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10 crest gates of Nagarjuna Sagar lifted

Nalgonda: The irrigation officials on Friday lifted 10 crest gates of Nagarjuna Sagar to about five feet, releasing 1,33,137 cusecs of water downstream. At present, the project inflows are 2,16,137 cusecs. The current water level of the project is 589.70 as against the total water level of 590 feet. Also, the water storage the project reached 311.1486 TMC as against the total water storage 312.0450 TMC.

B Govardhan is TSRTC chairman

Ranchi: Government money meant for payment of scholarships to backward class students was embezzled in Jharkhand's Chatra district. This was revealed in the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India for 2018-19 that was tabled in the Jharkhand Assembly last week. Chatra district welfare officer (DWO) maintained 12 bank accounts in which Rs 95.05 crore was credited and Rs 85.85 crore withdrawn from it and misappropriated during 2013-18, the CAG report informed. "Of these, payments worth Rs 70.01 crore made to individuals, agencies etc could not be vouchsafed in absence of related records," it further informed, adding those records were not made available to the audit team and told those were destroyed in a fire. "Audit observed that the remaining amount of Rs 15.84 crore was withdrawn and fraudulently transferred into bank accounts of NGOs, institutes, suppliers, teachers, officials and individuals," the report further informed, indicating the extent of collusion among them. The ST, SC, minority and backward class welfare department of the state government had instructed in May 2015 that scholarship would be paid directly to bank accounts of the beneficiary students through DBT (direct bank transfer) mode but the DWO instead asked the banks to make credit to accounts of certain schools. But those accounts were found to be belonging to some individuals, not schools. The audit team also found that two persons who functioned as DWO Chatra between June 2017 and May 2018 fraudulently transferred Rs 6 crore to bank accounts of the cashier of the office, his relatives, NGOs, non-existent institutes and other individuals.

BJP would form Govt. in 2023: Shah

Union Home Minister addresses meeting at Nirmal



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Hyderabad : Union Minister Amit Shah on Friday exuded confidence that the BJP would form the government in Telangana State in 2023. Addressing a public meeting organised by the State unit of BJP in connection with 'Telangana Liberation Day' in Nirmal, he said that on this day, Telangana got freedom from Razakars. "Once the BJP is voted to power, then 'Telangana Liberation Day' would be organised officially," he said. During the agitation for separate Statehood for Telangana, an assurance was given that 'Telangana Liberation Day' would be observed officially, he said, adding that the State government was now hesitating to hold it officially. He appreciated the State BJP president Bandi Sanjay Kumar for his 'Praja Sangrama' yatra that started from Sri Bhagya Lakshmi temple near Charminar recently.

638 tribal students shine in JEE mains 2021

Hyderabad: For the first time in the history of Telangana, 638 students from the Social Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society (TSWREIS) achieved their highest marks ever and qualified for the JEE mains 2021. The results for the same were announced on Wednesday. In the JEE mains 2021, 44 tribal students secured above 90 percentile in JEE mains. The two tribal girls who topped the entrance examination are E Kavya scores 97.2 percentile and J Gayatri scores 96.1 percentile, said a press note from the state government on Thursday.

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Bharat Biotech awaits feedback from WHO for Covaxin

Hyderabad: Bharat Biotech on Friday said it has submitted all the data pertaining to its COVID-19 vaccine Covaxin to the World Health Organisation for Emergency Use Listing (EUL) and is awaiting feedback from the

global health watchdog. The WHO is currently reviewing the data submitted by the vaccine maker and the date for a decision on the job is yet "to be confirmed," according to the update available on WHO website.

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NATIONAL BEROZGAR DAY



Hyderabad Youth Congress activists held a unique demonstration protest against rising unemployment in the country at Nallakunta cross roads in Hyderabad on Friday. Indian Youth Congress has declared Narendra Modi's birthday on September 17 as National Unemployment Day.

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Golden sweep for Indian girls in Tunis

New Delhi: India's Swastika Ghosh defeated compatriot Yashaswini Ghorphade 3-2 in what tuned out to be a gripping Under-19 girls final of the WTT (World Table Tennis) Contender event in Tunis, Tunisia.

However, a little while before, the silver medallist Yashaswini won gold in the Under-17 girls final, beating Egyptian Farida Badawy 11-6 14-12 11-7. In the Under-19 final, Swastika defeated Yashaswini 6-11 11-6

6-11 11-6 11-8. These were not the only successes in Tunis as the Indian paddlers collected all the gold on offer, besides some silver and bronze medals. Suhana Saini accounted for Pritha Vartikar in the Under-15 girls



TRS secretary-general K Keshava Rao unfurled the national flag at Telangana Bhavan on Friday morning commemorating the liberation of Hyderabad State and its merger with the Indian Union on September 17, 1949.



Industries Minister KT Rama Rao meets German Ambassador Walter J Lindner in Hyderabad on Friday.



Sri. Musharraf Faruqi, I.A.S. | Nirmal District _ias inspected the vaccination centers in Mudhol and Lokeshwaram zones and directed the concerned officials that the COVID Vaccination process should be accelerated. Special officers were ordered to expedite the vaccination process to ensure 100% vaccination.

Dalit Bandhu will change lives of Dalits: Jagadish Reddy



Suryapet: Energy Minister G Jagadish Reddy on Friday said that Dalit Bandhu scheme would bring a revolution in the welfare of Dalits in the State. Speaking at an awareness programme on the scheme at Tirumalgiri, Jagadish Reddy said Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao launched the initiative with the objective of removing socio-economic inequalities in the State. Dalit Bandhu, the brain-child of the Chief Minister, has become an inspiration for all States in the country on welfare of Dalits. The Chief Minister has devised the scheme to fulfill the dreams of 'Father of the Nation' Mahatma Gandhi and 'Architect of the Constitution of India' Dr B R Ambedkar to uplift of the Dalits. Stating that Dalit Bandhu was a continuous process for uplift of Dalits, he said that no need to doubt the implementation of the scheme across the State. The Dalit community are the financially backward community in the society. The Chief Minister has taken Telangana State on top in the country on development and welfare and the trend would also continue in the lives of Dalits with Dalit Bandhu scheme, he added. He pointed out that Rythu Bandhu was started with Rs 7,000 crore funds. Now, the State government was spending Rs 15,000 crores for the scheme. It was indicating the commitment of the State government on continuation of the welfare schemes once they have launched. He also underlined the need to create awareness among Dalits about the scheme. Zilla Parishad Chairman Gujja Deepika Yungender Rao, Thungathurthy MLA Gadari Kishore, the district Collector T Vinay Krishna Reddy and others also attended the programme.



Students of Telangana Minority Residential School and College, Mohd Ajwad Ahmed of Asif Nagar Boys 1 and Ayani Sultana of Golconda Girls 2, the brother-sister duo has bagged gold and silver medal at the Boxing Development Federation of India's 4th Junior Men and Women's National Boxing Championships, 2021 held at Sonapat, Haryana recently.



The Liberation of Hyderabad Domain on September 17 was observed as Telangana Armed Struggle Day at the Left parties at Raavi Narayana Reddy Auditorium, Banjara Hills in Hyderabad on Friday.

Kanta Pingolia appointed



New Delhi : Kanta Pingolia is appointed as working president of Delhi Mahila Dalit Sena following the instruction of Union minister of Food Processing Industries and national president of Dalit Sena Pashupati Kumar Paras, Delhi Dalit Sena president Subhash Bihari on Friday. After receiving the appointment letter from Subhash Bihari, she averred that she would work for uplift of Dalit community, and fight for their rights. She thanked Union Minister and Delhi Dalit Sena for giving a chance to work for Dalit Community. Yaqoob Ansari, Delhi vice president, Sanjay Deewana general secretary, Bibhas Naskar treasurer, were also present on the occasion.

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The Golconda Boxing Association bagged 18 Gold, 19 Silver and 11 bronze medals at the 4th National Boxing Championship held from September 10 to 13 at Sonapat, Haryana. The team was warmly welcomed on its arrival at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Shamshabad on Friday. **Pic: Style photo service**

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Today is the death anniversary of Justice Mohammed Hidayatullah (17 December 1905 – 18 September 1992) was the 11th Chief Justice of India serving from 25 February 1968 to 16 December 1970, and the sixth Vice President of India, serving from 31 August 1979 to 30 August 1984. He had also served as the Acting President of India from 20 July 1969 to 24 August 1969 and from 6 October 1982 to 31 October 1982, and from 25 July 1983 to 25 July 1983, and from 25 July 1984 to 25 July 1984. He is regarded as an eminent jurist, scholar, educationist, author and linguist.

Hidayatullah was born in 1905 in the well-known family of Khan Bahadur Hafiz Mohammed Wilayatullah. His grand father Munshi Kudratullah was advocate in Varanasi. After completing primary education at the Government High School of Raipur in 1922, Hidayatullah attended Morris College in Nagpur, where he was nominated as the Phillip's Scholar in 1926. When he graduated in 1926, he was awarded the Malak Gold Medal. Following the trend of Indians studying British law abroad, Hidayatullah attended Trinity College at the University of Cambridge from 1927 to 1930 and obtained B.A. and M.A. Degrees from there. Here he secured the 2nd order of merit and was awarded a gold medal for his performance in 1930. He was called to the Bar from Lincoln's Inn when he was just 25 years old. He was awarded LL.D. On 24 June 1946, Hidayatullah was appointed as Additional Judge of that High Court of Central Provinces and Berar and on 13 September 1946 he was appointed as permanent judge of said High Court where he served until being elevated to Chief Justice of the Nagpur High Court in 1954 on 3 December 1954, being the youngest Chief Justice of a High Court. On 1 December 1958, he was elevated as a justice to the Supreme Court of India. In his time he was the youngest judge of the Supreme Court of India. After serving as a judge for nearly 10 years, he was appointed as the Chief Justice of India on 28 February 1968 – becoming the first Muslim Chief Justice of India. He retired from this position on 16 December 1970. During his term as the Chief Justice of India, the then-President of India, Zakir Husain died suddenly, in harness, on 3 May 1969. Then Vice President of India Mr. V. V. Giri became the acting President. Later, Giri resigned from both offices as acting president and Vice-President to become a candidate in the 1969 Presidential Election. Hidayatullah then served as the President of India for a short period from 20 July to 24 August. The visit of President of the United States Richard Nixon to India made his presidential term historic. After his retirement, Hidayatullah was elected as the Vice-President of India by a consensus among different parties and occupied that high office with distinction from 1979 to August 1984. During his tenure as the Vice-President, he won the respect of all concerned for his impartiality and independence. In 1982, when the then President Zail Singh went to the U.S. for medical treatment, Vice-President Hidayatullah officiated as president from 6 October 1982 to 31 October 1982. Thus, he officiated as acting president twice. Having served at all of these positions made Hidayatullah unique among other members of Indian history. He became the only person to have served in all three offices of Chief Justice of India, President of India, and the Vice President of India.

Telangana attracts Rs 887 crore investments in jute sector

Hyderabad: Reflecting the growing importance of food processing in Telanagana, three companies have come forward to set up jute mills in the State with a cumulative investment of Rs 887 crore. These units will provide direct employment to about 10,400 people. These proposed new jute mills will reduce Telanagana's dependence on other States and take it towards self-reliance. The three companies entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the State government on Friday for setting up the units in the State in the presence of Industries Minister KT Rama Rao, Agriculture Minister S Niranjan Reddy and Civil Supplies Minister Gangula Kamalakar. Speaking on the occasion, Rama Rao said Gloster Limited agreed to invest about



Rs 330 crore to set up the jute mill in Warangal, Kaleswaram AgroLimited to invest Rs 254 crore in Kamareddy and MBG Commodities Rs 303 crore in Sircilla. "These will lead to new employment creation for about 10,400 people," he said. Rao said there is need to be self-sufficient in jute as the demand has been rising on the back of increasing

agriculture produce and procurement in the State. Telanagana is making efforts to revolutionise the agriculture sector through optimum utilisation of resources from Godavari and Krishna rivers and local water bodies as well. The Minister also stressed the need for farmers to look at alternate crops as well for sustainable

profitability. More jute mills are likely to come up in other districts as well in view of the focus that Telanagana State was placing on food processing. Jute can also be a sustainable alternate to plastic. He assured government support to the companies setting up jute industries in the State. Agriculture Minister S Niranjan Reddy

said Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao has been placing special focus on jute industry with the increase in agriculture produce. He said the State will encourage farmers to take up jute cultivation to meet the requirements of the jute mills. Civil Supplies Minister Gangula Kamalakar said demand for gunny bags in the

State has been on rise. In 2014, the foodgrain production was about 24 lakh MT and about 3.2 crore new gunny bags were needed. "Today, more than 50 crore new gunny bags are needed as the grain production has crossed 141 lakh MT. The average requirement of bags per cropping season was around 20 crore units and that has now gone up to 35.2 crore units," he said. The State has been sourcing gunny bags from West Bengal, Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh paying Rs 49 to 62 per bag. This apart, it spent about Rs 2.50 per unit on transport. With new jute mills coming up in Telangana, the State will be in a position to save on these costs, Kamalakara said, and urged the companies to allot their entire production of bags to Telangana to meet the demand.

Andole MLA thanks CM KCR for approving irrigation projects

Sangareddy: Andole MLA Chanti Kranthi Kiran has thanked the State Cabinet and Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao for approving the Basaveshwara and Sangamahaswara Lift Irrigation Projects that were proposed under Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS). The State Cabinet, which met in Hyderabad on Thursday, approved both the projects. The MLA said the two projects will provide irrigation water to 3.84 lakh acres in Sangareddy district. The projects will cost Rs 4,400 crores to the State exchequer, he said in a statement here on Friday. While Sangameshwara Lift Irrigation Project will provide irrigation water to Sangareddy, Zaheerabad and Andole Assembly Constituencies, the Basaveshwara Lift Irrigation Project will provide irrigation water to Narayankhed and part of Andole Constituency. Saying that his Andole Constituency would benefit from both the projects, Kranthi Kiran said he will remain indebted to the Chief Minister for his entire life. Stating that the Andole will get irrigation water for about 2 lakh acres under Basaveshwara and Sangameshwara and package -19 of KLIS, he said that the projects will change the face of Andole constituency, part of which is also spread in Medak district. The farmers across Sangareddy district celebrated after the State government approved the lift irrigation projects.,



Congress leaders and activists celebrate the merger of Hyderabad State with the Indian Union at the Martyrs' Memorial, Koti in Hyderabad. The memorial was built in honour of Turrebaz Khan and others, who revolted against the Nizam in 1857. The PCC president, CLP Leader, and others offered floral tributes to martyrs on occasion.

Satish Chandra Sharma to be Chief Justice of Telangana ?

Hyderebad: The collegium of the Supreme Court has recommended the name of Justice Satish Chandra Sharma as the Chief Justice of Telangana High Court, according to highly placed sources here on Friday. Justice Sharma is currently the Acting Chief Justice of Karnataka.

Along with Justice Sharma, the Collegium has also recommended appointment of seven other Chief Justices to different States. The new Chief Justices will be: Allahabad – Justice Rajesh Bindal, Calcutta – Justice Prakash Srivastava, Andhra Pradesh – Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra, Karnataka – Justice Ritu Raj

Awasthi, Meghalaya – Justice
Ranjit V More, Gujarat – Justice
Aravind Kumar and Madhya
Pradesh – Justice R V Malimath.
Five more Chief Justices are
recommended to be transferred
by the collegium: They are: Justice
Arun Kumar Goswami – Andhra
Pradesh to Chhattisgarh, Justice
Mohd. Rafiq – Madhya Pradesh

to Himachal Pradesh, Justice Akil Qureshi – Tripura to Rajasthan, Justice Indrajit Mahanty – Rajasthan to Tripura and Justice Biswanath Somadder – Meghalaya to Sikkim. Justice Satish Chandra Sharma, who is to be made as the Chief Justice of Telangana hails from Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh.

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Following the media report which quoted Reddy as making a derogatory reference to Tharoor and criticizing him and Telangana minister KT Rama Rao, the Congress' state chief tweeted, "Born liar and looter @KTRTRS can't get away with hiding behind @ShashiTharoor ji and Fake news."

"It's clear that you are trying to mislead current issues of child molestation and corruption charges against your family," Reddy said.

Taking strong objection to Reddy's reported remarks, senior Congress leader Manish Tewari addressed Reddy on Twitter and said Tharoor "is a valued colleague of yours & mine" "It would have been better if you (Reddy) would have spoken to him if you had some misgivings about a purported statement of his. Grace & Propriety demands you withdraw your words," Tewari said.

Another Congress leader Salman Anees Soz agreed with Tewari's remarks and tweeted, "Dear Mr @revanth_anumula I couldn't agree more. @ShashiTharoor is a terrific leader who isn't about to join a race to the bottom."

"He is one of the foremost critics of the RSS & BJP. He fights for India & INC every day. Party leaders must be careful not to alienate our own," Soz said and tagged former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi.

Reddy's reported criticism of Tharoor had come after the latter's recent visit to Hyderabad.

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PM Narendra Modi turns 71 today; various programmes organized across country to mark the occasion

Today is the 71st Birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It is also an occasion to celebrate Mr Modi's two decades of service and dedication for good governance as Chief Minister and Prime Minister. During these twenty years, Mr Narendra Modi left his indelible mark on the life of crores of people through his relentless efforts to address fundamental problems facing the poor. All India Radio will present Prime Minister Modi's contribution in various sectors in the coming days. The day marks the journey of the man hailing from Vadnagar in Gujarat with very humble background who has evolved into a great persona that he is today through his dedication and hardwork. If one examines his career, it emerges that Jan Bhagidgari – people's participation, use of technology and empowering people were the underlying themes all through. His 20 years are the story of a leader who has emerged from the grassroots. Prime Minister Modi is not a leader who was guided by any fixed theory. His Governance Model is unique because it emerged from his own experiences. From Toilets to Mangal Yaan his canvas of initiatives are very vast. President Ram Nath Kovind greeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his birthday today. In a tweet, Mr Kovind wished him good health and said with a long life, Mr Modi will continue to serve the nation with the spirit of Aharnish Sevamahe, in Service Day and Night. Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu has conveyed best wishes to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his birthday today. In a tweet, Mr Naidu said, Mr Modi's exceptional vision, exemplary leadership and dedicated service have led to all-around growth of the nation. The Vice President prayed that Mr Modi is blessed with a long, healthy and happy life ahead. Home Minister Amit Shah has greeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his birthday. In a tweet, Mr Shah prayed for his good health and long life. He said, Mr Modi not only gave the country the thought of thinking ahead of time and proving its resolve with the culmination of hard work, but also showed it by making it a reality. Mr Shah said, in the form of Mr Modi, the country has got a strong and decisive leadership, which has not only given crores of poor a dignified life in the society who were deprived of their rights for decades and connected them to the mainstream of development, but also through his tireless hard work has shown the world that a what is democratic leadership. Mr. Shah appealed to all Karyakartas of BJP to participate in Seva Samarpan Events and take the welfare schemes of the BJP governments to the people. Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur has greeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his birthday. In a tweet, Mr Thakur said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership has brought an action oriented approach to governance, targets with timelines along with transparency in policy making – transforming livelihoods and impacting lives. He said, a confident and aspirational India, rises. BJP President J. P. Nadda today launched Seva Aur Samarpan Abhiyan at party headquarters in New Delhi to mark Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday. He also inaugurated an exhibition and a blood donation camp on the occasion. Gujarat is celebrating the 71st birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi by organizing a series of events today. Yoga camps at 71 places, Yagya and Hawans, tree plantation and blood donation camps have been organized across the state. The state BJP will celebrate this day as "Sewa- Samarpan Abhiyan". AIR Ahmedabad correspondent reports that the state government has planned a mega vaccination drive today. In Uttar Pradesh, many functions are being organised across the state to celebrate the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and many other BJP leaders wished Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his 71st birthday. BJP started a series of 21 day-long celebrations from today across the state. The celebrations called Sewa and Samarpan Abhiyan will continue till 7th October, during which party will organise health camps, blood donation camps, cleanliness and vaccination drives decides environmental protection campaigns. Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu has conveyed best wishes to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his birthday today. In a tweet, Mr Naidu said, Mr Modi's exceptional vision, exemplary leadership and dedicated service have led to all-around growth of the nation. The Vice President prayed that Mr Modi is blessed with a long, healthy and happy life ahead. In Prime Minister's Lok Sabha Constituency Varanasi many programmes are being organised to celebrate his birthday. Yesterday, Special Aarti was organised on the banks of holy river Ganga for the Prime Minister. Today, in the evening around 71,000 earthen lamps will be lighted on the corners of the houses across the city. Many functions including Kisan Jawan Mahila Samman, screening of movie on the Prime Minister and sweet distribution are also being organised. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar today launched a Mega COVID Vaccination Drive to vaccinate 30 lakh people across the state today on the occasion of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday. Health Minister Mangal Pandey said, 14 thousand Vaccination Centres have been set up across the state for the purposed. Over four crore 63 lakh people have so far been vaccinated in the state. Mr Pandey said, the state has set a target to take the number to five crore 50 lakh by the end of this month. Meanwhile, over seven lakh 16 thousand people have so far recovered from the Corona virus infection. The state recovery rate has risen to over 98 per cent while the test positivity rate has declined below one per cent. Thirty one out of 38 districts in the state including Patna, Sitamarhi and Vaishali did not register any new case.

PM Narendra Modi speaks on Afghanistan, radicalization, cites trust deficit in region



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is widely known as the 'alliance of the East'. Prime Minister Modi, attending the summit on his 71st birthday, said that SCO must develop a shared template to fight radicalization and extremism in the middle-east. "Every country in SCO including India has moderate, tolerant and inclusive organizations and traditions related to Islam. SCO must work to create a strong network between these organizations," he added. PM Modi also said, "We expect cooperation and support from all SCO countries in the calendar of activities proposed by India under its presidency of the SCO. The fight against radicalization isn't just important for regional security and inter-trust, it is also important for the future of our youth." The Prime Minister stated that India is committed to improving its connectivity with Central Asia and believes that landlocked Central Asian countries can benefit

by connecting to Indian markets. "Our investment in Iran's Chabahar Port and our attempts in International North-South Corridor support this," he cited. "Any connectivity initiative cannot be one-way. To ensure mutual trust, connectivity projects should be consultative, transparent and participatory. There should be respect for the territorial integrity of all countries," PM Modi said at the SCO Summit. PM Modi welcomed Iran as SCO's new partner and Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Egypt as new dialogue partners and said that the SCO's expansion shows the increasing effect of the organisation. This, notably, is the first SCO Summit being held in a hybrid format and the fourth Summit that India is participating in as a full-fledged member of SCO. This Summit also assumes significance as the organization is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

BJP once praised Sonu Sood, now considers him tax evader: Sena on I-T action against actor

Sood came into limelight when he emerged as the 'messiah' of the poor migrant labourers. The Shiv Sena on Friday slammed the BJP over the Income Tax Department's action against actor Sonu Sood, saying that although the party earlier praised him for his work during the lockdown, it now considers him a "tax evader" after the Delhi and Punjab governments tried to join hands with him in his social work. In an editorial in party mouthpiece 'Saamana', the Sena said the action against Sood was a foul play, which would boomerang the BJP, and said that the party that claims to have the highest number of members in the world, should also have a large heart. The I-T officials had descended on the premises linked to Sood in Mumbai and some other places on Wednesday in connection with an alleged tax evasion probe, official sources had said. Also read: We do business with honesty and integrity: News laundry after I-T dept survey "Filing false cases against the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) ministers, pressuring the state



governor to withhold 12 members for their nomination to the state Legislative Council and raiding actor like Sonu Sood were signs of a small and narrow mind. This is foul play and it is sure to boomerang one day" the Sena said. Media persons stand outside Bollywood actor Sonu Sood's residence after the Income Tax department conducted a raid at the actor's residence, in Mumbai. During the first wave of the Covid-19 pandemic, Sood

came into limelight when he emerged as the 'messiah' of the poor migrant labourers, helping them return to their home states during the national lockdown and providing shelter and food to them, it added. "The BJP then praised him and asked why the MVA government can't do what Sood has been doing. The BJP projected him as their own. But when Sood became the brand ambassador of the Arvind Kejriwal-led Delhi government's educational programme, the I-T raided him," the party alleged. The ruling party in Maharashtra further said that BJP leaders had earlier remained present at all his programmes like setting up oxygen plants in 16 cities, his scholarship programmes. Even Maharashtra Governor B S Koshiyari called him to Raj Bhavan and praised his efforts. But when Delhi and Punjab governments tried to join hands with him in his social work, the actor became a tax evader, the Sena added. "It has become a norm to trouble people not linked to the BJP through investigating agencies," the Uddhav Thackeray-led party said.

Govt sets up NARCL, big boost for Banking Sector

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on September 16, 2021, announced the approval of the Union Cabinet for a government guarantee of Rs 30,600 crore for security receipts issued by the National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL). "NARCL will pay 15 per cent of the agreed value for the loan in cash and the remaining 85 per cent will be a government-guaranteed security receipt," the finance minister announced. The Finance Minister added that the guarantee can be invoked only on resolution or liquidation of the said assets by the banks. The NARCL will take bad loans from lenders worth Rs 2 lakh crore, of which Rs 90,000

crore will be transferred in the first phase. What is National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (NARCL)? NARCL is incorporated under the Companies Act and has applied to the Reserve Bank of India for the license as an Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC). NARCL has been set up by banks to aggregate and consolidate stressed assets for their subsequent resolution. Public Sector Banks (PSBs) will retain 51 per cent ownership in NARCL. What is India Debt Resolution Company Ltd. (IDRCL)? IDRCL is a service company/operational entity that will manage the asset and engage market professionals and turnaround experts.

Public Sector Banks (PSBs) and public FIs will have a maximum stake of 49 per cent and the rest will be with private-sector lenders. Why is NARCL-IDRCL type structure needed when there are existing ARCs? Existing ARCs have been instrumental in resolving stressed assets, especially for small value loans. Various available resolution mechanisms, including the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), have been proved to be useful. However, considering the large stock of old NPAs, additional options/alternatives are needed and the NARCL-IDRCL structure announced in the Union Budget is this initiative. How will NARCL and IDRCL work? The

NARCL will acquire the assets by making an offer to the lead bank. Once the proposal of NARCL is accepted, IDRCL will be engaged for management and value addition. Why is a Government Guarantee needed? Resolution mechanisms of this nature that deal with backlogs of NPAs usually require a backstop from the Government. It provides reliability and provides for contingency buffers. Therefore, the Government of India guarantees up to Rs 30,600 crore will support the Security Receipts (SR) issued by NARCL. The guarantee will be valid for 5 years. The condition precedent for invocation of guarantee would be resolution or liquidation.

The guarantee will cover the shortfall between the face value of the SR and the actual realization. The Government of India guarantee will also enhance the liquidity of the SRs as such SRs are tradable. What benefit do banks get from this new structure? This will encourage prompt action on the resolution of stressed assets which will help in better value realization. This approach will allow personnel in banks to increase business and focus on credit growth. As holders of these stressed assets and SRs, the banks will get the benefit. In addition, it will improve the valuation of the bank and enhance its ability to raise market capital.



Japan ruling party begins race to pick Suga successor

Four candidates are competing in the September 29 voteThe race is on for the next Japanese prime minister. Official election campaigning kicked off Friday for the new head of Japan's governing Liberal Democratic Party, a role that typically signals the next national leader. Four candidates are competing in the September 29 vote to replace outgoing Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga, who will quit when his term ends at the end of this month after serving only one year. He took over for predecessor Shinzo Abe.Unusually for Japan, two women are competing in the race. The only other female challenger was in 2008, when Yuriko Koike, who is currently serving as Tokyo governor, made a run. Earlier Friday, the four each submitted their official candidacy at party headquarters ahead of a series of joint public debate sessions andothercampaigningplanned over the next 12 days. Their policies focus on the pandemic and its economic fallout, and the increasingly aggressive role



China has played in regional affairs. Support ratings for Suga and his government nosedived because of his handling of the virus and insistence on hosting the Olympics despite the pandemic, and the party is hoping that a new face can bring them victory in general elections that must be held by late November. Abe's long reign saw unusual political stability but also

what critics characterized as an autocratic and ultra-nationalistic approach. Taro Kono, currently the minister in charge of vaccinations and considered a front-runner in the election, said Friday as he launched his campaigning that he wants a society that people will see as compassionate. Considered a maverick in Japan's conservative political culture, Kono says he also seeks

to reform his own party.Former Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida, considered a close contender with Kono, said he will listen to the voice of the people and "restore a sense of unity to this country divided by the coronavirus pandemic." Once seen as an indecisive moderate, he has shifted to a security and diplomatic hawk as he seeks support from influential conservatives like Abe. Sanae Takaichi, who shares Abe's right-wing and revisionist political views, is seeking to be the nation's first female prime minister. Calling for a stronger military, the former internal affairs minister said Friday that she wanted ample government spending to create a "beautiful and strong Japan that grows." "It's not just strength we need," said Seiko Noda, a former postal and gender equality minister and the other hopeful to be Japan's first female leader. A late entrant, Noda vows to achieve a diverse and inclusive society that she said is lacking in Japan

Thousands of migrants camp under US-Mexico bridge

Thousands of migrants have set up a makeshift camp on the United States side of the southern border, under a bridge that connects Texas with Mexico.Late on Thursday, the mayor of Del Rio Texas said 10,503 migrants were under the Del Rio International Bridge which connects to Ciudad Acuna, Mexico – up from 8,200 in the morning. Those staying in the camp have told reporters that water and food are scarce, with some wading through the Rio Grande River and back into Mexico to stock up on essentials they say they are not receiving on the US side.Many have told reporters

they have received tickets from US border officials, and are waiting to be processed.Jeff Jeune, a 27-year-old Haitian who was reselling water bottles for a 3 peso (15 cents) profit, told Reuters news agency he and his young family were exhausted, hungry and sleeping on the ground. He fretted about his kids falling ill in the makeshift camp."My 10-year-old asks: 'When are we leaving?' He's always asking that," he said. The migrants are mostly Haitians, with authorities and rights groups saying they are most likely part of a new wave of migrants heading north after being displaced to South

American countries in the wake of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti.Cubans, Venezuelans and Nicaraguans were also present among the group, which represents the most recent crisis at the border for US President Joe Biden.Del Rio Mayor Bruno "Ralphy" Lozano described the situation as the "worse case of worst-case scenarios", according to The Washington Post."I need the administration to recognise that there is a border crisis happening in real time right now and it has dire consequences on security, health and safety," he said, adding that many of the migrants arrived.

IMF suspends its engagement with Afghanistan

The international body said that its 'deeply concerned with economic conditions' in the war-torn nationThe International Monetary Fund (IMF) has said its engagement with Afghanistan will remain suspended until there is clarity within the international community on the recognition of the government led by the Taliban. The IMF said it was deeply concerned with economic

conditions in Afghanistan, urging the international community to take urgent steps to stall a "looming humanitarian crisis" in the country."Our engagement with Afghanistan has been suspended until there is clarity within the international community on the recognition of the government," IMF spokesperson Gerry Rice told reporters at a news conference here on Thursday."We're

guided by the international community in terms of the recognition of the government in Afghanistan and we don't have that. So, the IMF programme there has been put on hold; and, again, as we said, last month, the country cannot access IMF resources, SDRs, and so on, at this point," he said. The Taliban seized control of Afghanistan on August 15, ousting the previous elected leadership which was backed by the

West. The interim Cabinet announced by the Taliban consists of high-profile members of the insurgent group.Several world leaders have announced they would see whether the Taliban fulfils its promises to the international communityonissues like an inclusive Afghan government and human rights before giving their regime diplomatic recognition. Chronic povertyAfghanistan was already facing

chronic poverty and drought but the situation has deteriorated since the Taliban seized power last month with the disruption of aid, the departure of tens of thousands of people including government and aid workers, and the collapse of much economic activity. Foreign donors have suspended aid to Afghanistan, saying disbursements are contingent on the behaviour of the new Taliban-led government,

which has not been recognised by any country.Ordinary bank transfers to individuals in Afghanistan have also been blocked. That has left ordinary Afghans reeling from rocketing inflation, rising poverty, cash shortages, a plummeting currency, and rising unemployment. Rice, however, said the IMF stands ready to work with the international community to advocate for urgent actions to

stall a looming humanitarian crisis. The IMF is deeply concerned with the difficult economic situation in Afghanistan and the humanitarian situation in Afghanistan."We have said the immediate focus should indeed be on that humanitarian situation, aid to help the Afghanistan people; and allowing the flow of remittances and small-scale transfers; and providing assistance

to countries hosting Afghan refugees," he said. Humanitarian catastropheThe IMF's warning comes after United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said earlier that Afghanistan faces a "humanitarian catastrophe" and a complete collapse of basic services under Taliban rule.Guterres told an international aid conference this week that Afghans were facing "perhaps their most perilous hour".

Middle East

Libya's interim government must end civil society crackdown



In 2011, Libyans took to the streets to overthrow the regime of Muammar Gaddafi after 42 years of dictatorship. Amid the upheaval, diverse communities organised to demand greater rights, justice and equality. For the first time, a more democratic future seemed within reach.Ten years on, the opening of civic space is under threat, and not just from Libya's numerous militias and armed groups. In a disturbingly authoritarian turn, subsequent Libyan authorities have used Gaddafi-era laws and new repressive measures, seemingly aimed at making it impossible for civil society organisations

(CSOs) to operate freely. If national elections scheduled for December 24 2021 are to be free and fair and the outcome accepted, the newly formed interim Government of National Unity (GNU) must live up to its name, roll back these measures and allow all Libyans to participate freely in the democratic process.One of the most positive legacies of the 2011 uprising was the birth of a vibrant civil society movement. Across the country, individuals from all walks of life raised their voices to air grievances left unaddressed for decades and demanded accountability for the

many brutal crimes committed under Gaddafi.The sense of hope, however, was short-lived, as divisions deepened and conflict erupted. Lawyers, journalists, activists, human rights defenders, members of parliament and others have been harassed, attacked, forcibly disappeared and murdered with impunity. Recently, calls for accountability have focussed on the lawless militias that have ruled in Gaddafi's wake. Despite the dangers, many Libyans have taken great risks to advocate for change. Rather than rising to the challenge, in 2019 the internationally recognised Government of National Accord (GNA) issued Decree 286, introducing draconian restrictions on CSOs with sinister echoes of Gaddafi-era repression. Rather than roll back these measures, the current Government of National Unity (GNU) looks set to continue this disturbing trend by preparing to issue a new

decree imposing further restrictions. Decree 286 regulates the work and activities of governmental Commission of Civil Society (CCS) and requires CSOs to re-register. However, it does not specify the grounds on which registration can be rejected, leaving the process open to arbitrariness and abuse. The draft decree currently being considered by the GNU would create a new CCS but does not state how it will work or what its composition would be.Some CSOs that have tried to re-register have faced significant bureaucratic obstacles. When they have tried to challenge them, the CCS has threatened some with arrest, explaining that they were trying to "filter and liquidate problematic CSOs." In other words, independent non-governmental organisations speaking out against human rights violations committed by the government and affiliated militias

A 21-year-old Jewish anti-Zionist, who fled Israel in 2017, is pleading his case for asylum in the UK.The hearing, scheduled for September 20 at a First-tier tribunal in Manchester, will address his appeal against the rejection he received in December last year from the UK Home Office. The rabbinical student, who has been granted anonymity order from the court on security concerns, and his lawyers believe his personal views, including his refusal to join the Israeli army, would expose him to persecution if he was to return to Israel. His lawyers said he could be "deemed a deserter and liable to serve a prison sentence of up to 15 years for [military] desertion".The student has said he vehemently opposes Zionism and Israel's existence due to religious and political reasons – views

that are generally not welcomed by authorities or the wider Zionist Israeli public.Anti-Zionist Orthodox Jews believe they should not be permitted to return to the land of Palestine en masse until the coming of the messiah."What the Zionist movement has done is sinful because it has returned Jews to the Holy Land against God's will and in the process has forcibly displaced the indigenous Palestinian people and stolen their land," he said in his witness statement which will be used as evidence for the court's decision. "The Zionists have engaged in theft and mass killing to create their Zionist state. They have rebelled against God in the gravest way. I am afraid of being forcibly conscripted into the military which would go against everything that I stand for ... the State of Israel practices apartheid

and is routinely involved in war crimes against the Palestinian people. I cannot serve in such an immoral army that carries out such atrocities on a daily basis."He was arrested and beaten up in 2015, aged 17, by the Israeli police during a protest by the Orthodox Jewish community in Jerusalem against forced military conscription. According to his lawyers, during the protests and while in police custody, the teen was "handcuffed, pushed to the floor and dragged around by the handcuffs, spat at and beaten with a stick". He was also sprayed with skunk water – a foul-smelling chemical compound created by the Israeli military and used for crowd control. He left for the UK in 2017 on a tourist visa after receiving a conscription letter and has not returned since, his lawyers added.

Find Differences



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Comics

Fish Shop

Don't be ridiculous! You idiot!

What an incomplete store...

No radishes either...

Then some radishes please.

Some minced pork please.

We don't sell pork here...

1 or 2

How much?

Carefree personality

Some minced pork please!

Butcher

Welcome!

What's your phone number?

I will call your mother at home to ask for that.

Okay.

Gram? Is that an american?

Do you know how many grams?

Argh, this is getting more complicated than I taught.

She went buying the groceries by herself afterwards

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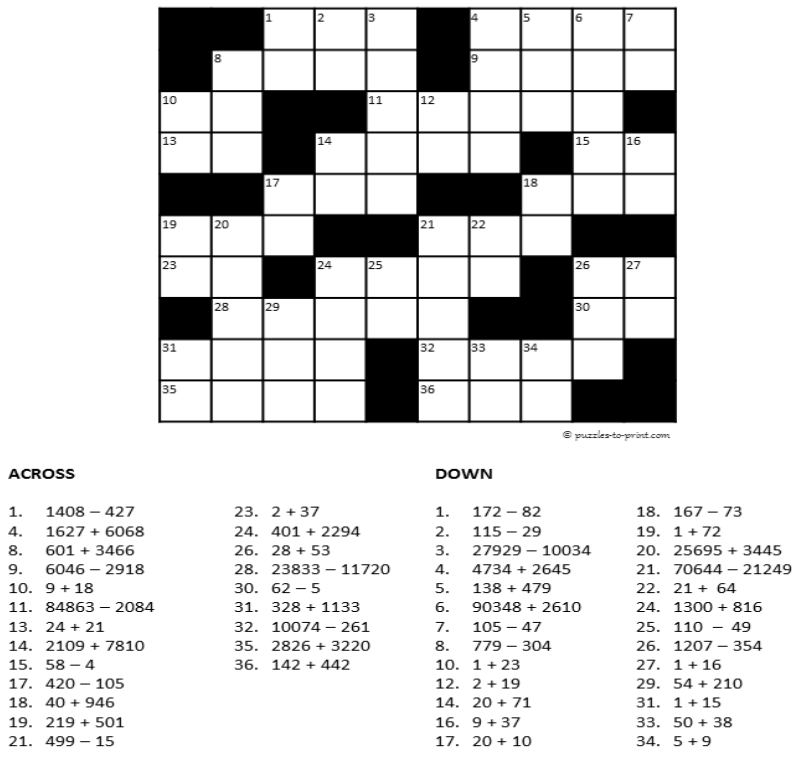
Just what were you doing?

What's our phone number?

Oh, he's back.

Mother, I'm home!

Crosswords



ACROSS

1. 1408 - 427

8. 1627 + 6068

9. 601 + 3466

10. 6046 - 2918

11. 9 + 18

12. 84863 - 2084

13. 24 + 21

14. 2109 + 7810

15. 58 - 4

17. 420 - 105

18. 40 + 946

19. 219 + 501

21. 499 - 15

DOWN

23. 2 + 37

24. 401 + 2294

26. 28 + 53

28. 23833 - 11720

30. 62 - 5

31. 328 + 1133

32. 10074 - 261

35. 2826 + 3220

36. 142 + 442

1. 172 - 82

2. 115 - 29

3. 27929 - 10034

4. 4734 + 2645

5. 138 + 479

6. 90348 + 2610

7. 105 - 47

8. 779 - 304

10. 1 + 23

12. 2 + 19

14. 20 + 71

16. 9 + 37

17. 20 + 10

18. 167 - 73

19. 1 + 72

20. 25695 + 3445

21. 70644 - 21249

22. 21 + 64

24. 1300 + 816

25. 110 - 49

26. 1207 - 354

27. 1 + 16

29. 54 + 210

31. 1 + 15

33. 50 + 38

34. 5 + 9

P Joseph Emmanuel selected



Hyderabad: P Joseph Emmanuel has been selected as the technical official for the 60th National Open Athletics Championship being held from September 15 to 19 at Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium, Warangal. Emmanuel, a resident of Tukaram Gate, is pursuing a Ph.D. in physical education from Osmania University Hyderabad. He thanked Hyderabad Athletic Association and Telangana State Athletic Association for providing an opportunity to take part in the championship.

Delhi schools to remain closed up to Class 8: Govt order

The schools in the national capital will remain closed up to class 8, Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) informed in an order issued on Wednesday (September 15). The physical classes for 9 and 11 were earlier allowed to function from September 1. Schools for classes 10 and 12 were reopened early, and students were allowed for



work related to admission and practical activities for board exam. Schools in the national capital were closed in March last year ahead of a nationwide lockdown to contain the spread of coronavirus. Schools were partially reopened for classes 9 to 12 in January this year but were again closed in April in view of the aggressive second wave of COVID-19.

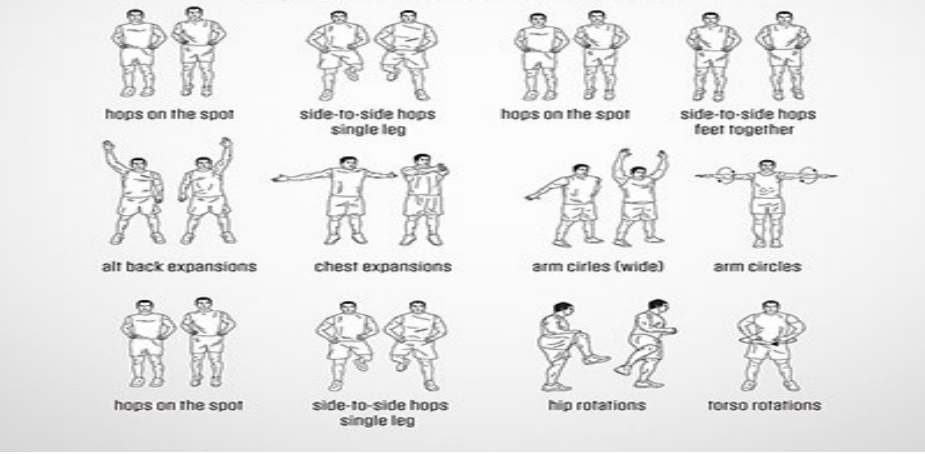
The Delhi government has allowed public fairs and exhibitions from Thursday. The business-to-consumer exhibitions will be permitted in the city from September 16. Other activities prohibited and allowed by the DDMA will remain so till the intervening night of September 30 and October 1, DDMA order stated.

Fitness

2-minute warmup

BY DAREBEE @ darebee.com

Repeat each exercise for 10 seconds.



Mediterranean Diet Pyramid

Red meats & sweets
Enjoy Sparingly

Poultry, eggs & dairy
Enjoy 1-2x/wk

Fish, seafood & omega-3 rich foods
Enjoy >3x/wk

Whole grains, legumes, fruit, vegetables, healthy fats, herbs & spices
Enjoy Daily

Physical activity, meal & family time
Practice Daily



General Knowledge

1. How many months do we have in a year?

Answer: 12 months
2. How many days do we have in a week?

Answer: 7 days
3. How many days are there in a year?

Answer: 365 days
4. What is 2+2?

Answer: 4
5. Which number comes after 6?

Answer: 7
6. How many colors are there in a rainbow?

Answer: 7
7. What are your ears for?

Answer: Listening/hearing.
8. Which day comes after Friday?

Answer: Saturday
9. We use our eyes to — see, hear, feel, eat?

Answer: See

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Entertainment

Indian actress Mouni Roy’s Disco Balma photos taking internet by storm



The popular Indian family drama "Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi" actress Mouni Roy is now a sensational face of Bollywood. Mouni always grabs headlines for all the different reasons. Recently, one of her Instagram posts received over four lakh likes and more than two thousand comments in less than six hours. Mouni Roy took to Instagram to share some striking behind-the-scenes pictures of her upcoming dance number Disco Balma. Mouni looks stunning in the pictures she shared, thanks to her exotic outfit, comprising of a black heavy blouse and a high slit black skirt, complemented by bangles and a maangtika. Disco Balma has released today on Friday, September 17. The "Disco Balma" song produced by ZeeMusic Co. has already hit home with many Bollywood lovers across the globe. Among the song's main architects were singer Asees Kaur, composer Sachin-Jigar and lyricist IP Singh. The peppy music video has been directed by director Vijay A Ganguly. watch the official Disco Balma full song below. Earlier Mouni had shared a reel of her spending laid-back times in Maldives. In the video, the actress was seen strolling around a gorgeous property donning a stunning outfit along with a tote bag. The super-hit Sri Lankan track Manike Mage Hithetrack was playing in the background. The video went viral, earning over two lakh likes and lots of comments from fans. Mouni Roy is also a Kathak dancer. She debuted into television in 2007 with the role of Krishna Tulsi in the soap opera Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi on Star Plus. After featuring in several other shows, she got her breakthrough with the show Devon Ke Dev...Mahadev on Life OK in 2011 in which she played Sati. She also essayed Meera in Life OK's Junoon – Aisi Nafrat Toh Kaisa Ishq and contested in Zara Nachke Dikha (2008), Pati Patni Aur Woh (2009), Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa 7 (2014), Box Cricket League 2 (2016) and Lip Sing Battle (2017). In 2019, she ventured into singing with the remake single "Bheegi Bheegi Raaton Mein.



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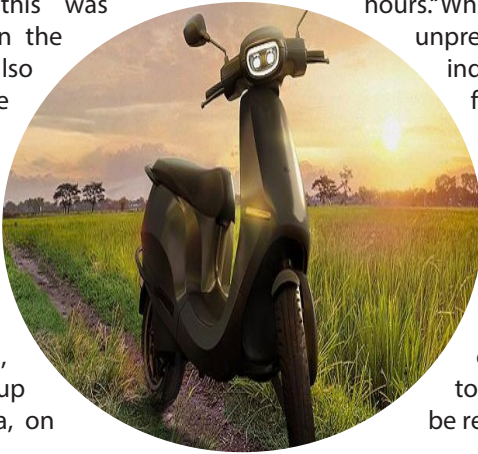
The Editor

How GST on petrol, diesel will bring down prices

NEW DELHI: The soaring prices of petrol and diesel has time and again highlighted the question of whether bringing it under the goods and services tax (GST) regime will prove beneficial for the consumers. The much debated and speculated issue might finally come to a conclusion on Friday when the 45th GST Council meets in Lucknow. For the first time in 20 months, the GST council will be conducting a physical meeting. After December 18, 2019, all the GST Council meetings were done in virtual mode. "We are not saying that we should bring petrol and diesel under GST immediately, we are basically asking states to suggest a timeline," a government source told TOI ahead of the crucial meeting of the GST Council on Friday. When GST was introduced in July 2017, five commodities -- crude oil, natural gas, petrol, diesel and aviation turbine fuel (ATF) -- were kept out of the GST purview, considering the revenue dependence of the central and state governments on them. Current price of petrol, diesel As demand recovered, the spike in global oil prices pushed petrol and diesel prices to an all-time high, leading to demand for bringing it under GST. Fuel prices have been hovering at record levels on account of 41 increases in its retail rates since April this year. However, since the past 11 days there has been no revision in prices of petrol and diesel as oil marketing companies (OMCs) kept a tab on global oil prices. Accordingly, in Delhi a litre of petrol costs Rs 101.19 and diesel costs Rs 88.62. Similarly, price of petrol in Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata stood unchanged at Rs 107.26, Rs 98.96, Rs 101.62 per litre, respectively. Diesel price also remained unchanged. How prices will change post GST If the GST council indeed decides to cover fuel prices under its regime, then there will most likely be a maximum tax of 28 per cent on the base price of petrol, diesel across all states. This means the different rates of excise and VAT that the Centre and states used to levy on the fuel prices will be replaced with a uniform GST rate across the country. At present in Delhi, the base price of petrol is Rs 40.78 and including the freight charges, the amount for dealers comes out to be Rs 41.10. This is our base price for petrol in Delhi, as per Indian Oil website. To this we add excise duty of Rs 32.90, dealer commission Rs 3.84 and VAT on dealer commission Rs 23.35. Calculating the total we get the retail selling price of petrol in Delhi which is Rs 101.19. Now, if prices start being regulated under the GST regime, this excise duty (which is the Centre's share) and VAT (state's share) will be done away with and 28 per cent GST will be levied on the base price which comes out to be Rs 11.50. To this we will add the dealer's commission of Rs 3.84 and our retail price of petrol comes down to Rs 56.44. Similarly, for diesel the price charged to dealers is Rs 41.27 in Delhi, as per the Indian Oil website. If we calculate as per the new regime then the price will come down to Rs 55.41 from Rs 88.62 at present.

Ola Electric sells e-scooters worth Rs 1,100 crore in just two days

Ola Electric, the ride-hailing firm's electric vehicle arm, on Friday said that it sold e-scooters worth over Rs 1,100 crore in just two days, during its sale of Ola S1 and S1 Pro scooters. The SoftBank-backed company said this was unprecedented not just in the automotive industry, but also represented one of the highest sales in a day (by value) for a single product in Indian e-commerce history. "Day 2 of the EV era was even better than Day 1. Crossed Rs 1,100 crore in sales in 2 days," tweeted Bhavesh Aggarwal, co-chairman and group chief executive officer, Ola, on



Friday. Thursday was the second and final day for the purchase of the Ola S1 and S1 Pro, the first in Ola's range of electric scooters. The company had sold scooters worth over Rs 600 crore in just 24 hours. "While day 1 of purchase was quite unprecedented for us and the auto industry, day 2 simply continued from where day 1 left off," said Aggarwal, in a blog post. "The excitement and enthusiasm customers showed for our products remained high throughout." While the purchase window is now closed, Ola's reservations remain open on olaelectric.com. "I want to let all of you know that we will be reopening the purchase window.



THREE THINGS EVERY INDEPENDENT MASSAGE THERAPIST & ESTHETICIAN CAN DO TO LOWER THEIR INCOME TAX BILL

#1

KEEP TRACK OF HOW MANY LOADS OF LAUNDRY YOU DO FOR SHEETS, TOWELS, ETC. AND TAKE THE DEDUCTION.

#2

GET A RECEIPT FOR EVERY SINGLE BUSINESS PURCHASE AND SAVE IT WITH YOUR TAX RECEIPTS. IF YOU NEED IT FOR WORK IT'S TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

#3

KEEP A SMALL NOTEBOOK IN YOUR CAR AND LOG EVERY SINGLE BUSINESS MILE - INCLUDING TRIPS FOR SUPPLIES AND MESSAGES.

Sports News

New Zealand abandon Pakistan tour citing ‘security alert’

According to New Zealand Cricket (NZC), the Blackcaps are abandoning their tour of Pakistan following a New Zealand government security alert. The side was set to play Pakistan on Friday in the first of three ODIs in Rawalpindi, before moving to Lahore for a five-match T20I series. New Zealand was slated to play their first match on Pakistan soil since 2003. "The side was to play Pakistan this evening in the first of three ODIs in Rawalpindi, before moving to Lahore for a five-match T20 series. However, following an escalation in the New Zealand Government threat levels for Pakistan, and advice from NZC security advisors on the ground, it has been decided the BLACKCAPS will not continue with the tour. Arrangements are now being made for the team's departure," said a statement. NZC chief executive David



White said it was simply not possible to continue with the tour given the advice he was receiving. "I understand this will be a blow for the PCB, who have been wonderful hosts, but player safety is paramount and we believe this is the only responsible option." The Pakistan Cricket Board chief Ramiz Raja said New Zealand will have to answer for the pullout at the ICC. "Crazy day it has been! Feel so sorry

for the fans and our players. Walking out of the tour by taking a unilateral approach on a security threat is very frustrating. Especially when it's not shared!! Which world is NZ living in?? NZ will hear us at ICC," he tweeted. However, Pakistan Cricket Board tweeted, "Earlier today, the New Zealand cricket board informed us that they had been alerted to some security alert and have unilaterally

decided to postpone the series. PCB and Govt of Pakistan made foolproof security arrangements for all visiting teams." "The security officials with the NZ team have been satisfied with security arrangements made by the Govt of Pakistan throughout their stay here. PCB is willing to continue the scheduled matches. However, cricket lovers in Pakistan and around the world will be disappointed

by this last-minute withdrawal. International teams have avoided touring Pakistan ever since the 2009 terror attack on the Sri Lankan cricket team, while it was on its way to the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore for a Test match. Six members of the Sri Lankan team were injured and six Pakistani policemen and two civilians were killed in that attack. Pakistan has been mostly playing its home series in the UAE

as teams as a result. The country is due to host England and West Indies later this year, while Australia are scheduled to be here early next year. In a statement issued in London, the England Wales Cricket Board said it is monitoring the situation and will later take a call on whether to go ahead with upcoming the two T20 Internationals on October 13 and 14. The matches are to be played in Rawalpindi. "The ECB Board will then decide in the next 24-48 hours whether our planned tour should proceed," the ECB was quoted as saying by Sky Sports in London. The West Indies tour of Pakistan is scheduled in December and will feature three ODIs and as many T20 Internationals. The Australians are due here in February-March next year to play two Tests, three ODIs and an equal number of T20 Internationals.

Telangana aims to double IT exports in five years

The Telangana government on Thursday unveiled its information technology policy 2021-26, aimed at doubling the IT exports to over Rs 3 lakh crore in the next five years. During 2020-21, IT exports from the state stood at Rs 1,45,522 crore. The new policy has also the target of taking the total number of employees in the IT sector to over 10 lakh in the next five years. The number of employees in 2020-21 stood at 6,28,615. Over 50,000 jobs will be generated in the IT/ITeS sector in the Tier II and Tier III cities in the state establishing them as IT Hubs of the future. Information Technology Minister K.T. Rama Rao unveiled the new policy in the presence of NASSCOM Chairperson Rekha Menon, US Consul General in Hyderabad Joel Reifman, and senior officials. In his remarks on the occasion, Rama Rao said Telangana has seen the highest annual growth rate in IT/ITeS exports in the last 5 years in the country and has created over 2.5 lakh jobs in the sector during this period, bringing in several marquee investors. He said that Telangana recorded a phenomenal growth in the IT/ITeS sector with at a rate of 12.98 per cent as total IT/ITeS exports stood at Rs 1,45,522 crore. Telangana's growth rate is more than double the average national growth rate, he said. During the next five years, the government proposed to launch several new initiatives for the development of IT/ITeS sector. The state will set up a start-up fund worth Rs 1,300 crore and a government investment committee with a goal to support over 8,000 start-ups and making Telangana the top choice for start-ups in the country. It will facilitate investments and create jobs in the IT, product, engineering and R&D

fields to emerge as the leader in this country. A truly contactless, paperless and presenceless government will be created with 100 per cent of government services available over web and mobile applications except in cases that mandate physical presence, like driving license tests. The government will ensure that at least one individual in each household and Self-Help Group is digitally literate and is given access to take advantage of the digital ecosystem. Over 12,000 Digital Telangana Centres will be set up at the Panchayat level to provide digital services to citizens even in the remote locations. Basic Artificial Intelligence training will be provided for all technology graduates to be prepared for the next wave of employment creation in the new technologies. There will be special focus on electric vehicles, battery storage systems, consumer electronics, medical devices and automobile sectors and the state will attract over Rs 75,000 crore in investment and over 3 lakh jobs in the electronics sector. The Telangana Emerging Technologies Corridor will be launched as a "Hub for

CoEs or Technology Centres" and will be a platform for providing institutional support, thought leadership, promoting R&D and innovation in the latest trends in technology. The policy aims at establishing Telangana as the leader in technology-based governing through the creation of the data stack, a data analysis wing and promotion of ethical usage of emerging technologies like AI, ML and Blockchain in government services. The government will use its patented and home-grown technology solutions to support businesses, and MSMEs. A dedicated Smart Cities wing will be created in collaboration with the Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department with an aim to create over 40 smart regions in the state benchmarking with the best smart cities in the world. Rama Rao stated that Telangana is the fourth largest contributor to the country's economy, according to the "Handbook of Statistics on the Indian Economy 2020-21" released by the RBI. He said the state passed several milestones in the IT and electronics sectors over last five years.

The electronics sector saw over 1.5 lakh jobs being created and Telangana is now responsible for the production of 7 per cent of India's electronics output and growing. He said the state developed a robust innovation ecosystem consisting of T-HUB, TSIC, WE-HUB, RICH, TASK, T-WORKS, Emerging Technologies Wing, and IMAGE Center of Excellence. Over 1,500 start-ups have received support in the form of mentorship, incubations and industry connects and have raised Rs 1,800 crore in funding over the last 5 years.--IANS ms/vd

Bharat Biotech awaits feedback from WHO for Covaxin

Hyderabad: Bharat Biotech on Friday said it has submitted all the data pertaining to its COVID-19 vaccine Covaxin to the World Health Organisation for Emergency Use Listing (EUL) and is awaiting feedback from the global health watchdog. The WHO is currently reviewing the data submitted by the vaccine maker and the date for a decision on the jab is yet "to be confirmed," according to the update available on WHO website. "#COVAXIN clinical trial data was fully compiled & available in June 2021. All Data submitted for Emergency Use Listing (EUL) Application to World Health Organization in early July. We have responded to any clarifications sought by #WHO and are awaiting further feedback," Bharat Biotech tweeted. As a responsible manufacturer with past approvals for its other vaccines, the company said it would not find it appropriate to speculate or comment on approval process and its timelines, it further said. "We are continuing to work diligently on obtaining WHO EUL at the earliest, the vaccine maker added in a series of tweets. In an update on its website, the WHO said it began rolling data of the vaccine on July 6. Rolling data allows the WHO to start its review right away, as information continues to come in, to accelerate the overall review process. Suchitra Ella, joint managing director of Bharat Biotech recently had earlier said the EUL process is a step closer to the final decision on Covaxin's ' global acceptance.

HMDA assigns plots to 17 farmers

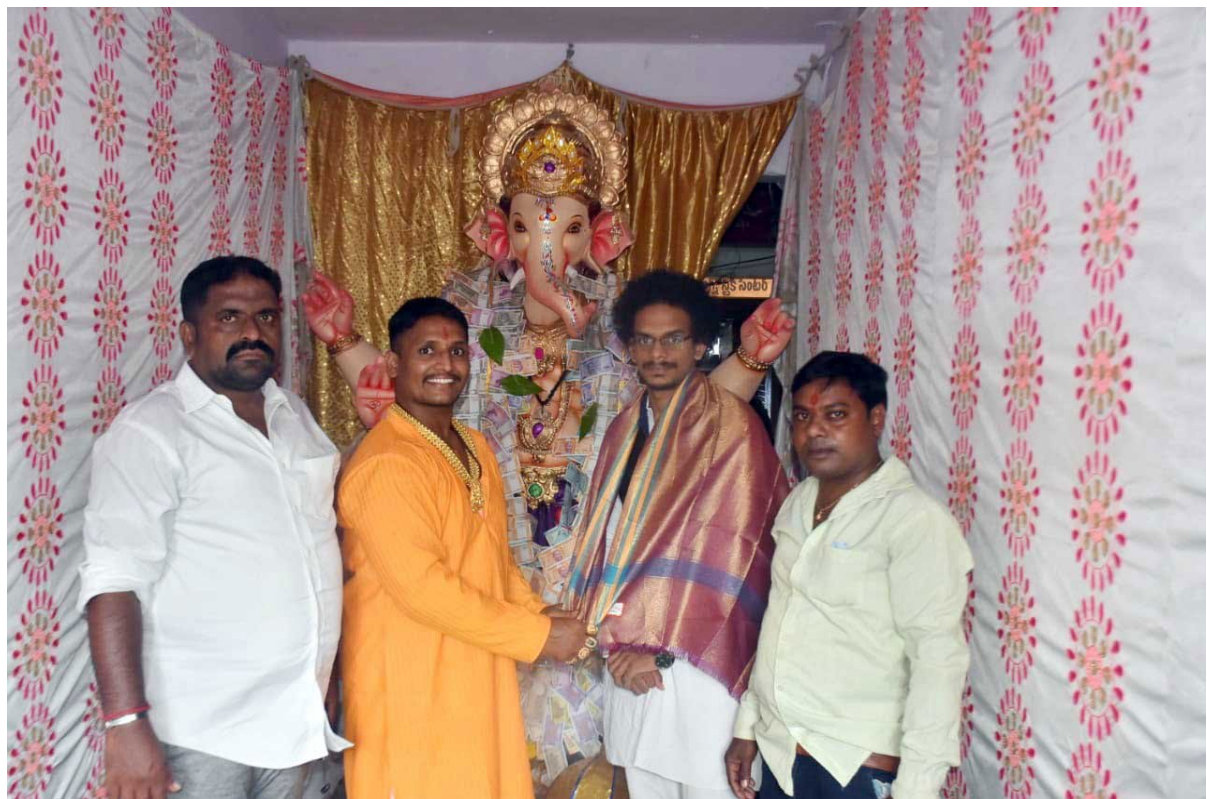
Hyderabad: The Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) on Wednesday has provided plots to those farmers who were affected by the laying of the Outer Ring Road project.17 farmers out of a total of 27 who are natives of Srinagar village in Rangareddy district were assigned plots through lottery. Speaking to media personnel, Santosh BM the Managing Director of Hyderabad Growth Corridor Limited and Project Director of ORR has said that the HMDA has given the concerned letters to the farmers' families. The Managing Director acknowledged the farmers' contribution in the construction of the Outer Ring Road. Senior officials of the HMDA Gangadhar, Aparna, and Tehsildar Bikhapati were present on the occasion.

3 companies to set up jute mills in Telangana with investment of Rs 887 cr

Three companies have come forward to set up jute mills in Telangana with a cumulative investment of Rs 887 crores, the state government said on Friday. The proposed jute mills aim to provide direct employment to 10,400 people, as per the official statement.Speaking to media persons, Telangana IT and Industries Minister KT Rama Rao said, "The three companies to which the Telangana government has signed a memorandum of understanding are Gloucester Limited, Kaleshwaram Agro Limited and MBG Commodities Limited.""So far there is no jute mill/industry in the state. With this move, we aim to buy jute products produced by these three industries for the needs of Telangana," he said.The minister informed that the three companies have the potential to create 10,400 jobs at a cost of Rs 887 crore. "Gloucester will invest Rs 330 crores, Kaleshwaram Agro Ltd Rs 254 crores and MBG Commodities Ltd Rs 303 crores. We need to be self-sufficient in all areas right now. Agricultural products and their procurement have increased tremendously since the formation of the state of Telangana," he said.The minister further said, "We are trying to bring huge changes in the agricultural sector through the development of local ponds along with water resources like Godavari Krishna in the state."He highlighted that farmers need to look towards alternative crops and only then will agriculture be profitable for our farmers in the long run. "The jute mills being set up today

Sep 17 is World Patient Safety Day

September 17 is commemorated as the World Patient Safety Day, and this year the World Health Organization has come forward with "Safe Maternal & Newborn Care" as the theme to promote better maternity and childcare across the world.Indian healthcare too must take a pledge to overcome this burden and strive towards arresting the problems that cause neonatal mortality, say the healthcare professionals. India contributes to one-fifth of global child births, and the country is also a large contributor to the neonatal deaths. In 2020, infant mortality rate for India was 29.07 deaths per thousand live births, which is considered a quarter of total global fatalities. It is also the highest in absolute numbers for any country in the world, and this depicts a poor image for a nation that intends to emerge into a global superpower. Dr. Satwinder Singh Sabharwal, COO, Aware Gleneagles Global Hospital, believes that availability of better-quality healthcare at affordable rates will ensure reduce neonatal mortality rate in India and around the World. "Proving easy access to best-in-class doctors and super-specialty healthcare is critical for financially backward and less privileged sections of the society will ensure more mothers do not have to face the heartburn of losing their newborn to ill-fate. Multi-specialty hospitals like ours, which offer best-in-class care at affordable rates are providing a possible solution to this problem," he said. Dr. Pradeep Panigrahi, Medical Director, SLG Hospitals pointed out that super specialty or modern healthcare is not just expensive but is also physically located at a distance from the common people. "More multi-specialty healthcare facilities need to come up in non-prime, and semi-urban settings to ensure more and more economically backwards sections take benefit of it. We are a hospital which is not located in the most prime localities, and we are easily accessible to those coming even from far-off locations like other districts and from locations with poor healthcare infrastructure. India needs more hospitals like ours to ensure best-quality treatment is available to all at all times," he said. According to Gaurav Khurana, CEO, Gleneagles Global Hospitals the first 24 hours is the most critical phase for every child after birth. "Cutting of umbilical cord ends child's dependence on mother (placenta) for oxygen and nutrition; and from this stage to the child turning one year old is the most crucial phase. Ensuring right medical care at child's birth will play a big role in child's long life, and the medical fraternity in our country must take a pledge to make sure neonatal mortality is arrested, thus ensuring more children live-on to make India great," he said.The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India has developed the India Newborn Action Plan (INAP) in response to the global Every Newborn Action Plan (ENAP)



Sri Mallikarjuna Friends Association president Uggi Sridhar and VSD president Mir Qurram Ali , TPCC Leader Mir sartaj ali at Ganesh pandal at Afzal Gunj in Hyderabad on Friday. #ganpati #Ganesha #Ganeshotsav2021

Political parties celebrate Telangana Merger Day

Political parties in Telangana on Friday celebrated Telangana Merger Day by paying tributes to the freedom fighters who fought for accession of erstwhile Hyderabad State with the Indian Union. Leaders of the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) and opposition parties hoisted the national flag at their party offices to mark the day.It was on September 17, 1948 that the then princely state of Hyderabad merged with the Indian Union, following military operation 'Polo', commonly known as 'Police Action'.TRS General Secretary K. Keshava Rao led the celebrations at party headquarters Telangana Bhavan by hoisting the national flag.Speaking on the occasion, Keshava Rao said there was no need for any controversy over September 17. "You call it liberation day or merger day, it's a day of happiness for all of us," he said.The MP recalled that Telangana and other parts of then Hyderabad State did not get Independence on August 15, 1947 and they had to wait for another year. Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which celebrates September 17 as Telangana Liberation Day, has been demanding the state government to organise official celebrations.However, the successive governments in undivided Andhra Pradesh and TRS government after formation of Telangana State rejected the demand and accused BJP of pursuing divisive politics by giving communal colour to the merger.The saffron party is organising a public meeting at Nirmal to mark the day, which will be addressed by Union Home Minister Amit Shah. Union minister for culture and tourism G. Kishan Reddy unfurled the national flag at BJP's state headquarters in Hyderabad. He reiterated the demand that Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao fulfill the promise made during the Telangana movement that after the formation of a separate Telangana state, September 17 will be celebrated officially.BJP national OBC morchha president K. Laxman alleged that the TRS government has become a puppet in the hands of Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (MIM).BJP state president Sanjay Kumar, who is currently undertaking a 'padyatra', paid tributes to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel by garlanding his statue in Kamareddy town. He said the path shown by Patel for the country's unit and sovereignty was inspiring. The BJP leader said Patel gave freedom to people of Telangana by declaring 'police action' and making Nizam surrender. He said Patel's contribution in making India a strong nation will always be remembered.Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president Revanth Reddy hoisted the national flag at party headquarters Gandhi Bhava. He paid floral tributes to portraits of father of nation Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru and Sardar Patel.Speaking on the occasion, Revanth Reddy said it was the Congress party which brought Independence. He claimed that Telangana became a part of the Indian union thanks to the efforts of Jawaharlal Nehru. He recalled that even Sardar Patel was president of the Congress party.The MP said there was not a single leader of the BJP which had any role