCs will be the main access points for the delivery of essential public utility services, social welfare schemes, healthcare, financial, educational and agricultural services, while the civic services of the NDMC would also be available to the citizens of north Delhi through these platforms now.

"The development will provide digital access and make e-governance services available to the citizens at their doorsteps and in the easiest possible manner," Singh added.

Assam CM hopeful of finding middle ground to start talks with ULFA

NEW DELHI

ASSAM Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Saturday said he is hopeful of finding a middle path to start peace talks with the banned ULFA as the insurgent group has been demanding that negotiations should be centred around "sovereignty" whereas he took oath to protect India's "sovereignty".

Sarma said if the ULFA and the government can find an honourable position, then the talks can be started. "We are in a very peculiar situation.

(ULFA chief) Paresh Baruah wants to talk on the issue of (Assam's) sovereignty, while I have taken oath as chief minister to protect the country's



sovereignty. To start the talks, either he has to change his stand or I have to defy my oath.

"Since Paresh Baruah is not changing his stand and if I defy my oath, I will have to leave my

post, we will have to find a middle ground," he told reporters here. Sarma said that "some people" are talking to Baruah so that he can come to the negotiating table. "I am hopeful that something could be found so that we can start the peace dialogue," he said.

Sarma said that he understands the compulsion of Baruah but at the same time the ULFA chief should also understand his (CM's) compulsion. Sarma after taking oath on May 10 had appealed to the hardline faction of the ULFA, headed by Baruah, to come forward for peace talks and resolve the more than three decade old insurgency problem in the state. Earlier this week, the chief minister told PTI in

Guwahati that peace talks with the ULFA can progress if it is prepared to discuss grievances and issues other than sovereignty.

Sarma had said there are many well-intended people who are working on the issue with the ULFA chief to convince him to discuss something substantial without insisting on (inclusion of) the word (sovereignty). "The word is not a terminology for us but is solemn and we take oath that it is our duty to protect our sovereignty and not cede an inch of our land. For him also there is a compulsion, so there is a need to arrive at a certain definition which can address the issues of both concerned," he had said.

Protesting AAP workers face water cannons near Punjab CM's house



CHANDIGARH

THE police on Saturday used water cannons to disperse the workers of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) who were protesting near Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh's farmhouse near here against the statewide power outages.

Led by Punjab AAP chief Bhagwant Mann, thousands of party workers gathered and started marching towards the farmhouse in Siswan, raising slogans. Facing severe electricity crisis, the Punjab government curtailed timings of government offices from Friday, besides cutting down on power supply to high energy consuming industries with immediate effect to save crops and ease the domestic power situation.

AAP MLA and Youth Wing state president Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer said the main cause for the high cost and shortage of power is the wrong power purchase agreements reached by the previous (Parkash Singh) Badal government with the private thermal plants, which were not cancelled by the present Congress government.

"Just like the Badals, the Amarinder Singh government is also taking bribes from the power companies," he alleged.

The protest came days after AAP's national convenor Arvind

Kejriwal promised free electricity up to 300 units and round-the-clock power supply in Punjab if the party wins the Assembly elections slated early next year.

A day earlier, the Shiromani Akali Dal had held statewide protests before the offices of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) to highlight the plight of the farmers, domestic consumers and industrialists, claiming that they are suffering because the Congress government has "deliberately" withheld the eight-hour free power supply to the farmers, besides imposing unscheduled power cuts in the urban areas.

Mocking his own government in the state over the power outages, Congress leader and former Cabinet minister Navjot Sidhu had said on Friday, "There is no need for power cuts in Punjab or for the Chief Minister to regulate office timings or AC use of the common people... If we act in the right direction."

Sidhu, in a series of back-to-back tweets, said, "Punjab already gives Rs 9,000 crore power subsidy but Delhi gives only Rs 1,699 crore as power subsidy."

"If Punjab copies the Delhi model, we will get merely Rs 1,600-2,000 crore as subsidy. To better serve the people of Punjab -- Punjab needs an original Punjab model, not a copied Model!!"

Pushkar Singh Dhami elected Uttarakhand CM by BJPLP

NEW DELHI

PUSHKAR Singh Dhami has been elected as the new chief minister of Uttarakhand. Dhami, a two time MLA, was elected new chief minister of the hilly state in a meeting of the BJP's legislative party (BJPLP) in Dehradun.

The election was held in the presence of central observers -- Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and party national general secretary D. Purandeswari. BJP in-charge for Uttarakhand Dushyant Gautam also present in the meeting.

The 45-year-old Khatima constituency MLA from the in Udhampur Singh Nagar district has worked in different positions in the RSS' students wing ABVP for many years. He has also served as president of BJP youth wing



Uttarakhand Chief Minister-designate Pushkar Singh Dhami addresses the media in Dehradun on Saturday

president in Uttarakhand for two terms. Tirath Singh Rawat

late Friday submitted his resignation to Governor Baby Rani Maurya. Rawat was a Lok Sabha member from Garhwal, and as per the rules, needed to be sworn in as an elected MLA within six months of taking over as the Chief Minister. Rawat was supposed to get himself elected to the state Assembly before September 10 to remain in office which could not happen due to provision of Representation of the People Act, 1951, which says that bypolls cannot be held if the remainder of the term in house relation to the vacancy is less than a year.

The Election Commission has also decided not to hold any election due to the Covid pandemic. Tirath Singh Rawat was sworn in as Uttarakhand's Chief Minister on March 10 replacing Trivendra Singh Rawat.

Army pays tribute to fallen soldier in Kashmir

SRINAGAR

THE Indian Army on Saturday paid tributes to Havildar Kashiray Bammanalli, who made the supreme sacrifice on July 1 at Hanjan in south Kashmir's Pulwama district, at a solemn ceremony at the Badami Bagh Cantt in Srinagar.

Lt Gen D.P. Pandey, Chinjar Corps Commander and all ranks paid homage to the gallant soldier on behalf of the nation. Late Havildar Bammanalli was part of Operation Hanjan on July 1 2021. "At around 00:25 am, during cordon and search operation in the village, the terrorists fired indiscriminately on the search party," the Army said.

"Late Havildar Kashiray Bammanalli showed highest level of courage and valour by returning effective fire, in which he sustained a gunshot wound in the chest and was grievously injured. His bleeding was controlled with com-

bat first aid and he was immediately evacuated to 92 Base Hospital for treatment where he succumbed to his injuries on 1 July, 2021."

The braveheart late Havildar Kashiray Bammanalli was 37 years old and had joined the Army in 2006. He belonged to Village Ukkal of B Bagewadi Tehsil, Vijayapura District in Karnataka and is survived by his wife, one daughter and one son.

The mortal remains of Havildar Kashiray Bammanalli were taken for last rites to his native place, where he would be laid to rest with full military honours. "In this hour of grief, the Army stands in solidarity with the bereaved family and remains committed to their dignity and wellbeing," the Army said.



25k greeting cards to be sent to Kargil under NCC campaign

AHMEDABAD

THE state National Cadet Corps (NCC) directorate on Saturday launched its 'Gujarat Thanks Kargil Heroes' campaign as part of which 25,000 greeting cards will be sent to soldiers deployed in Kargil on July 26 to mark the 22nd anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas, an official said. He said this initiative is part of the fifth phase of the 'Ek Main Sau Ke Liye' campaign launched by the state NCC on May 1, which is also celebrated as Gujarat's Foundation Day. The campaign has been awarded the Certificate of Commitment of the World Book of Records of London for its success, especially on the NCC directorate's Twitter handle where it has garnered 14 lakh hits, he added.

Chief Minister Vijay Rupani, who launched the fifth phase of the campaign from Gandhi-

nagar, handed over the certificate of Additional Director General of NCC Directorate, Gujarat, Major General Arvind Kapoor, a release said. Rupani expressed pride on 65,000 youths joining the NCC in the state, and said those who have passed the NCC 'C' certificate are given priority in police recruitment, the release from the chief minister's office (CMO) added. Giving details of the four phases of the 'Ek Main So Ke Liye' campaign that have been completed so far, Major General Kapoor said the first phase had each NCC cadet raising awareness among 100 kin and friends about the importance of COVID-19 protocols, while the second phase had them visit old age homes to show love towards the elderly.

In the third phase, NCC cadets joined hands with ex-servicemen and the kin of martyrs to lend a helping hand, whereas in the fourth phase, frontline health staff fighting the COVID-19 pandemic were encouraged, the major general said.



A vendor sells goods on a two-wheeler during the Covid-19 induced lockdown in Surat on Saturday

CENTRAL RAILWAY

Trip Maintenance/A-check and En-route Operation and Trouble Shooting Of DA Set

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OPEN E-BID NOTICE No. 07/2021 of 26.06.2021. For and on behalf of The President of India invites Open E-bid in through website www.ireps.gov.in from reputed contractors. Name of Work: Trip maintenance/A-check and En-route operation and trouble shooting of DA set fitted in Power car of EOG LHB type trains for a period of Two Years. Approximate Cost of the Work: Rs.19,90,74,909/-. Cost of Bid Form: Rs.10000/-. Completion Period: 24 Months. Validity: 60 Days. Tender closing Date: 19.07.2021 at 14:00 hrs. Instructions to bidders: 1. Tender will be opened after closing date. 2. The prospective bidders are requested to visit our website www.ireps.gov.in for more details tenders & corrigendum, if any. 3. Bidders may participate in above e-tender electronically through our website www.ireps.gov.in only submission of manual offers against e-tender is not allowed. Manually, if submitted shall neither be opened nor considered. 4. For further enquiry may contact to Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer (Coaching), Annex Bldg., 1st Floor, Central Railway, CSMT Mumbai. 5. This bid complies with Public Procurement Policy (Make in India) Order 2017, dated 15/06/2017, issued by Department of Industrial Promotion and Policy, Ministry of Commerce, circulated vide Railway Board letter no. 2015/RS(G)/779/5 dated 03/08/2017 and 27/12/2017. Tender Notice No.: BB.LG.W.LTT.2020.08R1. RailMadad Helpline 139 264

Mobile Medical Units to bring medical services to doorstep

- The State govt is going to buy 539 new mobile medical units at a cost of Rs 89.72 cr
- These will be in addition to existing 676 MMUs
- With the increase in the number of units, every mandal will have one mobile medical unit covering a population of 56,000 each



AMARAVATI

THE state government is purchasing 539 new mobile medical units (MMUs), in addition to the existing 676, at a cost of Rs 89.72 crore to drive the family physician concept in conjunction with the 1,145 primary health centres (PHCs).

Till July last year, there was one MMU for every 2.27 mandals in the state, covering a population of 1,30,136.

With the addition of 539 new vehicles, every mandal will have a mobile medical unit to cover a population of 56,213.

Each PHC has two doctors, both of whom will tour villages under their jurisdiction in turns, in the MMUs and render medical services to villagers.

“For each doctor, the villages (to be covered) and the route have been fixed. About 70-80 per cent villages will have at least three visits by the PHC doctor

in a month and the rest will have at least two,” health commissioner Katamaneni Bhaskar.

Bhaskar said the doctors would attend on bedridden patients and pregnant women, besides other needy people, in the villages and provide medicare right at their doorsteps.

While one doctor would be on the move, the other would be attending to outpatient services in the PHC.

The government also ap-

pointed three staff nurses and mid-level health practitioners (MLHP) in the PHCs for patient care.

The MLHPs were trained to conduct necessary diagnostic tests and prescribe medicines.

The government is also building village clinics with required infrastructure to expand medicare services up to the grassroots level.

Besides the visiting doctors, the MLHPs and ASHA workers will render their services to the villagers.

This apart, the government recruited gynaecologists to cover 12 PHCs in a week and offer specialist services to women patients.

Now, doctors in ENT, dental and psychiatry are also being recruited to offer specialist medicare right in the villages.

In all, 100 specialists will soon be in place to cover six disciplines.

Bhaskar said by next year, the number of specialties would be increased to 12.

DOCTORS OPPOSE MOVE TO ABOLISH APVVP

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- Want the govt to strengthen the system which acts as a bridge between PHCs and teaching hospitals
- Winding up of APVVP hospitals will hamper the speciality services to the people in the medium towns where there are 240 area hospitals
- Chairman of the JAC of govt doctors Dr Paul Ravi Kumar says around 6,000 employees have been working at APVVP hospitals for several years by giving option for it

THE state government's idea of abolishing AP Vaidya Vidhana Parishad (APVVP) by merge it into directorate of medical education has been drawing flak from doctor fraternity. They are arguing that the move will jeopardise the interests of middle class people in medium towns where the area hospitals are located and extend speciality services.

The government has been contemplating the move to abolish the APVVP and shift the existing doctors into the new medical colleges where many vacancies are to be filled and transfer some other staff at lower cadres to primary health centres (PHCs). The doctors were recalling that former chief ministers N T Rama Rao and YS Rajasekhara Reddy have made several attempts to strengthen the APVVP system which has been in existence for the past 36 years.

The idea behind this establishment was to manage secondary level hospitals acting as a bridge between PHCs and medical colleges. Now, there are 240 hospi-

tals in the state under the control of APVVP. If the government winds up these hospitals, the people in several medium towns will have no other option but to go for tertiary care at teaching hospitals which are far away from them for getting specialist services.

Speaking to The Hans India, the chairman of the JAC of government doctors Dr Paul Ravi Kumar said that about 6,000 employees have been working at APVVP hospitals for several years by giving option for it. He said that

the government should reconsider its decision and strengthen the existing system which nowhere in the country can be seen except in AP and Telangana.

He also demanded the government to immediately regularise all the employees working as contract workers in the department of medical and health. Also, the compensation amount as promised by the government for the medical personnel who died while involved in Covid duties be cleared without further delay.

Meanwhile, AP Government Doctors Association (APGDA) has been demanding the government to sanction arrears of PRC 2016 to the teaching doctors which are due from 2016 to 2021. APGDA chairman Dr B Venkateswarlu said that while their PRC was due from 2016, the government has sanctioned it from March 2021, which comes to a total of 15 years delay.

He recalled that the non-teaching doctors working in rural areas have been drawing much higher pay than teaching doctors who are engaged in teaching undergraduates, PGs and super speciality students.

CDS' 'supporting arm' remark angers IAF veterans

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“The same is for the navy, they too require air support,” the Chief of Defence Staff had said.

The theatres with the northern and western adversary (China and Pakistan) will be land-based theatres, Rawat had said.

Later in the same webinar, the IAF chief said that his service was not of a supporting role. “It is not for a supporting role alone. Airpower has a huge role to play in any of the integrated battle areas and it is not an issue of support alone. And, there are a whole lot of things in any air plan. Those are the issues that are under discussion,” Bhadauria said. He also said that the formation of the the-

atre command is much more complex.

“The air force is for the formation of theatre commands. But the issue we have raised is about how we should do it. It is the most important reform that has an impact on war fighting,” the officer said. He clarified that every service has its own doctrine, and one needs to have the best knowledge of how to employ the capabilities and capacities to get the best results.

Theaterisation is one of the charters of the Chief of Defence Staff's plans to integrate the forces into five theatre commands -- air defence, maritime theatre, eastern theatre, western theatre and the northern theatre command.

TTD denies graft in counter maintenance contracts

- Addl EO Dharma Reddy says the tender process for maintenance of counters at Tirumala and Tirupati was transparent
- Stresses that contract to a Bengaluru-based IT firm will be beneficial to pilgrims
- Laments that baseless charges are hurled whenever the TTD takes pro-pilgrim steps



Addl EO A V Dharma Reddy

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TTD additional EO AV Dharama Reddy rejected reports on privatisation of counters (for pilgrim services) in Tirumala and Tirupati alleging that the privati-

sation was only to get commissions (from the contractors).

Speaking to media here on Saturday, Dharma Reddy said the tender process for maintaining the 'counters' was carried out in a most transparent manner and it was awarded to a Bengaluru-based IT firm KVM Info on the basis of lowest rate for maintaining the counters.

He said that as on March 2020, there were altogether 176 counters in Tirumala for issuing laddus, darshan tokens, scanning, etc., and also counters at Alipiri toll gate at Tirupati, down the hills which were reduced later to 162 as per actual requirement, he said affirming that the privatisation was to provide more transparent and efficient services to devotees.

TTD employees, Srivari Sevaks, banks and private firms are maintaining these 162 counters which will be taken over by the IT firm for maintaining the them for pilgrim services, he explained.

“Whenever TTD takes decisions and implements them for the good of pilgrims, a section of media hurls baseless charges to malign the image of TTD,” he lamented.

8 Bangladeshis held for illegal entry

AMARAVATI

POLICE on Saturday detained eight Bangladeshi nationals, who had illegally entered India.

The Railway Protection Force (RPF) detained four of them in Rajamahendravaram while the Vijayawada city police apprehended the rest while they were proceeding by the Howrah-Vasco da Gama Express.

Police were on an alert following the recent parcel bomb explosion in Darbhanga railway station in Bihar, and on a tip-off, intercepted the Bangladeshis, sources here said.

During inquiry, police found out that the Bangladeshis clandestinely entered India through a pipeline.

They had no official documents, including passports, but carried fake Aadhar cards, PAN cards and voter IDs with an address in Bengaluru.

According to police sources, the Bangladeshis claimed they stayed in Goa from 2017 to 2019.

- Of them, 4 were detained by RPF police in Rajamahendravaram while the others were held by Vijayawada city cops while they were travelling in Howra-Vasco da Gama express
- The detainees reveal that they have entered the country through a pipeline

After the Covid-19 outbreak last year, they went back to their native country. They returned to Goa in June this year.

We have completed only a preliminary inquiry and a detailed investigation has begun, north zone assistant commissioner of police Shanu Sheikh said in Vijayawada.

Along with the fake ID cards, police confiscated mobile phones from the foreigners.

A case has been registered against them. (PTI)

Dream & passion gave space wings to Telugu girl

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He said though later Sirisha had gone to the US along with her sister and graduated in aeronautical and space engineering from Purdue University and did MBA degree from Georgetown University in Washington DC. She was still restless as she was not sure about how to get into NASA and fly into space. It was at this point in time, that she found an alternative to realise her dreams and joined Branson's company Virgin Galactic which was founded to take tourists on short flights to suborbital space and she is now all set to realise her dream. It's a moment of great pride for the entire family. “Our happiness and excitement know no bounds,” he said.

Ragaiah said the last time he had seen them here was in 2016 when she along with her parents and sister came to Guntur to take part in the golden jubilee celebrations of his marriage anniversary. She despite her busy schedule keeps talking to them over the phone, he added. He said she has the blessings of the entire nation and will succeed in her mission.

Covaxin is 77.8% effective: Bharat Bio

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The company pointed out that no licensed SARS-CoV-2 vaccine has reported efficacy against asymptomatic infection and that will help in reducing disease transmission. “We are proud to put India on the global map with scientific conviction, competence and commitment. Covaxin scores 10 world-class publications endorsing innovation, clinical research, data, safety, efficacy. Thank collaborators & Positive BB teamwork enduring a pandemic (sic),” Bharat Biotech co-founder Suchitra Ella said in a late-night tweet. The vaccine maker further said, “Efficacy analysis demonstrates Covaxin to be 77.8 per cent effective against symptomatic Covid-19, through evaluation of 130 confirmed cases, with 24 observed in the vaccine group versus 106 in the placebo group.”

Phase 3 clinical trials were conducted on 130 symptomatic Covid patients between 18-98 years of age at 25 sites across India. Twelve per cent of the subjects experienced commonly known side effects and less than 0.5 per cent of subjects reported serious adverse events, Bharat Biotech, which developed the vaccine in partnership with ICMR and NIV Pune, said, adding that the overall rate of adverse events was lower than that seen in other Covid-19 vaccines. “The safety profile of Covaxin is now well established based on inactivated vaccines technology, and in large part due to the extensive 20-year safety track record of Bharat Biotech's vero cell manufacturing platform. Furthermore, Bharat Biotech has so far not sought indemnity for Covaxin from the governments,” it said. Dr Krishna Ella, Chairman and Managing Director, Bharat Biotech, said, “The successful safety and efficacy readouts of Covaxin as a result of conducting the largest ever Covid vaccines trials in India establishes the ability of India and developing world countries to focus towards innovation and novel product development. We are proud to state that Innovation from India will now be available to protect global population.” “The successful development of Covaxin has consolidated the position of Indian academia and Industry in the global arena,” Prof (Dr) Balram Bhargava, Secretary Department of Health Research & Director General Indian Council of Medical Research, said.

Dhami to take oath as Uttarakhand CM today

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The decision to choose Dhami, the sitting MLA from Khatima, as the next chief minister of Uttarakhand was taken in the Uttarakhand BJP legislature party meeting held on Saturday, a day after Tirath Singh Rawat had resigned as the CM.

Dhami will be the third chief minister of Uttarakhand in four months.

Interacting with the media after the announcement, Dhami said he would work for the welfare of the people within the short span of time for which he would be at the helm.

“My party has appointed a common worker, son of an ex-serviceman, who was born in Pithoragarh to serve the state. We'll work together for people's

welfare. We accept the challenge of serving people with the help of others, in a short time span,” he said.

Rawat had on Friday handed over his resignation to Governor Baby Rani Maurya at around 11 pm, hours after returning from Delhi where he was summoned by the top BJP leadership on Wednesday.

Rawat, who continues to be an MP, had been handpicked by the central leadership as CM, in place of Trivendra Singh Rawat. Having been sworn in on March 10, he had time to get elected as an MLA till September 10. However, apart from Covid curbs making holding a bypoll difficult, as per the Representation of the People Act, a by-election for a seat should not be held if the term of a House is less than a year.

Cong, BJP spar as France begins probe into Rafale deal

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Mediapart journalist Yann Philippin, who filed a series of reports on the deal, said a first complaint was “buried” in 2019 by a former PNF chief.

“The judicial investigation was finally opened following the revelations of the investigation #RafalePapers of @mediapart and a new complaint from @Asso_Sherpa. A 1st complaint was buried in 2019 by the former PNF boss, Eliane Houlette,” he tweeted.

In April, Mediapart, citing an investigation by the country's anti-corruption agency, reported that Dassault Aviation had paid about one million Euros to an Indian middleman.

Dassault Aviation has rejected the allegations of corruption, saying no violations were reported in the frame of the contract.

The NDA government, led by the BJP, had inked a Rs 59,000-

crore deal on September 23, 2016, to procure 36 Rafale jets from French aerospace major Dassault Aviation after a nearly seven-year exercise to procure 126 Medium Multi-Role Combat Aircraft (MMRCA) for the Indian Air Force did not fructify during the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) regime.

The Congress accused the government of massive irregularities in the deal, alleging that it was procuring each aircraft at a cost of over Rs 1,670 crore as against Rs 526 crore finalised by the UPA government during the negotiations for the MM-RCA.

Prior to the Lok Sabha elections in 2019, the Congress raised several questions about the deal and alleged corruption, but the government rejected all the charges.

Addressing a press conference virtually, the Congress spokesperson said, “The scan-

dalous expose of Rafale scam involving corruption, treason, loss to public exchequer has finally been uncovered.” He said that Congress and former party chief Rahul Gandhi stand vindicated now. He said that if the role of former French President Francois Hollande and current President Emmanuel Macron is being investigated, then why not Indian former defence minister and an Indian company can also be investigated.

He said that the media outlet in France has revealed the deal between Dassault and an Indian company which constituted a joint venture. He said, “This substantiates the statement made by then President Francois Hollande, who said that the decision to appoint an Indian company as Dassault's industrial partner was of the Indian government, meaning the Modi government. And the French had no choice into the matter.”

Youth Cong stages protest against rising LPG prices

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The countrymen want freedom from such so-called ‘acche din’, a statement quoting the youth Congress leader said. He added that the people of the country were facing “extreme unemployment, economic helplessness and high inflation”. “In such a situation, instead of giving relief to the people, the government is grinding the people by trapping them in the wheel of inflation,” he said. On Thursday, the price of domestic cooking gas (LPG) was hiked by Rs 25.50 per 14.2 kg cylinder. A subsidised and non-subsidised cylinder now costs Rs 834.50 in Delhi. “During the Modi government, the prices of domestic gas cylinders have increased by up to Rs 140 in the last six months. What is the Modi government punishing the public for,” Srinivas BV claimed.

Expansionist attitude of China is alarming

Chinese President Xi Jinping, in a defiant speech hailing the country's rise that elicited loud cheers from a carefully chosen crowd at a celebration of the centenary of the founding of the ruling Communist Party, has shocked the world with his rude statement that anyone who tries to bully China will face broken heads and bloodshed.

He appeared to be hitting back at the US and others that had criticised the rising power's trade and technology policies, military expansion and human rights record. Xi warned on Thursday that any foreign force trying to bully China will encounter a great wall of steel erected by over 1.4 billion Chinese people and its powerful military. In a keynote address at a highly choreographed ceremony from the balcony of Tiananmen Gate, Xi underlined that the reunification of Taiwan with the Chinese mainland is a historic mission and an unshakable commitment of the Communist Party of China.

As a matter of fact, China considers Taiwan part of its territory, to be absorbed into the mainland-by force if necessary. It is true that China opposes Taiwanese independence since it believes that Taiwan and mainland China comprise two portions of a single country's territory.

Earlier, Taiwan was known as the Republic of Formosa. In 1949, the Chinese government fled to Taiwan when the Communist Party of China took control of the

mainland during the Chinese Civil War, leading to the current situation. While Taiwan is a multi-party democratic state, China is a unitary one-party socialist republic.

It may be recalled that last year the US sent a top diplomat to Taiwan with an intention to strengthen US-Taiwan relations, but this sparked an immediate rebuke from China. The US had some ulterior motives behind the strengthening of relations between the US and Taiwan. Evidently, Washington had some plans tucked up their sleeves to teach China some lessons for China's failure to give updates on the Covid-19 pandemic.

It was true that Coronavirus had broken out in Wuhan in China for the first time and China suppressed its further information from sharing to the rest of the world. This made the US and major European nations swear to punish China for its irresponsible act on the Coronavirus issue.

Xi Jinping is furious with the US as it pursued a hardline policy towards China targeting it on several fronts including trade, human rights and the origins of the Covid-19 pandemic. Xi's statement that his government will not allow anymore any foreign force to bully or subjugate his country is very serious and hence a grave threat to the world.

Unfortunately, it is China that has assumed arrogance and bullied its neighbours. It is very good that India has formed an alliance with the US, Australia and Japan



against the growing power of China especially when it had menacingly bullied India across the border.

China, enviably advanced in almost all spheres of life is surging forward to dominate the world especially in the South East Asia. India therefore needs to block China's growing hegemonic influence in the region by striking an alliance with these countries. Moreover, a highly treacherous country like China where there is no democratic set up, may use its force against India to weaken us. So, India needs an alliance with the US, Japan Australia to counter

Chinese expansionist attitude.
T K Nandan, Kochi

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Communist Party of China (CPC) has celebrated 100 years of its founding, with a terse and unambiguous message to the rest of the world that those who bully - forged by 1.4 billion Chinese people, would find themselves on a collision course, with a great wall of steel forged by its people.

This is a message that the rest of the world clearly understands, to fathom the degree of isolation that China is presently facing in

the global scenario, in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic, which is in the second year that the world countries are enduring in terms of growing number of deaths, and dismal economy scenario - not knowing, for how long.

China is enticing vulnerable countries in Asia with liberal economic assistance, to finally make them come under its sway, akin to a money lender extending loans, and the recipient is unable to pay back the loan, even the interest component of it, regularly; enabling the lender to have a free run on his property. The reason is simple - large amounts given as long term loans are not governed by a clear cut, decent understanding and fair agreement.

There are unseen clauses and conditions that the receiver fails to see, until the noose tightens around the neck, and suffocates with no reprieve in sight as things unfold later, to take the Chinese domination and assertion as fait accompli. Pakistan, Bangladesh, Manutius and Srilanka are some examples in this regard. Pakistan is beguiled into CPEC dream, to sideline and berate India, as large parts of the CPEC project passes through an area which is under the illegal occupation of Pakistan, belonging to India.

China is bringing in its own labour force and technology, without caring for the local workforce of Srilanka, who are jobless and seeking employment.

K V Raghuram, Wayanad



TS, AP should behave responsibly

The down to earth depiction by V Ramu Sharma in his write-up reveals the insensitivity of leaders of all political parties who at the drop of the hat turn water issue into a war-like situation when the time comes to equitable sharing by resolving the issue. Knowing well, water becoming scarce due to erratic rainfall and long dry spells on account of climatic changes across the globe and India considered to be water-strapped country due to acute scarcity, there should be no hesitation in observing that national interest must take precedence over the interest of the individual states.

It is a sad commentary that despite every state more or less locked in inter-state water dispute for decades never made a bold and sincere attempt to resolve the matter by adopting give-and-take policy so far. With the result, frequent tensions build up when the topic of water dispute comes up for discussion between the states. Added to this, what is witnessed every time in states is large-scale violence and massive destruction of properties indulged by senseless elements shamelessly.

The ongoing dispute between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh over sharing of Krishna waters appears to take a serious turn due to tough stand taken by both sides with Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister deciding to request the centre to take over Sri-sailam and Sagar projects while Telangana government is bent upon to raise and expose AP's illegal lift projects

in the upcoming parliament session on the plea that the state believes in permanent solution to the vexed water disputes between the two states.

Whatever may be the game plan or intentions of the chief ministers of the two states, one thing clearly emerges is that seriousness of the issue plagued by frequent tensions has turned political with the intention of ruling parties in the two states to reap political mileage to their advantage coming to the fore.

Notwithstanding the fact that both states deployed police in large numbers at the disputed irrigation projects to avert clashes and violence at a time when pandemic is still around playing with lives of the people, it is clear that ill-founded objectives embraced by the states to garner benefits may only result in greater harm not only to their respective states but also to the nation at large.

Also, when water disputes between states hanging for decades without getting resolved and each time, court or tribunal's interim order has only been making matters worse with situation taking ugly turns being exploited by political parties to score brownie points, it is time state governments are expected to view water issue with greater objectivity and resolve the matter by sitting across the table instead of abdicating its responsibility by throwing the ball into the Centre's court which will only delay the process.

K R Srinivasan, Secunderabad

The omnipresent VIP culture!

This reference to the excellent piece "Minimising the misery of common man" (THI 1 July). In this article the author has no doubt brought in the gory incident of a woman Covid patient's death on the way to the hospital during President's visit to Kanpur and rekindled how the leaders from the past who rarely inconvenienced the common people who are now being called by politicians as "Aam Aadmi".

One wonders when the leaders seek votes from the common people are always very close and of late many even have lunch with poorest of poor even in a small hut and then share the photo with media and social media. But soon after they get position and power, they not only rarely give a "darshan" before voters but maintain "Chay Gaz ki doori" (even before corona!) and in fact, go all out to create inconvenience to the same voters whenever they come to participate in public events.

In this context, it was a bit surprising that President of India who claims to be from humble background opted to tour Kanpur and Lucknow at a time when people are still struggling to recover from Covid. In Kanpur, he wanted to visit his village where he was born in Kanpur Dehat, and also wanted to be meet his childhood friend and wish him his wedding anniversary. This visit itself turned out to be nostalgic who was made to travel Maharaja saloon coach only used by President by the railways in order to motivate the common people to travel by train and also, motivate



railways staff who it is believed tirelessly worked even during the country-wide lockdown.

The whole exercise would have costed a fortune for railways and government when our financial situation is bad so much so that government is extracting this from people using a personal vehicle that runs on petroleum products and only yesterday LPS cylinder price was hiked by Rs25 resulting in 14.2 kg now costs Rs.835. Moreover, what happened to PM's call to end VIP culture? When he made an appeal to end "red beacons" from 1 May 2017, his cabinet ministers got themselves photographed by removing "Lal bathi" from their vehicles.

PM himself went on air in Mann Ki Baat the end of the beacon lights is to send a message that 125 crore people of the country have equal importance and went coin "EPI" (Every person is important) and made

everyone replace VIP with EPI. Though President and few others were exempted against removing, it seems the VIP culture still continues under the pretext of security reasons. Though PM may have never allowed blocking traffic when he is moving around capital when he or others visit other States.

In this context, there is a video which is in circulation widely in social media about former Uruguay President Jose Mujica who even now happens to be the "World's Poorest" President who refused to live in Presidential Palace and was driving his own German-made "Beetles". He even refused even to contest the second term. Whatever salary he was drawing, he was giving away in charity. I don't think India would ever get such a leader even our PM who has come up from humble backgrounds cannot be equated with such leaders.

S Natarajan, New Delhi

PV or NTR, who is the true Telugu bidda?

The hullabaloo made by Telangana chief minister Mr KCR for the past one year commemorating the birth centenary of late P V Narasimha Rao is appreciable. The idea of KCR is nothing but invoking the Telangana pride as PV was born in Telangana just for safeguarding the votes of Telanganites. Whatever anybody does to a person who is no more is of no use and awarding titles and erecting of statues simply cater to the political needs of the living politicians and they adroitly follow the adage that "Chettu peru cheppi kayalu ammukodam" (Just by invoking the name of tree, wise sell its fruits). During his fag end of career PV was disrespected and treated as pariah. For all the rich contributions he made to thankless Congress party and his single great contribution of keeping

the derailed economy on track and for his living honestly as a true nationalist, no tall leader from any party condemned the behaviour of Congress and more so maintained stoic silence.

The only true Telugu bidda who respected when he was alive was late NTR, he took a noble decision not to contest in Nandyala parliamentary by election as a tribute to another Telugu bidda which paved way for PV. Won the seat with highest number of votes that remained an unbroken record. With this praiseworthy act, NTR truly kept up the self-respect of Telugus and remained for ever as a great Telugu bidda in our hearts. PV must certainly be turning around in the grave for all the ridiculous events around his name.

Rama Krishna M, Kakinada

The drone attack India should be wary of

Pakistan is living up to its diabolic threat of inflicting thousand cuts on India, with a view that India is perpetually embroiled in facing and tackling external security threats from jihadi and Islamist elements, instigated and abetted by it, as Pakistan is incapable of winning a direct and frontal war with India. Though the guns have fallen silent on both sides of the border, on the LoC between the two countries, Pakistan has not given up its sickening and disgusting habit of needling the country, in every possible way, particularly in J&K. The recent drone attacks on the high security IAF station in Jammu, during which two weaponized drones had crashed, one on a building - leaving a big hole in the roof, without causing any damage to



equipment and assets of the IAF, while the second one on the ground.

India sees the new threat of drones being used against military assets of the country, with all seriousness, and has taken ad-

equated measures in neutralising the new menace from Pakistan, and Pak proxies operating in the Kashmir Valley - like LeT, by installing anti-drone system, at Jammu IAF base, akin to one which has been installed in Delhi,

during the Republic Day Parade. Since, drones are commercially available quad copters; they can be produced in any numbers. Similar was the case in Punjab, where weapons and narcotics were dropped in the bordering village in Punjab, using drones, across the border from Pakistan.

As the security personnel are geared up to this new threat, several incidents of hexagon drones leaving Pak territory were effectively repulsed to retreat back to Pakistan, by ground fire by the Border Security Forces. Let us hope that India will not be caught napping in the new reality of drones being used as a terror weapon by Pakistan as the country is already meaningfully prepared to tackle the situation.

Venkata Narasimhan K R, Madurai

Selfish leaders continue to take people for a ride

It is highly disturbing to see Indian political discourse touching an all time low and governance standards diminishing endlessly particularly when the pandemic has been ravaging the lives and livelihoods of all people especially those surviving on daily wages and limited incomes. Ever since BJP found it easy and convenient to win elections by resorting to polarization politics through promotion of Hindutva nationalism, the policy paralysis has been glaringly discernible in the areas of livelihood issues of common man, economic health of the country, agrarian management, job creation, infrastructural development, working class incomes, women safety and access to education and health care facilities.

The Supreme Court pulling up the Central Government on many fronts for its inaction, in-

sensitivity and reticence in initiating timely and appropriate measures to help the distraught people hit badly by the multiple waves of the pandemic is a shocking commentary about the Modi Government turning a blind eye to the unprecedented plight of millions of people who are staring at bleak future with all resources exhausted due to the loot by the avaricious corporate hospitals and with near and dear ones killed by the mutating microbe.

The ruling establishment being sternly advised by the Apex Court on a host of issues such as granting recompense to the families of Covid-19 victims, providing relief to the migrant labourers and unorganized workers, preparing data on the details of migrant workers, supply, purchase and pricing of vaccines is something a good lesson



for the government. One fails to understand why the ruling establishment is so rigid, harsh and

inhumane in spending a few thousand crore rupees to the pandemic hit people living on

the margins of society where corporate giants are given huge concessions to the tune of lakhs

of crores of rupees.

It is better to not go into the details of rising intolerance of the ruling establishment towards critics, dissenters and protesters where journalists, comedians, film makers are charged under sedition laws and incarcerated years together without bail. One more area of concern is constant undermining of science through promotion of myths and superstitions by the ruling class which is an impediment for the country to progress in the area of research and development.

Despite the image of BJP and its government at centre being tarnished immensely due to mismanagement of pandemic, the opposition parties are unable to offer a viable alternative to BJP for which the reasons are many. Some opposition leaders are caught in corruption cases and

are in need of favours from Modi Government. Some have ego problems to work under the direction of leaders of other parties. Some want money and power at any cost and are interested to become turncoats.

The political scenario in the country has been becoming murkier and murkier with each passing day where political discourse is carried out for personal and political gains of leaders and parties rather than for the welfare of people and well-being of the nation. It is high time the selfish and unscrupulous leaders taking the people for a ride were debunked by the people and a new generation of honest and talented young leaders took charge of political management. Let us hope the country will see the light at the end of the tunnel

Narne Raveendra Babu, Hyderabad



What is the ‘right time’ for J&K to be declared a State?

FATIMA HASAN

AFTER two years of rule under the Union government, the State-turned-Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir is set to have their first assembly elections soon to have its own locally elected government. Currently, the delimitation exercise for the constituencies is underway and the elections are probably going to be held next year.

Interestingly, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his meeting with stakeholders on June 24 hinted at restoring statehood to Jammu & Kashmir at the ‘right time’. If at all it happens after the peaceful elections, it will be a welcome move for all the regional parties. It may be recalled that in August 2019, the union government took away the special status of Jammu & Kashmir granted under Article 370 and made Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir as union territories.

However, this assurance of the PM now cannot be deemed as the surrender of Modi government to the regional demands. So, this opens up the room for speculation of the ‘right time’ and what made

the Centre to think of such a move. One theory is that the underlying agenda behind separating Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir into two union territories was just to strip it of its special status under Article 370. Since that agenda is achieved, the Union government wants to withdraw the Union territory status by restoring statehood.

The other theory would be that in its two years of prolonged experiment, the Centre is now finding its sway in the union territory. The BJP’s poor performance in the panchayat elections held recently may be one reason for it. In the DDC elections held in December 2020, BJP performed well only in the Hindu-dominated Jammu and managed to win only three seats in Kashmir. Some sections of the media are attributing the move to Modi’s ‘internal and external politics.’

What if restoration happens?

The question remains whether Ladakh region, which is now a separate union territory, will be integrated to make Jammu & Kashmir a State again or will this region be kept as union territory.

Experts say that Ladakh will mostly likely remain as a Union territory as the Chinese incursions there are a hurdle in the way of its re-merger into Jammu & Kashmir. The Chinese incursions started in the region immediately after revocation of Article 370 as the neighbouring country seeks to claim control over parts of Ladakh.

Recently, Jammu & Kashmir administration announced ending the 149-year-old practice of Darbar move. It is the changing of capital from Jammu during winter to Srinagar during summer. Then, in the near future when the Statehood is restored, it is for one to speculate about the need for ending the Darbar move. Also, lots of expenditure will again be incurred in shifting back to the Statehood system.

Aftermath politics

Restoration of Article 370 and 35A that guarantees the special status to Jammu & Kashmir is also one of the many demands of the local regional parties. However, restoring Statehood does not mean giving back the special status. It is not on the agenda as of

now. The stripping away of Articles 370 and 35A were manifesto promise of the BJP under Modi. And now, it is very much unlikely that Modi government will overturn it. So, the parties will have to continue to demand for special status. The Articles 370 and 35A provide for autonomy to formulate laws for the State’s permanent residents. Nothing can be said about how peaceful the aftermath politics can be.

Will it bring any relief to Kashmir valley and ease tensions?

The Kashmir valley tensions are a legacy of 1947 post-partition days and these were prevailing even before Article 370 was revoked and Statehood was taken away. Although China and Pakistan have been seeking to whip up border tension too post the two developments, the Kashmir ‘conflict’ is not directly linked to this. Hence it is less likely that restoration of Statehood will bring any change in Kashmir valley situation. Now one has to see how quickly this ‘right time’ will come and change in the power politics in Jammu & Kashmir.

Getting things done

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GETTING things done in a smooth and suave manner is an art which only a few master. Attaining achievable targets in all segments of life requires a positive outlook by balancing meaningful activities which need to be attained with a lot of effort and perseverance. Being on top at work by keeping negating factors at bay which play a spoilsport requires finesse. With focus, clarity, and an engaging spirit on tasks requires meticulous attention for measurable results.

Ideation is crucial for effective results. It’s a parameter to get better insights and results on tasks at hand. Good ideation enables one towards stellar outcomes. Organising oneself on a set task and in our day to day activities is an art by itself. It requires a lot of finesse in being organized. It helps one in doing things with clarity and better focus. By engaging in fruitful initiatives, one gets a better perspective on things and situations. Being engaged also broadens one’s perspective. We reflect to improvise our awareness and thoughts. By reflecting, we undertake things with a lot of positivity and greater insight.

In business scenarios, we need to first have a crystal clear ideation on our immediate action and the attainable goals. If we aren’t clear of our actions keeping the end result in mind, we may lose focus of our goal. Working towards the end goal should be the sole objective. For this we need to align our thoughts and actions. By engaging ourselves and working consistently we can see the end results of realizing our goals set. It’s essential to know what would be the probable set of results when we are deft at getting things done.

So, at the outset, how do we go about getting things to happen? What is the process of time factor for each activity and do we stay on the task at hand in the process of achieving a task and do we scale-up. By broadening our habit forms, we do better on all fronts. How do we enhance our learning forms with new measurable activities or habits leading to success. Let’s focus on the essentials and non-essentials



in the process by focusing on realistic goals which have to be purpose driven. Having a successful mindset, purpose and goal driven, counting on happiness, being yourself without compromising will have a better approach.

Organizing ourselves is a key ingredient in our attempt to be suaver in undertaking tasks. Keeping time for quality things is important. Having goals both short term and long term will go a long way. With a good amount of self-discipline and by avoiding delays in our action, we can attain our most defined objectives. Growth & development involves balancing act on ourselves on all fronts, taking stock of situations, associating with quality people, and stretching oneself beyond the comfort zone for greater results.

Professionally, one has to stretch working in challenging complex situations, beating competition, working alongside cross sectional people, and managing crises. With unique ideas and strategy, one can brick to brick start building on their dreams, work with diverse streams of people, and count on building their goals. Adding a unique customer delight quotient for quality work leads to success. Good people skills are vital for success. The connect quotient, value add, good relations bring in good recognition.

Getting things done can be imbibed and inculcated only with practice and effort. Mastery over this varies from person to person, based on the experience, and the ability to multi-task most of the time. It’s an approach involving people, situations professionally and at the personal level. For instance, a professional at workspace has to be deft with hands-on-approach in dealing well with customers and managing them efficiently speaks of his caliber.

On the personal front, managing various tasks by a woman speaks of her engaging and resourceful nature. Handling chores at home and work by multi-tasking requires a practical approach with greater maturity. One picks up the can do attitude with a lot of experience over the time and masters oneself in getting things done.

Prioritising with plans and therein making it a reality has to be the target. Chalking out implementation strategies enables a smooth sail of attaining a good measurable result. Reflecting on plans and better methods of functioning will enable one to stay focused with a fresh mindset. Adopting techniques which are relevant to the present context is paramount. Our focus and attention on tasks has to be crystal clear to unleash the best results. Analysing goal sets and being focused in complex situations is a challenge. Time bound planning and steering the course of actionable plans is an essential. Addressing negative thoughts which are a hindrance in the path should be avoided.

Getting things done can transform the way one’s work by applying the dynamics of the task implementation with a result oriented approach. At every stage knowing what to get done with time bound plans creates a trajectory map. Being actionable generates greater results than being contemplative. It’s essential to know things on priority, what separates the result from the non- resultant, to move in the right direction.

Mental finesse and agility requires strength to take charge of things by accomplishing them. We need to generate high radiating energy to sail in the right direction. Let’s be more actionable while charting the course by contributing to the tasks and gaining contentment in getting things done.

Can business work for both people and the planet? They must...

HIRO MIZUNO

IT has been more than six years since the governments of the world adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and almost five years to the day since they signed on to the Paris Climate Agreement. Big corporations said they would align their business practices towards sustainability.

How have they done? There has been a lot of talk but not enough action.

- Despite growing sustainability commitments by companies and investors, direct emissions from corporations increased by more than 10% between 2015 and 2019.
- 98% of plastic packaging is single-use and more than a third is not recyclable.
- The global gender pay gap is still reportedly at 16%—despite the recognition that gender equality can stimulate growth and support environmental sustainability, as pointed out by experts such as former UN Women deputy executive director Lakshmi Puri.

Saving the planet is fundamental for the survival of future generations. Businesses must review and transform their way of working, and governments will have to support the inevitable challenges they will face.

The 2021 Financing for Sustainable Development Report concludes that the current business model is not changing fast enough to achieve our global ambition in terms of sustainability. This dissonance between the promise of private sector change and the reality is not lost on the broader public. Less than 20% of global respondents surveyed believed that the current system is serving them, and 56% believed that in its current form capitalism is doing more harm than good.

Where do we go from here?

First, we must change the rules of the game. An increasing number of investors recognise that profit and benefits to the environ-

ment and society are not mutually exclusive, and are demanding both. However, markets are taking too long to make this the norm despite the rise of Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) investments. As long as it is profitable to run environmentally or socially unsustainable businesses, there will be a misalignment between the goals of society and business.

Governments can change the rules of the game by updating policies and regulations. For instance, governments can impose carbon pricing and coordinate cross-border carbon taxes. When awarding public contracts, they can favour companies that integrate minorities and achieve gender balance. They can also ensure manufacturers are held responsible for the impact of their products on the environment. (E.g., policymakers should make mobile phone producers responsible for recycling the e-waste they generate).

Second, for the transformation of the private sector we must have transparency. Companies cannot be held accountable for their impact on sustainable development without proper and fair disclosure. Such disclosure will enable investors to make asset allocations in accordance with their sustainability policies.

Despite the increasing number of corporate sustainability reports, information published is often not comparable or complete, as companies report using different metrics and can opt not to disclose negative issues.

Regulators can improve transparency by consolidating sustainability reporting frameworks and mandating a minimum level of disclosure. They should also request companies to publish credible sustainability plans with measurable targets.

Investors must engage with companies and regulators to request disclosure of material sustainability risks and reward companies with transparent sustainability plans with greater investment.

Third, we must reinforce the

credibility of sustainable investment products. The rise of green bonds and ESG funds has created momentum around sustainable investment products. A green bond label certifies that a specific activity financed is green, but says nothing about the greenness of the company’s strategy. There is, therefore, no strong evidence that the carbon intensity of firms issuing green bonds will decrease over time.

The discrepancy between the green bond labels and “green” ratings could encourage greenwashing or SDG washing. We need to complement green bond labels with “green” ratings of issuers (e.g. attesting to a company’s compatibility with a 2°C pathway).

We also need to promote ESG funds that focus on the positive impact their target companies and projects will have on the SDGs. The Global Investors for Sustainable Development (GISD) Alliance has developed a common definition of sustainable development investing, which could serve as an effective basis for the market.

There have been multiple, alternative efforts to create a common definition of sustainable development investing. Given the urgency of sustainability issues, regulators should facilitate the consolidation of such efforts to agree on a unified and effective basis for the market.

COVID-19 has strengthened the importance of partnership between governments and companies. They must use this moment to galvanize change.

The three actions outlined above can serve as a basis for governments and the private sector to forge a new business model together that works for both people and the planet.

For a better world, it is critical for private finance sectors to support and accelerate such challenging but necessary transformations of business.

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5 investment tips for youngsters, college students

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CATCH them young is a phrase which means that good habits be inculcated at a young age so that they last long. Apart from Idea of practical knowledge for students it is good to start investing early and for a longer duration would help them manage their finances better, in future. Early Investing also allows them to take small and calculated risks without fear of affecting their livelihoods and future planning. College going students are young and dynamic and college is actually one of the best opportunities to get started in the world of Investing.

The hardest part of starting to invest is beginning to think of yourself as an investor because due to lack of knowledge many people believe that investment options are only open to the working class, and Wealthy Society. But in reality, especially college-goers, can be the best investors because they have several advantages.

While most youngsters in India are hesitating from investing, considering that they have no other financial burden, investment is a handy option to get richer at a later stage. In the investing world even a little bit of cash can be used to begin build a portfolio. It can actually be an advantage because in the initial stage you’ll be learning how to invest and deal without the risk of losing a large sum of money.

After studies make sure you start your life on the right financial foot by treating your financial future seriously while you’re still in college. To help youngsters who aspire to invest but lack the knowledge, here are a few tips to help them make good use of their pocket money and stipends wisely.

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derstand that while saving is the safe way to go which offers lower returns, investing in small increments allows the money to grow itself and offers potential to get high Return.

Hold on to money: As we all know youngsters have a craze to spend all their money, considering they have a constant supply of cash. But if students are willing to make an effort to save up a portion of their money and invest, all they need to do is open a brokerage account for stock investments and day trading. After Investing you will not reap the benefits instantly, investing in shares of a company is a good way to aim for long-term returns.

Explicate basic concepts: Investing allows a diverse financial portfolio. So it is necessary to teach students the basic concepts of Investing such as stocks, Mutual Funds NSE, Equity and BSE, others. Helping with these basic

concepts of different variations will empower them with more new options and choices.

Keep an eye on background research: following background research is one of most important guidelines that college-goers and young investors need to learn. There are reasonable risks involved in managing investments, before diving in to invest one must do their own background research. For beginners and youngsters need to check how the company in which they plan to invest has performed on a yearly and quarterly basis. Companies’ past performances can’t dictate future results but provide an overview of the firm’s future curve. You can even watch out almost all top business news channels which provide the brief of new market Trends.

Go for low-risk investment options, try to invest in low-risk options: when it comes to invest-

ment often, we said calculation is the key to success. For young or college -goers’ investors is quite beneficiary for them to invest in stocks and mutual funds, low-risk options should be considered so they don’t end up losing more money because stock market involve risk. Planning before investing in any stock market is must to get a decent return. According to experts’ youngsters need to go for long-term investment.

Never get carried away: While stepping in the world of Stock Market you must understand that it’s a vulnerable yet addictive place. You should never get carried away after brief success. Brokers often end up with requests but you have to remember that the final authority lies with you to invest in any scheme.

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QUIZ NO. 178 HANS BIZ QUIZ

'International Asteroid Day'

1. International Asteroid Day, June 30, was created to raise awareness about asteroids, their role in the solar system, and importantly, how we can protect our planet from asteroid impacts? International Asteroid Day was created to coincide and mark the anniversary of which of the Asteroidal assassins?
a) Tunguska explosion in central Siberia, 1908
b) Sikhote-Alin meteorite fall in south-eastern Russia, 1947
c) Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 crashing into Jupiter, 1994
d) Chelyabinsk meteor airburst in south-west Russia, 2013
2. International Asteroid Day was initially co-founded in 2014 by Dr. Brian May, Apollo 9 Astronaut Rusty Schweickart, filmmaker Grig Richters, and Danica Remy, President of B612 Foundation. Which of the below describe Dr Brian May?
a) Songwriter, singer, and record producer
b) Astrophysicist
c) The lead guitarist of the rock band Queen
d) All of the above
3. There are more than a thousand Near-Earth Objects that are estimated to be larger than one kilometer. An asteroid or comet is a Near-Earth Asteroid or Object, which passes close to the Earth's orbit. What distance is considered as near-Earth?
a) Aphelion distance of less than 1.3 astronomical units
b) Perihelion distance of less than 49.3 astronomical units
c) Perihelion distance of less than 1.3 astronomical units
d) Aphelion distance of less than 29.7 astronomical units
4. International Asteroid Day is being organised by the Asteroid Foundation, a Luxembourg nonprofit organisation. Most of the Near-Earth Asteroids originate in the central asteroid belt and are perturbed inward through either collision between asteroids or the gravitational influence of one particular planet. Identify the planet?
a) Mars
b) Jupiter
c) Venus
d) Uranus
5. NASA's Center for Asteroid Studies has discovered over 16,000 asteroids. The United States Congress mandated NASA to discover 90 per cent of the NEOs greater than 140 meters. When did NASA initiate the Near-Earth Object Observations Program (NEOOP)?
a) 2009
b) 2001
c) 1998
d) 1972
6. Since its formation, Earth has been hit by asteroids and comets during these 4.5 billion years. These objects are known as Near-Earth Asteroids or Near-Earth Objects and still pose a danger to Earth today. Earth-crossing asteroids with semi-major axes larger than one astronomical unit are known as?
a) Dinosaur Asteroids
b) Apollo Asteroids
c) Aten Asteroids
d) Giant Asteroids
7. Which organisation was established in order to conduct Near-Earth Asteroids threat mitigation planning activities?
a) Lowell Near-Earth Object Search
b) NEO Observations program
c) Near-Earth Asteroid Tracking
d) The Space Mission Planning Advisory Group
8. Fortunately, a giant asteroid colliding with the surface of the Earth is very rare, and most of the asteroids in our solar system do not pose any danger to planet earth. When was The International Asteroid Warning Network established?
a) 2014
b) 1989
c) 1977
d) 1972
9. Near-Earth Asteroids surveys have been successful in finding a good fraction of the NEOs larger than 140 meters. Where has Pans-STARRS1, NASA-supported ground-based telescopic surveillance, been installed?
a) Lemaire Channel, Antarctica
b) Yukon, Canada
c) Haleakala, Hawaii
d) Tucson, Arizona
10. When did the United Nations designate 30 June as International Asteroid Day?
a) 1999
b) 2004
c) 2011
d) 2016

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INDIA ON THE CUSP OF WI-FI REVOLUTION

Access to internet while on the move will be crucial as 'work from anywhere' is catching up



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OF late, access to internet has become a necessity for carrying out digital transactions, for checking mails, for attending to online classes and for doing work from home. While taking long drive on road by car, internet can be accessed using mobile data facility, provided adequate 3G/4G signal is available en-route. Since work from home scenario is likely to be the norm for some more time to come, employees on long journey in buses and trains can do the office work if good 3G/4G signal is available from mobile networks throughout the route or Wi-Fi facility is there in buses/trains. Many ISPs have installed 3G/4G towers on important train routes/stations to provide good signal coverage. BSNL and other ISPs have established Wi-Fi hot spots/access points (APs) at important State Road Transport bus stands, busy railway stations and Airports for giving access to internet service. Free access for certain duration will be available and afterwards charges have to be paid electronically on pay per use basis. To comply with the DoT's guidelines for user authentication, log in process is put in place in above Wi-Fi systems. After choosing the Wi-Fi network (among the Wi-Fi networks available), one has to enter his mobile number and the OTP will be sent. After entering the OTP, Wi-Fi access is provided. RailTel has installed Wi-Fi hot



To provide access to internet for people on the move, either by road, rail or by aeroplane, Wi-Fi facilities are made available. Access to internet facility will make the journey free from boredom and one can productively make use of journey time

spots/APs at important railway stations. Optical Fibre network laid along the railway track is utilised for providing backhaul. This internet service is named as 'RailWire'. As mobile networks can't provide continuous 3G/4G signal in the entire route, Railways have provided Wi-Fi solutions in the important trains. Internet access is provided using satellite and 2G/3G networks. The system consists of onboard satellite tracking antenna, multiband antenna and Wi-Fi broadcasting equipment. Train is fitted with a number of Wireless Access Points that provide coverage across the coaches. The primary broad band link to back haul the internet traffic is provided via satellite and in case of non availability of satellite network, 2G/3G link act as backhaul, thus achieving 99 per cent availability of internet service. Howrah-Delhi Rajdhani Express was the first train to be fitted with this facility followed by Shatabdi, Duranto and Tejas. DOT has given licences for providing in-flight Wi-Fi service to BSNL and other ISPs in 2018. Wi-Fi in air planes provides the gad-

gets with internet facility with flight mode turned on. There are two systems of connectivity for in-flight Wi-Fi: Air to ground and satellite. Air to ground system works similar to mobile network. In this system, antenna on the nearest tower of mobile network projects signals upwards (unlike antennas of mobile networks that project the signals downwards). Antennas fitted beneath the airplanes receive signals from the towers and send them to the onboard server. In satellite based Wi-Fi system, satellite tracking antenna is fitted on the top of the airplane which receive signals from satellite and send to the on board server. These signals are processed by the on board server providing Wi-Fi. Air to ground system works seamlessly, until the airplane flies over a space with no tower. In that case the satellite system takes over. There will be no break in the service. Wi-Fi in airplanes will be slower and expensive than the same on the ground. As per Civil Aviation department guidelines, in-flight Wi-Fi will be made available when the flight attains a minimum altitude

of 3000m (It takes 4-5 minutes to reach this altitude after the airplane takeoff) to avoid interference with terrestrial mobile networks. Already fifty five airlines are offering in-flight Wi-Fi service across the world. Spicejet and Vistara want to provide this service. BSNL is the first ISP to get an In-Flight and Maritime Connectivity service provider (IFMC) licence. In collaboration with INMARSAT, it offers in-flight Wi-Fi service. This service is offered in Ka (26.5 GHz to 40 GHz) and L (1-2 GHz) frequency bands. We can soon enjoy internet facility while flying in the country! Let us hope that BSNL will be the first ISP to offer this service which will augment its much needed revenue. BSNL and other private ISPs have established Wi-Fi hot spots/APs at important tourist centres, cafes, commercial centres etc., for providing internet access to the visitors. BSNL has installed Wi-Fi 'Dabhas' at its important customer service centres where people can browse internet. They

have provided Wi-Fi solutions at some rural telephone exchanges. As the employees are permitted to 'work from anywhere', they are going back to their native villages and availability of Wi-Fi in rural areas will be helpful to them to do their office work. Government of India has approved in December 2020 a programme called PM-WANI (Wi-Fi Access Network Interface) to provide Wi-Fi services across the country. It is decided to open around one crore data centres across the country under this scheme. These centres will function as Public Data Offices (PDOs) and Wi-Fi access points will be installed there. The back haul for these Wi-Fi access points will be provided by telecom service providers/internet service providers. Neither registration nor licence will be required for the PDOs. Also there will not be any charge to be paid for them. They will work on the lines of earlier PCOs of BSNL. Small shopkeepers can apply for PDO and provide Wi-Fi service to the people. It will boost their income and Wi-Fi availability will increase everywhere. PM-WANI is expected to bring a major Wi-Fi revolution in the country addressing the digital divide. This scheme will provide employment opportunities also. To provide access to internet for people on the move, either by road, rail or by aeroplane, Wi-Fi facilities are made available. Access to internet facility will make the journey free from boredom and one can productively make use of journey time. Now a days, because of Covid, passengers don't talk to fellow passengers in buses/ trains/ aeroplanes and so having internet facility is a good pass time for them. (The author is retired Advisor, Department of Telecommunications (DOT), Government of India)

Social innovations gaining traction, but more funding needed to sustain it

The problem is that most incubators support openly commercial ventures and relatively little funding is diverted to grassroots innovation and social entrepreneurship

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Social innovations seem to be gaining traction these days. What is the reason for this? What is the idea behind social entrepreneurship? Social entrepreneurship essentially implies a commitment to the larger structures we inhabit- social, cultural and environmental. It's marked by an acknowledgment that we don't do business or create value in a vacuum and owe substantial contributions to the communities of which we are part of. Social innovations are gaining traction these days because there seems to be a growing realisation about the same prerogatives and responsibilities, and there is an embracing of the need to equip business with a larger purpose. In which sectors and areas, social innovations and social entrepreneurs have a major role to play? The ambitions of social innovation and entrepreneurship are tremendous, since all facets of human society are beset with problems which need solutions. In particular, social innovation can be instrumental in curbing environmental degradation, generating more employment and incomes, eliminating gender disparity and providing better services to the people. Thus, from pharmaceuticals to academia and from provision of essentials to microfinance, all areas are possible sites for social innovation. How the social innovation segment is doing in Telangana? Could you list out some outstanding social impact startups... The social innovation domain in Telangana has taken exemplary strides. Since 2016, an innovation policy that focuses on public-private partnerships to build adequate networks and infrastructure has been in place, and a bunch of initiatives includ-

ing the Government Mentorship Program, T-Innovation Utsavam, T-IDEA incentive scheme which emphasizes online applications, the Innovation Yatra, Village Innovation Challenge, School Innovation Challenge have all been crucial in establishing the ease of doing business in the State. Noteworthy social enterprises include AnyTimeLoan, CredRight, DocTalk and so on, all of which are committed to diverse goals and provide a range of services. Two of them that I am connected with and are noteworthy are HesaTechnologies Pvt Ltd - It is into phygital last mile connect for buy/sell in rural area through physical network of micro entrepreneurs connected on their technology platform and MAKSPay Fintech Solutions Pvt Ltd - It is developing a mobile application which would help the marginal and underserved community access to formal bank credit, building a digital loan application, underwriting, disbursement and collections system for marginal workers. Telangana has a widely appreciated startup policy. How the Telangana government is promoting social and rural entrepreneurs? What are the incentives it offers? Among several noteworthy policies, I will list a few in particular. In February 2021, Telangana Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar launched the Telangana Social Startup Network (TSSN), which aims to set up 5,000 startups in the next five years, with particular focus on the promotion of social startups. In the same month, the government invited applications from State-based startups to avail incentives such as performance grant, patent expenditure reimbursement, SGST (State goods and services tax) reimbursement and recruitment assistance, among others. The Telangana State In-

The ambitions of social innovation and entrepreneurship are tremendous, since all facets of human society are beset with problems which need solutions. In particular, social innovation can be instrumental in curbing environmental degradation, generating more employment and incomes, eliminating gender disparity and providing better services to the people. Viiveck Verma, founder, UpSurge Enterprise Solutions, in an exclusive interview with BIZZ BUZZ talks on the state of social entrepreneurship in Telangana and how social innovators are bringing positive change in the society



Viiveck Verma, Founder, UpSurge Enterprise Solutions

novation Cell (TSIC) launched the 'Intinta Innovator' programme to support rural innovation, which facilitated and supported grassroots innovators like Vishwaja Reddy from Karimnagar who started a company HiCode that makes napkin incinerators and napkin vending machines. TSIC has also worked on a framework document for Social Innovation and Impact which is circulated to all stakeholders. T-Hub, Telangana government's startup support system, as an innovation intermediary and business incubator has helped over 1,120 startups in the State. There seems to be lack of funding ecosystem for social entrepreneurs in Hyderabad. How can this be resolved? In general, the problem is with the fact that most incubators support openly commercial ventures and relatively little funding is diverted to grassroots innovation and social entrepreneurship. Most initiatives in social innovation are funded through donor finance and a substantial part of the financial appropriation that has been taken since the formation of the new State of Telan-

gana is centrally managed. There is a need to decentralise fiscal activity to the rightful stakeholders, build infrastructure and bolster human capital to attract more funding and sustain it. There is also a need to get some of the investors who invest in commercial ventures to also start moving some of their investments towards social impact investing. What advises do you offer for aspiring social entrepreneurs? It is necessary to have a vision and a commitment to social purpose and simultaneously the strategy to monetise it correctly. Impact and scale are to be achieved through ethical generation of reasonable profits and thus, tenacity and strategy will both go a long way in empowering your endeavour. Do not let initial failure or challenges bog you down and treat everything as an experience for learning. Last but not least sustainability is very important, and they should focus on that. There is a criticism that some people are using social innovation area to gain profits. What is your take on this?

We need to understand the difference between profit and profiteering. While the former is simply the difference between incomes and expenditures and has to be made for any business to stay afloat, expand and make an impact, the latter is the making of unreasonable profits through unethical means. It is the latter which is the problem. Profits can be made ethically and have to be made compulsorily to survive and to enlarge the impact any endeavour makes. Just because of a few bad apples we can't classify the entire sector to be bad. Ongoing Covid-19 pandemic has impacted all walks of life. How did it impact the social innovation space? This Covid-19 period is a crucial time for social innovation as in dire times, the world needs innovators and leaders who are practical and committed to ground realities. From battling food insecurity to the provision of crucial information, social entrepreneurs have played an instrumental role in fighting the crisis, by not simply providing relief but by also providing hope

by carrying life on despite the precarity. More than ever, the space is full of energy and should be supported with adequate funding to flatten the trouble brewed by the viral spread. Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) launched Youth Co:Lab 2020-21 India to encourage social entrepreneurs. Was that initiative useful? Initiatives like Youth Co:Lab are always welcome as in the first place, they generate awareness about entrepreneurship and energise the youth to engage with it and innovate. The programme helped over 8,000 social entrepreneurs and was definitely a step in the right direction. How the new generation technologies like AI, machine learning can help in executing social innovations in the society? Technology offers a brilliant opportunity for public-private partnership and collaboration as from registration to procurement, once ties are digitised, allocation of resources becomes easy and communication becomes proactive between startups and the government. AI also enables instant evaluation of efforts and availability of useful information which can be acted on, all of which benefit the social innovation space. How can India fuel entrepreneurial spirit among students? Among the first changes to be made is a change in the way education is imparted. Students must be provided with opportunities to pursue education that is practical and linked to employability and skill development. Everyone is a potential entrepreneur and a social innovator, since all of us owe to the society and are capable of plan-

ning, organisation and setting goals. The day students, equipped with skills are made aware of this, an entrepreneurial spirit will be as ubiquitous as it can get. Apart from this, there must always be a possibility for mentoring and institutional support by authorities and organisations to help students take their first leaps. What efforts Telangana is making on this front? There are quite a few, but off the top of my head, I'll mention two recent ones. TIE Hyderabad has launched student entrepreneurship programmes, which involves concepts being delivered through virtual classes and workshops. Earlier this year, T-Hub announced that its academic membership programme 'T-Tribe' has enabled 800-plus student entrepreneurs in association with 18 leading institutions from across India. In general, since there is a robust culture of startup incubation in Telangana, students are likely to find the support they need. It seems graduates from IITs, IIMs are getting preference when it comes to angel, venture capital funding. Why is it so? Academic credentials continue to hold a massive appeal in India and thus, belonging to a prominent institution bolsters your credibility. Strong alumni networks also provide crucial guidance and access to circles which matter. Since angel and venture capital funding are all about strengthening a startup in its initial phases particularly, investors go for people with credentials because credibility and long-term growth are often seen as linked. This trend however is slowly changing towards impact creation and creative solution which need not necessarily be only restricted to premier institutions.

WIMBLEDON CHAMPIONSHIP

Shapovalov stuns Murray, secures 4th round spot

LONDON

WORLD No. 12, Canada's Denis Shapovalov, held his nerve to overcome two-time former champion Andy Murray of Britain 6-4, 6-2, 6-2 in a confident showing to reach the fourth round at Wimbledon for the first time.

The Canadian has been enjoying a good run on grass this season, having reached the quarter-finals in Stuttgart and his first semi-final on the surface at The Queen's Club two weeks ago. He carried that momentum into his first-ever match on Centre Court against the home favourite Murray.

Shapovalov will face eighth seed from Spain, Roberto Bautista Agut, as he seeks to reach the quarter-finals of a Grand Slam for the second time since the 2020 US Open. Bautista Agut beat Dominik Koepfer 7-5, 6-1, 7-6(4). Shapovalov, who has been seeded 10th here, fired 45 winners including 13 aces



on Friday evening. He saved eight of the nine break points he faced en route to victory.

"I think it's probably one of my best performances, even outside of Wimbledon. I think I definitely played really flawless today and just super solid," Shapovalov told atptour.com. "It was an incredible experience. It was a dream of mine to grow up one day and play on the Centre Court at Wimbledon. I

have seen so many legends play there, and it's always just been a huge goal of mine.

"To go out there today and to play a guy like Andy, who is also just such a legend, and to beat him today with the tennis I was playing, it was incredible for me."

"Honestly, I told him at the net that he's my hero," said Shapovalov. "Achievements aside, what he's (Murray) been able to do in the

sport to come back with an injury like this, to be playing the tennis that he's playing, moving the way he's moving I said after his second match it was truly like 'vintage Andy' and so much fun to see as a fan," added the Canadian. Shapovalov improved to 20-13 on the season with the victory against Murray, who was playing his fourth tour-level tournament of the year. (IANS)

EURO 2020

Italy march into semis with win over Belgium

MUNICH

RELENTLESS Italians scored twice in the first half and advanced past Belgium 2-1 in an intense see-saw Euro 2020 quarterfinal encounter in the Football Arena Munich here.

Belgium started brightly and earned their first chance with less than a minute into the game as Italy goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma had to defuse a dangerous attack from Romelu Lukaku on Friday, reports Xinhua.

Belgium were the more attacking side in the opening stages, but Italy came close to scoring with their first chance, but Leonardo Bonucci's goal was ruled offside by VAR with 13 minutes gone.

At the other end, Donnarumma had to be on guard to deny Kevin De Bruyne's promising strike on goal nine minutes later.

Eventually Italy broke the deadlock as Belgium failed to clear the ball from their area, allowing Nicolo Barella to slot home after shrugging off three defenders at the half-hour mark.

Italy picked up the pace and made it two on the scoreboards after Lorenzo Insigne gave the ball a couple of touches before smashing it past a hapless goalie Thibaut Courtois with two minutes remaining in the first half.

Belgium came to life just before the half-time whistle as Italy defender Giovanni di Lorenzo felled Jeremy Doku

Spain overcome Switzerland on penalties

ST PETERSBURG

THREE-TIME European champions Spain needed to fight until the penalty shootout to see off 10-man Switzerland, reaching the Euro 2020 semifinals after a 4-2 verdict. The teams were tied 1-1 after regulation time on Friday and the extra time too didn't produce a result. But Spain finally wrapped it up by winning 3-1 on penalties, reports Xinhua.

Spain led after eight minutes when Jordi Alba's low shot outside the box was deflected by Swiss midfielder Denis Zakaria's leg, leaving goalkeeper Yann Sommer helpless.

Spain dominated all through in the second half but Switzerland, who stunned world champions France in penalty shootout to reach the quarterfinals for the first time, were desperate to find their way back through counterattacks. In the 55th minute, Zakaria nearly cancelled his own goal but his shot was inches wide. Xherdan Shaqiri then nailed it as the Swiss captain calmly pushed Remo Freuler's pass into net from close range in the 68th minute. But Switzerland's momentum was short-lived as Freuler was sent off in the 77th minute with a straight red card for a sliding challenge on Gerard Moreno.

Switzerland manager Vladimir Petkovic promptly made two changes and the 10-man team was tough enough to drag Spain into extra time. (IANS)



inside the box to earn a penalty. Lukaku stepped up and made no mistake to halve the deficit.

After the restart, Italy continued on the front foot while Belgium lacked penetration and ideas.

Belgium had to wait until the hour mark to create their next clear-cut opportunity, but Lukaku and Thorgan Hazard missed Nacer Chadli's sweeping

cross to the far post.

Robert Martinez's side increased the pressure but couldn't do much damage to Italy's bulwark. Belgium's golden and last chance came in the closing stages when Doku pulled a long-range effort just over the crossbar.

With the result, Italy progress into the semifinals where they will clash with Spain in Wembley on July 6. (IANS)

Sports coming back at all levels: Gopichand



Pullela Gopichand, the Chief National Coach of Badminton, with Uma Chigurupati, the chairperson of FLO, at a press conference on Saturday. Photo: Srinivas Setty

HYDERABAD

CHIEF National badminton coach Pullela Gopichand said that many careers last for 30 to 40 years, but a sporting career lasts for just 10 years. We have lost one year due to a pandemic. But the good news is that sports are coming back in full swing at all levels.

The former badminton champion said this while addressing a press conference along with Uma Chigurupati, Chairperson of FICCI Ladies Organisation, before the beginning of his talk with FLO members in the city at ITC Kohenur in Madhapur on Saturday.

"When you are at the peak of your career, the career doesn't last beyond a couple of years. The pandemic disrupted the short careers of many sports personnel. It is depressing. But fortunately for sports personnel defeats, setbacks, failures are part and parcel of their life. This has

come to their forte now. It has given time for them to work on their weaknesses. Catch up with what they always longed for," Gopichand said.

"We are building six new courts at the Gachibowli Academy, thanks to the support from Kotak Organisation., We are also building a Sports Science Center and a Coach Development Center to take up the coaching pan India as there is abundant talent," Gopichand announced.

"Preparations for the Olympics are in full swing. The Central Government has provided personal coaches and the state government has opened Gachibowli stadium with facilities for us to practice and we thank them. We are confident of better performance," he said.

"The Tokyo Olympics, delayed for a year because of the coronavirus pandemic, are now scheduled to be held from July 23, which is a big boost to all the sports personnel," he said.

Ranji Trophy to return; men's domestic season to begin on Oct 20

NEW DELHI

THE Indian men's domestic cricket season, also including Ranji Trophy which was cancelled last season due to Covid-19 pandemic, will commence on October 20 and run till March 26, 2022. The multi-day Ranji Trophy will be played in a three-month window from November 16, 2021 to February 19, 2022, the Indian cricket board announced on Saturday.

"The Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy will kick-start on October 20, 2021 with the final to be played on November 12, 2021," said a statement from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

The Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, which is the national T20 tournament, will begin five days after the remainder of Indian Premier League (IPL) 2021 tournament is completed on October 15.

"The coveted Ranji Trophy, which was cancelled last season due to the Covid-19 pandemic, will be played in a three-month window from November 16, 2021 to February 19, 2022," the statement added.

"The Vijay Hazare Trophy will take place from February 23, 2022 to March 26, 2022," it added.

A total of 2,127 domestic games will be played this season across various age groups in the men's & women's categories.

The women's tournaments will, however, start the domestic season.

"The domestic season will commence on September 21, 2021, with the Senior Women's One Day League and will be followed by the Senior Women's One Day Challenger Trophy, which will take place from October 27, 2021," the statement said. (IANS)

HYDERABAD

BANKING on all-round performance by vice-captain Adarsh Deshmukh (78 runs & 5/9) Rest of India XI registered a massive 271-run win over SSGF Hyderabad in the finals of the inaugural edition of 'Bharat Ratna Shri Gulzarilal Nanda National Test Cricket Championship-2021' held at GNR Cricket Grounds, Hayathnagar, Hyderabad

The championship was organised by School Sports and Games Federation (SSGF) in collaboration with Emerging Cricketers Development Group (ECDG) from June 28 to July 2 to commemorate the 123rd birth anniversary of former Prime Minister of



India & freedom fighter Shri Gulzarilal Nanda which falls on July 4.

The prize Distribution function was graced by chief guest Dr. Faheem uddin Khaja (Secretary, SSGF & Principal, Crescent Model English School), Mohammed Faiyaz uddin Ghazi (Secretary, ECDG) and Veteran Cricket Coach Sandeep Mishra.

AWARDS

Man-of-the-Match (Finals): Adarsh Deshmukh, Most Valuable Player: S Akash, Man-of-the-Series: Abhinav Kumar, Best Batsman: Raju Nayak, Best Bowler: Ansh Nayan Gupta, Best Fielder: Dhruva Sai, Best Wicket-Keeper: AN Chaathurya, Best Allrounder: Nomaan Mirza, Emerging

Player: Videeth Anand, Ameer Shaikh, The Spirit of Cricket Award: Samridh S and Promising Player: Unnath Sai.

Brief Scores

Rest of India XI : (First Innings) 269 all out in 102 overs (Samridh 57, S Akash 68, Adarsh Deshmukh 78; Ansh Nayan Gupta 3/18, Nomaan Mirza 5/48) & (Second Innings) 261 all out in 95 overs (Videeth Anand 32, Raju Nayak 72, S Akash 54; Nomaan Mirza 3/24, Ambarish 3/18). SSGF Hyderabad: (First Innings) 138 all out in 47.2 overs (Nomaan 28; Abhinav Kumar 8/31, Ameer Shaikh 2/3) & (Second Innings) 121 all out in 42.5 overs (MA Adnan 23* ; Adarsh Deshmukh 5/9, Abhinav Kumar 5/36). Rest of India XI beats SSGF Hyderabad by 271 runs.

Willing to sacrifice World T20 for Ashes: Steve Smith

SYDNEY

FORMER Australian skipper Steve Smith has said he is willing to sacrifice his participation in the ICC T20 World Cup in the UAE if it can help him remain fit for the Ashes beginning December 8.

Smith had to withdraw from the current white-ball series in the West Indies and Bangladesh due to a left elbow injury, but he is hopeful of recovering in time for the T20 World Cup, scheduled to run from October 17 to November 14. "There's still a bit of time between now and (the T20 World Cup), and I'm tracking okay at the moment -- it's slow, but I'm going okay," Smith told cricket.com.au on Friday.

"I'd love to be part of the World Cup, for sure, but from my point of view, Test cricket, that's my main goal -- to be right for the Ashes and try to emulate what I've done in the last few Ashes series I've been involved in," added Smith.

Australia will look to bag the urn for a third-consecutive series for the first time since 2002-03. Smith, the world No.2-ranked Test batsman, has so far scored 1,969 runs in 14 matches in the last three series, notching eight centuries.

COPA AMERICA

10-man Brazil sink Chile to secure semis spot

RIO DE JANEIRO

A second-half strike from substitute Lucas Paqueta gave 10-man Brazil a 1-0 victory over Chile as the Copa America hosts set up a semifinal clash with Peru.

Paqueta, who replaced the ineffective Roberto Firmino at half-time, combined with Neymar before thumping a shot past Claudio Bravo in the 46th minute on Friday, reports Xinhua.

But Brazil suffered a blow two minutes later when Gabriel Jesus was shown a straight red card for kicking Eugenio Mena in the face in a reckless attempt to win an aerial duel with his right boot.

Unsurprisingly, Chile began to control the match thereafter, but the 2015 and 2016 Copa America champions were unable to find a way past goalkeeper Ederson. They came closest when Ben Brereton's header rebounded off the crossbar and Ederson showed sharp reflexes to keep out a late attempt from Jean Meneses. "We were tested and we showed that we can overcome any situation," Neymar said after the match at Rio de Janeiro's Olympic stadium.

Peru beat Paraguay on penalties

Peru advanced to the Copa America semifinals for the second time in three years with a dramatic 4-3 penalty shootout victory over Paraguay in Goiania, Brazil.

Miguel Trauco converted the decisive spot-kick after the teams were locked 3-



3 at the end of regulation time at Estadio Olimpico in Goiania on Friday, reports Xinhua.


Gustavo Gomez gave Paraguay the lead with an 11th-minute strike but Gianluca Lapadula equalised from close range after combining with Andre Carrillo.


Lapadula then put Peru ahead, slotting a cool finish past goalkeeper Antony Silva following Yoshimar Yotun's through ball.

Paraguay were reduced to 10 men just before halftime when Gustavo Gomez was booked twice in less than five minutes for reckless challenges.

But Paraguay refused to yield and they were back on level terms when Junior Alonso bundled home at the far post, capitalising on some chaotic Peru defending from a corner. Yotun restored Peru's lead when his long-range effort took a deflection, leaving Silva with no chance.


But the game took another unexpected turn in the 85th minute when Carrillo was also dismissed for a second yellow-card offense. (IANS)





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