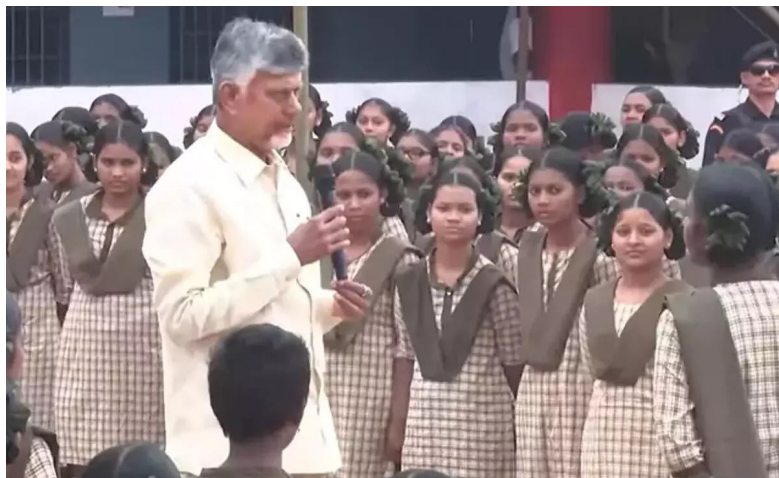




CM Chandrababu commends 'Mustabu' programme at school visit in Anakapalle

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's Anakapalle district tour is underway, with one of his notable stops being the Tallapalem Social Welfare Residential School. During his visit, the Chief Minister interacted with students and inspected the newly established 'Mustabu Corner', a grooming initiative introduced at the school. Following the inspection, Naidu praised the Alluri district collector for launching a commendable programme and noted the innovative approach brought forward through the Mustabu initiative. He acknowledged the efforts of Minister Nara Lokesh and other officials in implementing beneficial programmes for the community, asserting his commitment to ensuring a bright future for all children in the region.

During the session, student Guna Srivalli spoke to the Chief Minister, expressing her enthusiasm for the Mustabu programme as an excellent ini-



tiative that promotes cleanliness. She also shared her ambition to become the principal of a social welfare school in the future. In a significant policy move, the government has announced the rollout of the Mustabu programme across all schools and residential institutions in the state, effective from today. The initiative aims to enhance awareness about personal hygiene among students and will be implemented in both government and private educational establishments.

Naidu calls on BJP's Nitin Nabin, rallies NDA MPs

Vijayawada: Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Friday held a courtesy meeting with newly-appointed BJP working president Nitin Nabin at Bihar Bhavan in New Delhi. The Chief Minister was accompanied by all TDP Members of Parliament during the meeting. Congratulating Nitin Nabin, Naidu described him as an experienced leader and said it was an inspiring moment for the BJP. "Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country is moving very fast. With Nitin Nabin at the helm of the party organisation, not only the BJP but the nation will progress further. We look forward to working together to do extraordinary work for the country," the Chief Minister said. Earlier in the day, Naidu also met NDA alliance MPs and held a detailed interaction for about 40 minutes. During the meeting, he guided the MPs on political and policy issues, stating that former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy had been unable to find credible grounds to criticise the State government's welfare programmes. He said the opposition was now focusing



only on the medical colleges PPP issue, but even that narrative had failed to gain public support. Referring to the signature campaign launched by the YSRCP, Naidu said attempts to create a "one-crore-signatures drama" did not resonate with the people. He urged MPs to study the PPP policy at the national level to counter misinformation effectively. Several MPs pointed out that hospitals in Delhi and Gujarat are successfully operating under the PPP model. "As our recognition grows, our responsibility also increases," Naidu told the MPs, stressing the need for more responsible governance in Andhra Pradesh.

Speaker gets more time on MLAs verdict amid SC holiday

Hyderabad: The Telangana Legislative Assembly Speaker, Gaddam Prasad Kumar, has gained additional time to deliver his verdict on five more MLAs before January 5. This follows the BRS party's contempt of court petition against him failing to appear before the Supreme Court Bench on Friday. Meanwhile, the apex court has declared Christmas and New Year holidays until 5 January. The Speaker has already delivered a verdict against five MLAs Tellam Venkat Rao, Bandla Krishna Mohan Reddy, Gudem Mahipal Reddy, T Prakash Goud, and Arekapudi Gandhi on 17 December. He ruled that they remain BRS MLAs and have not officially changed their party. However, he is yet to pronounce a decision regarding five other MLAs: Pocharam Srinivas Reddy, Sanjay Kumar, Kale Yadaiah, Kadiam Srihari, and Danam Nagender. On 17 December, reports circulated within the Assembly premises suggesting the Speaker would deliver verdicts on Pocharam Srinivas Reddy, Sanjay Kumar, and Kale Yadaiah by 18 or 19 December. However, no verdict was pronounced, and the Speaker clarified that he had not committed to those dates, which were media predictions. It is understood that the Speaker will be away from Hyderabad on 20 and 21 December and is expected to be available from 22 December onwards. According to legal experts, with the exception of Danam Nagender, the other four MLAs Pocharam Srinivas Reddy, Sanjay Kumar, Kale Yadaiah, and Kadiam Srihari are likely to receive a favourable verdict. Experts opine that Danam Nagender may tender his resignation to avoid disqualification before 5 January. Regarding Kadiam Srihari, experts suggested that signing his daughter Dr Kavya's Lok Sabha nomination papers may not be legally classified as a defection from BRS to the Congress party.



Nimmala dismisses objections over Nallamala Sagar

New Delhi: Water resources minister Nimmala Ramanaidu on Friday said there was no justification for objections if the downstream state sought to utilise surplus Godavari waters that would otherwise flow into the Bay of Bengal. He asserted that, in accordance with natural principles, Andhra Pradesh had a legitimate right as the downstream state to use such waters and called for immediate approvals for proposed projects, including the Polavaram-Nallamala Sagar linkage. The minister, along with Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, met Union Jal Shakti minister C R Patil here and discussed pending approvals and release of funds for irrigation projects in the state. He said representations were made seeking immediate financial assistance for projects approved as part of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act commitments and for convening a high-level meeting to resolve pending issues.

Stressing that water security was a critical concern for Andhra Pradesh, Ramanaidu urged the Centre to take a positive view keeping in mind the state's irri-



gation and drinking water needs. He said stronger Centre-state coordination was essential and sought project-wise water allocations in line with the norms of the Godavari and Vamsadhara river management boards to ensure timely completion. Referring to disputes over Godavari water utilisation, the minister said the state had no intention of politicising the issue and that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu believed in the welfare of Telugu people in both states.

He suggested that internal political factors in Telangana may have contributed to the dispute and noted that Andhra Pradesh had never objected to projects

such as Kaleshwaram and Sitarama Sagar constructed by Telangana. He pointed out that 1.53 lakh tmc ft of Godavari floodwaters had gone waste into the sea over the past 50 years, including 20,000 tmc ft in the last five years alone, and argued that fears of

Telangana turning into a desert were unfounded. Recalling former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's emphasis on river interlinking, Ramanaidu said Andhra Pradesh was pursuing the same vision. He noted that while around 3,000 tmc ft of Godavari water flows into the sea annually, only about 200 tmc ft was required for the proposed project, warranting immediate approval. He also sought early clearances for pending works under the Polavaram national project, permanent withdrawal of the 2011 stop-work order, and inclusion of the enhanced canal capacity costs in the project estimate.

Lokesh vows justice to harassed cadre

Rajamahendravaram: TDP national general secretary and minister for IT and HRD Nara Lokesh on Friday assured justice to those who were harassed during the previous YSRCP government, asserting that no one who misused the law or acted illegally would be spared. He said the party had not forgotten the injustices faced by its leaders and workers and that action would be taken strictly within the framework of the law. Addressing a meeting of TDP workers at the Cherukuri Convention Hall here, Lokesh recalled that the present MLA Adireddy Vasu and his father Apparao were harassed and jailed for foisting false cases during the previous regime. He said former MLA Adireddy Bhavani was also targeted and trolled on the floor of the Assembly. Lokesh recalled that even his mother, Bhuvaneswari, was subjected to inhuman



humiliation, and described the arrest of TDP national president N Chandrababu Naidu, who spent 53 days in Rajamahendravaram jail, as unjust. He said the support extended by party workers in Rajamahendravaram during that period would always be remembered. Lokesh also addressed internal party issues, referring to dissatisfaction expressed by some leaders against Rajamahendravaram City MLA Adireddy Srinivas. He said staying away

from party activities out of anger was not appropriate and advised leaders to directly question the MLA if they disagreed with his approach. Any mistakes, he said, should be pointed out within the party and efforts made collectively to correct them. Stating that Mangalagiri and Rajamahendravaram were among the TDP's strongest constituencies, The minister credited the sacrifices of party workers for the alliance securing 164 Assembly seats. Expressing confidence in the party's future, he said the TDP, founded by the late N T Rama Rao, would remain strong for another hundred years, adding that those who once claimed they would wipe out the TDP had disappeared without a trace. As part of the programme, Lokesh felicitated key party workers and received representations from several activists.

BRS to Discuss River Water Issues at Upcoming Meeting

Hyderabad: The BRS legislative party and state executive committee are set to convene a



at Telangana Bhavan on Sunday. Under the leadership of party chief KCR, MPs, MLAs, MLCs, and state executive members will gather to discuss strategic plans. The BRS is gearing up for a campaign focused on river water and irrigation projects. During the meeting, KCR is expected to unveil the action plan for this forthcoming movement.

Police Band Music Celebrates Unity at Grand Finale of 26th All India Police Band Competition in Hyderabad

Hyderabad, Metro Udayam, December 20:

The 26th All India Police Band Competition-2025, hosted by the Railway Protection Force (RPF), concluded with a grand closing ceremony at the RPF Training Centre, Moula-Ali, on Friday.

Shri G. Kishan Reddy, Hon'ble Union Minister for Coal and Mines, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Several senior officials were present, including Ms. Sonali Mishra, IPS, Director General, Railway Protection Force; Shri Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager; Shri Amit Garg, Director, National Police Academy; Dr. Mahesh Dixit, Special Director, Intelligence Bureau; Ms. Aroma Singh Thakur, Inspector General-cum-Principal Chief Security Commissioner, South Central Railway; and other senior railway and police officials. Addressing the gathering, Shri G. Kishan Reddy praised the vital role of police bands in promoting discipline, unity, and cultural integration among the forces. He said that police band and marshal music



inspires the forces, instills patriotism, and strengthens commitment towards safeguarding the nation. Emphasising the responsibility of police forces, he noted that they must live up to public expectations by serving as a "friend in need" through honest and dedicated service. He also commended the Railway Protection Force for successfully hosting the event with exemplary planning and warm hospitality. The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from 24 teams representing State Police Forces, Central Armed

Police Forces, and other uniformed services. A total of 1,307 band personnel—1,083 men and 224 women—from across the country showcased India's rich tradition of police band music and ceremonial heritage. During the closing ceremony, the Union Minister presented awards and trophies to the best-performing bands in various categories, recognising excellence in musical skill, coordination, and ceremonial precision. Earlier, he also released a souvenir magazine highlighting the events and achievements of the



Police Band Competition.

...Prize Distribution Details..... In the Men's Brass Band category, Maharashtra emerged as the Winner, Assam Rifles & BSF secured the Runner-up** position, while RPF was declared Hardliner. In the Women's Brass Band category, CISF won the Winner title, and SSB finished as Runner-up. For the Men's Pipe Band category, Assam Rifles claimed the Winner position, ITBP stood Runner-up, and CRPF received the Hardliner award. In the Women's Pipe Band cat-

egory, Chhattisgarh emerged as the Winner, Assam Rifles secured Runner-up, and Rajasthan was adjudged Hardliner. In the Men's Bugler category, Maharashtra won the Winner title, Tamil Nadu secured Runner-up, and CRPF was awarded Hardliner. Maharashtra was declared the Overall Championship – Men, while CISF won the Overall Championship – Women, marking a grand conclusion to the prestigious national-level competition.

'PM Modi to energise workers, address Bengal and Nation,' says Union Minister Sukanta Majumdar



Union Minister of State Sukanta Majumdar has said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Ranaghat on Saturday will see him addressing not only the people of Bengal but the entire nation. Speaking to reporters, Majumdar said, "Prime Minister is visiting Ranaghat, where he will address not only the people of Bengal but the entire nation. With elections approaching in Bengal, his visit is expected to further energise the workers." The Prime Minister is scheduled to kick off the BJP's sustained campaign in the state to counter the Trinamool Congress on the contentious citizenship issue of the Matua community. A mega rally is planned at the Matua-dominated Taherpur under Ranaghat sub-division in Nadia district on Saturday. Local residents expressed their expectations for the Prime Minister's visit. One citizen said, "The hope is that after the last 15 years, this government has completely failed. Bengal has fallen far behind while the country is moving ahead. We want freedom from this corrupt government. Prime Minister Modi will bring significant development to Bengal." Another local highlighted social issues, stating, "Yes, I want to tell Prime Minister Narendra Modi that in West Bengal, girls do not feel safe. It is very frightening for them to go out at night. We need a proper hospital in our area and initiatives for educated girls and boys, so they have opportunities to work and develop." According to official statements, Prime Minister Modi will also inaugurate and lay the foundation stone for two National Highway projects worth around Rs 3,200 crore. The projects include the inauguration of the 66.7 km-long 4-laning of the Barajaguli-Krishnanagar section of NH-34 in Nadia district, as well as the laying of the foundation stone for the 17.6 km-long 4-laning of the Barasat-Barajaguli section of NH-34 in North 24 Parganas district. These projects are expected to serve as vital links between Kolkata and Siliguri, reducing travel time by approximately two hours. Officials said the development will ensure faster and smoother vehicle movement, lower vehicle operating costs, and improved connectivity between Kolkata, neighbouring districts of West Bengal, and neighbouring countries.

Osmania University College of Engineering receives national recognition in education, research, and innovation.

Hyderabad, metro udayam december 20..... Osmania University College of Engineering has received national-level recognition. It has been awarded the prestigious 'IEEE India Council Outstanding Emerging Student Branch' Award – 2025 for its contributions to education, research, and technological innovations. Osmania University College of Engineering was selected for this award for the outstanding performance of its IEEE Student Branch, its continuous technical programs, and the active participation of its students. The IEEE India Council Chair, Professor Prerana Gaur, along with Professor G. Mallesham, IEEE Student Branch Counselor and Nitin Narasimha Vadla, Student Branch Chair (2024–2025), on behalf of Osmania University, presented the award at XYZ, the IEEE India Council's annual flagship conference 'IEEE INDICON 2025' held at IIT Bangalore. The Scopus Indexed International Journal acknowledging Professor Mallesham as a faculty member and a



guide to the students at Osmania University has been a really great moment among others for him. Osmania University Vice-Chancellor Professor Kumar Molugaram sent his best wishes not only to the faculty but also to the students for the national recognition of the College of Engineering. They expressed their wish that the institution would achieve many more such national and international awards in the future. They hoped that students would reach greater heights through education, research, innovation, and professional skills. They called upon everyone involved to work together

to spread OU's reputation far and wide.

The guidance of Professor G. Mallesham, the main character in the national-level recognition of OU Engineering College, was praised by both the students and the faculty members. They told that the Engineering College is getting very good results under the management and the never-ending support of Principal Professor P. Chandrasekhar and Vice-Principal Professor Mangu. They now made it clear that this victory was the result of the committed participation of the core committee members, volunteers, stu-

dents, researchers, and faculty. On this occasion, Principal Professor P. Chandra Sekhar expressed the opinion that the national-level recognition for the Engineering College was again the evidence that Osmania University is the one in producing technically skilled and socially responsible engineers. On this occasion, Registrar Professor G. Naresh Reddy and OSD Professor Jitendra Kumar Naik extended their congratulations to the faculty, researchers, and students of the OU Engineering College.

Dhurandhar Box Office Update: Worldwide Collection Crosses ₹530

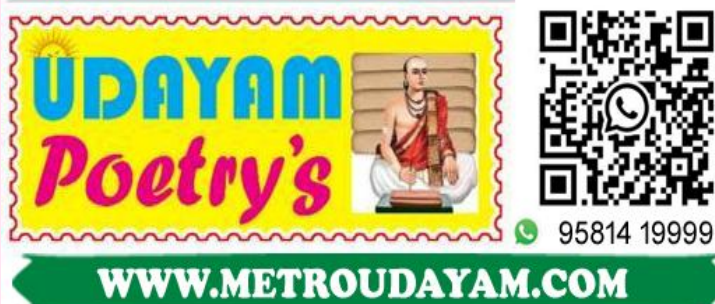
According to trade estimates, Dhurandhar has now grossed over ₹530 crore worldwide, combining its India and overseas earnings. The film had already delivered a thunderous ₹270 crore opening week, and its momentum has only strengthened since then. The spy thriller witnessed an extraordinary second-weekend surge, collecting close to ₹80 crore globally, a feat rarely seen in recent Hindi cinema. Strong word of

mouth, repeat audience viewership, and packed shows across multiplexes and single screens have driven the sustained growth.

In India, the film has crossed the ₹420 crore gross mark, while overseas markets have contributed an impressive ₹110 crore, underlining the film's strong international appeal. Several centres in North America, the Middle East, and Australia continue to report house-

full shows. Industry analysts note that Dhurandhar has already broken multiple box office records, including one of the highest second-weekend collections for a Hindi film, placing it among the biggest blockbusters of the year. With no major releases affecting its screen count immediately, Dhurandhar is expected to continue its dominant run and could set its sights on even bigger milestones in the coming days.

SUNDAY BOOK REVIEW



WHAT POLICE SAY ABOUT CYBER-CRIMES.

Cybercrimes these days are as regular as the sun rising! Every day we come across the news of people being duped by cyber fraudsters. Most of us, irrespective of our age, location and social status use social platforms such as Facebook, WhatsApp, Telegram and et al. Cyber criminals use these platforms to drag us into their trap and loot us of our life time savings. What is more stunning is that these fraudsters update themselves very quickly in using new technologies and come up with imaginative new ways and methods of cheating gullible people, and hood-winking police!

Talking about the magnitude of this cybercrime menace Ashok Kumar IPS, former DIG of Uttarakhand, feels that it is his bounded duty to educate and create awareness in the general public about the ways in which fraudsters trap and rob them. With this noble mission in mind, he, in his book, **CYBER ENCOUNTERS** narrates 12 nail-biting real cyber crime cases and the dedicated and highly professional methods the police personnel use in cracking the cases and bringing the perpetrators to book.

1) DONT ACCEPT FRIENDSHIP REQUESTS FROM UNKNOWN PERSONS— Bearing a suitable, oxymoronic title, the first case, **BITTER HONEY**, is about how a widower sexagenarian from Mussoorie falls into a honey trap when a beautiful siren contacts him on Facebook. After exchanging enticing messages and phone numbers, the cunning lady brings her teammates on to scene. All of them put him through excruciating experiences and make him cough up huge amounts in installments amounting to about 97 lakhs telling him that her lady love has been caught by the Customs and soon he would also be arrested in a drug deal with her.

After realizing that he

was duped, eventually he approached police. In their thorough investigation police initially found that the fraudsters had used all fake documents to get SIM cards, used the bank accounts of innocent people to withdraw money and used false house addresses. It thrills you to know how with persistent efforts, police could catch the perpetrators finally.

2) DONT RESPOND TO MAILS FROM STRANGERS— In another case an ambitious young woman working in a private company in Uttarakhand gets an email informing her that she has won a lottery of \$ 2,50,000. Later on during her long correspondence with the tricksters, she follows their instructions meticulously and sends them more than 30 lakhs, hoping that she would be a millionaire soon. In her case one day a person approaches her with wads of papers and a bottle of magic liquid which when put on the papers turns them into dollars. He tells her that all her lottery amount would be paid to her in Delhi in the form of such paper pieces and bottles of magic liquid. She believes him and pays more money which she steals from her office.

When it all turned out to be a scam, she approached police. In this case also Uttarakhand police faced lots of challenges, legal hurdles and even hot chasing at Delhi Airport before bringing the fraudsters of Nigerian origin to book.

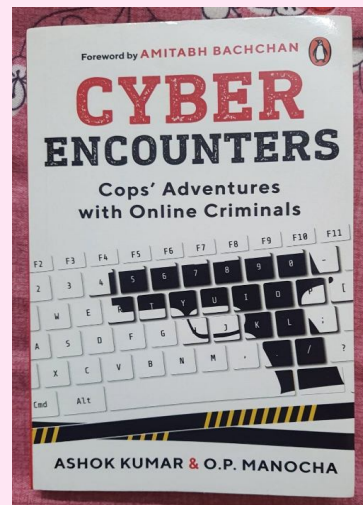
3) TO DO ONLINE SHOPPING, USE ONLY SAFE AND REPUTED WEBSITES. This is the case of a mother losing 66 Lakhs for shopping online to buy a beagle puppy for her teenaged daughter as a gift on her birthday. Responding to an ad on Facebook, the mother has contacted one Shewta, a dealer in puppies. On the pretext of importing the puppy from abroad, Shewta collects about 25,000 in advance from the mother, saying that every rupee collected from her would be refunded once the dog arrives in the city. It is really shocking and unbelievable that the mother follows the words of the cunning lady and pays around 66 Lakhs in all before realizing the true colours of the Fraudsters. Read it to know how the Uttarakhand police outwitted the criminals.

4) DONT INVEST IN PONZI AND MONEY DOUBLING SCHEMES. During the Covid times, many people through out the country lost their jobs, small business ventures and their other sources of income and living. As a fallout, these poor, middle class business people and other investors tried to find new ways of making money online. Taking advantage of this situation, fraudsters floated new apps offering scandalous schemes of money making and getting easy loans. **POWERBANK** was one such app and people in Uttarakhand were lured into this snare. The fraudsters of this app promised investors of helping them make huge profits for their investments in two weeks time. Police say that in a ponzi scheme, the fraudsters pay interest to old investors out of the money they collect from new investors, to attract more and more gullible people. They one day shut down their business with hundreds of crores of rupees of people's money at their disposal. The Uttarakhand police eventually outsmarted the scamsetters.

5) DONT ACCEPT VIDEO CALLS FROM UNKNOWN PERSONS. A middle-aged business man in a place near Dehradun is very sad about his wife's serious health condition and he uploads some posts about it on a social media. As he often feels lonely and tired, he now and then chats with others on social media platforms and dating apps. One day a beautiful woman starts chatting with him on a dating app and soon they become very close and exchange their WhatsApp numbers. After some time one day while chatting with him, the woman removes her clothes and compels him to do the same.

This goes on for some days and one day he gets a message from a stranger posing as an official of a social media platform. He tells the business man that his nude videos are uploaded and if he pays him, he can remove them permanently from the platform. Soon his WhatsApp friend also starts blackmailing him and though he sends money, they continue to ask him for more money, and more often. Unable to bear this sextortion, the business man seeks help from police. Using their professional experience and latest technical know-how, police at last catch the blackmailers.

In yet another case Uttarakhand police nabbed a youth for using the profile of a high rank police officer to make money from his



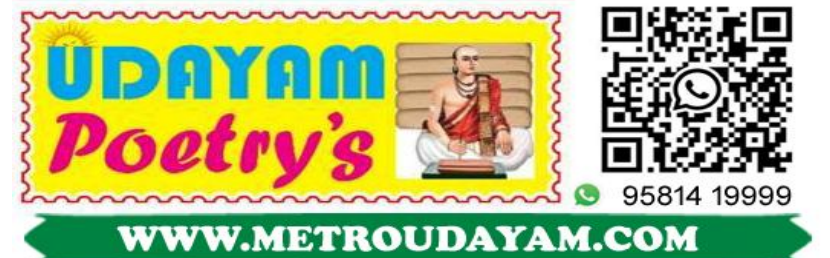
friends. In another case when a senior citizen faces problems with his laptop while chatting with his son in the US, he googles for a computer geek who can fix the snag. Posing as an authorised Microsoft Service provider, a stranger calls the old man and asks for some information about the problem and his password for the laptop. After taking that information, the stranger puts some **RANSOMWARE** in the laptop and takes control of it. From that time the so called Microsoft executive asks the old man to pay money for downloading software kits and to release the laptop from his control. So beware of such **Ransomeware Geeks**.

Apart from writing about these popular ways of cheating the general public, the authors ask us to be aware of two other clever and often used ways of **CATFISHING** and **PHISHING**. Luring innocent people into investing online stock trade business on the pretext of getting huge profits in a short period of time is another pastime of fraudsters. At the time of writing this book in 2023, the **DIGITAL ARREST** concept was not as popular as it is now.

After writing about all these scams and scamsetters, the authors feel that if only we inculcate cyber hygiene practices we can be safe in the new cyber ecosystem. Just read this informative book yourself and gift it to your near and dear.

To put it in a nutshell, this book not only rolls out very useful information about cybercrimes but also holds a mirror to the professional skills of our police personnel, to their sense of duty and dedicated service to the public.

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जो मौत को याद रखेगा वह तमन्नाओं को फरामोश (इच्छा आकांक्षाओं को विस्मृत) कर देगा... (शकील उवाचा -१९६६)

जब हम तमन्नाओं को याने इच्छा आकांक्षाओं को तर्क (त्याग) करने की बात करते हैं तो कहा जाता है कि तमन्नाओं के बगैर इंसान की ज़िंदगी के बारे में सोचा भी नहीं जा सकता। सच है सुख और दुःख का पूरा खेल इन्हीं तमन्नाओं का खेल है। जब तक हमें तमन्नाओं, उम्मीदों से बड़ी कोई और दौलत नहीं मिलती तब तक ही यह तमन्नाओं का खेल चलता रहेगा। तमन्नाओं से बड़ी दौलत पाकर तमन्नाओं की अहमियत खत्म हो जाती है। या जिसे अपनी मौत याद हो वह कभी तमन्नाओं के जाल में फँसने वाला ही नहीं है।



क्योंकि पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) के पहिले उत्तराधिकारी इमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब अलैहिस्सलाम का फरमान है कि, "जो मौत को याद रखेगा वह तमन्नाओं को फरामोश (इच्छा आकांक्षाओं को विस्मृत) कर देगा।" (हैदरी कुतुबखाना मुंबई द्वारा प्रकाशित उर्दू पुस्तक, तजल्लियाते हिकमत, बाब 23, बे जा तमन्नाएँ, हदीस क्रमांक 08, पुष्ट क्रमांक 52)। तमन्नाएँ ही आदमी को इलाही सुकून से महरूम (सच्चे आनंद से वंचित) कर देती हैं। तमन्नाएँ जब अक़ल को पीछे छोड़ देती हैं तो इंसान को जानवर बना देती हैं।

इंसान जब अपनी इंसानियत को खो देता है तो उसके पास बचता कुछ भी नहीं है। आदमी के पास जब आदमियत ही नहीं हो तो फिर वह पशुओं से बुरा जीवन बिताएगा। मानव में जब मानवीयता ना हो तो धर्म भी उसके कुछ काम नहीं आता। इंसान को इंसान बनने के लिए उसे अपने स्वभाव को जानना होगा, अपने स्वभाव को पाना होगा और अपने स्वभाव पर जीना होगा। दीन (धर्म) यही चाहता है कि मानव अपने सृष्टिकर्ता पालनहार परमात्मा ने उसे जिस स्वभाव पर, जिस प्रकृति पर जन्म दिया है उसके अनुसार जीते हुए उस तक आ पहुँचे, नजात पा ले, मोक्ष पा ले, मुक्ति पा ले।

अपने स्वभाव को जानने के लिए किसीका मंदिर में होना शर्त है ना ही किसीका मस्जिद में होना शर्त है। अपने स्वभाव को जानने के लिए किसीका चर्च में होना शर्त है ना ही किसीका गुरुद्वारा में होना शर्त है। जहाँ हो, जैसे हो, वहीं और वैसे ही हम अपने निजता को पा सकते हैं। शर्त इतनी ही है कि शांत होना है। शर्त इतनी ही है कि होश में रहना है। शर्त इतनी ही है कि हर एक मूर्छा से जागृत हो जाना है। शर्त इतनी ही है कि भौतिक दुनिया की व्यर्थता समझ में आ जाये। शर्त यही है कि अमौलिक जग का सत्य समझकर अमौलिक जग से जोड़ लें।

सबसे बड़ा सच यही है कि हमारा सृष्टिकर्ता एक ही खुदा (ईश्वर) है जिसकी इबादत (उपासना) करने के लिये हमें यह मानव योनी में जन्म मिला है। हम सब तो उसी खुदा (ईश्वर) ही के तरफ से इस दुनिया में आये हैं और मरकर हम सभी को उस (ईश्वर) के तरफ ही लौटकर जाना है। जो यह सत्य जान लेता है वही किसी बड़ी मुसीबत (आपदा) या नुकसान (हानि) होने पर, या अपने किसी प्रियजन की मृत्यु होने पर भी, या जीवन में किसी भी मुश्किल परिस्थिति में ईश्वर की इच्छा के समक्ष नत मस्तक होकर संयम रखता है, धैर्य रखता है। खुद ईश्वर को समर्पित हो जाता है।

जो व्यक्ति खुशनुदी ए खुदा (ईश्वर की मर्जी) को तस्लीम (स्वीकार) करने की हिम्मत (धैर्य) रखता है वही पवित्र कुरआन 02/156 के अनुसार "हम तो खुदा (ईश्वर) ही के हैं और उस (ईश्वर) के तरफ लौटकर जाने वाले हैं।" इन शब्दों को दिल की गहराई से दोहरा सकता है। हर संकट का सामना जो व्यक्ति सब्र (संयम, धैर्य) के साथ करता है वही ईश्वर से पुरस्कारित किया जायेगा।

पवित्र कुरआन में ऐसे ही लोगों के लिये खुशखबरी (शुभवार्ता) दी गई है। पवित्र कुरआन में आया है कि, "कि (जो संकट समय में संयम बरतते हैं) उन्हीं लोगों पर उनके परवरदिगार (पालनहार परमात्मा) की तरफ से इनायतें (पुरस्कार) हैं और रहमत (कृपा, दया भी) है। और यही लोग हिदायत याफता (ईश्वर का मार्गदर्शन पाये हुये) लोग हैं।" (पवित्र कुरआन, अध्याय क्रमांक 02, सुराह अल बकरा, आयत क्रमांक 157)।

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Rakul Preet Singh inaugurates 'Second Skin Makeup Studio & Academy'

Renowned makeup artist K a d a l i Chakravarthy, popularly known as Chakri, has launched his dream venture, Second Skin Makeup Studio & Academy, in Hyderabad. The grand inauguration took place at Panjagutta and was formally opened by actress Rakul Preet Singh. Chakri is a familiar name in the film industry, having worked with leading actresses across Tollywood and Bollywood, including Rakul Preet Singh and Tamannaah. With this new studio and academy, he aims to offer professional makeup services while also training aspiring artists with industry-level skills. Speaking at the event, Rakul Preet Singh expressed her happiness, calling Chakri like a brother and recalling their long association since her early films. She wished him success and hoped to see the academy expand further. Chakri thanked Rakul for her constant encouragement and support, calling her presence at the launch deeply special.



India down SA by 30 runs, clinch T20I series 3-1

Ahmedabad: Hard-hitting India batters Tilak Varma and Hardik Pandya hammered fine half-centuries while spinner Varun Chakravarthy snared four wickets as India defeated South Africa by 30 runs to clinch the five-match T20I series 3-1 here on Saturday. With Varma (73 off 42 balls) and Pandya (63 off 25 balls) in full flow, India scored a competitive 231 for 5 and then restricted the visitors to 201 for 8. The Proteas were in the match till opener Quinton de Kock (65 off 35 balls) and Dewald Brevis (31 off 17) were at the crease, but the visitors lost wickets quickly once the two departed in successive



overs. Chakravarthy (4/53) removed the dangerous Aiden Markram and Donovan Ferreira off consecutive deliveries in the 13th over to take the fight out of the South Africans by reducing them to 135

for 5 from 118 for 1 in 10 overs.

Earlier, skipper Suryakumar Yadav's poor run with the bat continued as he scored just five runs but India still put up a big total with Varma and

Pandya sharing a 115-run stand for the fourth wicket. Samson, who opened the batting in place of the injured vice-captain Shubman Gill, struck a 22-ball 37 and shared a 63-run stand with Abhishek Sharma (34 off 21 balls) as the hosts, leading the series 2-1, were off to a fine start. Brief scores. India 231 for 5 in 20 overs (Abhishek Sharma 34, Sanju Samson 37, Tilak Varma 73, Hardik Pandya 63; Corbin Bosch 2/44) beat South Africa 201 for 8 in 20 overs (Quinton de Kock 65, Dewald Brevis 31; Varun Chakravarthy 4/53, Jasprit Bumrah 2/17) by 30 runs.

Six Indians impress at US Kids Indian Championship



Manesar: Nihal Cheema, Drona Singh Dhull and Prince Bainsla among the boys, and Naaysha S Sinha, Gairat Kaur Kahlon and Shiksha Jain among the girls, were outstanding performers in the fifth edition of the US Kids Golf Indian Championship at Classic Golf and Country Club. Despite challenging weather conditions and the smog, local golfers made a clean sweep of the titles, with creditable displays in a rather tricky situation. The Tournament Committee reduced the final round for all sections to nine holes because there was insufficient daylight on account of a delayed start.

Nihal Cheema in Boys 8 was the only player to shoot par or better on all three days, emerging as a runaway winner over his main rival, Zowra Sikand. Chandigarh lad Cheema posted rounds of 36-34-33 in his 9-hole rounds. On the final day, he was bogey-free and had three birdies. Another fine performer was Haryana golfer Drona Singh Dhull, who birdied four of the nine holes in the Boys 11 category. He shot the best round of the day, a 4-under 32 for nine holes, with four birdies and no bogeys. Prince Bainsla, who had the best round of the week among all players with a 6-under 66 on the first day, won the Boys 15-18 ahead of Shashank Sachin Gadre, who had par scores on all three days. Arshvant Srivastava was third.

The standout players in Girls include Aanya Dandriyal in Girls 11-12 and Preitisha Kaur Gill in Girls 15-18. Aanya Dandriyal and Malaysia's Choi Quinn Cie were locked in a close battle, with both totalling 196 over 45 holes. The tie-breaker was won by Aanya, who, in her regulation round, had an eagle and a birdie against four bogeys. Among the other outstanding performers of the week were Naaysha S Sinha in Girls 8, Gairat Kaur Kahlon in Girls 9-10, and Shiksha Jain in Girls 13-14. Among the other stars in the Boys section were Taanush Kumar in Boys 9, Vedaansh Jain in Boys 10, Siddhant Sharma in Boys 12, and Arihaan Beri in Boys 13-14.

Business India's AI talent base expected to more than double by 2027

New Delhi: India's AI talent base is expected to more than double by 2027, growing at a compound annual growth rate of around 15 per cent, according to industry estimates. India's growing AI talent base is also reflected in global developer participation. As per global data on GitHub AI projects by geographic distribution, India was the second-largest contributor worldwide in 2024, accounting for 19.9 per cent of all AI projects. "This underscores the depth of India's AI developer ecosystem. It also validates the Government's focus on large-scale AI skilling, research and innovation under the IndiaAI Mission," according to Union Minister for Electronics and

IT, Ashwini Vaishnaw.

India's AI strategy is based on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of democratizing technology. It aims to address India-centric challenges and create opportunities and jobs in AI. AI-specific jobs span multiple sectors such as IT, manufacturing, agriculture, healthcare, governance, etc. As AI adoption deepens across these sectors, the demand for skilled professionals is also rising. The government of India recognises this and has aligned its AI initiatives in this direction. This is also reflected in global assessments about India's AI workforce.

As per the 'Stanford AI Index Report 2025', India

leads the world in AI talent acquisition, with an annual hiring rate of about 33 per cent and ranks among the top countries globally in AI skill penetration. The country has seen AI talent concentration grow more than threefold since 2016. India ranks among the top three countries in Stanford University's Global AI Vibrancy Tool, reflecting its growing strength in AI talent and infrastructure. Various initiatives of the government support the development of AI talent pipeline, like 'IndiaAI FutureSkills,' which is one of the pillars of IndiaAI mission where focus is on developing AI talent and research pipeline.

The government is supporting 500 PhD scholars,

5,000 postgraduates and 8,000 undergraduates for AI-related work. IndiaAI Data and AI Labs are established in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities through NIELIT to conduct coursework in AI, data curation, annotation, cleaning and applied data science. Moreover, 174 ITIs and Polytechnics across 27 states/UTs have been approved to set up additional IndiaAI Data and AI Labs, according to the minister. Under the 'FutureSkills PRIME' initiative, the government, in collaboration with Nasscom, is equipping learners with cutting-edge skills essential in today's rapidly evolving digital landscape including AI, Big data and Cloud computing.

Elon Musk's xAI Opens Doors for Android Engineers to Build Grok and X Experiences

Elon Musk's artificial intelligence venture, xAI, is expanding its team and is now on the lookout for top-tier Android engineers to help shape the future of its AI-driven products, including the Grok chatbot and the X platform. The hiring push was revealed through a post on X by Attila, a software engineer at xAI, which was later amplified by Musk himself with the statement, "We are looking for world-class Android engineers @xAI."

The role is aimed at experienced Android developers who are eager to work at the intersection of consumer technology and artificial intelligence. Successful candidates will contribute directly to building and scaling Android applications for X and Grok AI, xAI's flagship chatbot that is positioned as a bold alternative in the fast-evolving AI landscape. How to apply for the xAI Android Engineer role Interested applicants have two options to put themselves forward. They can either directly message Attila (@attilablenessi) on X or submit an application via the official xAI careers portal. The application form includes a notable



question that sets the tone for the company's expectations: "What exceptional work have you done?"

According to the job listing, xAI is seeking engineers with strong expertise in Kotlin, Jetpack Compose, and reactive programming. Beyond technical proficiency, the ideal candidate is described as someone who "has a strong product sense and high craft bar, builds intuitive and delightful user experiences, and is experienced in architecting modern, large-scale production apps while

embodying technical excellence." The company is also clear that it values ownership and versatility. Candidates should be comfortable wearing multiple hats and taking responsibility for broad areas of development. The role is open across several major tech hubs, including the UK, New York, Palo Alto, and San Francisco.

What the interview process looks like Applicants who apply through the portal will first undergo a résumé and portfolio review, along with an evaluation of their response about exceptional work. Shortlisted candidates then move to a brief 15-minute phone interview designed to assess overall fit. Those who clear this stage enter the core technical evaluation, which consists of two rounds. The first is an Android coding assessment, where candidates participate in a live session to build a simple application using Jetpack Compose. The second is a more hands-on Android exercise involving starter code and integration with an external API. The final step is a meet-and-greet with members of the broader

xAI team.

Bigger ambitions beyond hiring This recruitment drive aligns with Musk's larger vision for xAI. During a recent all-hands meeting at the company's San Francisco headquarters, Musk reportedly shared an updated timeline for achieving Artificial General Intelligence (AGI). According to reports, he believes xAI could reach AGI within two years, potentially by 2026. Previously, Musk had noted that Grok 5, expected in early 2026, had around a 10 per cent chance of achieving AGI. While acknowledging the scale of effort required, he emphasised the importance of infrastructure growth, model alignment, and safety. Musk is said to be confident that once xAI reaches this milestone, its systems could surpass human intelligence, positioning the company as a major force in the global AI race. For Android engineers, this hiring push offers a rare opportunity to work closely on products that sit at the forefront of AI innovation—under the direction of one of the tech world's most ambitious figures.