



CM Chandrababu releases water to Handrineeva in Nandyal



Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu officially released water on Thursday following the completion of expansion work on the Handrineeva Phase-1 canals. In a significant move to address water shortages, two motors were activated at the Mallyala pumping station located in Nandikotkur mandal of Nandyal district. This release is expected to alleviate drinking and irrigation water issues in the Rayalaseema region, providing 40 TMC of water for the first time in 12 years. The Chief Minister also took the opportunity to view a photo exhibition organised by the Water Resources Department, where he examined project alignments, ayacut, and maps of the Krishna River Basin. Naidu observed the water release from a viewpoint at the pumping station and was joined by Irrigation Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu, Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav, MP Byreddy Sabari, and senior irrigation officials during the event.

AP ICET counselling schedule updated for MBA and MCA admissions 2025-26



The ICET counselling schedule for admissions to MBA and MCA courses in the state for the academic year 2025-26 has undergone changes. Initially set to commence on July 13, the web options entry now begins on July 16, as notified by the Higher Education Council. Candidates wishing to access the web options entry portal must log in using their hall ticket number and date of birth. As per the revised timetable, the web option entry will be available until July 21, allowing candidates to select a maximum of five preferences based on the cut-off scores. The postponement of the ICET counselling is

attributed to delays in issuing permissions for MBA and MCA colleges. Currently, there are approximately 340 government and private institutions awaiting government approval for seat allocations and the necessary government orders. Verification of uploaded certificates is scheduled to continue until July 19. An opportunity to edit web options will be provided on July 22. The first phase of seat allotment is expected to be released on July 25. Students who secure seats will need to report to their respective colleges from July 26 to 28, with classes for the new academic year commencing on July 28.

Foundation Laid for New IOCL Gas Storage Centre in Tirupati

TTD Chairman B.R. Naidu has officially laid the foundation stone for the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) gas storage centre along the Tirumala Outer Ring Road. This significant project will facilitate the storage of 45 tonnes of gas. In addition to the gas storage facility, IOCL is currently constructing a bio-gas production plant at a municipal dumping yard, a project that will incur costs of ₹12.5 crore. The new initiative marks a strong commitment to sustainable energy solutions. Furthermore, TTD has secured a 30-year agreement with IOCL to ensure a continuous supply of gas, paving the way for enhanced energy security in the region.



Heavy rains expected in Telangana for next three days

The Meteorological Department has delivered promising news for the state of Telangana, potentially easing the plight of farmers grappling with recent dry spells and providing respite for residents from the unrelenting heat. Officials have announced the likelihood of widespread rainfall over the next two days. In light of the already recorded deficient rainfall across 340 mandals in the state, this forecast offers a welcome relief. Heavy rains are anticipated tomorrow (Thursday) in the districts of Nalgonda, Suryapet, Nagarkurnool, and Wanaparthy. On Friday, similar heavy rain is expected in Mahabubabad, Warangal, Hanumakonda, Janagama, and Siddipet, with normal precipitation likely across other districts. As a precaution, the Meteorological Department has issued a yellow alert for several areas, warning residents of potential thunderstorms and lightning showers. Citizens are advised to exercise caution outdoors due to the risk



of falling trees. Hyderabad city is predicted to experience light rain this evening or tonight, while Adilabad, Asifabad, Karimnagar, Peddapalli, Bhupalpally, Mulugu, Mancherial, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Jagtial, Kothagudem, Ranga Reddy, Medchal, Malkajgiri, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, and Medak districts are also expected to receive rainfall. Gusty winds of 30-40 km/h are projected, officials noted.

64,128 golden families identified in Kurnool dist

Kurnool: Kurnool District Collector P. Ranjith Basha has instructed officials to complete the adoption process of identified "Golden Families" by July 31. Addressing a review meeting on the implementation of the Zero Poverty P4 Policy at the Collectorate Conference Hall on Wednesday, he emphasised the need for timely action. The meeting was attended by special officers of constituencies, MPDOs, members of the District Vision Plan Unit, and Constituency Vision Plan Unit. As part of the Zero Poverty P4 Policy, a total of 64,128 golden families have been identified across the district. The Collector informed that Gram Sabhas are being held in villages and wards between July 15 and 25 to re-examine the preliminary list. He directed officials to prepare a



final list after thorough scrutiny and ensure that by July 31, each family on the list is adopted by a designated mentor. He clarified that adoption doesn't merely imply financial assistance but also includes guiding families in education, employment and accessing government schemes for sustainable development.

The Collector stressed that village committees should be formed to identify suitable mentors, including well-educated individuals, government employees, doctors and community elders. He instructed that an officer be appointed as in-charge for each village and that secretariat staff be assigned responsibilities

accordingly. He also called for a detailed and careful survey to assess the individual, family and village-level needs so that appropriate support can be provided. Furthermore, the Collector directed MPDOs to conduct daily reviews and hold meetings with secretariat staff to ensure smooth implementation

of the programme. He asked RDOs and tahsildars to take special responsibility for the programme's success. He also urged officials to involve private school managements, industries and medical professionals as stakeholders in the initiative. Highlighting the programme as a powerful step toward uplifting the poor, he appealed to everyone to participate from a humanitarian perspective. The meeting was attended by Adoni Sub-Collector Maurya Bharadwaj, P4 State consultant Sparsh, CPO Himaprabha Raju, ZP CEO Nasar Reddy, Housing PD Chiranjeevi, DEO Samuel Paul, Industries GM Jawahar Babu, Kurnool RDO Sandeep Kumar, Pattikonda RDO Bharat Nayak, DPO Bhaskar and other officials.

Rahul Gandhi, who is committed to making a reservation for BCs,

*Milk showers to the portrait Rahul Gandhi, Sonia Gandhi
Revanth Reddy, Mahesh Goud*



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Congress work for the advancement of all communities, including BC communities aimed at development Medchal constituency Congress party incharge Vajresh Yadav.He reiterated that the Congress party is in full swing to protect the rights of the BCs.Thanks to leaders who are fighting for BC rights in Telangana Rahul Gandhi, Sonia Gandhi Revant Reddy was corrupted in Pirjadiguda to Mahesh Goud.Former Mayor Amar Singh at the event, PMC Congress President Tungaturthi Ravi, former Deputy Mayor Shiva kumar Goud, Temple Chairman Committee members, former 14th Ward Corporator Pasham Bucchu Yadav, PMC Yuva Congress President Ajay Reddy, PMC Women Congress President Durga, Congress leaders and former corporators participated in the party lines

Makrand Deshpande & Brijendra Kala unveil the trailer of 'Jaan Abhi Baaki Hai'

Mumbai: Actors Brijendra Kala and Makrand Deshpande unveiled the trailer of the forthcoming musical drama "Jaan Abhi Baaki Hai". Set against the backdrop of Uttarakhand, the movie revolves around a young man who ends up falling in love with a tourist girl. The romance soon turns into a profound subconscious journey of love transforming into self-realization. Helmed by Satyajeet, "Jaan Abhi Baaki Hai" enjoys a stellar cast with Pranjal Shandilya, Swapnil Singh, Rajesh Jais, Rohit Pathak, and the late Bikramjeet Kanwarpal in key roles, along with others.

Members of Various Associations of Rajasthani Community Meet Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Honble Railway Minister regarding Introduction of a Daily Direct Train Service from Hyderabad to Rajasthan

Hyderabad, metro udayam July 17....Ashwini Vaishnaw, Honble Minister of Railways, Information, Broadcasting, Electronics, and Information Technology, Government of India received representations from members of various associations of Rajasthani community based in Hyderabad viz., The Hyderabad Kirana Merchants Association; Maheshwari Samaj Hyderabad - Secunderabad; Kumavath Samaj Telangana; Telangana - Andhra Pradesh Maheshwari Sabha; Akhil Bharatvarshiya Maheshwari Mahasabha and Hyderabad - Secunderabad (Zilla) Maheshwari Sabha and others today Speaking to the Honble Minister, the members requested for introduction of a new direct daily train service from Hyderabad to Rajasthan. They mentioned that a daily service



will be more helpful for a large group of the Rajasthani community who have settled in Hyderabad for employment, business, educational and other purposes and will offer a more convenient, economical travel option.Ashwini Vaishnaw, Honble Minister instructed the officials of the con-

cerned Zonal Railways (Central Railway, West Central Railway, North Western Railway and Western Railway) to immediately work out the feasibility for running a daily train service from Hyderabad to Jodhpur on an alternative route via Nanded, Akola, Khandwa, Bhopal, Ujjain, Ratlam,

Ajmer route. Since the existing bi-weekly, weekly & passing through trains are running in congested Ahmedabad route and Ashwini Vaishnaw approved the request for running of a new direct daily train service from Kacheguda to Bhagat Ki Kothi (Jodhpur).

'The 100' review: A riveting thriller with heart and heft

RK Sagar returns to the silver screen with The 100, a compelling investigative thriller directed by Raghav Omkar Sasidhar. Based on real-life events, the film marks a strong comeback for Sagar, who is best known for his iconic TV role as RK Naidu in Mogali Rekulu. With Dhanya Balakrishna, Lakshmi Gopalaswamy, and Kalyani Natarajan in key roles, the film hits theatres. Let's see how it fares at box-office. Story: At its core, The 100 follows Vikranth, a principled and determined IPS officer, as he

unravels a complex case rooted in reality. The film is more than a regular whodunit—it seamlessly layers family dynamics, emotional depth, and socially relevant themes, all while maintaining a tight grip on its investigative narrative. The thrilling climax, shot against a rain-drenched backdrop, adds intensity and brings the story to a powerful close. Performances: RK Sagar owns the role of Vikranth, delivering a mature and grounded performance. His portrayal, reminiscent yet evolved from his television stint,

feels authentic and impactful. Misha Narang, Dhanya Balakrishna, Lakshmi Gopalaswamy, and Kalyani Natarajan provide strong support, each adding substance to the story with their well-etched characters and convincing performances. Technicalities: Director Raghav Omkar Sasidhar impresses with sharp writing and focused direction. The screenplay is taut, and the pacing ensures engagement throughout. Cinematography enhances the mood, especially during the intense climax.

Builder Chinthala Upender Reddy threatens by names of ministers

Zepto operation in another building, severe disruption to public due to traffic
Medipally July:17 (Metro udayam)

Apartment residents said on Thursday that the builder Builder Chintala Upendar Reddy was threatened without providing minimum facilities.They said they bought plots in Nagachandra Residency by investing lakhs of rupees Opposite Bandi Garden within Peerzadiguda Municipal Corporation area.On Thursday, apartment residents filed complaints against builder Upender Reddy at the Medipally Police Station and in Peerzadiguda Municipal Office.Speaking to the media on this occasion, they said that Suvini Infra Private Limited, under the name of Nagachandra Residency, has undertaken the construction of 30 plots with five floors by builder Chintala Upender Reddy. It was said that it would be completed in 2023 and handed over the plot to owners. However, even today, the construction is incomplete and he is running around.Lift work has have not been carried out and the grills to



the stairs were not fixed.Children every day, Adults and pregnant women are climbing the floor, they said.I will not take up the

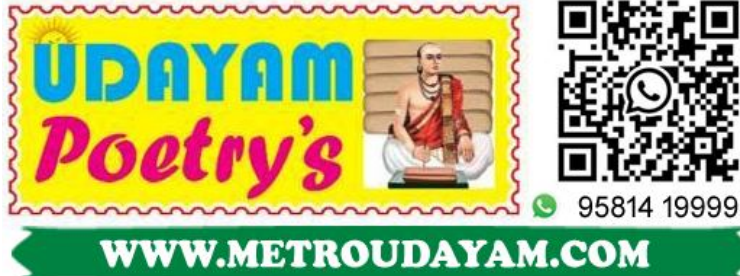
builder to undertake incomplete tasks and I will not take up what you want do you can do.In addition, he sold all the plots of his

share in the apartment and put it in the plot of the land owner plot to the development of the plot.



Zepto business in residency Apartment

In addition to undertaking another construction by Occupying the fifteen -Feet road Opposite Nagachandra Residency.The space which was left for the parking lot Zepto business is carried out by earning lakhs of rupees.Zepto vehicles are disturbing women and college girls on the roads.All the apartment people are warned that if they do not respond immediately..In this event K.Purnima, P. Sandya, Nageshwar Rao, Surender, Venkataramana, Srinivas, Karthik and Ramesh participated.



छोटे कदम

जलवायु परिवर्तन, एक बड़ा संकट है, धरती का भविष्य, हमारे हाथ में है। ग्रीनहाउस गैसों, वायुमंडल में बढ़ रही हैं, पृथ्वी का तापमान, लगातार बढ़ रहा है।

धरती की सतह, गर्म हो रही है, ध्रुवीय बर्फ, पिघल रही है। समुद्र का स्तर, बढ़ रहा है, तटीय क्षेत्रों में, बाढ़ का खतरा है।

वृक्षों की कटाई, एक बड़ा कारण है, वनों की सुरक्षा, हमारा कर्तव्य है। हरित ऊर्जा, भविष्य की कुंजी है, जीवाश्म ईंधन, धीरे-धीरे छोड़ना होगा।

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The Compass Within

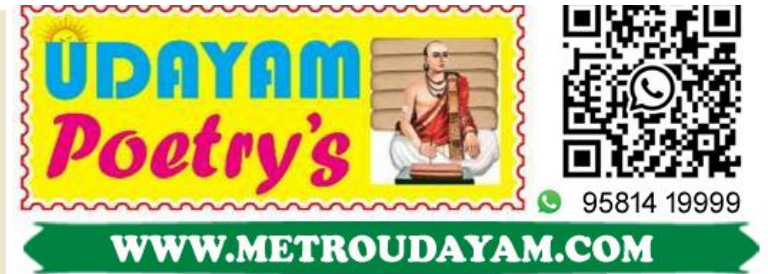
You can trust the river, but not every ripple needs to know your depth. Some truths are like wildflowers blooming in the shade of your silence meant for your Soul, not the crowd.

If you build a cathedral of dreams, expect winds to howl through the stained glass. Even the Stars are spoken ill of by those who've never dared look up.

Your mind is a garden let peace be the rain, and joy the roots. A title may weigh like gold, but serenity floats, untouched by the gravity of roles.

The moment you believe your feet can carry you alone, even mountains begin to kneel. Self-belief is a lantern that burns away the fog of doubt.

Not all hearts will echo your song. Some ears are deafened by their own storms. But that doesn't lessen your melody it still stirs the trees and sets unseen birds flying.



Plans are fragile paper boats in the river of time. Let them sail, but be ready to fold new ones when the currents shift.

Whatever the Sky brings lightning, lullabies, or loss you hold the weather inside you. Happiness is a window you can open even when the World feels shut.

And if the tide turns beyond your reach,

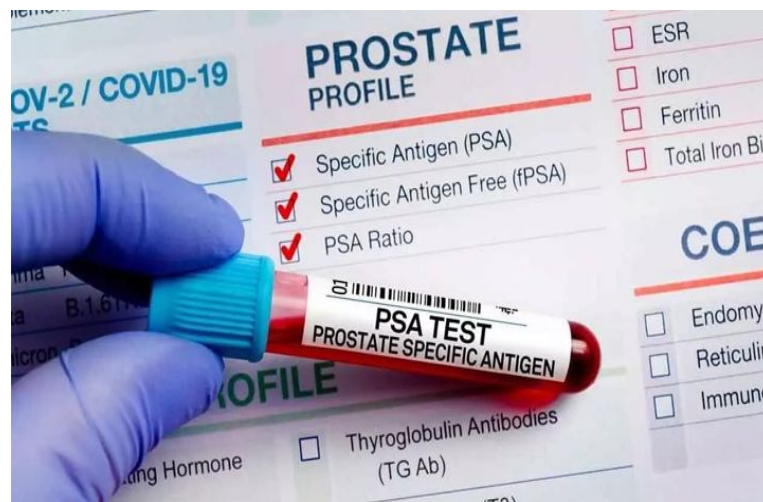


let it go. Worry is a stone in your pocket as you swim unclench, release, rise.

Smt. Latha Murthy

A simple PSA blood test cannot reveal prostate cancer

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in many countries, including Australia where 26,000 men are diagnosed per year. The majority (more than 85 per cent) are aged over 60 years. Prostate cancer kills around 3,900 Australians a year. Yet most prostate cancers progress very slowly, and many men die "with" and not "from" prostate cancer, which presently is detected with a blood test. This measures the amounts of prostate specific antigen (PSA) in the blood, a protein produced by the prostate gland. But while an elevated PSA can indicate prostate cancer, other non-cancerous conditions, such as prostate enlargement or inflammation, can also increase PSA levels. New draft guidelines aim to provide clearer recommendations about the role PSA tests should play in detecting prostate cancer. Life-saving treatment vs harmful over-diagnosis: Early detection of prostate cancer by PSA testing is important. It allows for timely treatments such as prostate removal surgery, radiation or hormonal therapy. But despite their effectiveness, these treatments can cause problems such as erectile dysfunction. Urinary incontinence issues occur in up to 14 per cent of patients. Therefore, if the prostate cancer is considered low-risk and has not spread outside the prostate, the clinician may recommend "active surveillance" to closely monitor the cancer for signs of progression. If the low-risk prostate cancer doesn't progress, treatment and its associated side effects can be delayed or avoided. The controversy around PSA testing is that it can over-diagnose low-risk prostate cancers that would never become life-threatening. PSA tests may also give false positive results when someone doesn't have cancer. Such scenarios cause harm to men who are over-treated for prostate



cancer solely based on elevated PSA levels. In a decades-long clinical study involving 182,000 men, PSA testing reduced prostate cancer deaths by 20 per cent compared to men who didn't undergo testing. But a trade-off was having to over-treat around 48 men to prevent one prostate cancer death. We need to find the balance between enabling early life-saving detection and preventing harmful over-treatment of men with low-risk prostate cancer. Draft guidelines: The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia has released new draft clinical guidelines for the early detection of prostate cancer for public consultation. The following recommended changes aim to reduce over-treatment and minimise harm. 1. Offer all men a 'baseline' PSA test at 40: All men would be offered an initial PSA test at age 40 to provide a baseline PSA measurement to compare against follow-up tests. A baseline PSA measurement would enable the calculation of PSA doubling time: the number of months taken for PSA level to double from baseline. Aggressive fast-growing tumours tend to have shorter PSA doubling times, so this would enable early detection of high-risk prostate cancer for prompt treatment. Such a change could improve prostate cancer risk classification and spare more men from

unnecessary harmful treatment side effects. 2. GPs offer men aged 50-69 PSA tests every two years: The draft guidelines recommend GPs offer PSA testing every two years for all men aged 50-69. For men over 70, PSA testing would be recommended based on clinical assessment by GPs. Men are more likely to be diagnosed with prostate cancer at an advanced age. So, as they get older and have a shorter life expectancy, the harms of treatment are more likely to outweigh the benefits of early detection. This recommendation could reduce over-diagnosis by considering individual life expectancy, overall health and potential treatment harms. 3. Target populations at greater risk: As with other cancer types, prostate cancer is a disease caused by gene malfunctioning leading to tumour growth. Men with a family history of prostate cancer are around three times more likely to develop and die from prostate cancer due to their genetic susceptibility. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men have a higher risk of dying from prostate cancer compared to non-Indigenous men. This may be due to delayed diagnoses and limited access to prostate cancer treatment options in remote areas. For these men with higher prostate cancer risk, the draft guidelines recommend earlier and more frequent

PSA testing, starting at age 40. This change could prioritise and serve targeted, high-risk populations of men who would benefit most from more regular PSA testing. No more 'finger up the bum': Previously, men with high PSA levels were referred for needle prostate biopsies which involve invasive insertion of needles into different areas of the prostate to remove tissue samples for lab analyses. Needle biopsies are painful and come with risks of bleeding or infection. So, it's helpful to use additional prostate cancer testing approaches to guide who is referred for a biopsy. The new draft guidelines no longer recommend the use of digital rectal examination, the dreaded "finger up the bum", to screen for signs of prostate cancer together with PSA testing. Men find this unpleasant and embarrassing. Instead, clinicians can turn to advanced imaging. Medicare rebates have been available for magnetic resonance imaging to diagnose prostate cancer since 2018. Medical specialists often order a multiparametric MRI (mpMRI) following elevated PSA levels to determine if biopsies are required. This is a specialised MRI that uses strong magnets and radio waves to construct a detailed three-dimensional image of the prostate from different angles and identify suspicious-looking areas. The draft guidelines recommend mpMRI to supplement PSA testing to better determine if a biopsy is needed. This saves men from unnecessary invasive procedures and reduces health-system costs. The information gathered from the public consultations will inform the final draft prostate cancer early detection guidelines. The final recommendations will then be sent to the National Health and Medical Research Council for approval, before becoming clinical practice.

हमने परमात्मा की भक्ती के लिए पैदा किए गए हैं। लेकिन अफसोस! इस मृत्यु लोक में आकर, अपने ही वासनाओं में अंधे होकर हमारे जन्म के उद्देश्य को हम पूरी तरह से भूल बैठे। .. (शकील उवाचा -417)

मानव जीवन का उद्देश्य क्या है? यह साधारण सा दिखने वाला प्रश्न बहुत ही जटिल और अत्यंत गहन प्रश्न है। खुद से पूछने जैसे कुछ प्रश्न है वह यह के, मैं कहां से आया हूँ? किसलिए आया हूँ? और मौत का मजा चखकर कहां जाऊंगा? जिस किसी ने इन प्रश्नों का सही उत्तर खोज लिया उसने अपने जीवन को सफल बना लिया। मानव को ईश्वर ने बहुत सारी खूबियों (क्षमताओं) के साथ पैदा किया है। और इन खूबियों को, इन क्षमताओं विकसित करने के लिए बुद्धि जैसे अमूल्य उपहार से नवाजा (पुरस्कृत किया) है।

इस बुद्धि का सदुपयोग करते हुए ज्ञान प्राप्त करके, क्षमताओं को विकसित करके, अपने कर्तव्यों का पालन करते हुए विश्व कल्याण के लिए कृषि करते हुए, अपने सृष्टिकर्ता पालनहार परमात्मा के भक्ती करके निजात (मोक्ष) पाना हमारे जीवन का एक महत्वपूर्ण उद्देश्य है। हमारी ज़िंदगी का मकसद (उद्देश्य) केवल सृष्टिकर्ता पालनहार परमात्मा की भक्ती के सिवा और कुछ नहीं। और हर एक अच्छा कार्य ईश्वर की भक्ती ही कहलाएगी।

पवित्र कुरआन में आया है के "और मैं (ईश्वर) ने जिन्नो और आदमियों को उसी गर्ज (हेतु) से पैदा किया कि वह मेरी (एकीश्वर की) इबादत (भक्ति) करें।" पवित्र कुरआन, अध्याय क्रमांक 51, सुराह अज-ज़रियात, आयत क्रमांक 56)।

उपरोक्त आयत में आदमी के साथ साथ जिन्न का भी नाम आया है। जिन्नात यह भी एक ईश्वर की सृष्टि है। पवित्र कुरआन के मुताबिक जिन्नात वह हैं ईश्वर ने जिन्हें मानव के पहिले धुआ रहित आग से पैदा किया। पवित्र कुरआन में आया है के, "और हम (ईश्वर) ने जिन्नात को आदमी से (भी) पहिले बेधुएं (धुएं से रहित) तेज आग से पैदा किया।" (पवित्र कुरआन, अध्याय क्रमांक 15, सुराह अल हिज़र, आयत क्रमांक 27)।

इस के व्यतिरिक्त पवित्र कुरआन, अध्याय 55, सुराह अर रहमान, आयत क्रमांक 15 में और पवित्र कुरआन, अध्याय 72, सुराह अल जिन्न में भी जिन्नात का जिक्र आया है। कहने का सारांश यही है के हम परमात्मा की भक्ती के लिए पैदा किए गए हैं। लेकिन अफसोस! इस मृत्यु लोक में आकर, अपने ही वासनाओं में अंधे होकर हमारे जन्म के उद्देश्य को पूरी तरह से हम भूल बैठे। उस परमात्मा को भूल कर क्षणिक सुखों के शिकार होगये।

जो लोग उस परमात्मा की ओर से इस लोक में आकर उस सृष्टिकर्ता पालनहार परमात्मा जगदीश्वर को भूल जाते हैं और उसकी भक्ती से वंचित रहकर कुकर्म करते रहते हैं ऐसे लोगों को झकझोरते हुए संत कबीर दास जी की कही हुई वह प्यारी बात आप सभी को याद ही होगी। हमारे द्वारा अपने ईश्वर को भूलने की और हमारे द्वारा किए जाने वाले पाप कर्मों का दण्ड हमें आवश्यक मिलेगा। इस सत्य को ध्यान में रखकर ईश्वर की भक्ती करना चाहिए।

हम जब माता के गर्भ में थे उस वक़्त को याद दिलाते हुए कबीरदासजी कहते हैं के, "कबीर वो दिन याद कर पग ऊपर तल सीस। मृत मंडल में आई के बिसरी गया जगदीस।।" (संत कबीर दास जी के दोहे)। संत कबीरदास जी हमसे कहते हैं कि "उस समय को याद कर, जब तू अपने माता के गर्भ में था। जिस वक्त तेरे पैर ऊपर थे और सिर नीचे था। उस वक़्त तू अपने सृष्टिकर्ता परमात्मा से प्रार्थना कर रहा था की, हे ईश्वर! इस कष्ट से मुक्त कर, मुझे बाहर निकाल। जैसे ही तू इस संसार में आगया उस जगदीश्वर को भूल गया।

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India 'umpired' down but victory for Test cricket

There is no denying that poetic justice was rendered at the Mecca of the gentleman's game on Monday as regards the purest form of cricket-Test match. The third match of the India-England Test series may have ended in heartbreak for Team India and millions of fans back home, but the team went down with guns blazing till the very last minute. Taken on a positive note, the exciting match saw the pendulum swinging hither and thither, which is what such an extraordinary match should be. In sports parlance, the Lord's Test had all the ingredients that delights the connoisseurs of the purest form of cricket, for whom who wins eventually hardly matters. They are keen on how the match progresses, the ups and downs and the advantage going from one side to the other down to the wire. Simply put the third India-England showdown had all the elements that typify a glorious Test match- superlative drama,



display of grit and courage, the never-say-die spirit to stay in the hunt staring at adversity and an anti-climax finish but respect intact for the losing side's display of extraordinary courage when the chips seemed down. Incidentally, till the very end it seemed like the writing was on the wall for both the hosts and the visiting team. The Lord's Test symbolized the traditionally

held notion-no match is won till the last ball is bowled. On that count, it makes for a classic testimonial for Test cricket. However, caught in this celebratory euphoria one should not forget that the match also brought back the darker and murkier side of the game because of which cricket was in the news for all the wrong reasons before the advent of technology-the

dreaded umpiring that was forever biased towards the host team. It is shameful that umpiring raised its ugly head during the third India-England Test and that too in the game's most revered headquarters. Umpiring was not just shoddy or bizarre but one in which the umpire's came up with decisions that were hugely condemnable and severely punishable. Alas, it made for an unsporting cut of a match that should have entered the record books as one of most closely fought Test battles with players from neither side budging or buckling under pressure. It was anybody's game before tea on the final day. With their dubious decisions, umpires played spoilsport, especially Australian umpire Paul Reiffel, whose contentious decisions not only changed the script of the final day proceedings but also took the match away from India. Questionable LBW verdicts added to India's frustration even on the fourth day, while the situ-

ation worsened on the deciding day, a day when a series of calls went against the visitors. It blew into a full-fledged controversy after K L Rahul was adjudged not out and the subsequent DRS review overturned the call, a decision that was ridiculed by Sunil Gavaskar. Ravichandran Ashwin was equally furious when earlier Reiffel declared Shubman Gill out caught behind off a delivery that missed the bat by a 'mile'. There were several such umpiring goof-ups that turned the tables against India. These will take old-timers back to the pre-third umpire days when biased umpiring invariably destroyed the winning prospects of visiting teams and some decisions almost destroyed the 'gentleman' image of the great game and led to international chaos. Hopefully, umpiring blues will be a thing of the past as India heads to Manchester for the fourth Test, slated to commence on July 23.

'Nilgiris: A Shared Wilderness' to hit theatres nationwide on Friday



Bengaluru: A feature-length blue-chip documentary on the Nilgiris, 'Nilgiris: A Shared Wilderness', directed by Emmy-nominated and BAFTA-winning filmmaker Sandesh Kadur, is set to release in theatres across India on July 18. A 'blue-chip documentary' typically refers to a high-quality, well-produced, and visually rich nature or wildlife film, often backed by substantial funding and aimed at a broad audience. The film, which highlights the story of India's first UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, was launched in Chennai on November 4, 2024. The event was held to mark the International Day for Biosphere Reserves, observed annually on November 3. Speaking to PTI during the launch, Kadur had said he wanted to reintroduce people to the awe of nature and its deep interconnectedness with human life through the film. The idea for the documentary, he said, took shape during a forest trek with philanthropist Rohini Nilekani, who later co-produced the film. "We were discussing how the Nilgiris is unique in many ways. For instance, the district has the highest number of schools in India. We talked about how there isn't a single documentary that captures the broader aspects of people's connection to this remarkable landscape, when Rohini asked me, 'Why don't you make a film?'" recalled Kadur. Thus began the journey of a documentary that celebrates nature through detailed macro shots, sweeping aerials, and immersive visuals. "But this is also the story of a new wilderness—a largely human-made landscape where wildlife continues to adapt and thrive. Where else in the world can you see black leopards, gaur, sloth bears, and more living in tea gardens?" he asked. Nilekani called the documentary a "call to action" for everyone who feels connected to these sacred landscapes. If we want to conserve them, Samaaj (society), Sarkaar (government), and Bazaar (market) must come together to nurture this ecosystem, she said. Nilgiris: A Shared Wilderness is also the first feature-length wildlife documentary to receive a nationwide theatrical release, Nilekani claimed. As part of a "nationwide educational initiative", the film will be screened through exclusive, discounted student shows in major cities.

National Sports Governance Bill drafted with inputs from IOC, NSFs & international federations: Mandaviya

New Delhi: Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Thursday said the National Sports Governance Bill, which will be tabled in the Parliament during next week's monsoon session, has been drafted with inputs from international organisations such as the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the FIFA, in addition to extensive consultations with National Sports Federations, athletes and coaches. Last October, the National Sports Governance Bill was placed in the public domain for inviting comments/suggestions of the general public and the stakeholders as a part of pre-legislative consultation process. Speaking at the inauguration of Khelo Bharat Conclave, Sports Minister Mandaviya said, "I conducted a series of consultations with



National Sports Federations, athletes and coaches. We also engaged with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and various international sports federations. Additionally, we received over 600 public suggestions when the draft was made available online for feedback." "To ensure a well-rounded approach, I held a detailed three-hour meet-

ing with sports lawyers to understand their perspective because we want to bring good governance in the sports sector of the country. "There was a query from FIFA. So, I sent a special officer to the headquarters of FIFA. Go and discuss with him. We had a discussion with him. And after that, a sports bill has been prepared, which I will bring it to the parliament in the

next session," he added. The bill seeks to provide for the development and promotion of sports, welfare measures for sportspersons, ethical practices in sports, and matters connected thereto, through good governance practices. It will also be responsible for establishing institutional capacity and prudential standards for the governance of sports federations that are based on basic universal principles of good governance, ethics and fair play of the Olympic and sports movement, the Olympic Charter, the Paralympic Charter, international best practices and established legal standards. The bill also proposes to establish measures for the resolution of sports grievances and sports disputes in a unified, equitable and effective manner.

Pritam says his job is to do justice to script and characters, and not visualise how songs would look on actors

Mumbai: Music composer Pritam, whose OST from 'Metro...In Dino', has said that he doesn't make songs thinking how it would look on Bollywood actors. The music composer recently spoke with IANS, and shared that as a music composer, he considers it his responsibility to do justice to the script and the character, and not think about who is representing that character on screen, and how his track would look on them. Pritam told IANS, "It is the hero. It is the protagonist who is important. It's the story. It's the character. 'Haanikaarak Babu' was meant for Geeta and Babita ('Dangal') when they were young. So there shouldn't have been a glimpse of Aamir Khan in it. I'll give you a simple example. Ranbir Kapoor in 'Barfi' and Ranbir Kapoor in 'Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani'. So I



was working with Ranbir Kapoor in parallel, these two films were being made around the same time". "Ae Dil Hai Mushkil" and 'Jagga Jasoos' were also overlapping. But, I was not making music for Ranbir Kapoor, I was making for those characters. He's not the same shade. So any artist getting into a project, it is the story which sparks it. It is not the actor. You don't make movies for Shah Rukh Khan or Aamir Khan or Ranbir Kapoor or

Ranbir Singh. You make music for the character", he added. Earlier, Pritam had revealed that the cult-classic song 'Channa Mereya' was initially made for the Salman Khan-starrer 'Bajrangi Bhaijaan', and not 'Ae Dil Hai Mushkil'. 'Channa Mereya' is a modern heartbreak anthem, and boasts of a loyal following with more than 275 million streams on Spotify with daily streams clocking 2, 00, 000. That may not have been the case, had Kabir Khan picked the melody of 'Channa Mereya' for 'Bajrangi Bhaijaan' from Munni's POV. He earlier said, "For the same situation of 'Bajrangi Bhaijaan', I made 'Channa Mereya'. It got bounced from 'Bajrangi Bhaijaan', and it went to 'Ae Dil Hai Mushkil'. "Mukhra was the same, but the lyrics were different", he added.