

**Stunning outfits to elevate your celebration!**

Eid is a time of celebration, unity, and gratitude, where families and friends come together to offer prayers, exchange gifts, and share a meal. It is a time to renew faith, seek forgiveness, and strengthen bonds with loved ones.

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**Antarctica's sea ice hit another low this year**

The US National Snow and Ice Data Center has developed a visualisation tool to compare sea-ice conditions during different times. It shows that by the end of summer, the Ross Sea region holds only a few patches of sea ice.

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RR look to keep winning Juggernaut rolling

Yashasvi Jaiswal would be desperate to let his bat do the talking when an unbeaten Rajasthan Royals take on an under pressure Gujarat Titans in the Indian Premier League here on Wednesday.

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Women dressed in traditional attire participate in a rally on the occasion of 'Gudi Padwa', the Maharashtra New Year, at Gurgaon in Mumbai on Tuesday

Paytm Payments Bank CEO quits

NEW DELHI: Beleaguered Paytm Payments Bank's managing director and CEO Surinder Chawla has resigned from the company, a regulatory filing said on Tuesday. Chawla's resignation comes amidst Paytm Payments Bank facing prohibitory action from banking regulator RBI. "Surinder Chawla, Managing Director and CEO of PPBL, has tendered his resignation on April 8, 2024, on account of personal reasons and to explore better career prospects.

ED makes fresh arrest in Soren case

NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate has made a fresh arrest in connection with its ongoing money laundering investigation against former Jharkhand chief minister Hemant Soren, official sources said on Tuesday. Mohammed Saddam was lodged in jail as part of an alleged land scam case of Jharkhand and the central agency took his custody under the anti-money laundering law after an application was made to the court, the sources said. This is the third arrest in the case after the 48-year-old Soren and former state government revenue department sub inspector Bhanu Pratap Prasad.



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Thankfully, I shunned ideologies and remained an opportunist. Now, five parties want me to contest for them

Telangana faces shortage of 26 mn litres per day

TS seeks help from crisis-hit KarnatakaHANS NEWS SERVICE
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DRINKING water crisis looms large in Telangana as the state is facing a shortage of 26 MLD (million litres per day) to meet the requirements of denizens.

According to officials, there are 67 municipalities which are problematic as far as drinking water supply is concerned due to depleting levels in the available water sources. Of this, there are 10 problematic urban local bodies, including Khammam and Karimnagar.

Sources said to tide over the drinking water crisis, the Irrigation department had sought the help of Karnataka. Reservoirs and other water bodies under Krishna and Godavari rivers have been identified to draw water for drinking purposes. Top of-



ficials said that the requirement of drinking water per day in the state is 1,398.5 MLD. Currently, the government is supplying 1,371 MLD and the gap of 26.31 MLD will be filled by lifting water from reservoirs and dams. Above 135 LPCD (litres per person per day) is currently being supplied to 27 municipalities. About 48 towns receive between 100 and 135 LPCD of water every day. Official records indicate that 67 municipalities are getting below 100 LPCD. Officials said that water from Palair and Udyasamudram would be supplied to Khammam and Nalgonda districts. Alternative arrangements were being made to supply water from Mid Manair and Lower Manair to water starved Karimnagar municipality.

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AFTER SETBACK IN HC, KEJRIWAL TO MOVE SC AAP hopeful of relief in Apex court

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FAILING to get any reprieve from the Delhi High Court, the Aam Aadmi Party on Tuesday said Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will move the Supreme Court against his arrest by the Enforcement Directorate, and maintained the excise police case was the "biggest politi-

cal conspiracy of the country" to finish the party.

Senior AAP leader and Delhi minister Saurabh Bharadwaj told a press conference soon after the HC order that they are hopeful the Supreme Court will provide relief to Kejriwal in the same way it granted bail to AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh recently.

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Jack Swigert Award for Chandrayaan-3 team

WASHINGTON



THE Chandrayaan-3 mission team has been presented with the prestigious 2024 John L.'Jack' Swigert Jr Award for Space Exploration in recognition of it raising the bar for space exploration.

The award was received by India's Consul General in Houston D C Manjunath on behalf of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) during the opening ceremony of the annual Space Symposium in Colorado on Monday.

As the first nation to land

on the Moon's South Pole, Chandrayaan-3, a mission developed by the ISRO, extends humanity's space exploration aspirations to new and fertile areas for understanding and cooperation, the Space Foundation said in a press release. "India's

leadership in space is an inspiration to the world," Space Foundation CEO Heather Pringle said in a statement in January when the award was announced.

The pioneering work of the entire Chandrayaan-3 team has again raised the

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A 25-year-old Hyderabad student who had been missing since last month was found dead in the US city of Cleveland, the second death within a week in the country as the community grieves with a string of such tragedies.

Mohammad Abdul Arfath, hailing from Nacharam, Hyderabad, arrived in the US last year in May to pursue a Masters in IT from

Cleveland University.

"Anguished to learn that Mohammed Abdul Arfath, for whom search operation was underway, was found dead in Cleveland, Ohio," the Consulate General of India in New York said in a post on X.

Offering "deepest condolences" to Arfath's family, the Consulate said it is in touch with local agencies to ensure a thorough investigation into his death. "We are extending all possible assistance to the bereaved family to trans-



The death of Mohammad Abdul Arfath, who hails from Hyderabad, is the second such incident within a week

sport his mortal remains to India," the Consulate added. Last month, the Consulate

said that it was working with local law enforcement authorities to locate the

bar for space exploration, and their remarkable lunar landing is a model to us all. Congratulations and we can't wait to see what you do next!" he said.

The John L.'Jack' Swigert Jr Award for Space Exploration recognises extraordinary accomplishments by a company, space agency, or consortium of organisations in the realm of space exploration and discovery. The award honours the memory of astronaut John L.'Jack' Swigert Jr, one of the inspirations for the creation of the Space Foundation.

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EID-UL-FITR TOMORROW

NEW DELHI: Eid-ul-Fitr, which marks the culmination of the fasting month of Ramzan, will be celebrated in the country on Thursday. Delhi's Fatehpuri Masjid Imam Mufti Mukarram Ahmad said the Ruet-e-Hilal Committee of the mosque contacted many places and was informed that moon was not sighted. Therefore, Eid will be celebrated in India on Thursday, he said.

FESTIVAL OF DEMOCRACY Candidates need not disclose every asset they own: SC

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son when filing his nomination.

The High Court's decision was in response to a petition filed by Congress candidate Nuney Tayang, who alleged that Kri had failed to disclose three vehicles owned by his wife and son.

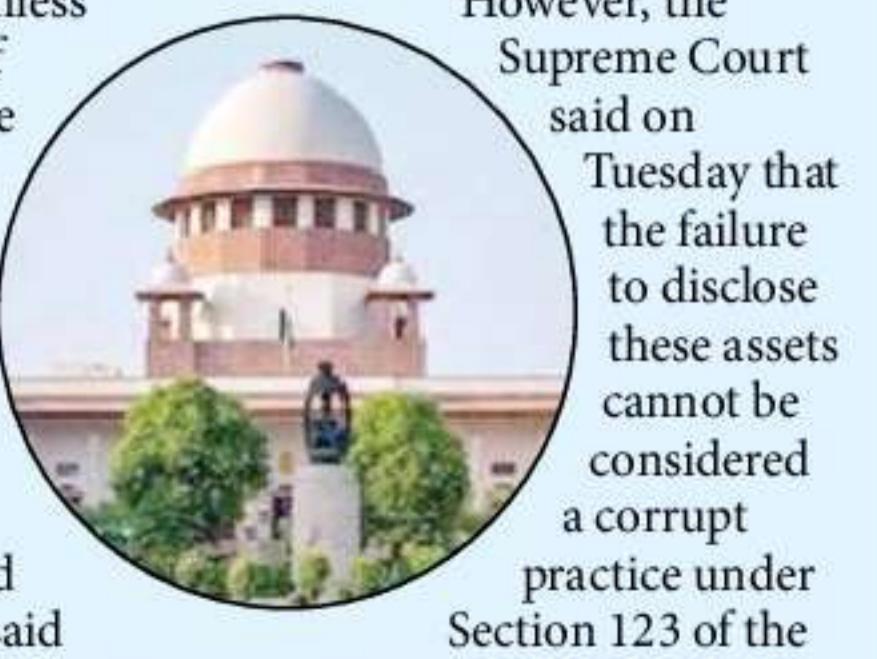
However, the Supreme Court said on Tuesday that the failure to disclose these assets cannot be considered a corrupt practice under Section 123 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. This section addresses corrupt practices such as bribery, undue influence, and the provision of false information.

The apex court overturned a ruling of the Gauhati High Court (HC), which had declared Kri's election null and void for failing to disclose the complete list of assets belonging to his wife and

cited a statement from Cleveland State University which said that university records showed that Arfath "was no longer a registered Cleveland State student as of January 2024, nor did he live on campus while attending Cleveland State."

Cleveland State University Police Department was providing information as needed to assist the Cleveland Division of Police with their active investigation of Arfath's disappearance.

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Power looms are not getting enough work to support livelihoods of people in Sirilla and the government to take steps to provide a minimum order of Rs 500 crore annually to weavers.

- Karimnagar MP Bandi Sanjay Kumar

Shiva Kumar carves a niche in the art world, aims to set a Guinness Record

MEGHNA NATH
HYDERABAD

"ART knows no boundaries." This statement has been aptly demonstrated by Telangana leaf artist Gundu Shiva Kumar, who was recently recognised by the High Range Book of World Records for carving 1,005 portraits on leaves.

At 29 years old, Gundu Shiva Kumar began his journey into leaf carving when he was in class 9, inspired by videos he watched. He taught himself this art form and has since gained popularity for his intricately carved portraits, especially of freedom fighters.

With aspirations to reach greater heights, Kumar now aims to achieve a Guinness World Record. This is not the first time his talent has been recognised; in February of this year, India Records acknowledged Kumar's work, and last year, he



was listed in the Telangana Book of Records for carving portraits on leaves in just 20 months.

Speaking to The Hans In-

dia, Gundu Shiva Kumar, a resident of Sangareddy, said, "While pencil sketching and glass painting are quite common, I wanted to learn

a new form of art. That's when I came across leaf art on social media platforms. Through numerous YouTube videos, I taught myself the techniques. Since then, I have been carving designs on peepal leaves. Until now, I have carved over 50 portraits of freedom fighters. Additionally, I enjoy commemorating various occasions, be it festivals or spe-

cial events, through my leaf carvings."

To date, he has created approximately 2,000 art pieces on leaves, showcasing his dedication and passion for this unique art form.

Elaborating on why he has chosen the peepal/fig leaf, he said, "This leaf is sacred, as several mythological stories were written on these leaves. The specialty of the leaf is that even after it dries up, it does not look dull. If anything is engraved on it, even then it does not fade." Apart from the sacred peepal/fig leaf, he had also tried to carve portraits on palm tree leaves and other tree leaves, but their survival lives were too short.

It takes 15 minutes to one and a half hours to carve a portrait. After witnessing his impressive work on social networking sites, several people approached him, requesting portraits of their loved ones to be carved on leaves as gifts for birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and other special occasions. Additionally, he runs online tutorial art classes.

Traffic restrictions between Sitafalmandi and Lallaguda for 30 days

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IN order to maintain a smooth flow of traffic, prevent danger and inconvenience to commuters, Hyderabad traffic police issued traffic restrictions in connection with the ongoing construction works of MMITS Phase-II track connectivity between Sitafalmandi and Lallaguda extension of RUB 1B (Mettaguda to Chilkalguda). Commuters are advised to take the Tukaramgate RUB route, Tukaramgate, West Marredpally, and St John Rotary.

During the construction works of RUB 1B, traffic will be diverted through RUB 1A from April 10 to May 9, for a period of 30 days. As a result, traffic flow from Tarnaka towards Sangeeth X Roads/Chilkalguda will be slowed down. Commuters are advised to avoid these routes and consider the following alternative routes to reach their destinations.

Commuters travelling

from Tarnaka/Lalapet and heading towards Sangeeth X Roads/Chilkalguda X Roads are advised to take the Sitafalmandi Flyover route, Chilkalguda.

For those commuting from Malkajgiri, Mirzalguda/Lallaguda and heading towards Sangeeth X Roads/Chilkalguda X Roads are requested to take the Tukaramgate RUB route, Tukaramgate, West Marredpally, and St John Rotary.

The police requested that the citizens take note of the construction work and use alternative routes to reach their destinations. Any inconvenience caused is deeply regretted. Citizens are requested to contact the Hyderabad Traffic Police Helpline at 9010203626 for assistance or travel guidance.

The Hyderabad Traffic Police seek citizens' cooperation in traffic regulation along these routes.

TISS launches dual degree programme

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THE Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Hyderabad, in collaboration with Macquarie University, Sydney, has introduced a dual degree programme – MA in public policy and international relations. According to TISS officials, the first year of the academic programme on public policy is offered at the School of Public Policy and Governance, TISS Hyderabad.

The second year of the MA degree programme in international relations is offered at Macquarie University, Sydney. Successful graduates will be awarded two degrees: a Master of Arts in public policy and international relations, TISS, while Macquarie University will award masters in international relations.

The unique MA programme weaves together the learning of policy architecture that is implemented at the local and national level but often influenced by institutions and actors representing bilateral and multilateral formulations. Interested candidates can apply online at <https://ola-admissions.tiss.edu/> on or before April 30, said a senior official.

Today last day to submit TS-TET applications

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THE Telangana State Teacher Eligibility Test (TS-TET) 2024 online application process, which began from March 27, ends Wednesday. The State Education Department has advised the candidates who have not yet applied to apply immediately. The examination hall tickets will be issued from April 15. The Education department has made it clear in the notification that the



candidates who intend to be teachers for classes I to V

have to appear for Paper-I and the candidates who intend to be teachers for classes VI to VIII have to appear for Paper-II. Those who intend to be teachers for all classes from I to VIII can appear for both the papers.

The exam fee for appearing for a single paper is Rs. 1,000, and those intending to sit for two papers must pay Rs 2,000.

For more information and to apply online, visit <https://schooledu.telangana.gov.in>.

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(For political parties to publish in the news papers, social media platforms & website of the party)

Information regarding individuals with pending criminal cases, who have been selected as candidates, along with the reasons for such selection as also as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates. (As per the Commissioner's directions issued in pursuance of the Order dated 13-02-2020 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Contempt petition © no. 2192 of 2018 in WP (C) 536 of 2011)

Report by Political Party about publishing of declaration regarding criminal cases

Name of political party : BHARATIYA JANATHA PARTY.

Name of Election : General Election House of People (Loksaba) - 2024

Name of the State / UT : TELANGANA

(1) Name of the Constituency : Bhongir-14

Name of the Candidate : Dr. BOORA NARSAIAH GOUD

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1	Criminal antecedents		
	A Nature of the offence	Disobedience to order duly promulgated by a public servant, Unlawful Assembly etc.,	
	B Case No.	Crime No. 59 of 2024	
	C Name of the Court	JFCM Jangoan	
	D Whether Charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	No	
	E Date of Conviction if any	No	
	F Details of punishment undergone, if any	No	
	G Any other information Required to be given	No	
2.	The reasons for the selection of the candidate Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)	The above cases is politically foisted case by Opponents.	
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	No candidate applied and who applied they do not have any good reputation in the society.	

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UGADI CELEBRATIONS AT RAJ BHAVAN

It's beginning of new dreams, new goals: Guv

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GREETING people of the State on the occasion of Ugadi, Telangana Governor CP Radhakrishnan called upon them to turn this auspicious beginning into something truly positive not only in their lives, but also in society.

He was speaking at the Ugadi celebrations at Raj Bhavan. The Governor hoped that the Krodhi year is not only the beginning of the Telugu New Year, but also the beginning of our new dreams and even new goals.

"Ugadi means new era. Let us turn this auspicious beginning into something truly positive not only in our lives but also in society. Traditional

Ugadi Pachadi – a special dish is a combination of all six flavors. This suggests that our life itself is a combination of all six passions. We should also understand that they are not only sweet, sour, bitter, salty, spicy and nutty, but also a composite of our experiences," he said, calling upon people to fight all odds and move forward with confidence in their endeavours.

The Governor said like Ugadi Pachadi, people

should accept every incident of life in right spirit and move forward with a cooperative attitude. "I hope this Krodhi Ugadi brings more happiness and prosperity to all of us; State is blessed with good rains and abundant crops. May this Telugu New Year be better and more positive for all of us," he said.

Stating that Krodhi was 37th in the cycle of 60 years; this is a very auspicious number, Radhakrishnan said. "It

Senior IPS officer Rajiv Ratan dies of cardiac arrest

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THE people of the State are likely to get respite from the scorching heat as the MET Department has predicted rains for the next four to five days that will help bring down the temperatures in Telangana.

The maximum temperature recorded in the State capital on Tuesday was around 35 degrees Celsius. There was light rain early in the morning at isolated places at Charminar, Uppal, and Saroor nagar, resulting in a cool atmosphere. According to the IMD, there would be thunderstorms and lightning in isolated places like Adilabad, Komaram Bheem Asifabad, Nirmal, Jagtial, Karimnagar, Peddapally, and others. However, the denizens may not get respite as the IMD has not predicted any rainfall in the city. The temperatures are likely to come down during the next few days with the change in weather in the nearby districts.

Governor CP Radhakrishnan expresses profound condolences on the

untimely demise of a senior IPS officer. His sudden passing due to a heart attack has deeply saddened all. The Governor emphasised Late Rajiv Ratan's enduring legacy of dedicated service to the police department and also extended his deepest sympathies to the bereaved family members.

Ratan had earlier worked as SP Karimnagar, DG of Fire Services, managing director of police housing corporation, Additional Director General of Police (organisation) and IG Hyderabad region, and SP Karimnagar, among various postings during his 33-year-long career.

Upon learning of the tragic event, several IPS officers visited the AIG hospital to offer their condolences to the bereaved family members. State DGP Ravi Gupta, Intelligence Additional DGP B Shivadhar Reddy, Railways Road Safety Additional DGP Mahesh M Bhagwat, RTC MD VC Sajjanar, police commissioners Avinash Mohanty, Tarun Joshi, and others paid their respects to the officer.



The eighth Annual District Convention of Lions International District 320-B was held successfully on Monday. Lion members hailing from different professions enthusiastically participated in the meeting. The programme was graced by a galaxy of Lions Club dignitaries. Inaugural session Chief Guest was International Director Dr G Babu Rao, Special Invitee was Constitutional GAT Area Leader PID R Sunil Kumar and other Lion dignitaries were also present. Elections held to elect District Governor's Team for Lions Year 2024-25 DGE Rajendra Prasad, VDG(E) Salam Raju and VDG II(E) Shailaja. The presiding officer was the District Governor Lion Resu Mall Reddy.

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THE city was wrapped in a festive spirit on Tuesday, as Telugu New Year Ugadi, and 'Gudi Padwa' (for Maharashtrians) were celebrated with traditional fervour and gaiety. To mark the advent of the new beginning, people thronged various temples, where special pujas were conducted across the city.

Following the age-old practice 'PanchanagaSravanam' (almanac reading sessions) was organised at temples. Distribution of Ugadi pachchadi, a mixture that has different tastes, signifying that life is a mixture of happiness, sadness, anger, disgust, fear,

and surprise was held to mark the auspicious occasion.

In the night various cultural programmes were organised by the Telugu and Maharashtra communities. A mesmerising event was organised by Maharashtraans, where the Marathi Dhol Tasha Group performed. A grand Ugadi event was organised at Shilparamam, Madhapur.

According to folklore, Ugadi Pachchadi is not just a delicacy, but also holds some value as a health supplement. It cools the body during the summer. The drink fights infections, has anti-fungal properties and acts as a cleansing and detox supplement for the body.



Said Seema Pawar of Begum Bazar, 'this year we had a gala time in the morning after offering prayers to Gudi; in the evening we had a blast at GudiPadwa celebrations.'

Rishika Rao Reddy of Uppal, said 'Ugadi is one of the most important occasions for us. We have Pachchadi in the morning and prayed for good health, wealth and prosperity. We had a good time with family and friends this year as well.'

Meanwhile, the State government organised 'Krodhinama Telugu Ugadi Parvadham' at Rabindra Bharathi; it was celebrated in a traditional

grand manner. Tourism and Culture Minister Jupally Krishna Rao graced the occasion.

Rao said, in this Krodhi Nama Samvatsaram, all your problems are solved; the future of your children should be bright. He prayed to god for good rains; farmers should be happy.

As part of the celebrations, Brahmarshi Bachampally Santosh Kumar Sastry recited 'Krodninama Telugu Panchangam'. He explained the year's tithi, rashi and varaphalalu. 'There is no need to worry about the name of the year,' he said.



Photos: Srinivas Setty



Revanth will tighten grip over admin, set to provide stable govt: Panchangam

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CHILUKURI Srinivasa Murthy predicted that Revanth Reddy would get control over administration, resulting in a stable government in the coming months. He will be unbeatable and engage like a lion within the next six months. At the Ugadi celebrations held at Gandhi Bhavan, attended by Minister Jupally Krishna Rao, PCC working presidents B Mahesh Kumar Goud, T Jagga Reddy, MLC

Venkat Balmoor, senior vice president G Nirajan, Chairman TG Fisheries Cooperative Societies Federation Ltd, Mettu Sai Kumar, and others, the priest predicted in his panchangam that even Rahul Gandhi has 'raja yogam' and the Centre will have a stable government. He also predicted that changes would come to the position of the Prime Minister. The opposition will turn weaker in the coming days in the State and the Supreme Court will witness unprecedented changes. He

said that some of the senior leaders will begin detaching from their political lives, and some may face punishment. Scams, land encroachment cases from both Telugu States will be revealed. People may have some unease, while some leaders, owing to some untoward incidents, may also lose their lives. The priest also predicted temples will get more government patronage, and important religious sites at Kashi, Kedarnath, and Dwarka will develop more in the coming days.

Family of 3 found dead in Rajendranagar

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HYDERABAD

IN an incident, a man killed his wife and son before ending his life at Bandlaguda in Rajendranagar over financial issues

They were identified as Anand, his wife Indira, and their son Himanshu. Anand was involved in the dairy business, and the family resided in an apartment. According to the police, Anand and Indira were married in 2020, marking the second marriage for both of them.

Differences arose between the couple after Anand developed an addiction to online gambling, resulting in significant financial losses. He was also reportedly consuming alcohol regularly and engaging in arguments with his wife, Indira, over petty issues.

The elders from both families held a meeting to counsel the couple. However, on

Monday, another quarrel erupted between them, and the woman reportedly contacted her parents, who reside in Chevella of Vikarabad district, expressing her intention to end her life and her son's due to the ongoing conflicts. Her parents advised her to wait until the evening, as they would come and help resolve the situation.

"Anand reportedly killed his wife and son before ending his life by consuming poisonous substances. A case has been registered, and an investigation is on," said Rajendranagar Inspector B Narendra Babu.

The police shifted the bodies to Osmania General Hospital for postmortem examination.



Panchanga Sravanam at Telangana Bhavan by BRS

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THE priest who rendered Panchangam at Telangana Bhavan on Tuesday predicted tough days for the rulers and also said that if those in opposition can put in some more effort, they can achieve laurels.

Panchanga Sravanam, taken up for the first time in the BRS office in Telangana Bhavan, was graced by the party's working president, KT Rama Rao, and other leaders. As the name speci-

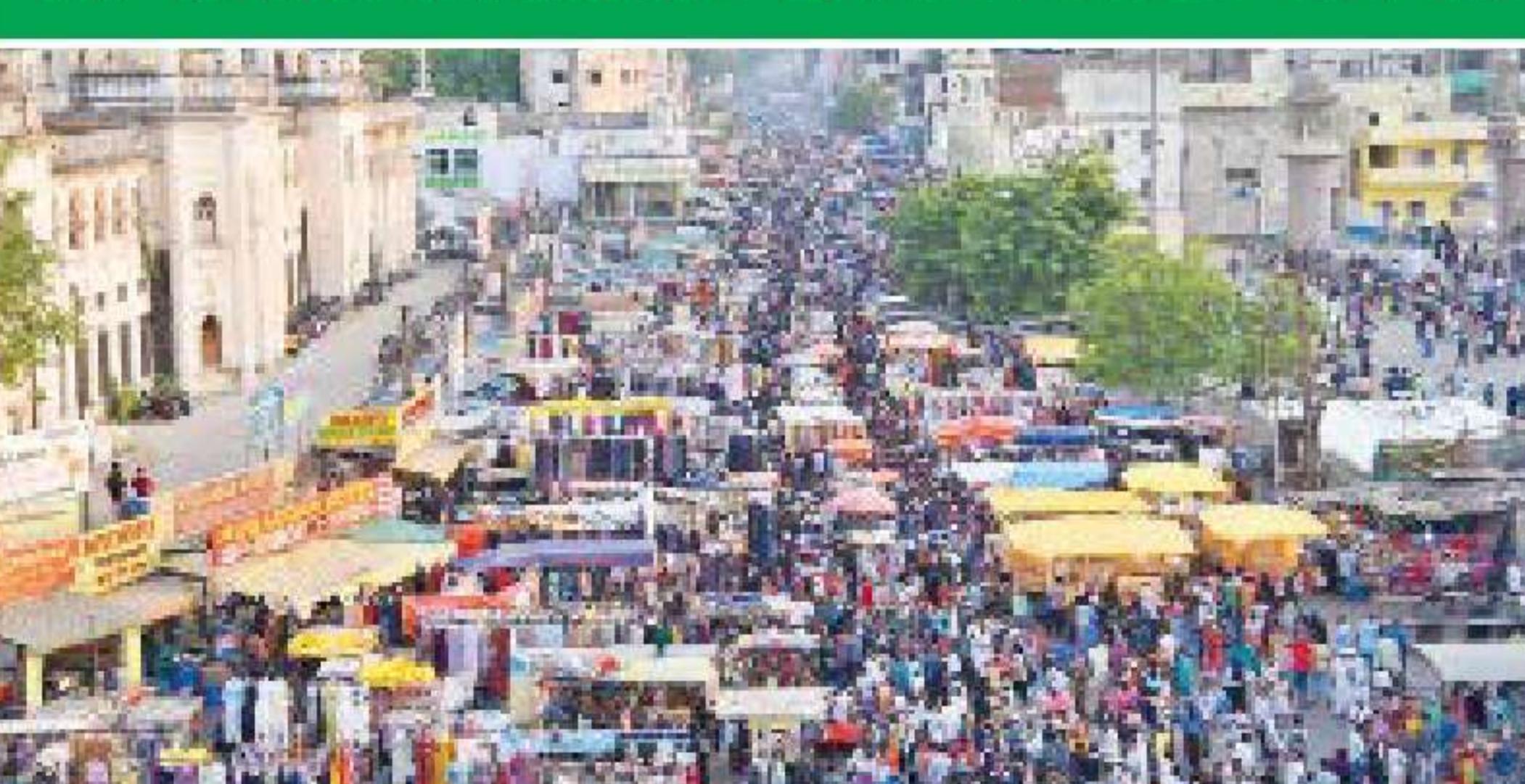
fies 'Krodh' this year, there will be anger. There will be happiness and sorrow, good and bad, this year.

The priest also predicted that there would be vehicular and fire accidents this year. The temperatures will also be soaring this year. The priest gave good news for the farmers, saying that there would be good rains and a lot of water in the rivers. This will be a good year for the agriculture and allied sectors, the priest said. However, he said that in the middle of the year, there would be problems like

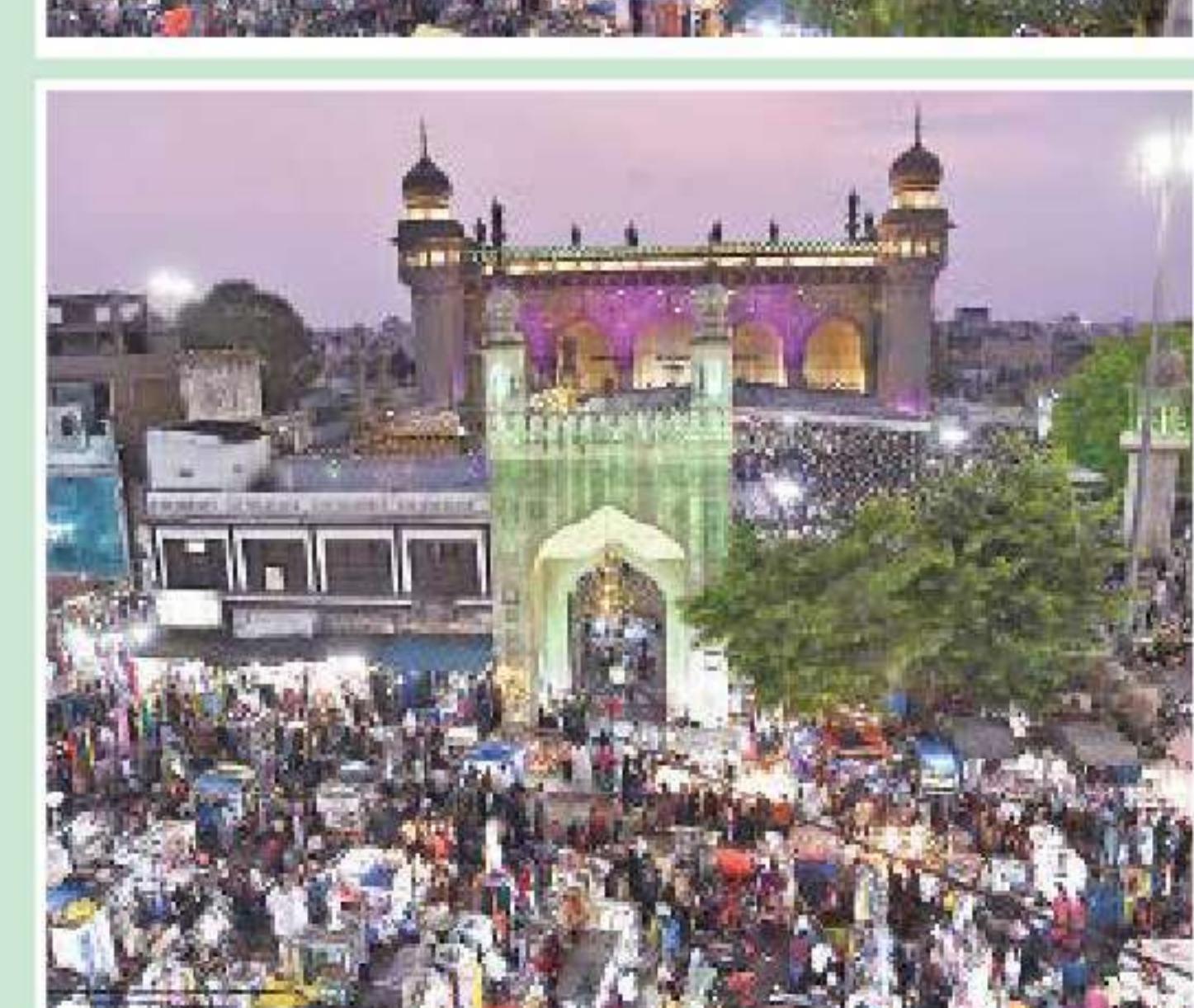
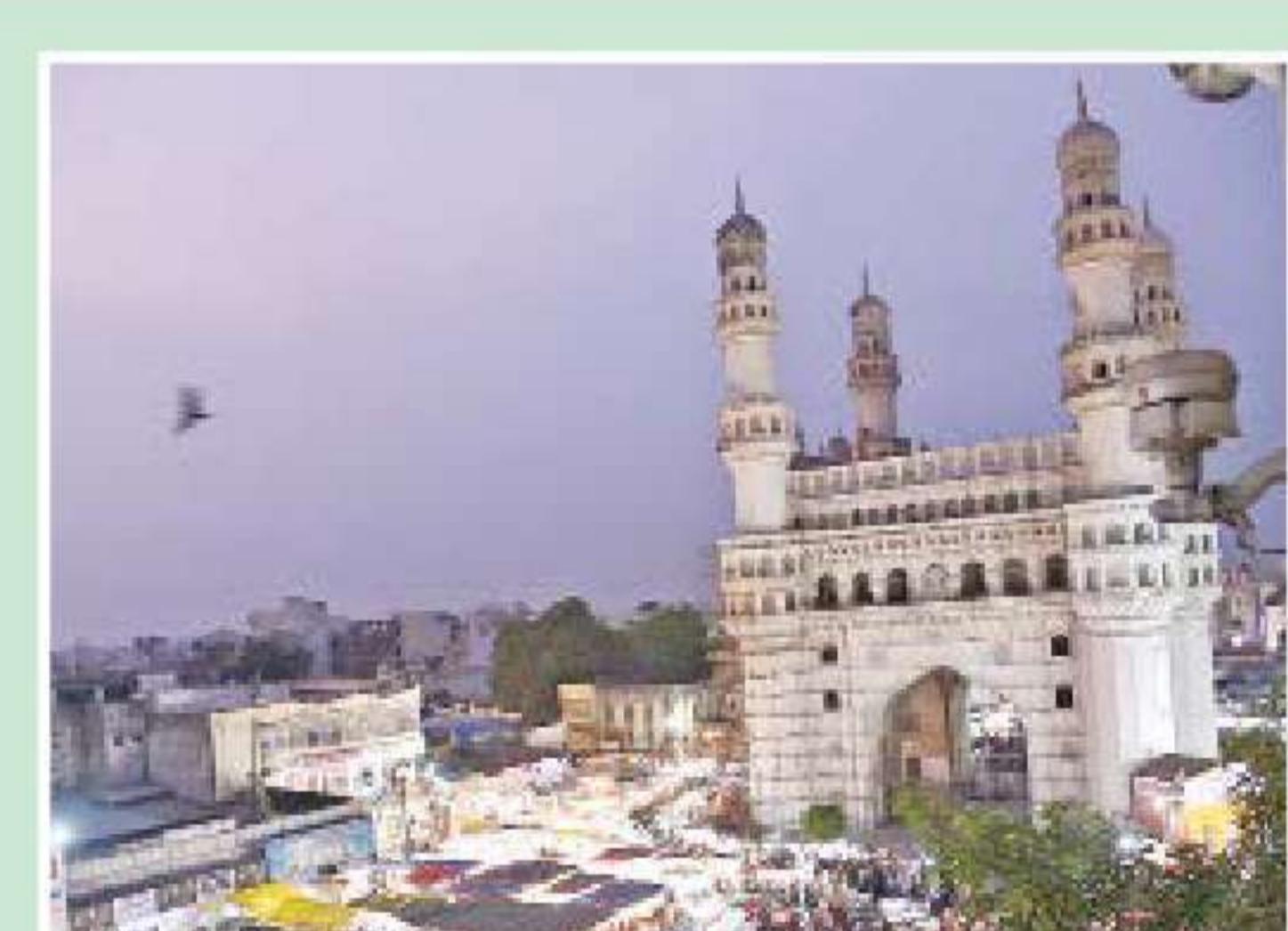
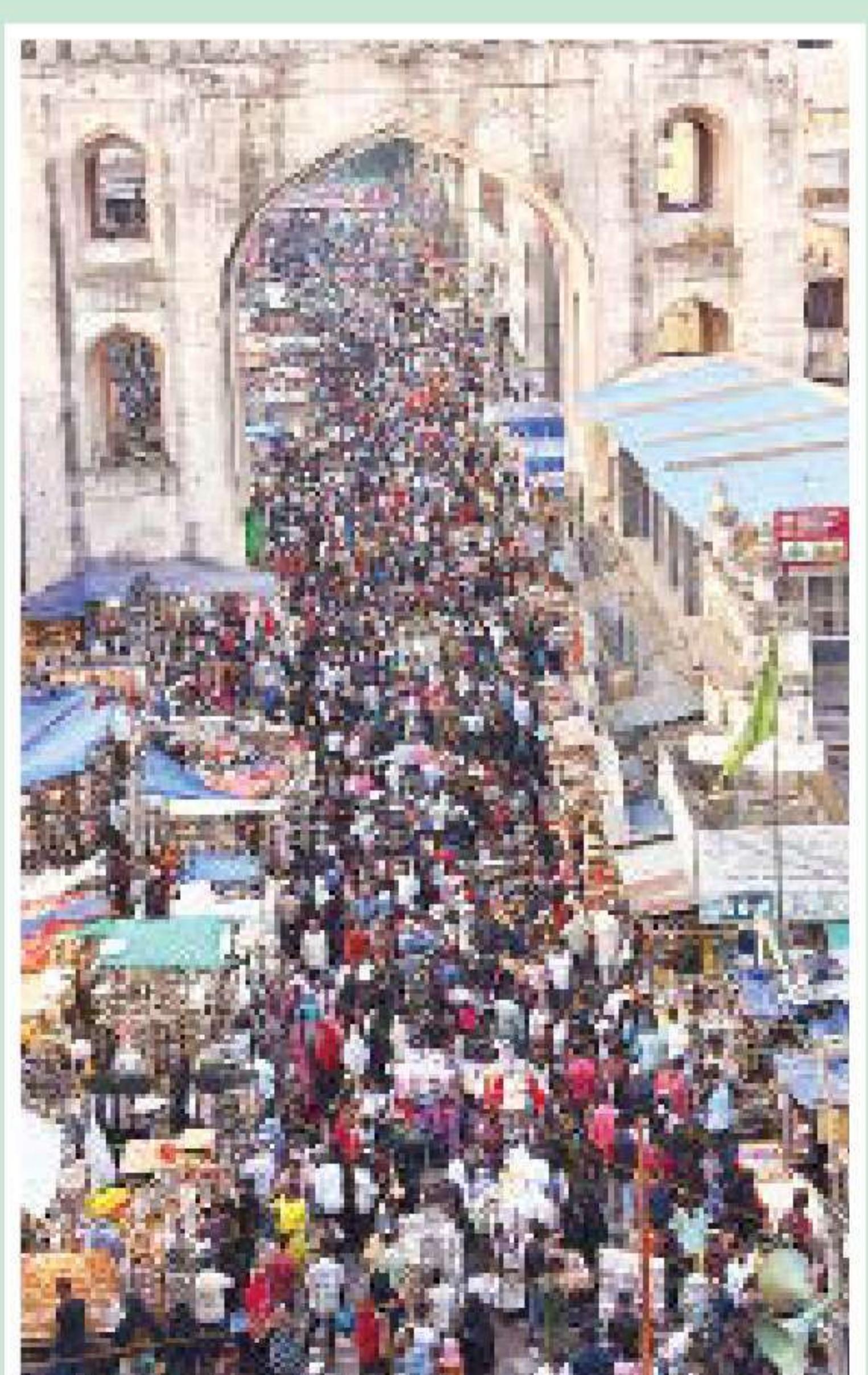
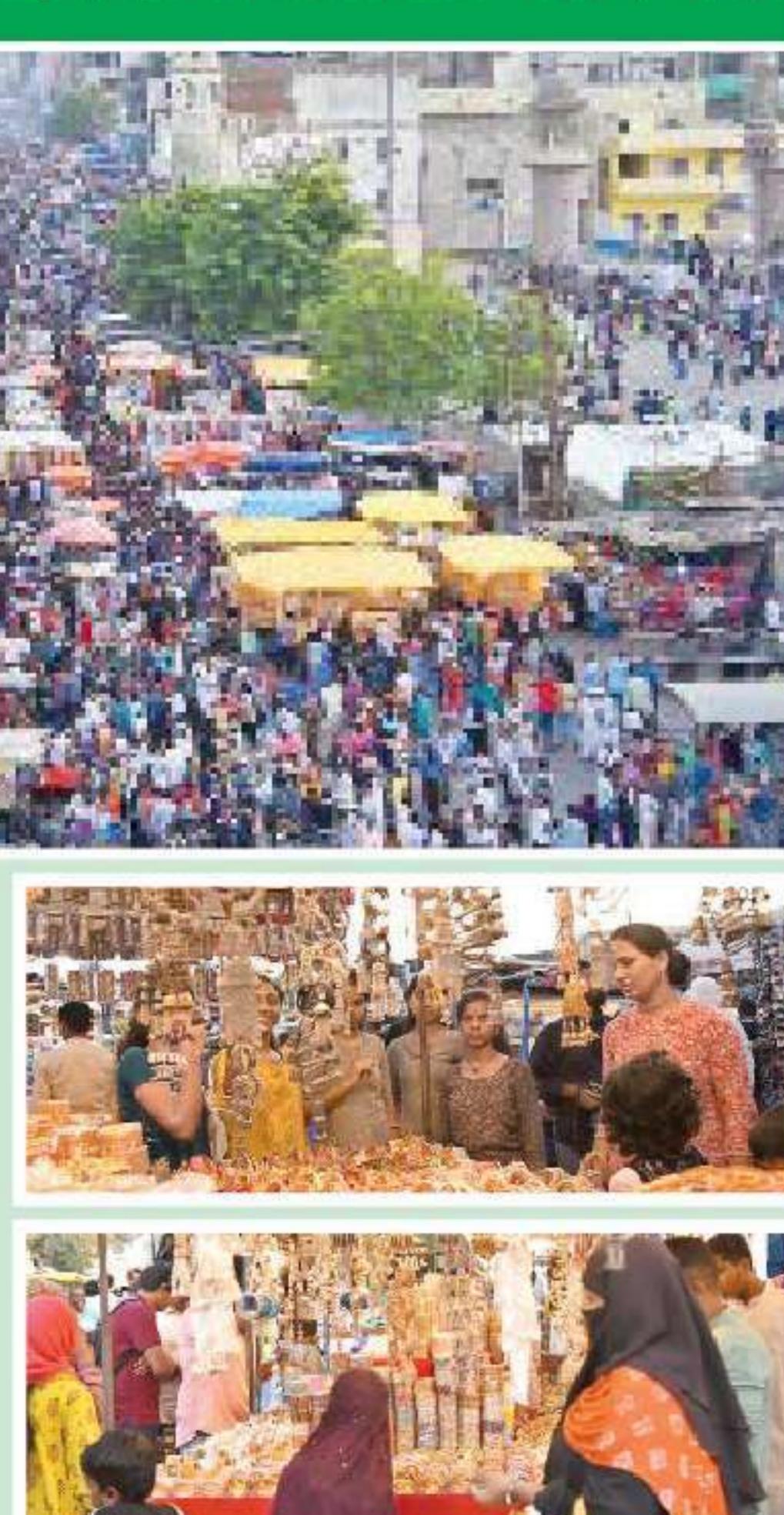
insufficient food grains, resulting in increasing prices. While there will be an economic slowdown in western countries, India may not have any impact.

There would be landslides in places like Uttarakhand, and the price of gold would be increasing. The priest suggested the Karkata Rashi persons (KCR) be cautious with their health and limit their travel as there would be vehicular accidents. Similarly, he asked the Makara Rashi (KTR) people to talk with caution to avoid problems.

SHOPPING REACHES crescendo on Eid eve



Markets in Hyderabad particularly in the Old City witnessed frenetic pace of eleventh-hour shopping on Tuesday as the time ticked for Eid on Thursday. Textile and apparel showrooms, cutlery and footwear shops did brisk business as the shoppers crammed the shops, resultanty shop owners and shoppers had a tough time completing transactions. Traffic crawled as the bustling roads were choked with the festival shoppers, descended from different parts of the city to places near Charminar, which emerged as nerve-centre of festival business activity. It is axiomatic that buyers have a penchant to make purchases just on festival eve as they anticipate loads of offers and discounts at the last-minute. Photos: Adula Krishna



Stipends: It's a raw deal for TS AYUSH house surgeons

VRC PHANIRAHAR
HYDERABAD

THEY are going-to-be doctors, but, treated as second-rate citizens within the medical fraternity for being practitioners under the category of Alternate medicine, called AYUSH.

'Gross discrimination is meted out to them vis-a-vis their counterparts and studying modern medicine (allopathy).

The status of students pursuing AYUSH in Telangana turned worse vis-a-vis their counterparts in neighbouring AP.'

According to sources, the



issue of enhancement of stipends for house surgeons of AYUSH institutions in Telangana has been high-

lighted several times for the past several years. However, their pleas have fallen on deaf ears so far. Take for ex-

ample, the State government issued GO 177 on October 6, 2023, that house surgeons of AYUSH institutions in Telangana to give stipend of Rs. 13,754. Contrary to this, their counterparts in modern medicine draw a higher stipend, besides, even AYUSH students in AP, falling under the Health, Medical, and

No	Category	Exiting Stipend (In Rs)	To be enhanced on par with allopathic deput
1	House Surgeons	Rs. 15,817/-	Rs. 22,527/-
2	PG Degree 1 st Year	Rs. 35,589/-	Rs. 50,686/-
3	2 nd Year	Rs. 37,566/-	Rs. 53,503/-
4	3 rd year	Rs. 39,543/-	Rs. 56,319/-

"We hope the current government would come to rescue of AYUSH students," he added.

Family Welfare department of the State draw a stipend of Rs. 22,527, as per GO 39 of March 12, 2024.

Though the AYUSH house surgeons in Telangana work as hard as their counterparts, discrimination has a demoralising effect on them. Speaking to The Hans India, an AYUSH doctor from Gandhi Nature Cure Hospital said AYUSH is getting a lot of traction from people for multiple reasons. The lack sufficient AYUSH hospitals puts more workload on AYUSH doctors. However,

when it comes to emoluments the AYUSH students are not treated on par with their counterparts. These concerns were not addressed by the earlier government.

"We hope the current government would come to rescue of AYUSH students," he added.

With nearly 3M voters, Chevella to have a total of 2,877 polling stations

Maheshwaram, Rajendra Nagar and Serilingampally have the most number of critical polling stations

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FOR nearly three million voters in Chevella Lok Sabha segment, the Election Commission has established a total number of 2,877 polling stations that include 1029 critical polling stations, 405 critical polling station locations and 53 auxiliary polling booths.

According to official statistics, there are a total number of 29,19,465 voters in all the seven constituencies of Chevella Lok Sabha segment that include Maheshwaram, Rajendra Nagar, Serilingampally, Chevella, Pargi, Vikarabad and Tandur. Four out of seven constituencies – Maheshwaram, Rajendra Nagar, Serilingampally and Chevella comes under Rangareddy district while the rest of the three newly formed Vikarabad district.

Serilingampally constituency is the top among the list of electors in the entire Chevella Lok Sabha segment with 7,50,784 voters enrolled in the voter list that includes 2,84,024 male and 2,70,310 female voters, besides 66 third genders. For this reason, Serilingampally is leading among all the seven constituencies when it comes to the number of polling stations. Serilingampally has a total number of 622 polling stations followed by Rajendra Nagar constituency (535 PS), Maheshwaram (511 PS), Pargi (305 PS), Chevella (298 PS), Vikarabad (284 PS) and Tandur (269 PS).



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Rajendra Nagar stood second among the list of most electors with 6,06,124 voters that include 3,13,993 male and 2,92,094 female voters and 37 third gender. Relatively close is the Maheshwaram constituency with a total number of 5,54,400 electors that include 2,84,024 male and 2,70,310 female voters, besides 66 third genders.

Interestingly, Tandur and Vikarabad are the two constituencies where female voters surpass the number of male electors. Out of a total

'Nyay Patra' promises justice for minorities and oppressed: Shabbir Ali

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stitutions for Economically Weaker Sections, which will be implemented across all castes and communities," he said.

The Congress leader further stated that a nationwide socio-economic and caste census would ensure that resources are distributed fairly among all sections as per their population. He highlighted that the Congress party promised to conduct a BC caste census in Telangana, initiated within a few days of coming to power. The Congress government also passed a resolution in the Telangana Assembly supporting the caste census.

In a media statement issued on Tuesday, Shabbir Ali emphasised that the Con-

gress party has presented a comprehensive manifesto that promises equitable development for all sections of society. "The major promises in the manifesto include a nationwide socio-economic and caste census, a Constitutional amendment to raise the 50% cap on reservations for SC, ST, and OBC communities, and a 10% quota in jobs and educational in-

Bandi welcomes State govt's assurance to Sircilla weavers

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NATIONAL BJP general secretary and Karimnagar MP Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Tuesday welcomed the State government's assurance to the weavers of Sircilla. He congratulated the weavers for their collective struggle and the support of party leaders and cadre backing them.

Bandi warned he would sit on a 'deeksha' if the government fails to fulfil its assurances. He demanded the government to clear Rs 270-crore pending dues for the 'Bathukamma' sarees. New orders should be given to the textile industry as usual. In addition, a 50% subsidy on electricity bills and a 10% yarn subsidy should be provided imme-

dately. The MP urged the State government to take all steps to prevent Sircilla textile industry from falling into a crisis and for its development. He wanted the worker-to-owner scheme introduced earlier with Rs 370 crore to be restored. Bandi wanted the scheme of Rs 2,000/month for workers; to increase the maximum age limit to 75 years to join the insurance scheme. If workers die accidentally their families should be given Rs 5 lakh financial assistance, he demanded. Bandi said power

looms are not getting enough work to support livelihoods of people in Sircilla. He asked the government to take steps to provide a minimum order of Rs 500 crore annually to weavers. The MP sought a survey and geo-tagging to assess financial position of weavers. He urged the government to ensure implementation of all the Central schemes for weavers. State party spokesperson Rani Rudrama said 90% of 36,000 power looms in Sircilla are in doldrums; weavers are resorting to extreme steps. Earlier, weavers committing suicide was a regular phenomenon during the Congress regime in united AP. The BRS government had taken certain temporary measures, but weavers have been pushed into distress.

'No need for BJP to conspire against CM'

REVANTH SHOULD SPEAK OUT WHO IN CONG PLOTTING AGAINST HIM

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TELANGANA BJP spokesperson N V Subhash on Tuesday wanted CM A Revanth Reddy to disclose who in his party was conspiring against him, rather than blame the BJP for plotting to pull him down. He said Reddy should show courage to initiate disciplinary action against his party leaders for conspiring against him. Recalling that the CM telling party activists in Kondugal on Monday that some were trying to dislodge him and accused the BJP of conspiring against him. 'There is no

Hyderabad traffic police issues advisory for Eid-ul-Fitr prayers

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THE Hyderabad traffic police issued a traffic advisory in connection with Eid-ul-Fitr prayers at Mir Alam Eidgah in Bahadurpura and Hockey Grounds in Masab Tank. Restrictions or diversions will be imposed between 8 am and 11:30 am on Thursday.

According to the police, at Mir Alam Tank Idgah, the Namazis coming from Puranapul, Kamatipura, and Kishanbagh towards the Eidgah and Mir Alam Tank for prayers will be allowed through Bahadurpura X Roads from 8 am to 11:30 am and they should park vehicles at designated parking places, including the parking area at the Zoo and the space at Masjid-e-Allahi Akbar. During this period, general vehicular traffic will not be allowed towards Eidgah and Tabdan, and it will be diverted at Bahadurpura X Roads towards Kishanbagh, Kamatipura, and Puranapul.

The Namazis coming from Shivarampally and Danamma Huts towards the Eidgah, Mir Alam Tank for prayers, will be allowed through Danamma Huts X Roads, and they should park vehicles at Bhayya Parking and Indian Oil Petrol Pump parking places. The vehicular traffic will not be allowed towards Eidgah, and it will be diverted at Kalapather L&O PS towards Mochi Colony, and Puranapul.

For the prayers at Hockey Ground in Masab Tank, as the Namazis will offer prayers up to and under the Masab Tank Junction flyover, in this connection, no vehicular traffic will be allowed under the Masab Tank flyover. The traffic coming from Mehdipatnam side and from Lakdipatnam side will be allowed for commuting only on the flyover, and the following traffic diversions will be imposed till the completion of prayers between 7 am and 10 am.

The commuters coming from Kalapather towards the Eidgah Mir Alam Tank for prayers will be allowed through Kalapather L&O PS, and they should park vehicles at Bhayya Parking and Indian Oil Petrol Pump parking places. The vehicular traffic will not be allowed towards Eidgah, and it will be diverted at Aramghar Junction towards Shamshabadi, Rajendra Nagar, or Mairadevpally sides till the entire congregation disperses after prayers from the Eidgah.

Taj Krishna Hotel, and so on.

The vehicular traffic coming from Lakdipatnam towards Masab Tank and intending to go to Road No 1/12 Banjara Hills via Masab Tank will be diverted at Ayodhya Junction towards Nirankari, Khairatabad, VV Statue, Khairatabad RTA Office (left turn) Taj Krishna Hotel. Traffic will not be allowed below the Masab Tank Flyover towards Road No 1, Banjara Hills, till the completion of prayers.

The commuter coming from Road No 12, Banjara Hills towards the Eidgah will be diverted towards Masab Tank and will be diverted at Road No 1/12 Junction towards Taj Krishna Hotel (right turn), RTA Khairatabad, and vehicular traffic coming from NFCL Junction, Panjagutta, will not be allowed towards Masab Tank and will be diverted at Taj Krishna Hotel towards Erramanzil Colony, RTA Khairatabad, Nirankari, Lakdipatnam, Masab Tank Flyover, Mehdipatnam.

The police requested that the citizens to make note of the restrictions and cooperate with the Hyderabad traffic police. In case of any inconvenience in commuting, please call the traffic helpline at 9010203626.

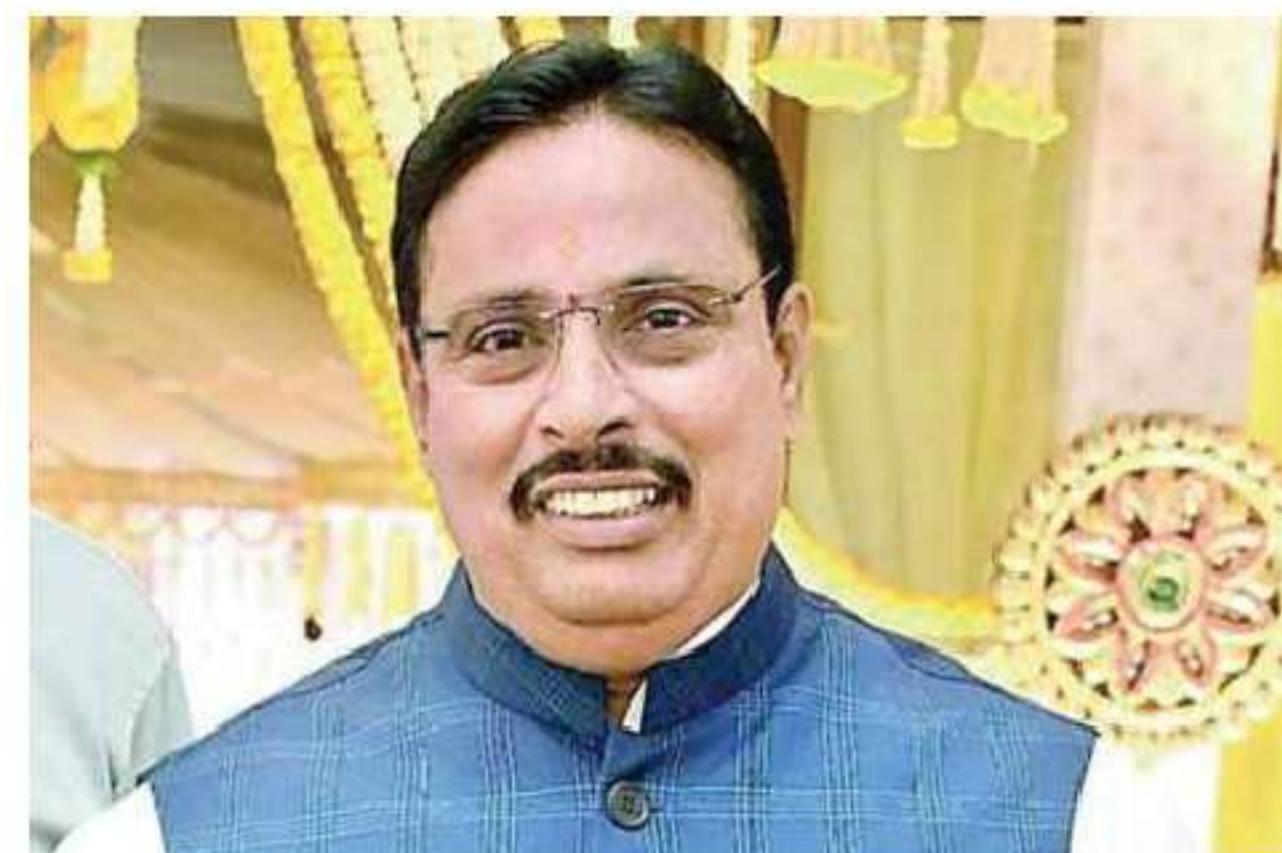
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Danam's requisite under cloud as he races for Sec'bad LS seat

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AMIDST the raging debate over Congress's double standards about taking defected MLAs and the manifesto's talk of strengthening the Anti-Defection Law, the Secunderabad MP candidate Danam Nagender's position remains under balance.

As the dates for Parliamentary elections draw closer, the question of which political party the defected MLAs like Danam Nagender represent remains a major subject of debate. The former BRS leader who has shifted loyalties to Congress remains reluctant to resign from MLA post despite the demand from BRS and gearing up to

be made of representing 'single party' membership and he may face problems. And if the Returning Officer catches hold of the matter, he may also reject his application. Returning officer having quasi-judicial authority, makes the final decision. The

issue may land in court; that's a different story altogether," explained a senior leader of the party.

Interestingly, about a decade ago, the Congress was among the political parties that questioned the former chief minister, K Chandrashekhar Rao, who took Talasani Srinivas Yadav into his cabinet while he represented the TDP as MLA after the formation of Telangana. "Talasani's case was questioned then. But in Danam's case, as he is contesting for the MP seat, he has to clearly mention the party, thereby relinquishing the existing position," pointed out the leader.

The BRS, which won 39 seats in the recently held As-

sembly elections, has now been reduced to 35, following the joining of Bhadrachalam MLA Tellam Venkat Rao and the death of Secunderabad Cantt MLA Lasya Nanditha, necessitating the by-poll.

Following Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's assertion that 'flood gates' have been opened for welcoming more BRS leaders and Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy's claims that some two dozen MLAs were ready to join Congress, political circles are abuzz with the seriousness of the Grant Old Party's claims of amending the 10th Schedule of the Constitution to make defection an automatic disqualification of membership in the Assembly or Parliament.

KTR urges BRS cadre to make Chevella public meet a grand success

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THE BRS working president KT Rama Rao asked the party leaders to make the party's public meeting in Chevella on April 13 a big success.

The BRS leader had a meeting with the party leaders at the ensuing public meeting. The BRS chief K Chandrashekhar Rao is set to restart the public meetings for the Lok Sabha polls. The BRS working president has been appointed as incharge for the Chevella Lok Sabha and he is focusing on ensuring the public meeting gets good response. The party leaders have been asked to get at least 50,000 per constituency for the Chevella public meeting. The BRS leader has called upon the party leaders to teach a lesson to the Congress candidate G Ranjith Reddy. The BRS has won in Rajendranagar, Mahesh-

BJP will defeat Cong with people's support: Kishan

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UNION Minister and State BJP chief G Kishan Reddy on Tuesday extended wishes on the eve of Telugu New Year to people to be blessed with peace, prosperity and happiness with good rains.

Addressing the media after participating in the traditional 'PanchangaSravanam' at the State party headquarters here, he urged people to bless the BJP to bring back PM Narendra Modi for the third time. He said Modi has already addressed four public meetings in Telangana and will hold more in the coming days. Reddy said the LS electioneering is warming up in Telangana; the party is at the forefront, while the Congress is still searching for candidates. He quipped that there is no need for the party to conspire to pull down the government in the State. 'We



will defeat the Congress in the State and at the Centre with support of people,' adding, 'Congress is irrelevant to the country; MP Rahul Gandhi is unlikely to become PM in his lifetime.'

He commented that Telangana witnessed only a change of guard, but there is no change in looting of State. 'The Congress and BRS have the same DNA. While the Congress serves the Nehru family, the BRS serves the

KCR family.' Similarly, while the BRS regime was riddled with sand, land and liquor scams, the corrupt Congress regime is using the State to collect Rahul Gandhi tax. The Congress has failed to deliver on its goals in Karnataka, like in Telangana, backstabbing people. The BJP will win 25 seats in Karnataka in the ensuing elections, he forecast.

Reddy stressed that Modi's leadership is needed for the

country to strengthen the railways and defence, and to be free from corruption, terrorism and a better future. To make the country a developed one.

Earlier, he admitted former minister Anjaneyulu, ex-MLA Pandari, ZPTC Raju Rathod, former ZPTCs, MPTCs and sarpanches from Nalgonda. Zaheerabad MP BB Patil joined the party. Reddy launched party poll canvassing vehicles.

Ugadi celebrated with religious fervour

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KARIMNAGAR



THE people across the united Karimnagar district celebrated the Telugu New Year, Ugadi, on a grand note marked with religious fervour and gaiety here on Tuesday.

People welcomed 'Sri Kroddi' by decorating their homes with thoranas and wearing new clothes, while greeting their loved ones; special items like Ugadi Pachadi and Bakshali were also prepared. In addition, Panchanga Shravana was held under the guidance of Vedic pandit Puranam Korede Sridhar Sharma and Srinivas Sharma at the Shakti Mata temple in Karimnagar. Speaking on this occasion, the priests explained that Sri Kroddi Nama Samvatsaram will bring new light in the lives of all people. They informed how

the fate of people of different sun signs would potentially unfold in the coming year. 'Everything will be fine this year; good rains will benefit the farmers,' said the priests.

Meanwhile, BC Welfare and Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar participated in Panchanga Shravana organised at Husnabad Town. In addition, IT and Industry Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu participated in various programmes

Revanth will continue as PCC chief: Jagga Reddy

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FORMER Sangareddy MLA T Jagga Reddy ruled out possibility of change of PCC leadership, citing Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy was handling both the responsibilities with ease.

Responding to rumours that he was in the race for PCC chief's post during an informal interaction with media, Jagga Reddy clarified that there was no room for change for now as Lok Sabha polls are near. However, the PCC working president who remains one of the aspirants maintained that in case he is offered the post he would do justice. He felt that the key party post should be rather

offered to members from SC, ST or BC communities.

Over the strategist Prashant Kishore's observations, the former MLA ridiculed the outcome of his different surveys as he has contrasting statements with regard to the win of BJP or Congress in the Lok Sabha polls.



Warangal West MLA Naini Rajender Reddy along with his family members offer prayers at the historic Thousand Pillars Temple in Hanumakonda on Tuesday

Ugadi celebrated with fervour

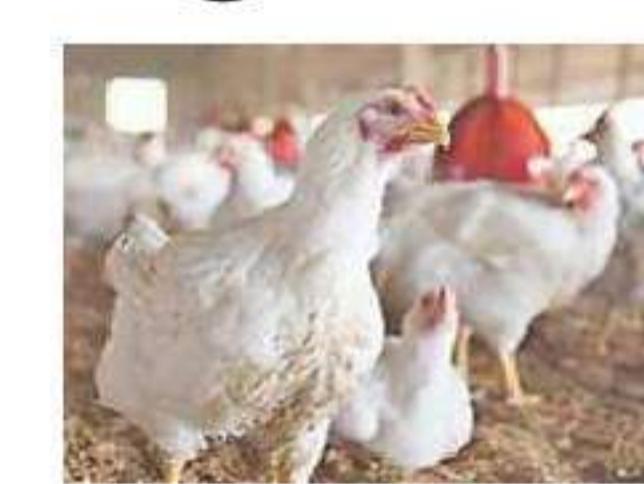
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Samvatsara. The special food of the day is 'Ugadi pachadi'. The pachadi is made of neem flowers (bitter), raw unripe green mango (tangy), jaggery (sweet), tamarind pulp (sour) and salt (salty) and chilli powder (spicy), symbolising the complexities of life. People also visited temples and greeted each other with a lot

of enthusiasm. According to the legend, Lord Brahma, the creator of the universe, began his creation on the day of the Ugadi. Warangal West MLA Naini Rajender Reddy along with his family members offered prayers at the historic Thousand Pillars Temple in Hanumakonda. On the occasion, he greeted people.

Broiler chicken prices on boil, Eid budget may go for a toss

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is sold for between Rs 130 and 140 per kg, meat is sold for between Rs 280 and 300 per kg, and boneless is sold for Rs 400 per kg in the retail market.

The sudden surge in prices not only strains household budgets but also threatens to dampen the spirit of Eid-ul-Fitr celebrations, as families struggle to afford essential items.

It has been observed that lack of proper market management, no price fixation by authorities, and a supply crunch are the main causes of the recent price hike, said

sources. Mohammed Sardar Ali, a wholesaler in Nampally Murgi Market, said, 'The price increase is attributed to the summer by the poultry farmers and supply agents. In summer, the price rise is common due to the low supply of birds. This year, the price increased a bit early.'

Traders attribute the increase in sales to the summer months, when the mortality rate of the chicken is high, and only big poultry farmers show courage to rear the chicken and do business. Small and medium farmers stay away from the activity to avoid losses.

Farmers point out that chickens, unable to tolerate the heat, die in huge numbers, causing losses to the farmers. The soaring prices of chicken are giving people jitters. There

has been a drastic increase in prices this month. A week ago, the price of a kilogram of chicken meat was between Rs 180 and Rs 220. The live chicken was priced between Rs 110 and 125 a kg, whereas a month ago it hovered between Rs 90 and Rs 100. The farmers engaged in the poultry business on a large scale grow chickens by taking special precautions, including arranging air coolers and other measures.

There are around 10,000 broiler farms in the State and around four crore broilers are produced every month. In Hyderabad, the supply is from Ibrahimpatnam, Kandukur, Maheshwaram, Kotthur, Shamshabad, and other adjoining districts like Sangareddy, Medak, Yadadri Bhuvangiri, and Vikarabad.

MAN HELD FOR STEALING ₹20K FROM A PETROL BUNK

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A man was arrested for stealing Rs 20,000 from a petrol bunk cashier on the pretext of online money transfer. According to the Osmania University police, the man identified as Mohd Sabeel (33) from Qutubulahpurwala to a petrol bunk at Tarnaka a few days ago and asked the cashier Sumith Roy to help him do an online money transfer to his e-wallet. Sabeel told Sumith that he will pay cash and asked him to transfer Rs. 20,000 to his e-wallet account. "Sumith transferred Rs. 20,000 to the account provided by Sabeel who then escaped from the spot. Sumith tried to spot him but Sabeel pushed him away due to which the man fell and received injuries," said V Pradeep Kumar, Detective Inspector, Osmania University police station.

IT'S TIME FOR BRS TO WAKE UP

Uncertainty over Warangal nominee strengthening doubts over BRS leadership among cadre

ADEPU MAHENDER
WARANGAL

● Delay in candidate announcement causing problems in retaining second-rung leaders, who are being poached by Congress and BJP

● Potential candidates for BRS ticket include Swapna, wife of former MLA Peddi Sudarshan Reddy, and other experienced leaders

● Party morale keeps dipping as leaders feel they must suffer more before candidate is finalised

BRS cadre has become a subject of poaching by the BJP and the Congress.

The BRS leaders say that they already lost a good chunk of cadre continuously since their election debacle. "It's difficult to gather the



second leaders once they scatter to other parties. It appears that the party is to suffer more before the candidate is finalised and gets down to the election campaign," a senior BRS leader told The Hans India on condition of anonymity.

"The second-rung leaders

whom the ticket will be given needs time to coordinate with the leaders of seven Assembly segments. "Campaigning takes a toll on Lok Sabha candidates if the elections are held separately for the Parliament and State Assemblies," another BRS leader said.

Meanwhile, the BRS sources say that their leadership is yet to reveal its game plan. The leadership is somewhat flabbergasted after former MLA Aroori Ramesh, and Kavya, daughter of Station Ghanpur BRS MLA Kadiyam Srihari refused to contest for the Warangal Lok Sabha seat on the BRS ticket. Moreover, they embraced the BJP and the Congress and both are election fray. In a spiral ef-

Current Cong manifesto a pale shadow of 2019

THE former Congress chief claims that the grand old party and its septuagenarian leaders had come up with a manifesto that reflects the people's aspirations which he understood during his Nyay Yatra across the country. But if one analysis the main promises of the Congress party it does not appear so. It seems to be more of a creation of some of the so called intellectuals of the party whose focus was more on undoing what the present government had done. It somehow does not give a feeling of being a progressive manifesto.

If we compare the 2024 manifesto with 2019 there are many elements that are missing. They include farm loan waiver, review of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA), and the establishment of new ministries which were promised in 2019.

It talks of amending Tenth

Schedule of the Constitution to make disqualification automatic in case an MLA or MP leaves original party on which he was elected. Good move but is the party really serious about it is the big question.

If they have such good intention and want to put a check to the concept of Aya Ram Gaya Ram they should not encourage legislators switching loyalties to Congress in states like Telangana or Karnataka where they are in power. They should not have done it in Rajasthan when in power. Do they not that charity begins at home. Do they have to wait till Tenth Schedule is amended? Is it not hypocrisy?

In 2019 it said, "The NEET examination is discriminatory against students from certain states. In addition, it interferes with the state government's right to admit students domiciled in the

state to medical colleges in that state and said they will dispense with the NEET examination. But the 2024 manifesto says the party has given an option to states.

The Congress said it will repair relations with the Maldives. Fine, but what about developing Lakshadweep which has tremendous potential to become a revenue earning and employment generating sector if it is developed into an international tourist spot.

In January, Lakshadweep and its natural beauty caught the attention of the people. Though it has only one Lok Sabha seat, it has the potential to earn lot of foreign exchange as well. But the party did not feel to incorporate even a word about developing it on par or creating better facilities than Maldives. Is that their concept of repairing relations with Maldives. Well, Rahul Gandhi needs to answer. The question here is not if it

has just one seat or 100 seats. What one needs to recognise is its potential to earn revenue for the country and the need to develop necessary infrastructure. Lakshadweep which is a tropical paradise has many tourist attractions, including islands, beaches, and other attractions. Lakshadweep, which doesn't often make it to primetime news, jumped to an all-time high. The natural beauty of Lakshadweep carries immense possibilities for development of the tourism sector.

The Tata Group has announced plans to open two "world-class" resorts on two Lakshadweep islands by 2026. The only airline that currently flies to Lakshadweep has started additional flights. But these islands lack basic infrastructure facilities. Women there have been protesting that they do not have even a scientific system to throw sanitary napkins and destroy them. There are no gynecolo-

gists in the hospitals even though there are vacancies and there are no proper hospital facilities.

If infrastructure develops fishing, coconut, coir and coir products can grow as major industries. One wonders why Congress does not speak about such activities to make the country economically stronger rather than think of repealing what the present government is doing.

They can do it if some laws are bad or not required but it need not be mentioned in its manifesto. The aspiration of people is to have a vibrant economy, eradication of poverty and unemployment, protection of environment and ecology and aggressive promotion of organic agriculture and industries. But the Congress party's 2024 manifesto signals a departure from the promotion of organic farming, which had been highlighted in 2019.

LETTERS

Cong manifesto: Modi goes crazy

IN saying the Congress manifesto for the Lok Sabha election has the imprint of the Muslim League Prime Minister Narendra Modi has drawn a false equivalence. It appears to be his way of polarising the voters, at which he has become a past master. What he has left unsaid is that his party's manifesto will have the imprint of the RSS. He conveniently forgets to mention that the Hindu Mahasabha, the earlier avatar of his party allied with the BJP. Any objective reader of the Congress manifesto would attest to the fact that it is secular in letter and spirit. Given what the BJP represents, it cannot be expected to produce a progressive manifesto similar to the one by the Congress. Whether the Election Commission will caution the Prime Minister against making comments with communal overtones and show a semblance of independence remains to be seen.

G.David Milton, Maruthancode, Kanyakumari

THE Grand old party Congress Manifesto "Nyay Patra" talks about providing financial assistance to marginalized section of the society and ensuring them to get justice and be a part of the states welfare measures. It has promised first time about the right to employment. It has talked about Hindu- Muslim- Sikh and Christian unity. But for BJP it seems without doing Hindu - Muslim it is very hard to win in elections. In Congress manifesto there is not a single angle of Muslim- league party's ideologies or their principles. But our PM Modi took a chance to polarise the voters by comparing Congress party's manifesto with Muslim league ideologies. PM Modi's comments that Congress Manifesto attempted to divide the country and impose the pre- independence ideology of Muslim league is nothing but polarising the voters. It is very sad to note that our PM is constantly flouting guidelines and violating norms which have been laid down as ground rules for all political parties. The election Commission should be serious and not allow any party to polarise the voters on communal lines.

Zakir Hussain, Kazipet

High handedness in handling pacemen

MAYANK YADAV is making news in the IPL field. The much talked bowler is the talk of the day for more reasons than one. Mayank Yadav, who impressed one and all with his pace, might skip his team's next game due to a niggle. It is high time the guardians of the game reassess these so-called tear away fast bowlers training techniques. A fast bowler developing fitness issues after bowling a mere nine overs, that too spread out over three games cause of worry as we struggle to develop dearth fast bowlers. Our MRF Pace Foundation, Chennai and NCA, Bengaluru needs to answer. By making the pacemen working harder on dead pitches in India we just lose out the real need to have genuine fast bowlers. The records of the fast-bowling greats, all of whom bowled a massive number of overs in match after match is sheer hard work. This in extreme conditions is a matter of great concern. It is a matter of note that Dennis Lillee never toured India and did not get 355 of his test tally in India.

C Subramaniam, Navi Mumbai

Make dust collection free

THE GHMC dust collectors charge up to Rs150/- per month from each household. The people who find the charges high, prefer to dump the waste in the alleys. The neighbourhood is becoming untidy and abhorrent. The solution to this problem could be to make the dust collections 'free' to households. GHMC can arrange to pay the dust collectors. This would be a wise decision, considering the huge expense undertaken by TS Government to provide 'free' bus rides.

P R Ravinder, Malkajgiri, Hyderabad

Bring parity in school teachers

IT'S a heartrending issue related to the teachers of the private high schools. The government school teachers are enjoying all the benefits viz. earned leave, sick leave, PF, pension and also full salary when the schools are closed during summer vacation. On the other hand their counterparts in the private school (performing better than the government school teachers) are denied all the benefits mentioned above. The pity is none of so-called big party leaders raise this genuine concern in their election meeting. It is suggested that this issue should be considered on humanitarian grounds and the future AP government must try to implement the same as Ugadh gift.

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BENGALURU ONLINE

Will win all 28 LS seats in K'taka, present as gift to PM: BSY

BENGALURU: "We will win all 28 Lok Sabha seats in the state and dedicate it to Prime Minister Modi," former Karnataka chief minister and BJP Parliamentary Board Committee member B.S. Yediyurappa said on Tuesday.

Speaking to reporters, Yediyurappa stated, the top leadership has set a target of winning more than 400 seats. "I have assured them that I will get all 28 candidates elected from the state and send them to New Delhi. I am confident of it. I have told the same to Prime Minister Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah. This time surely, we will win all seats here and present it as a gift to Prime Minister Modi," Yediyurappa reiterated.

"Everything is in our favour. We will reach our goal. Prime Minister Modi is considering campaigning in the coastal city of Mangaluru and the capital city of Bengaluru on April 14. The programme has to be finalised," he explained. The rebellion and dissidence which cropped up during the allotment of tickets in BJP has been managed and everything is all right now. "I invited everyone home, held a discussion and asked them to go unitedly. Now, there are no differences," he stated.

"The Congress has questioned our claim of winning all 28 seats. The party is calling it a dream. But, what can one expect from that party? They will have to come up with that statement and they are doing it," Yediyurappa added.

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FORMER BRS LEADER PILLI RAMARAJU JOINS BJP

Pilli Ramaraju takes a huge rally of supporters to Hyderabad to join the saffron party

HANS NEWS SERVICE
NALGONDA

FORMER BRS leader from Nalgonda Assembly constituency Pilli Ramaraju Yadav joined the BJP party on Tuesday. Accompanied by a sizable convoy of supporters, Ramaraju Yadav's rally to Hyderabad marked his transition to the saffron party, under the guidance of Telangana BJP President Kishan Reddy.

Speaking to the media on the occasion, Yadav said that he joined the BJP because he was attracted by the leadership of PM Narendra Modi, which he said has enhanced India's global stature.

He highlighted his electoral support, claiming around 30,000 votes and emphasising

his resilience against adversities in past Assembly elections.

Ramaraju Yadav outlined his future agenda, pledging to prioritise Nalgonda Municipality's development post the party candidate's victory for Nalgonda Parliament.

"Many people could not bear my growth in Nalgonda and tried to mislead me," he alleged, stating, "I will work for the development of the people of Nalgonda constituency with self-respect till the end of my life. I don't change parties for positions or money." Yadav opined that several top leaders of other parties were creating problems by filing illegal cases to stop him in Nalgonda. "I am ready to tackle their tactics and will fight on people's issues," he



Former BRS leader Pilli Ramaraju presenting a bouquet to BJP state chief Kishan Reddy

stated.

"The people of the state defeated the arrogant BRS government in the Assembly elections. The Congress party came to power in the

state by deceiving the people by giving several guarantees. The people's disillusionment towards Congress rule is gradually disappearing. The BJP will grow as an alterna-

tive to Congress and BRS in the state," claimed the leader. "I am happy to continue as a member of the BJP party which works for Dharma for the country," he said.

Sri Ramnavami Brahmotsavalu begin on a grand note

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BHADRACHALAM

BHADRACHALAM'S revered Lord Rama temple witnessed the inauguration of the Sri Ram Navami Navahnika Thiru Kalyana Bramotsavalu on Tuesday, coinciding with the Telugu New Year Day, marking a grand beginning to the annual festivities.

The temple priests conducted an abhishekam programme with sacred mantras resonating through the air,

followed by elaborate pujas dedicated to the festival deities. In the morning, the priests embarked on a journey to the Godavari River to procure Thridha Bindha for a special abhishekam.

Meanwhile, excitement is palpable as preparations are underway for the Dwaja Rohanam ceremony on April 15, along with the Agni Pratista rituals. The grand culmination of the Brahmotsavalu is anticipated on April 23 with the sacred Chakrasnanam programme, informed the temple priests.

ing pivotal events like the celestial wedding of Lord Rama and Sita on April 17, and the revered Coronation festival on April 18.

Evening rituals included the enlightening "Panchangasravanam," enriching devotees with astrological insights and blessings for the upcoming year. This celebration, which traditionally kicks off on Ugadi, holds profound significance for devotees, mark-



The priests taking up thridha bind from Godavari River for a special abhishekam on Tuesday

UDDHAV GETS 21 SEATS, CONGRESS 17, NCP 10

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On the seat-sharing deal, Uddhav Thackeray said, "Everybody wishes to fight for seats. There is nothing wrong with it. Winning should be given priority."

In a social media post, the Shiv Sena (UBT) said the seat-sharing agreement came on the "auspicious day" of Gudi Padwa, also known as the Marathi New Year.

"We have pledged to fight for the protection of the Constitution, and we intend to fight unitedly against the dictatorship in the future," it said.

The Lok Sabha elections in Maharashtra will take place in five phases on April 19, 26, and May 7, 13 and 20. There are 48 Lok Sabha constituencies in the state.

Candidates need not disclose every asset they own: SC

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"A candidate's right to privacy would still survive regarding matters which are of no concern to the voter or are irrelevant to his or her candidature for public office," the court said. "In that respect, the non-disclosure of each and every asset owned by a candidate would not amount to a defect, much less a defect of a substantial character," it added. The Supreme Court clarified that candidates must disclose their "highly valued assets" to inform voters about their lifestyles. It also noted that there is no blanket rule regarding the disclosure of a candidate's assets and that each case would have to be judged on its merits.

MLA Anirudh resolves monkey menace

HANS NEWS SERVICE
MAHABUBNAGAR

IN A big relief for villagers of Kallepally and surrounding areas, MLA Janampally Anirudh Reddy has successfully tackled the long-standing issue of monkey menace. The MLA fulfilled his promise made during his election campaign to address the problem that had been plaguing the village for years.

Residents of Kallepally had been grappling with crop damage and frequent monkey attacks, leading to injuries and fear among the villagers. During his election campaign, Anirudh heard their grievances and pledged to resolve the issue if elected as MLA. True to his word, the MLA took proactive steps



by writing to the district collector and seeking assistance from the forest department. With approval from the forest department authorities, including Panchayat Raj Minister Seethakka, Anirudh enlisted the help of monkey catchers to trap around 100-150 monkeys in cages.

"The people of Kallepally village had been suffering due to the monkey menace for a long time. With the sup-

port of the forest department and relevant authorities, we successfully captured all the monkeys and handed them over. It was a challenging task as few were willing to catch the monkeys, demanding high fees. Eventually, we managed to secure the services of monkey catchers at a reasonable rate and ensured the safety of the villagers," remarked the MLA during a village programme.

Jack Swigert Award for Chandrayaan-3 team

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A Colorado native, Swigert served with retired US Navy Captain James A Lovell Jr and Fred Haise on the legendary Apollo 13 lunar mission, which was aborted after the perilous rupture of an oxygen tank while en route to the Moon, the release said.

People around the world watched as NASA overcame tremendous odds and returned the crew safely to Earth. In that spirit of accom-

Congress insulted Lord Ram: Modi

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"Every family of the country contributed according to their devotion. The people of Pilibhit also gifted a huge flute to Ayodhya. But the people of IND alliance had hated even before the construction of Ram temple and they have hated even today," Modi said.

Recalling the contributions made by former Uttar Pradesh chief minister Kalyan Singh for the construction of the temple, he said, "Our Kalyan Singh ji dedicated his life and govern-

Z-category security for CEC Rajiv Kumar

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The Ministry of Home Affairs has entrusted the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) with providing a contingent of about 40-45 personnel for the task, the sources said. A threat perception report prepared by central intelligence agencies recommended a "strong" security cover for Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Kumar keeping in view his profile, they said. The move comes amid preparations for the seven-phase general elections that begin on April 19. The CEC, as well as two Election Commissioners, are currently guarded by a small armed security team drawn from the Delhi Police. This is one of the rarest instances of a CEC being provided a central security cover. Former CEC, late T N Seshan, had a central security cover at one point of time.

Telangana faces shortage of 26 mn litres per day

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They are hopeful that Karnataka would accept their request to release water from Narayanpur dam to Jurala for drinking water needs in Gadwal and other habitations in old Mahabubnagar district. As of now water was being supplied to 130 municipalities out of 142 in the district.

Officials further said that Rs 100 crore was released to each district for drinking water needs and Rs 1 crore was being released to every assembly segment to address drinking water problem.

Officials said that all the 23,800 rural habitations are provided with drinking water through Mission Bhagiratha and water tankers are made available in the municipalities where drinking water problem was acute.

Action against corrupt will speed up in 3rd term: Modi

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"I say remove corruption, they say save the corrupt," Modi said. The Lok Sabha elections were a mission for building a new India, he said, seeking the people's blessings to take "big and historic decisions" in the third term of the BJP-led NDA government.

The "sea of saffron" that had gathered to hear him showed what the poll results on June 4 would be, Modi said. He said the Opposition parties fight with each other but claim to have come together to stop him. "But in reality, they do not want to stop Modi. Those in the IND alliance want to stop the de-

velopment of the country," the PM said.

"That is why they are abusing and threatening me. I have left everything to dedicate myself to the mission of serving the country. For Modi, Bharat is my family. Those who have come into politics to fill their own coffers should not abuse me," he added.

Modi further said he would need the support of the people for the action against corruption. He also appealed to the people of Balaghat to vote for BJP candidate Bharti Pardi as her election as Lok Sabha MP will empower him more.

Missing Hyderabad student found dead in US

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"The University's thoughts are with his loved ones, and CSU PD will continue to serve as a resource to Cleveland police as needed," the statement said.

Arfath's father Mohamed Saleem had said that Arfath last spoke to him on 7 March, and since then he has not been in touch with his family. His mobile phone is switched off as well. "We are working with local law enforcement agencies to find him at the earliest," the Consulate had said.

The matter pertains to alleged corruption and money laundering in formulating and executing the Delhi government's now-scraped excise policy for 2021-22. Kejriwal was arrested by the ED on March 21, hours after the high court refused to grant him protection from coercive action by the federal anti-money laundering agency.



Cleveland Police. However, on March 19, Arfath's family received a call from an unidentified person, who claimed that Arfath had been kidnapped allegedly by a gang selling drugs and demanded \$1,200 to "release" him. The caller also threatened to sell Arfath's kidneys if the ransom wasn't paid, his father said.

"I got a call from an unknown number, and the

caller informed me that my son had been kidnapped and demanded money. The caller did not mention the mode of payment but just asked to pay the amount. When I asked the caller to allow us to talk to my son, he refused," Saleem said last month.

Arfath's parents have requested the Central government to take necessary measures to locate and bring back their son safely. Saleem has also written to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. The incident is the latest in a string of troubling cases on the safety and security of Indian students in the US.

She also said more than ED and CBI, the media trial

Kavitha judicial custody extended till April 23

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As she was unable to speak in the court, Kavitha, while coming out of the court, gave the four-page letter to the media claiming that she had nothing to do with the alleged scam. She said that this entire case was based on statements and that she is not involved in any financial benefit from this Delhi Excise policy as alleged by the ED and CBI. Kavitha said the case was two-and-a-half years old and the ED could not prove anything. She said it was aimed to damage her political image.

She reiterated that she had always cooperated with the probe agencies though they had intruded into her privacy. They are leveling false charges that she had damaged the cell phones, she added.

Meanwhile, the CBI questioned Kavitha in Tihar Jail. The agency was given permission by the special court to question her on the WhatsApp chats recovered from co-accused Buchi Babu's phone and documents related to a land deal after which Rs 100 crore was allegedly paid to the Aam Aadmi Party in kickbacks to swing excise policy in favour of a liquor lobby.

People will never forget how former PM Nehru said 'bye-bye' to Assam and Arunachal Pradesh during the 1962 Chinese aggression.
China couldn't encroach a 'single inch' of land under Modi rule
Home Minister Amit Shah

Soon after the son hit back, saying that he felt sorry for his father and added, "I will win".

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

A war of words broke out on Tuesday between Anil Antony, the BJP's candidate

in Kerala's Pathanamthitta Lok Sabha seat, and his father A.K. Antony, Congress leader and former Defence Minister.

The father, who is a member of the Congress Working Committee (CWC), said, "Anil will not win". Soon after the son hit back, saying that he felt sorry for his father and added, "I will win".

While the veteran Antony said this while interacting with the media in the state

capital, his son took time from his campaign to speak to the media at the Pathanamthitta Lok Sabha constituency.

"Children of Congress leaders joining the BJP is wrong. I have always stated that politics is different and family is different. Anil will lose at Pathanamthitta and Anto Antony (the Congress candidate) will win," said A.K. Antony reminded everyone not to make him talk

about children of political leaders, as that was not his culture.

"Since I have health issues, I am not campaigning. Moreover, Anto will win with a handsome margin, even if I am not going for the campaign," said A.K. Antony to pointed questions about his son Anil joining the BJP and becoming the candidate.

Senior Antony went on to attack the BJP and said the fortunes of the party in Ker-

ala have waned as compared to the 2019 polls when the Sabarimala temple issue was at its peak. "The upcoming polls are not to the Assembly, instead it's going to be a life and death battle as the future of India is at stake. We want to recover India and for that, we have to defeat the BJP as its back-seat driving is being done by the RSS. The Constitution of India has to be safeguarded... and it will be the end of democracy if Modi

returns," added A.K. Antony. But hitting back and taking a strong political position against the Congress and its leaders, Anil Antony said, "I only feel sorry for my father. I am going to win and Anto will lose heavily. A good number of the Congress party leaders are 'outdated'. They are only looking for the welfare of Rahul and Sonia Gandhi. All that they are doing is like the dogs which bark looking at the moon."



Union Minister Rajeev's candidature in trouble

EC DIRECTS CBDT TO VERIFY ASSETS DECLARED BY RAJEEV CHANDRASHEKHAR



NEW DELHI

THE Election Commission (EC) on Tuesday directed the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) to verify any mismatch in affidavit details submitted by Union minister and BJP candidate from

Thiruvananthapuram Rajeev Chandrashekhar. The action was taken after the Congress filed a complaint with the Election Commission alleging a mismatch in actual and declared assets in the affidavit filed by Chandrashekhar. Any mismatch and falsification of

an affidavit is dealt with under Section 125 A of the Representation of the People Act 1951. As per the law, concealing any information in nomination papers or affidavits is punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with a fine, or both.

The police officer has also summoned three villagers from Bhupatinagar for questioning in connection to the attack on NIA officers when they went to arrest the two main conspirators in connection with a blast that

One NIA officer was injured and a vehicle was damaged in the attack on Saturday. When it was pointed out that the Tamaraserry

BIZ BRIEFS

Tata AIA's new initiative

Tata AIA Life Insurance (Tata AIA), a life insurer, launched a premium payment service via WhatsApp. Using WhatsApp, policyholders can now easily make renewal payments through credit card, debit card, and net banking options. Sanjay Arora, Executive VP Tata AIA, said: "We are excited to set the trend in the industry with the introduction of the new, consumer centric payment options on WhatsApp. This innovative initiative is part of our ongoing commitment to providing consumers with convenience and ease through cutting-edge technologies. We will continue to offer market-leading solutions."

Samsung unveils devices

Samsung, a consumer electronics brand, launched two new devices, Galaxy M55 5G and Galaxy M15 5G. The latest additions come with Super AMOLED Plus display, monster battery and powerful processors. The M55 5G is super sleek and light weight, measuring only 7.8mm in width and will be available in two colours - Light Green and Denim Black and three storage variants 8GB+128GB, 8GB+256GB and 12GB+256GB. The M15 5G will be available in three colours including Celestial Blue, Stone Grey and Blue Topaz and will be available in two storage variants 4GB+128GB and 6GB+128GB.

Artists remake Zehnaseeb

Three renowned music artists Shekhar Ravjiani, Karan Kanchan and Kasap have collaborated for remaking Bollywood song Zehnaseeb from Hasee Toh Phai. Shekhar Ravjiani music composer and singer, said: "Zehnaseeb is a song that is extremely close to my heart. The song was created originally through some great energies and a beautiful creative process." Music producer Karan Kanchan said: "When I heard the original song years ago, I instantly fell in love with it."

Key indices off intra-day peaks on profit booking

Markets end in red after hitting record peaks in intra-day; Profit-booking at higher levels ahead of key US inflation data on Wednesday; Forex, money markets closed for Gudi Padwa

MUMBAI



ing profit-booking at higher levels in anticipation of Wednesday's key US inflation data, which carries weight in determining future rate cuts by the US Fed. Concerns have emerged amidst recent better-than-anticipated US employment and manufacturing data, suggesting a potential shift in expectations

regarding rate cuts this year," said Vinod Nair, head (research), Geojit Financial Services. In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge dipped 0.47 per cent and the smallcap gauge declined 0.15 per cent. Among the indices, consumer durables were lower by 1.10 per cent, industrials declined 0.55 per

cent, capital goods (0.48 per cent) and telecommunication (0.29 per cent). Metal jumped 0.53 per cent, realty (0.50 per cent), financial services (0.22 per cent) and teck (0.10 per cent).

From the Sensex basket, Titan, Reliance Industries, Asian Paints, Tech Mahindra, IndusInd Bank, UltraTech Cement, Wipro and ITC were the major laggards. ICICI Bank, Infosys, Bajaj Finserv, Tata Steel, Axis Bank, Bajaj Finance, Nestle and Mahindra & Mahindra were among the major gainers.

In Asian markets, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong settled in the positive territory while Seoul ended lower. European markets were trading mostly lower. Wall Street ended on a mixed note on Monday.

Bajaj Auto unveils e-3 wheelers

HYDERABAD: Bajaj Auto Limited, one of the leading two-wheeler and three-wheeler companies, launched its range of cargo and passenger electric three-wheelers (e-3Ws) in Hyderabad on Tuesday. BajajNelli, Divisional Manager Sales and Kuber K V, Divisional Manager Service at Bajaj Auto Ltd, said: "We are delighted to present the new Bajaj e-3W in both passenger and cargo formats."

He said, "For decades, our customers have given us their unwavering trust and support. We are conscious of the responsibility a leader carries, so we have used our deep understanding of the customer to develop these safe, reliable and high-performance vehicles. Range, load carrying capability and gradeability are a priority. To ensure after sales support, we have set up a round-the-clock service. Subsequently, we will expand our distribution to cities across Telangana."

Bullion prices at record high

NEW DELHI



the momentum which aided the gold prices to new highs on a daily basis. Further, the dollar index traded lower and US Treasury yields retreated which provided additional support for the safe haven asset, Gandhi said. Additionally, silver prices also traded higher at \$28.04 per ounce. In the previous close, it had finished at \$27.80 per ounce.

Gold futures rise on spot demand

Gold prices on Tuesday rose Rs421 to Rs71,333 per 10 grams in futures trade as speculators created fresh positions on a firm spot demand. On the Multi Commodity Exchange, gold contracts for June delivery traded higher Rs421 or 0.59% at Rs71,333 per 10 grams in a business turnover of 23,624 lots. Traders continue to propel

Tata Tea Chakra Gold holds contest

HYDERABAD

TATA Tea Chakra Gold, a tea brand from the house of Tata Consumer Products said it concluded 'Suvarna Avakasham', a 90-day contest held across Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Karnataka, in the presence of its brand ambassador Rashmika Mandanna. Consumers engaged in the contest by purchasing an offer pack of Tata Tea Chakra Gold and sharing the unique code found in the pack by giving a missed call or scanning the QR code.

At the culmination of the contest, 25 winners met the actor. Apart from the meet and greet session with Rashmika, Tata Tea Chakra Gold also presented 500 winners with gold coins.

'Investor funding not good for edtech'

NEW DELHI

INVESTORS' funding in the edtech space is driving an unwanted behaviour which is not good for the industry, Byju's Aakash Education Services Ltd (AESL) Managing Director and CEO Deepak Mehrotra has said. Mehrotra also said that digital alone can't meet aspirations of medical and engineering students looking to get into premium institutions, and it is important to address requirement of new learners. "Investors' funding is very clearly driving behaviours which are not good for anyone, I only hope sanity prevails," said Mehrotra who was appointed AESL's CEO



on Monday. He was replying to a query about the need for consolidation in the edtech and test preparatory space where there has been a lot of changes in the business models of several firms. During the edtech's growth stage, several brick-and-mortar test preparatory firms entered the online space, while online education firms added brick-and-mortar centres. Mehrotra said digital alone is not enough to address the requirement of students preparing for high stake examinations.

'Rising steel imports will hamper Atmanirbhar mission'

NEW DELHI

THE Indian steel industry has expressed concern over India becoming a net importer of steel in 2023-24, saying it is a "warning signal" for the country which strives to become Atmanirbhar. As per the steel ministry's Joint Plant Committee, India has registered a 38 per cent surge in imports of finished steel to 8,319 million tonnes (MnT) over 6,022 MnT imported during the preceding 2022-23 fiscal.

Alok Sahay, secretary general of apex industry body Indian Steel Association (ISA), said: "The surge in predatory imports from



China is a big threat to the Atmanirbhar in steel. The country becoming net importer is a warning signal to our march towards Atmanirbhar (self-reliance)."

Looking at the situation, it is very important to arrest predatory imports, he said and demanded for a trade

Hiring freshers in M&E space slows down

MUMBAI

THE intent to hire freshers in the media and entertainment (M&E) industry showed a decline of three per cent during the first half of this calendar year (January-June), according to a report. However, the overall intent to hire freshers rose six per cent year-on-year, as per the Team-Lease EdTech's Career Outlook Report HY1 (January-June 2024). Around three per cent decline is expected in intent to hire freshers in the media and entertainment industry, bucking the overall upward trend across many other sectors, the report said.



Young Hans



TODAY IS NATIONAL SIBLINGS DAY

From childhood to lifelong: Celebrating sibling support

ARTI ADKE

Siblings hold a unique place in our lives, from being our first playmates in childhood to becoming our lifelong friends. The bond between siblings is one of the strongest and most enduring relationships we experience. From sharing toys and secrets to offering unwavering support through life's ups and downs, siblings play a vital role in shaping who we are.

Childhood is a time of exploration and discovery, and siblings often serve as each other's first companions on this journey. Whether building forts out of blankets, embarking on imaginary adventures, or simply laughing together over silly jokes, siblings create memories that last a lifetime. These shared experiences not only foster a sense of camaraderie, but also teach valuable lessons in cooperation, compromise, and empathy.

As we grow older, the dynamics of sibling relationships evolve, but the support and camaraderie remain constant. During adolescence, siblings may become confidants, offering a listening ear and a shoulder to lean on during times of uncertainty. They provide a safe space to express emotions and navigate the challenges of peer pressure, academic stress, and self-discovery. In a world that can sometimes feel overwhelming, knowing that there is someone

who understands and accepts us unconditionally can make all the difference.

Beyond the formative years of childhood and adolescence, siblings continue to play a significant role in each other's lives as adults. Whether living near or far, the bond forged in childhood remains strong, serving as a source of comfort and stability. Siblings celebrate each other's successes, offer support during times of hardship, and provide a sense of continuity in an ever-changing world.

One of the most remarkable aspects of sibling relationships is the unconditional support they offer, even in the face of disagreement or conflict. While siblings may not always see eye to eye, their bond transcends differences and withstands the test of time. They serve as each other's champions, cheering on accomplishments and offering encouragement during setbacks. This unwavering support fosters resilience and strengthens the foundation of trust and mutual respect upon which sibling relationships are built.

Celebrating sibling support goes beyond mere acknowledgment; it is a recognition of the profound impact these relationships have on our lives. Whether through acts of kindness, words of encouragement, or simply being there when it matters most, siblings support each other in ways that are both seen and unseen. Their bond



Career opportunities in consumer law practice

Dr ASWINI PATRO

Consumer law is the group of laws that protect the public at large from unfair and predatory business practices. The practice of consumer law concerns itself with protecting individuals from unfair trade, inaccurate information, and unethical ways of doing business.

In addition to the laws that direct corporate behaviour, there are also legal actions that exist in statutory and common law. When an individual brings a claim against a corporation because of a defective product, it's called a product liability claim. An individual who suffers an injury and other losses because of a defective product can bring a compensation claim. They may ask for compensation for financial losses, pain and suffering, and other losses.

Lawyers who practice consumer law work in a wide variety of practices and settings:

Advocacy groups:

Consumer lawyers work on behalf of a public interest organization that fights for consumer rights. They represent individuals in specific cases. They also work on legislative efforts to change laws in ways that are consistent with their group's mission.

Large law firms:

Corporations that must comply with consumer laws are often large banks and credit institutions. They have large legal needs, and they often need a team of counsel. Companies choosing to use outside counsel often work with large law firms to meet their needs. The consumer

lawyer helps the corporation understand and implement best practices for compliance with consumer rights laws. This way the practitioners also help the corporation defend against allegations of wrongdoing including formal legal actions.

Small and solo law firms:

Lawyers in small firms and solo practice work in consumer law on behalf of consumers. Handling everything from a simple credit card collection to a complex product liability case, small and solo firm lawyers ensure that consumer rights are enforced as they work on behalf of individual clients.

In-house counsel:

Consumer lawyers work in a variety of settings and locations. Some lawyers enter the field primarily for public interest and the opportunity to make a positive difference. Others enjoy the area of practice because it often provides for a steady career and income.

them with consumer law. Consumers need protection from unfair practices. Corporations need to be able to do business, and they need to be able to implement laws as they change. By representing their clients, lawyers work to arrive at the right balance between protecting consumers and allowing corporations to function freely and independently.

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So, to sum up the major areas of opportunities in consumer practice as follows:

- Independent Consumer Law Practice
- o District Forum: district headquarters
- o State forum: state capital
- o National Forum: Situated inside Supreme Court complex
- Associate/Principal Associate for Consumer Law/Product Liability Practice at Law Firms
- Litigation Lawyer at Law Firms
- In house counsel in various manufacturers of consumer durables
- Legal manager in insurance companies
- Independent Legal Consultant/Legal Advisor to various manufacturers (after 7 years of experience)
- Consumer contract specialist for law firms or large corporations
- Consumer Advocacy at various NGOs both national and international.

(The author is Principal, IFIM Law School, Bengaluru)

LU, CDRI sign up for mutual exchange programmes

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LUCKNOW

LUCKNOW University (LU) has joined hands with the Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI) for several mutual exchange programmes in research and academic training.

LU spokesperson Durgesh Srivastava said that LU and CDRI will be conducting collaborative research programmes in specific fields of interest and the submission of collabora-

tive projects for extramural funding (such as CSIR, DST, DBT, ICMR, and other funding agencies).

"Also, the collaboration will organise training programmes for postgraduates and research scholars, faculty exchange programmes and sharing of instrumental facilities," he said.

He said that these agreements will help in exchanging knowledge, utilisation of the start-of-the-art facilities for research and improving research quality.

Scientists develop new technology to decode degenerative brain disorders

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NEW DELHI

A team of South Korean scientists has developed a new labelling technology that can observe neuronal structure in detail and help decode degenerative brain disorders like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease, as well as stroke - known to cause malfunction and progressive degeneration of the nerve cells.

The next-generation technology, named 'NeuM' (Neuronal Membrane-selective), enables successful monitoring of neuronal changes for up to 72 hours, said the team from the Korea Institute of Science and Technology (KIST).

NeuM works by selectively labelling living neurons for real-time monitoring is imperative, current gene-based and antibody-based labelling technologies suffer from low accuracy and difficulty in long-term tracking.

The researchers explained that visualising neuronal changes is important both during the disease and in normal conditions.

This is because the structure and function of nerve cells continuously change while transmitting informa-



tion from sensory organs to the brain.

While selectively labelling living neurons for real-time monitoring is imperative, current gene-based and antibody-based labelling technologies suffer from low accuracy and difficulty in long-term tracking.

NeuM, developed via the molecular design of neuronal cells, is likely to be a solution.

The technology comes with "excellent binding affinity to neuronal membranes, enabling long-term tracking

and high-resolution imaging of neurons", the researchers said. "NeuM can distinguish ageing and degenerating neurons, becoming a crucial tool in elucidating the mechanisms of degenerative brain disorders and developing treatments," said Dr. Kim Yun Kyung from the Brain Science Institute at KIST.

"In the future, we plan to refine NeuM for even more precise analysis of neurons by designing fluorescence wavelengths to distinguish colours such as green and red," he added.



Ravi Teja's landmark film promises a 'Mass Dawath' for Sankranti 2025

Celebrated actor Ravi Teja, known for his unique blend of comic timing and massy persona, is gearing up to mark a significant milestone in his illustrious career with his landmark 75th film, titled "#RT75." Fans and movie-lovers eagerly anticipate this milestone project, expecting a complete joy ride in Ravi Teja's signature style.

On the auspicious occasion of Ugadi, the makers unveiled a special announcement regarding this landmark film, setting the stage for a typical massy entertainer slated for release during Sankranti. The



announcement poster, reminiscent of a vibrant village fair, hints at the extravaganza in store for audiences.

Set against the backdrop of a grand exhibition, #RT75 promises to deliver Ravi Teja's trademark energy and dialogue delivery,

Sithara Entertainments, in association with Sai Soujanya of Fortune Four Cinemas, #RT75 boasts a talented crew. Bheem Cecileo, known for his musical prowess, takes charge of composing the film's music, while Bhanu Bhogavarapu directs with finesse. Karthik Ghattamaneni's cinematography and National Award-winning editor Navin Nooli's editing skills further enhance the cinematic experience.

With the promise of "Dhoom Dham Mass" Dawath, #RT75 is poised to set screens ablaze during the festive season of Sankranti in 2025.



Anjali shares her excitement for completing 50 films

The renowned actress Anjali is all set to mark a significant milestone in her illustrious career with her upcoming film "Geethanjali Malli Vachindhi." This highly anticipated project, directed by Shiva Thurlapati and produced by Kona Venkat under Kona Films Corporation in collaboration with MVV Cinemas, serves as Anjali's 50th cinematic venture, adding an extra layer of significance to the already eagerly awaited release.

In a recent interaction preceding the film's release, Anjali shared insights into the unique aspects of the project and her experience working on it. One notable aspect she highlighted was the thematic consistency across her upcoming films, all of which start with the letter "G" but explore different genres. Despite being the first film in this sequence, "Geethanjali Malli Vachindhi" is set to hit the screens before the others due to production timelines.

Discussing the film's inception, Anjali revealed that the idea for the sequel was conceived four years ago by Kona Venkat. However, due to various reasons, including scheduling conflicts and the pandemic, the project was delayed until now. Nevertheless, the timing feels opportune for the sequel to the highly successful "Geethanjali," allowing the storyline to continue seamlessly while introducing new characters to the narrative.

Anjali expressed confidence in the director, Shiva Thurlapati, emphasizing his understanding of shot division and the seamless transition from choreography to directing. Despite the challenges inherent in creating a demanding sequel, Anjali praised the director's commitment and dedication to the project.

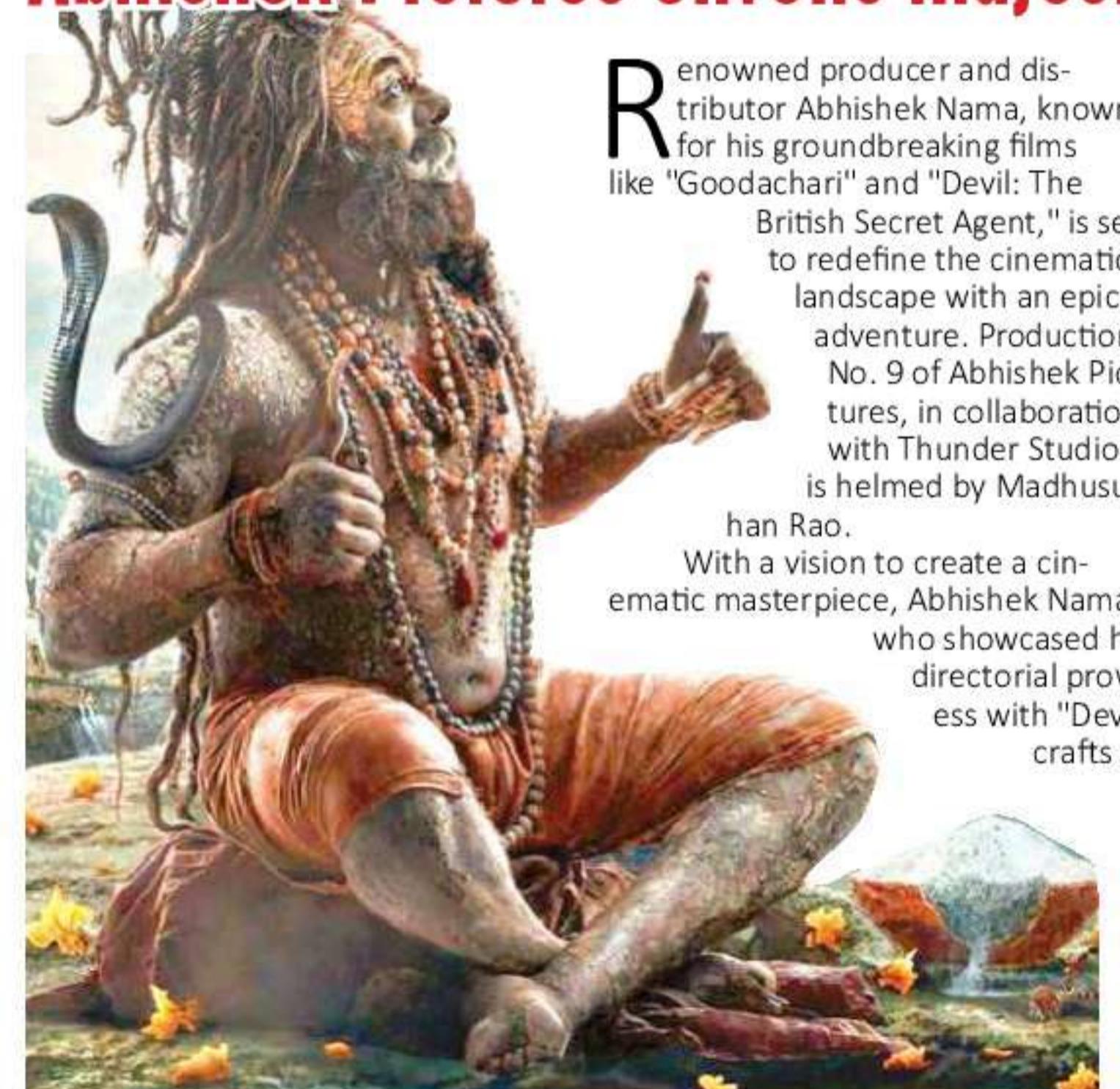
Furthermore, Anjali discussed the blend of horror and comedy that defines the "Geethanjali" franchise, ensuring that "Geethanjali Malli Vachindhi" maintains the same flavor while leveraging new technology to enhance the viewing experience. With the inclusion of veteran actors like Ali, Sunil, and Satya, along with Anjali's diverse role and action sequences, the film promises to deliver a captivating and entertaining cinematic journey. As Anjali celebrates her 50th film milestone, she expressed gratitude for the opportunity to be part of such a significant project and for the journey she has had in the industry thus far. With its blend of emotions, including horror and comedy, "Geethanjali Malli Vachindhi" is poised to leave a lasting impression on audiences and redefine the horror-comedy genre.



'Tillu Square' success celebrations

Vishwak Sen, NTR, Siddhu Jonnalagadda at the success celebrations of 'Tillu Square' held in Hyderabad

Abhishek Pictures unveils majestic adventure 'Nagabandham' on Ugadi



Renowned producer and distributor Abhishek Nama, known for his groundbreaking films like "Goodachari" and "Devil: The British Secret Agent," is set to redefine the cinematic landscape with an epic adventure. Production No. 9 of Abhishek Pictures, in collaboration with Thunder Studios, is helmed by Madhusudhan Rao.

With a vision to create a cinematic masterpiece, Abhishek Nama, who showcased his directorial prowess with "Devil," crafts a

compelling narrative intertwined with spiritual and adventurous elements. Presented by Devansh Nama and co-produced by Dev Babu Gandi (Bujji), the film promises to captivate audiences across languages.

On the auspicious occasion of Ugadi, Abhishek Pictures unveiled the title of their grand venture – "Nagabandham," with the tagline "The Secret Treasure." The announcement was accompanied by a mesmerizing glimpse, transporting viewers to an enigmatic world filled with intrigue and mystique. The VFX work amplifies the visual splendor, creating an immersive experience.

Introducing the mysterious Aghori character portrayed by Avinash, renowned for his role in "KGF," the teaser ignites curiosity about the lead actor and the thrilling quest for Lord Vishnu's treasure.

With director Abhishek Nama steering the ship and producer Madhusudhan Rao assembling a team of seasoned technicians, the film guarantees an unforgettable journey into a realm of magic and adventure.

Soundar Rajan S captures the enchanting visuals, while Abbe weaves magic through the musical score. Srikanth Vissa's dialogues add depth to the narrative, and Santosh Kamireddy's editing ensures a seamless flow. Ganthi Nadikudikar's intricate production design enhances the authenticity of the mystical world.

"Nagabandham" is a pan-Indian extravaganza set for a simultaneous release in Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, Kannada, and Malayalam languages in 2025. While the main cast is yet to be unveiled, anticipation is already soaring for this cinematic spectacle that promises to leave an indelible mark on audiences worldwide.

Niharika Konidela to introduce new talent with 'Committee Kurrollu'

Mega Daughter Niharika Varma, Prasad Behara, and many more. The newcomers are thrilled to make their debut under the reputable Pink Elephant Pictures banner. Producer Niharika Konidela expressed her delight at expanding Pink Elephant Pictures into feature films, in collaboration with Shree Radha Damodar Studios. Making his directorial debut, Yadhu Vamsi aims to deliver a refreshing storytelling experience, with engaging dialogues by Venkata Subhash Cheerla and Kondal Rao Addagalla. Vamsi highlighted the banner's evolution and emphasized the dedication to meet audience expectations.



Vijay Antony talks love and cinema ahead of 'Love Guru' release

SUHAS SISTU

Vijay Antony, the celebrated actor and filmmaker, is all set to woo Telugu audiences with his latest venture, "Love Guru." Marking his debut in the romantic entertainer genre, the film stars the talented Mrinalini Ravi opposite Vijay Antony. Produced under the banners of Vijay Antony Film Corporation and Meera Vijay Antony, and directed by Vinayak Vaidyanathan, "Love Guru" is scheduled for release on the 11th of this month, coinciding with the festive occasion of Ramzan, courtesy of Mythri Movie Distribution.

In a recent interview, Vijay Antony opened up about the essence of "Love Guru" and shared his thoughts on its narrative and themes. He expressed his belief in focusing on the present moment, both in his personal life and career, emphasizing the importance of cherishing the journey and allowing the universe to guide one's path. Regarding the film, he conveyed his confidence in its success, attributing it to the captivating storyline and the efforts of the entire team. Describing "Love Guru" as a fantastic family comedy, Vijay Antony hinted at its

emotional depth and its exploration of the complexities of love. He emphasized the film's ability to teach valuable lessons about love and relationships, underscoring the importance of self-love and positivity in fostering meaningful connections with others. Reflecting on the natural dialogue and relatable characters in the film, Vijay Antony praised director Vinayak's ability to capture the nuances of marital relationships authentically. He also expressed his gratitude for the collaboration with Mythri Movie Distribution, highlighting their shared passion for cinema.

Addressing his future projects, Vijay Antony revealed plans for "Bicchagadu 3," promising an emotional and compelling storyline akin to its predecessor. He expressed his ambition to direct the film himself, underscoring his dedication to crafting impactful narratives that resonate with audiences. As anticipation builds for the release of "Love Guru," Vijay Antony's insights offer a glimpse into the film's heartfelt storytelling and its potential to leave a lasting impression on viewers. With its blend of humor, emotion, and romance, "Love Guru" promises to be a memorable cinematic experience for audiences of all ages.





Stunning outfits to add zing to your celebration!

GRUSH KHANNA

Eid is a time of celebration, unity, and gratitude, where families and friends come together to offer prayers, exchange gifts, and share a meal. It is a time to renew faith, seek forgiveness, and strengthen bonds with loved ones.

In addition to its religious significance, Eid also has cultural and social significance, where people of all ages and backgrounds participate in the festivities. The atmosphere during Eid is lively and joyous, with streets and markets adorned with decorations and lights.

There are many clothing options that women can try this EID. Here are some suggestions:

Anarkali Suit

Anarkali suits are a popular choice for women on EID. They are long, flowing dresses that are usually heavily embroidered.

Sharara

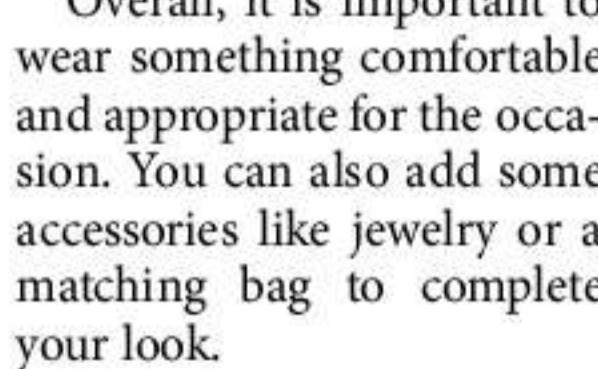
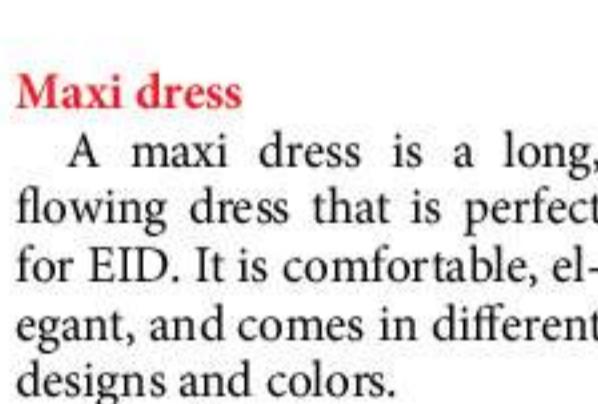
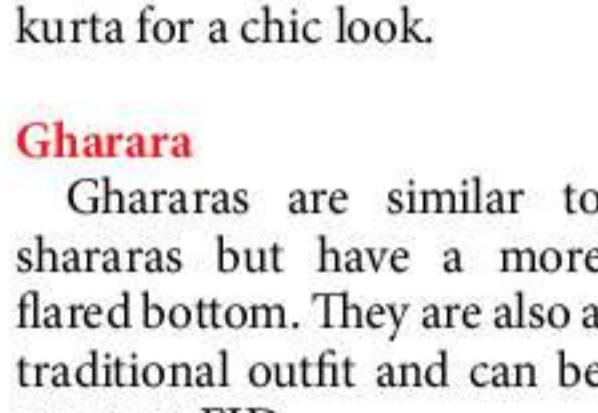
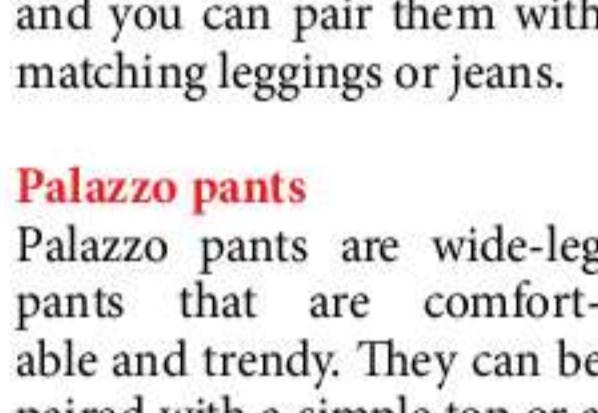
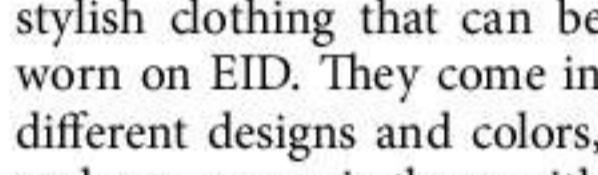
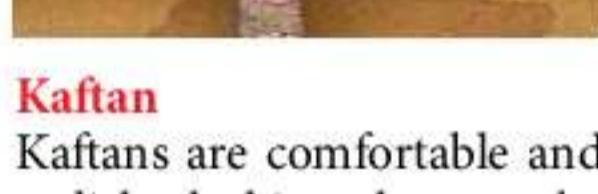
Shararas are another traditional outfit that can be worn on EID. They consist of a long, flowing skirt and a short top.

Salwar Kameez

A simple salwar kameez can also be a good choice for EID. You can choose one in a bright color and pair it with a matching dupatta.

Abaya

If you prefer a more modest look, you can wear an abaya. It is a long, flowing dress that covers the entire body.



Elevate Your Eid Festivities with Delicious Recipes

Eid brings cherished moments along with family and friends. If you're hosting a festive gathering or simply enjoying a heartfelt meal with loved ones, Godrej Appliances have some easy to prepare Eid recipes that can be made in the Microwave Oven. Let the aroma of spices and the warmth of shared meals like delicious Kebabs, Tandoori chicken, flavourful Falafel, and rich delight of Sheer Khurma elevate your dining experience.

SHEER KHURMA**Ingredients****Quantity**

Vermicelli	1½ cup
Ghee	3 tbsp
Sugar	¾ cup
Milk	1 litre
Dates Chopped	8
Chironji Seeds	few
Almonds Chopped	8
Saffron Stalks	few
Cashews Chopped	8
Pistachios Chopped	8
Cardamom powder	½ tsp

Method of preparation:

Step 1: Mix the broken vermicelli with 2 tbsp of ghee in a microwavable glass bowl and then Microwave it for 2 minutes on high power, stir in between by pausing after 1 minute.

Step 2: Heat a little milk until warm and soak the saffron in it. Set it aside.

Step 3: Soak the pistachios, almonds in water, remove the outer skin, and chop them along with the cashews. Mix the nuts and chironji with 1 tbsp of ghee and microwave until roasted. Set aside.

Step 4: Take a microwave oven safe bowl, add milk and sugar, mix well and cook on high power in the microwave oven for 5 minutes. Stirring once in between.

Step 5: Add roasted vermicelli, stir well and microwave it for 4 minutes.

Step 6: Add dates, nuts and chironji, cardamom powder and saffron dissolved in milk.

Step 7: Again microwave it for 5 minutes, stirring in between. Sheer Khurma is ready to be served.

CHICKEN KEBABS**Ingredients****Quantity**

Chicken	1 kg
Egg	1
Ginger-garlic paste	2 tsp
Red chili powder	2½ tsp

Method of preparation:

Step 1: Wash the chicken and drain out the excess water and pat dry.

Step 2: Marinate the chicken with all the ingredients and refrigerate for 1 hour.

Step 3: Arrange the marinated chicken on a crusty plate and place it on the grill rack in the microwave oven.

Select the temperature of 200°C in convection mode, set the time for 14

Coriander leaves	few
Spearmint leaves	few
Garam masala	1 tsp
Chaat masala	1 tsp
Curd	½ cup
Lemon Juice	1½ tsp
Black pepper powder	1 tsp
Salt to taste	

minutes and press start.

Step 4: After the beep, remove the chicken and brush it with oil, and turn the chicken pieces upside down. Select 200°C temperature again in convection mode, set the time for 14 minutes, and press start. Serve chicken tandoori hot with onion rings and pudina chutney.

FALAFEL**Ingredients****Quantity**

Chickpeas, drained and rinsed	1 ½ cup
Chopped onion	1/2 cup
Minced cloves	2 cloves
Chopped fresh parsley	1/2 cup
Chopped fresh cilantro	1/2 cup
Ground cumin	1 tsp
Ground coriander	1/2 tsp
Salt as required	
Black pepper	1/4 tsp
Oil	2 tbsp
Besan	2 tbsp

Method of preparation:

Step 1: In a mixer jar add chickpeas, onion, cloves, parsley, cilantro, cumin, coriander, salt, and black pepper until the mixture comes together, but still has some texture. Then, add the oil and flour and grind it again, ensure that it is not finely grind to retain the rough texture.

Step 2: Scoop the mixture into tablespoon-sized balls and flatten slightly.

Step 3: Arrange the falafel in the crusty plate and place the plate on the high grill mesh rack in the microwave oven.

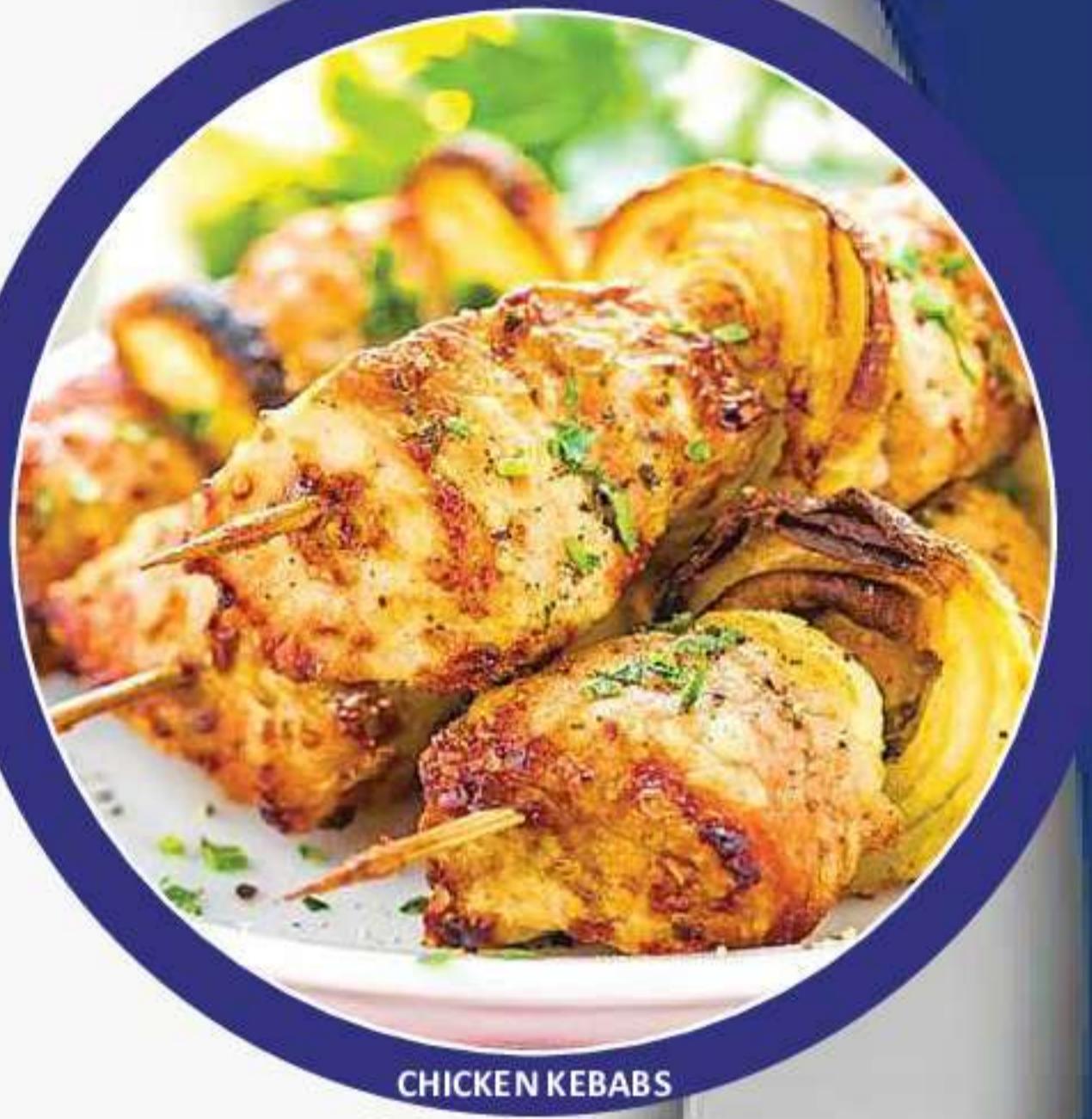
Step 4: Select Convection mode, set 200°C temperature and bake for 12 minutes.

Step 5: After the beep, remove the crusty plate and turn all falafel balls upside down and again bake for 8 minutes.

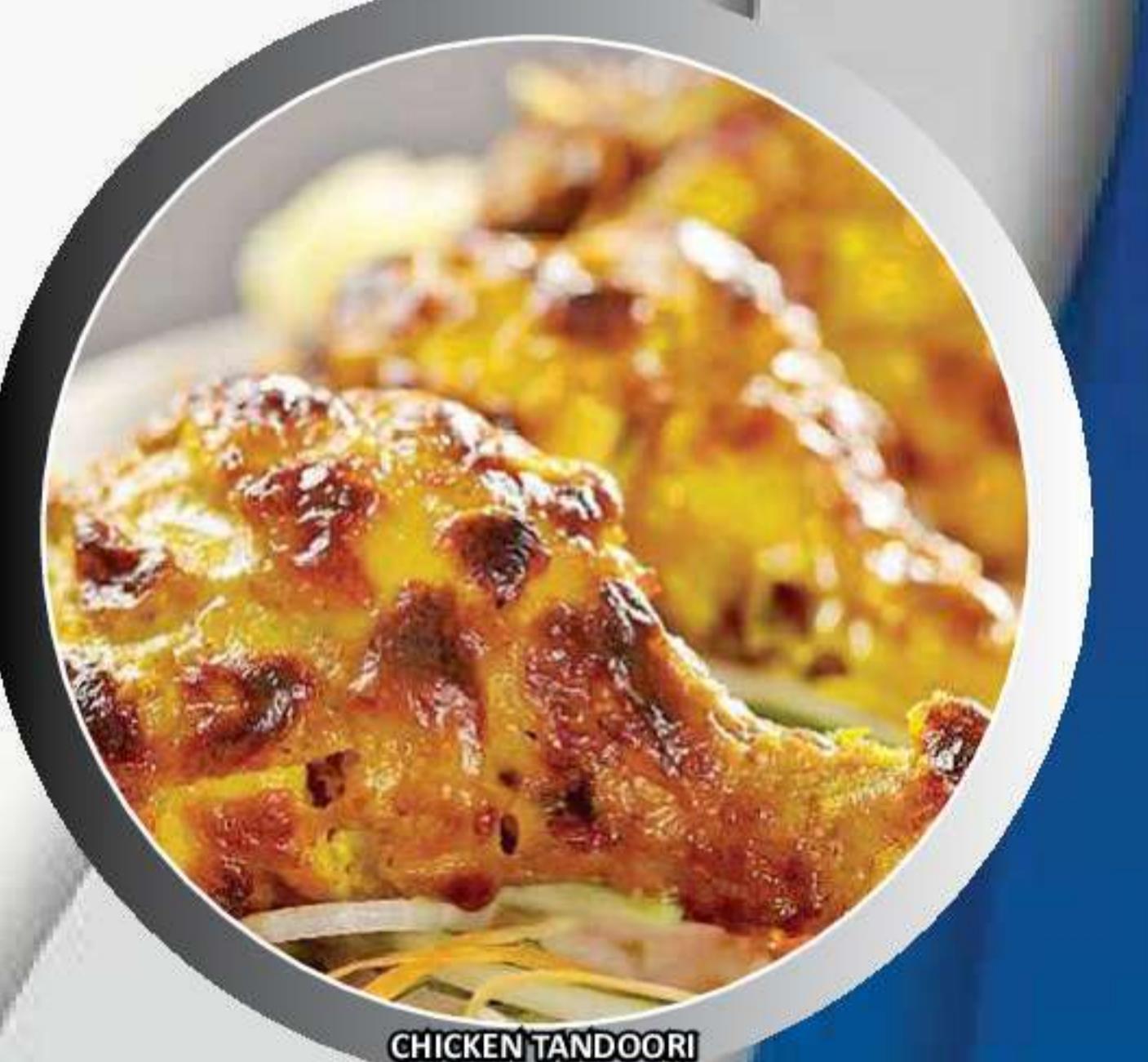
Serve the falafel with pita bread, hummus, and your favorite toppings, such as chopped tomatoes, cucumbers, and onions.



SHEER KHURMA



CHICKEN KEBABS



CHICKEN TANDOORI



Falafel

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- 8 Captain Picard's counsellor (4)
- 9 Zoroastrians (5)
- 10 Capital of Lebanon (6)
- 11 Sea eagle (6)
- 12 A rocky pinnacle (3)
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- 15 Loud continuous noise (3)
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- 29 Single digit (4)
- 30 Scottish dish (6)

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Solution to April 9

Bloom this summer with corsets

N LOTHUNGBENI HUMTSOE

STAYING in vogue is essential whether embracing the summer heat or the brisk winter air. One trend that has become a universal favourite is the corset.

A corset is an extremely stylish item of clothing that works well for all seasons. It can be styled in multiple ways in the summer season and you can add a lot of fun to your regular outfits.

Suman Bharti, Founder of Bunny Corset says, "Adding corsets to your workwear collection can give your look a refined and fashionable touch. Picking a short-sleeved corset top in a pastel colour is an easy way to incorporate it into your work attire. You can pair the corset with a long pencil skirt, cigarette pants, or flared trousers. Select a look that won't feel restrictive all day long and make moving around easy."

"Layer your summer outfit with a lace corset to create an edgy look. You can layer the lace corset with a

blazer or a printed shirt. For an elegant look, wear a sleek black blazer; alternatively, try wearing bright or pastel colours to give your ensemble a breath of fresh air. For formal and semi-formal settings like evening parties or business meetings, it can be an ideal option," adds Suman.

To create an outfit bloom this spring and summer with corsets, the founder of Bunney Corset suggests that a casual dress can be made into a refreshing outfit by adding a statement accessory, such as a corset belt. She says, "Wearing a corset belt instantly cinches the waist and creates a flattering silhouette, whether you're wearing a flowy maxi dress or a simple sundress. For a more dramatic look, go for a broad corset belt with lace-up details or wear a sleek leather corset belt for a subtle look."

To create a classic look, pair denim with a floral corset top. Suman advises that the corset top can be worn with mommy jeans, flared jeans, or baggy jeans. She says, "No matter which denim option you choose, pairing it with a floral corset top adds a chic and timeless touch to your outfit, perfect for various occasions from casual outings to more dressed-up events."



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'This is her time,' ex-India coach Fernandez backs Nikhat for Paris Olympics medal

NEW DELHI

LONG-serving boxing coach Blas Iglesias Fernandez has backed Nikhat Zareen to return with a medal from the upcoming Paris Olympics. The 68-year-old Cuban, who changed the face of Indian boxing since arriving in India for the first time in 1990, feels Lovlina Borgohain can win too but "only if she shows killer instinct." Fernandez, the only overseas coach to have ever won a Dronacharya award, is back in India after being appointed by the

Sports Authority of India as High Performance Coach for a two-year period. Fernandez is stationed at the National Boxing Academy in Rohtak, Haryana.

Speaking recently on the sidelines of the multination camp for junior boxers at the SAI's National Centre of Excellence in Rohtak, Fernandez evaluated India's chances at the upcoming Summer Games.

The much revered coach, who at various times during his stint with India, has been at the corner of legendary boxers like Dingko Singh,

Vijender Singh, Sarita Devi and Mary Kom, said India can win "at least two medals" in Paris and Nikhat Zareen (50 kg) had a high probability to bag one of them.

"I love the boxing (style) of Nikhat. She is very intelligent. She has good ring tactics. She knows when she is winning and when she is losing," said Fernandez to SAI Media, indicating that the two-time world championships gold medalist, was a boxer who was always in control of her bouts.

"This is Nikhat's time to

prove herself. It's true that she had lived in the shadows of Mary Kom but now it's her chance to prove herself and make India proud," said Fernandez.

After Tokyo, 26-year-old Lovlina has struggled with her form. Moving from 69 kg to 75 kg division was never an easy task. Lovlina did not finish among the medals at the 2022 world championships and the Commonwealth Games. But the tall Assam girl bagged her Paris ticket after winning the world championship gold in 2023 and the silver medal

at the 2023 Hangzhou Asian Games.

"Lovlina has to show more killer instinct. I have seen some of her bouts and I think she lost them because Lovlina was not aggressive and proactive enough. If she can box to her potential, she can finish among the medals in Paris," said Fernandez.

Nikhat (50 kg) and Lovlina (75 kg) are among the four Indian women boxers who have qualified for the July-August Summer Games in Paris. The others are Preeti Pawar (54 kg) and Parveen Hooda (57 kg).



Lovlina won a bronze medal at Tokyo Olympics.

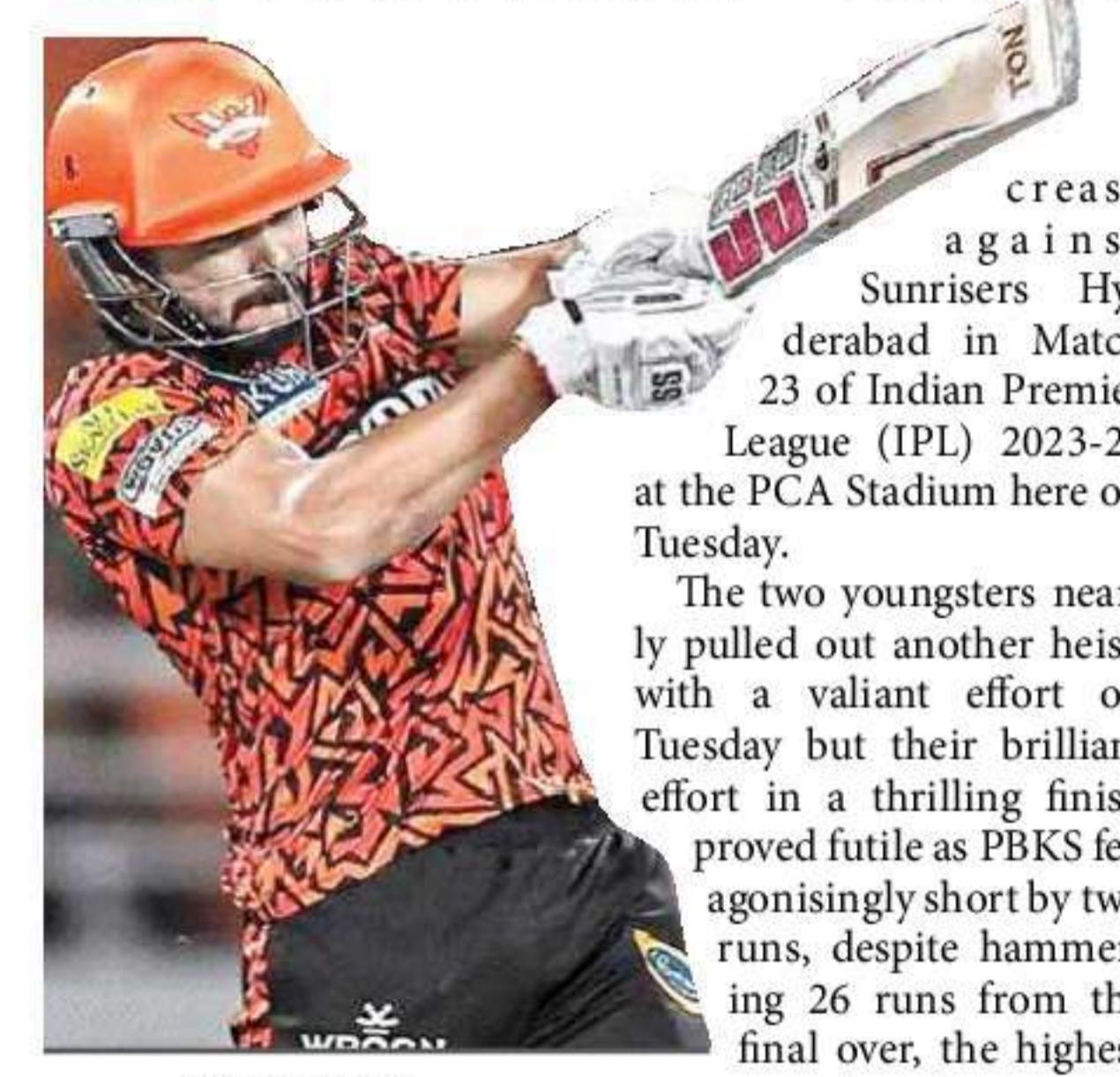
Fernandez is hoping India's men will also qualify for the Paris Games. Much will depend on how they fare in the second and final world qualifiers in Bangkok

from May 23 to June 3. Up to 51 Paris quotas will be up for grabs and Indian boxers can potentially clinch nine more Paris spots.

"I reckon Nishant Dev and Amit Panghal can bag Paris quotas. They both

have the potential to do this. Men's boxing is very tough and should not be compared with women's where the competition is relatively easier. I will like to see Indian men breaking the Olympic jinx," said Fernandez.

Shashank, Ashutosh's efforts in as SRH beat PBKS by two runs



Punjab Kings made 180/6 in 20 overs after Arshdeep Singh's 4-29 topped Nitish Kumar Reddy's 37-ball 64 in a match in which both the teams made many mistakes. However, players like Nitish Kumar Reddy, Arshdeep Singh, Shashank Singh and Ashutosh Sharma showed nerves of steel they showed great power-hitting and used the conditions superbly.

Brief scores:

Sunrisers Hyderabad 182/9 in 20 overs (Nitish Kumar Reddy 64, Abdul Samad 25; Arshdeep Singh 4-29, Sam Curran 2-41, Harshal Patel 2-30) beat Punjab Kings 180/6 in 20 overs (Shashank Singh 46 not out, Ashutosh Sharma 33 not out; Sam Curran 29; Bhuvneshwar Kumar 2-32) by two runs.

Vijayakanth joins SRH as replacement for Hasaranga

NEW DELHI

SUNRISERS Hyderabad on Tuesday roped in young Sri Lanka leg-spinner Vijayakanth Viyaskanth as a replacement for the injured Wanindu Hasaranga in the ongoing edition of the Indian Premier League.

The 22-year-old Vijayakanth, who has played one T20I for Sri Lanka, is a like-for-like replacement for leg-spinner Hasaranga. He has joined Sunrisers for a base price of Rs 50 lakh. "Sunrisers Hyderabad had signed Vijayakanth Viyaskanth as a replacement for the injured Wanindu Hasaranga for the remainder of the Tata Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024," an IPL statement said. Hasaranga was set to turn out for SRH in the 2024 IPL after being bought by the 2016 champions for Rs 1.5 crore last year.



However, chronic heel pain in his left foot ruled him out of the IPL this year. He previously played for Royal Challengers Bengaluru. He had a stellar 2022 season, taking 26 wickets with an economy of 7.54, but in 2023 he played only eight games and took nine wickets with an economy of 8.9. (PTI)

RR look to keep winning juggernaut rolling

Jaiswal's form a concern for home side



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KKR	4	3	1	6	1.528
LSG	4	3	1	6	0.775
CSK	5	3	2	6	0.666
SRH	5	3	2	6	0.344
PBKS	5	2	3	4	-0.196
GT	5	2	3	4	-0.797
MI	4	1	3	2	-0.704
RCB	5	1	4	2	-0.843
DC	5	1	4	2	-1.370

Abid Mushtaq, Nandre Burger.

Gujarat Titans: Shubman Gill (c), David Miller, Matthew Wade, Wriddhiman Saha, Robin Minz, Kane Williamson, Abhinav Mandhar, B Sai Sudarshan, Darshan Nalkande, Vijay Shankar, Azmatullah Omarzai, Shahrukh Khan, Jayant Yadav, Raahul Tewatia, Kartik Tyagi, Shashin Mishra, Spencer Johnson, Noor Ahmad, Sai Kishore, Umesh Yadav, Rashid Khan, Joshua Little, Mohit Sharma and Manav Suthar.

lengers Bengaluru.

Sanju Samson has been leading RR from the front, scoring 178 runs from four games including two fifties. But it is Riyan Parag's performance with the bat that has been a revelation for RR. The all-rounder from Guwahati is the third highest run-getter in the tournament so far with 185 runs, including two unbeaten half-centuries.

The likes of Shimron Hetmyer and Dhruv Jurel also needs to contribute more in the middle-order. Rajasthan also boasts of potent bowling attack in the form of pacers Trent Boult and Nandre Burger, and leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal, who has been their stand-out performer with

eight wickets, the second highest so far.

The Shubman Gill-led side would look to avoid a hat-trick of losses on Wednesday but it would be easier said than done against an opponent on rampage. They would be looking to bounce from back after a 'poor' effort with the bat against Lucknow Super Giants.

Gill, personally, have had a decent outing with the bat so far, scoring 183 runs from five games with a strike rate close to 147. His opening partner B Sai Sudharsan too has been among runs but is yet to register a fifty in the tournament. He replaced Wriddhiman Saha at the top in the pre-

vious and is expected to bat alongside Gill also on Wednesday.

Teams

Rajasthan Royals: Sanju Samson (c), Jos Buttler, Shimron Hetmyer, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Dhruv Jurel, Riyan Parag, Donovan Ferreira, Kunal Rathore, Ravichandran Ashwin, Kuldeep Sen, Navdeep Saini, Keshav Maharaj, Sandeep Sharma, Trent Boult, Yuzvendra Chahal, Avesh Khan, Rovman Powell, Shubham Dubey, Tom Kohler-Cadmore,

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE

Inaugural league to be held in Ranchi from April 30

NEW DELHI

THE inaugural National Women's Hockey League will be held in Ranchi from April 30 till May 10, the Hockey India announced on Tuesday.

The National Women's Hockey League, which promises an exhilarating showcase of talent and skills, aims to provide a platform for emerging athletes and elevate the stature of women's hockey in the country. The

league will witness fierce competition among the top state teams that finished in the top eight at the marquee 14th Hockey India Senior Women's National Championships.

Haryana, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Bengal, Mizoram, Manipur, and Odisha -- the eight quarterfinalists at the Senior

Women's National Championships in Pune will compete in the first phase of the league.

The league will also witness participation of U21 players. The event will provide the selectors the opportunity to identify and nurture talent for future international tournaments. The dates of second phase of the league will be held next year. (PTI)



CANDIDATES CHESS

Indians in hunt, but Nepomniachtchi favourite

TORONTO

THE great Viswanathan Anand felt Indians were "a long shot" in the Candidates Chess Tournament but the duo of D Gukesh and R Praggnanandhaa have done surprisingly well to withstand the early storm as the prestigious event took its first rest day of the ongoing edition.

The Indians were never the favourites in the bigger scheme of things but yet, Gukesh has held his own and so has Praggnanandhaa. However, the same cannot be said about Vidit Gujrathi, who became a favourite after his stunning win over world No.3 Hikaru Nakamura. With four rounds done out of 14, there are 10 more games still to play. Things have been going well for the Indians but not in the purest way

possible. Ian Nepomniachtchi of Russia, who has to play under the FIDE flag due to sanctions against his country, is sitting firmly at the top of the table on three points out of a possible four and he could not have hoped for a better start to his campaign. With victories against Gujrathi and Firouza Alireza of France and two

draws, the Russian got a heads-up to what could possibly be a third attempt to fight for the crown of world champion. Historically, no one has ever won the candidates three times in a row.

Nepomniachtchi became the first sole leader in the event following his second victory with white pieces and he is now followed by Fabiano Caruana and Gukesh on 2.5 points apiece. Praggnanandhaa is not far behind on two points holding the fourth spot while Gujrathi, Abasov, Alireza and Nakamura have an identical 1.5 points each. **Pairings round 5:** Firouza Alireza (FRA, 1.5) vs Hikaru Nakamura (USA); D Gukesh (IND) vs Nijat Abasov (AZE); Vidit Gujrathi (IND) vs Fabiano Caruana (USA); R Praggnanandhaa (IND) vs Ian Nepomniachtchi (FIDE).



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