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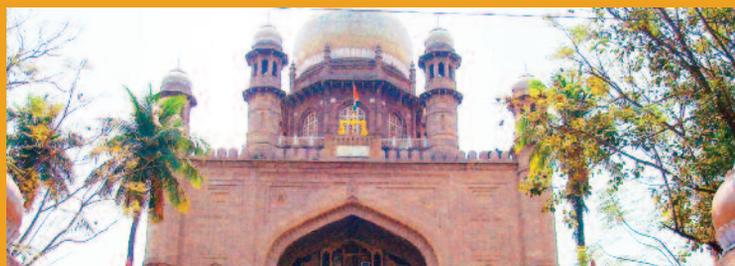
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Processed food is rarely tested in government laboratories in India. Instead they test milk, milk products, edible oil and water for adulteration and that is the reason why Maggi and other processed food

items escaped contamination test.

Meanwhile, Nestlé India has been given time till Monday to submit a compliance report by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

The country's food safety regulator put out an order recalling Maggi noodles from all states, saying it was "unsafe and hazardous for human consumption". It has also asked the company to submit progress reports on the recall of Maggi noodles daily.

FSSAI has also alleged Nestlé India of violating the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, in relation to Maggie Oats Masala Noodles, as the company had failed to respond on "safety or risk assessment" issues raised by the regulator in February.

According to the order, Nestlé India had started selling the product without a "product approval". Hence, the company has been told to withdraw Maggie Oats Masala Noodle. With the issue assuming alarming proportions, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Paul Bulcke of the largest food company in the world (revenue-wise) came down to India to contain the allegations of contamination in its fast-selling Maggi noodles. He held a press conference and also met the officials of the FSSAI. The Nestlé CEO has maintained that Maggi was safe but the product was being withdrawn "temporarily" from India owing to "unfounded concerns" that had "shaken" consumer trust.

The regulator show-caused the company to present its case in 15 days, failing which FSSAI might withdraw the "product approval" of the nine variants issued by it in June 2013. The order listed out the ailments that heavy metals such as lead could cause, such as anaemia, paralysis, damage to the brain, kidney and reproductive and immune

systems. Nestlé India's 30 per cent revenue is from Maggi sales, which was launched in 1984. In the instant-noodles category, the company has about 70 per cent market share. Maggi is made at five plants in

Uttarakhand, Punjab, Goa, Karnataka and Himachal Pradesh.

Telangana Formation Day



Celebrated with pomp and gaiety

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Telangana celebrated its first anniversary on Tuesday with colourful festivities across the state.

Telangana came into existence as 29th state in the country on this day last year after it was carved out of Andhra Pradesh.

The week-long festivities began midnight with fireworks at 12 selected places in Hyderabad, which was illuminated to mark the occasion.

Chief Minister K Chandrababu Naidu

formally kicked off Telangana formation day celebrations on Tuesday morning by paying tributes at Telangana martyrs' memorial at Gun Park near the Assembly.

He later unfurled the national flag, reviewed a colourful parade and took salute at main official function held at Parade Grounds in Secunderabad.

Telangana Assembly deputy speaker Padma Devender Reddy unfurled the national flag at Assembly while legislative council chairman K Swamy Goud did the honours in the council premises.

The formation day celebrations were also held at Telangana Bhavan, the headquarters of ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) party.

Telangana Home Minister and senior TRS leader N Narasimha Reddy hoisted the party flag.

As the TRS government is also completing one year in office, it has planned several programmes to mark the occasion to highlight the state's rich culture and also the government's achievements.

The formation day celebrations were also held with pomp and gaiety in all the district headquarters. The ministers hoisted the national flag and took salute at the official celebrations.

The celebrations were also held at the offices of Congress, Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).



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Maggi Noodles unsafe

THE NEWS BUREAU

Here is bad news for noodle lovers. According to a report by a leading English news daily, Maggi noodles has come under regulatory scanner as some of its collected samples from Uttar Pradesh contained monosodium glutamate (MSG) in high quantities.

The report said that the test results showed Maggi contained 17 parts per million lead (PPM) of MSG, whereas the permissible limit is 0.01 PPM. Such additives can be harmful for health - particularly for small children, say health experts.

The temporary side-effects of the chemical can include nausea, headaches, burning sensation of the mouth and neck, an upset stomach and weakness in the body, reported MensXp.

"My 11-month-old nephew doesn't like to eat most solid or liquid

foods, but slurps away the Maggi noodles with a loud noise," a Reddit user shared on an open discussion thread. Nestle, the brand which produces Maggi, however denied these reports.

"We do not add MSG to Maggi Noodles, and glutamate, if present, may come from naturally occurring sources. We are surprised with the content supposedly found in the sample as we monitor the lead content regularly as a part of the regulatory requirements. All the tests at our own accredited laboratories as well as those by independent external accredited laboratories have consistently shown the results to be well within the permissible limit," a Nestle spokesperson said.

Meanwhile, some of the product's

packets have been recalled from the market after two dozen noodle samples lifted from Lucknow revealed high levels of toxic lead and Monosodium Glutamate (MSG).

Food inspectors sent the samples twice to the laboratory and each time found they were damaging human health.

"We had collected samples of Maggi from several places and found exorbitantly high amount of lead in it. It was sent to laboratory twice and found dangerous for human body," Ram Araj Maurya, additional commissioner (administration), food safety and drug administration (Uttar Pradesh), said.

Doctors say that excess lead levels can cause major health hazards, including impairment of neurological development, suppression of the haematological system and kidney failure.

The dangers of MSG also can't be ignored. It is a flavour enhancer and traditionally used in Chinese food. A kind of amino acid that occurs naturally in many agricultural products, MSG is often added to packaged food to augment flavour.

Maggi noodles have been under the government's scanner earlier too with misbranding issues in India, while Nestlé Philippines recalled a number of Maggi beef and chicken noodles for possible salmonella contamination in 2011.





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FORMATION DAY**

Kamalakar Reddy
Sr. TRS Leader

Singishetti Raju, TRS leader



TELANGANA
STATE FORMATION CELEBRATIONS



APCO SCAMSTERS TRYING COVER UP



THE NEWS BUREAU

It appears the members of the powerful lobby that is responsible for the multi-crore financial scandal in the Andhra Pradesh State Handloom Weavers Cooperative Society Limited (APCO) are trying to save their skin.

Even as the Telangana government is planning to order a thorough probe into the scandal by a specialised agency, APCO chairman M Hanumantha Rao hurriedly appointed a committee to probe the scandal. The funniest part of the internal probe ordered by the APCO chairman is that the managing director Gouri Sankar, who himself is facing allegations of gross corruption, has been asked to head the committee.

An investigative report published in these columns has created ripples across the state and the culprits have been trying hard to cover up their misdeeds.

It may be recalled a group of people including APCO chairman M Hanumantha Rao, marketing officer



of Hyderabad and Secunderabad, Varaprasad, procurement officer Prasada Reddy, Kadapa district weavers' society president Gujjala Srinu and some others have allegedly been siphoning off hundreds of roes denying livelihood for thousands of weavers working on handlooms.

It all began in the year 2010 when the school education department decided to procure school uniforms as part of Rajiv Vidya Mission's (RVM) Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) from APCO.

Documents available with The News, which were secured under the Right to Information Act, clearly show that the school uniforms, meant to be supplied for government and quasi government school students free of cost, must be procured from 'APCO only' so as to provide employment to the local weavers.

Documents available with The

News also show that the government has issued instructions that APCO should exhaust the stock of material of local weavers first and shall also provide them work up to the time frame stipulated before the APCO procures any additional requirement either from any power looms within the state or outside.

However, Gujjala Srinu formed a ring of corrupt officials in the APCO and bypassed the government orders to make quick bucks denying a living for the handloom weavers across the state. While the handloom weavers continued to commit suicides, Gujjala Srinu and his ring procured huge quantity of cloth from power looms and cloth making industries outside the state, sources said.

One of the key persons to who aided the massive scandal is said to be Varaprasad, working in the livery

division of APCO and posted at its godown at Secunderabad. Varaprasad and another of his colleague Prasad Reddy were entrusted with the task of inspecting the cloth arrived at the godown and certify whether it was actually made by handloom weavers.

However, the duo in collusion with Gujjala Srinu allegedly issued false certificates while some other employees including the chairman Hanumantha Rao helped the kingpin in getting payments in the name of 20 weavers societies registered in Kadapa district, which are said to be the benami societies run by Gujjala Srinu.

Further, what comes as a shock is that the ring operated by Gujjala Srinu has been able to manage even the officials of Rajiv Vidya Mission and the school education department and got extended the deadlines to supply the cloth according to their



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**Prakash
Puchakayala**



It might be pertinent to mention here that Varaprasad has been promoted from the rank of Marketing Officer to Senior Marketing Officer as a reward for his key role in swindling hundreds of crores of rupees. He will now have control over all the Marketing Officers working in APCO.

It is said Varaprasad has been able to enter APCO in the year 1982 without any recruitment. According to a report appeared in

Weavers Times, the then managing director of APCO, P P Williams had helped Varaprasad enter APCO without a formal recruitment procedure.

However, he was suspended for resorting to gross irregularities and swindling public money while working in Kurnool district. A criminal case was also registered against him and 31 others including Prasad Reddy, which is still pending, the report said.

Subsequently, he managed to get reinstatement and got posting in Nalgonda district. Varaprasad did not mend his ways even after reinstatement but continued his corrupt activities. Bypassing the then APCO managing director Sameer Sarma's directions to purchase stockpiled cloth from handloom weavers amounting to

Rs 10 crore, Varaprasad purchased Rs 14 crore worth substandard cloth made by power looms. APCO had to sell the substandard cloth at 50 percent discount resulting not only in huge loss for the organization but also denial of justice for the handloom weavers, the report said.

The then APCO managing director Sameer Sarma ordered an enquiry and suspended Varaprasad. But he managed to get reinstatement using his clout and got posted to livery division at Secunderabad. It was exactly at this point of time the Rajiv Vidya Mission placed orders on APCO for the supply of crores of pairs of school uniforms.

Grabbing the opportunity, he along with Prasad Reddy joined hands with Gujjala Srinu and with the alleged active connivance of the chairman Hanumantha Rao, resorted to massive irregularities and swindled crores of rupees, the report claimed.

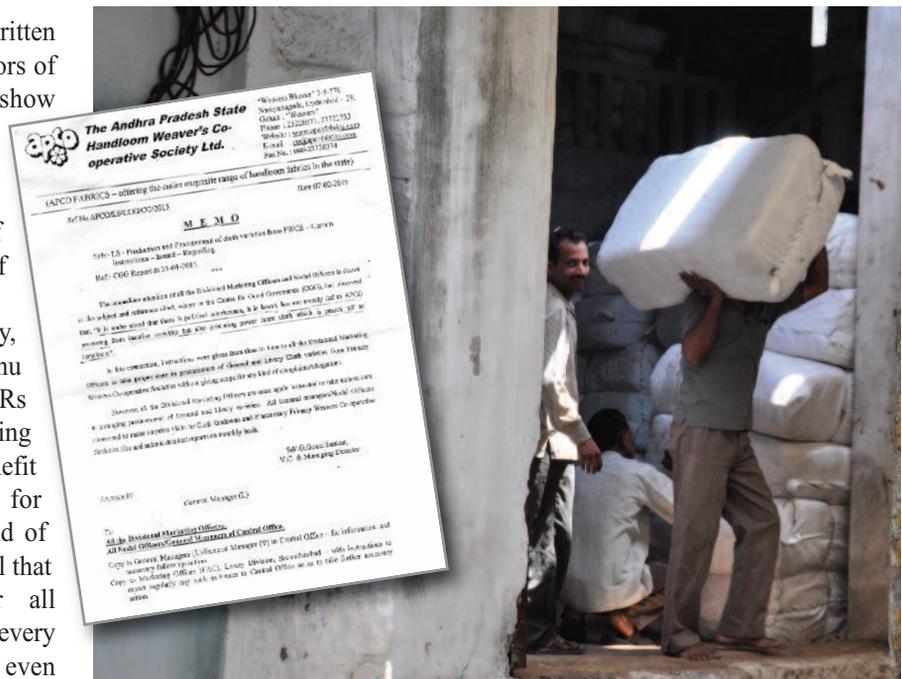


convenience. Separate letters written by the then state project directors of Rajiv Vidya Mission clearly show that the APCO has been directed to supply the cloth meant for the respective academic years by the end of academic year, i.e. in April of the respective year.

Sources said in all probability, the ring operated by Gujjala Srinu could have swindled more than Rs 200 crore without even supplying the cloth since they got the benefit of extension of deadline for supplying the cloth till the end of April. It is known to one and all that the last working day for all government schools is April 23 every year and no one would even remember the next academic year about the non-supply of the cloth for the previous academic year, the sources told The News.

Further, the ring operated by Gujjala Srinu and actively assisted by Varaprasad and Prasad Reddy have bypassed the government orders stipulating that the APCO should supply the cloth through its local units. Instead, the ring purchased huge quantity of cloth from industries in Tamil Nadu and other parts of the country and supplied it to the schools thereby denying livelihood for the local handloom weavers.

Further, the ring had eliminated transport contractors who did not extend their cooperation for the irregular and illegal activity. Instead, they managed to rope in unauthorized and unlicensed transport operators though the guidelines stipulate that the transporters should have registered with APCO and have certain minimum experience besides financial resources to transport the cloth safely to the destination points.



- It is not just this news magazine, even the Centre for Good Governance (CGG) has observed that “It is understood that there is political interference, it is learnt, has not merely led to APCO producing from inactive societies but also producing power loom cloth which is passed off as handloom.”
- This was disclosed by none other than the managing director G Gouri Sankar through a memo (Ref.No.APCO/LS/CGG/CO/2015, dt. 07.02.2015). The memo was issued calling the attention of the Divisional Marketing Officers and Nodal officers.
- Apparently, the memo was issued to cover up the multi-crore financial scandal in the APCO.
- Only a thorough probe by a specialized agency, more particularly by the Central Bureau of Investigation, would bring the culprits to book.

In fact, according to GO Ms No.24, issued by the Industries and Commerce (Tex) Department on March 22, 2013, there are 3,82,349 handloom weavers as per handloom census 2009. But, the ring operated by Gujjala Srinu and actively supported by people like Hanumantha Rao, Gouri Sankar and Varaprasad have deprived lakhs of handloom weavers a living forcing

them to starve with their families, but at the same time swindling hundreds of crores of rupees meant for the livelihood of the starving handloom weavers and their families.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that some RTI and social activists and some members of weavers' community are contemplating legal remedies to uncover the scandal and bring the culprits to book.

PEHLA JHATKA

HC dismisses MIM legislators' pleas in election petitions

THE NEWS BUREAU

Six legislators of All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) received the first jolt when the High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad for the states of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh dismissed their applications in election petitions on June 2.

The AIMIM legislators had filed applications seeking rejection of election petitions filed against them by different persons. The AIMIM legislators had contended that the election petitions do not reflect a cause of action which supports its filing and do not comply with the provisions of the Representation of People's Act, 1951 and that the election petition had been filed with oblique motive and malafide intention only to cause inconvenience to the applicant.

It was also contended by the AIMIM legislators that the election petition do not contain material facts necessary to constitute a cause of action, and therefore, it is liable to be rejected under Order VII Rule 11 CPC.

It was further contended that under Section 83 (1)(b), the election petitioners



should set forth in the election petition full and complete particulars of any corrupt practice alleged against the returned candidate and the pleadings should specifically state the names of the parties who are alleged to have committed such corrupt practices and also the date and place where such corrupt practices were committed.

It was contended by the AIMIM legislators that the affidavits filed in support of the election petitions do not contain any such details and vague averments had been made against the returned candidates and the AIMIM party in relation to corrupt practices without giving any details and sought rejection of the election petitions at the threshold.

However, after hearing both sides and perusing the election petitions, the supporting documents and the Supreme Court orders cited by the filed by the election petitioners, Justice M S Ramachandra Rao dismissed the applications filed by the AIMIM legislators.

At para 21 of the order, Justice Rao observed, "Coming to the facts of the present election petition, in my considered opinion, a reading of the pleadings therein extracted above (particularly the underlined portions) and the supporting material filed therewith clearly indicate that there was appeal to vote in favour of the candidates set up by MIM party on the basis of religion by Muthawallis or Sajjadagan whose names have been given in the documents annexed to the election petition. Thus prima facie, in my opinion, material facts have been pleaded. In my considered opinion, it cannot be said that the pleadings in the election petition read with the annexures thereto do not disclose a cause of action or are deficient in material facts."

The learned judge further



Following are the EP's in which HC gave orders against MIM MLA's

- EP 13 – Ch Roopraj Vs Mumtaz Ahmed Khan, Yakutpura
- EP 14 – Syed Abdul Gaffer Vs Mumtaz Ahmed Khan, Yakutpura
- EP 15 – Abdullah Bin Hussain Vs Kausar Moinuddin, Karwan
- EP 16 – Moullim Mohsin Bin Hussain Al Kasary Vs Kausar Moinuddin, Karwan
- EP 19 – Rashed Hashmi Vs Moazam Khan, Bahadurpura
- EP 20 – Mohammed Feroz Khan Vs Jaffar Hussain, Nampally
- EP 21 – Majid Ahmed Khan Vs Syed Ahmed Pasha Quadri, Charminar
- EP 23 – B Venkat Reddy Vs Ahmed Bin Abdullah Balala, Malakpet

observed at para 22 of the order, "Merely because there is no specific averment that Muthawallis or Sajjadagan, who were appointed for Wakf Institutions across the country had appealed to vote in favour of MIM Party or its candidates at the instance of the applicant or his agent or with the consent of the applicant or his election agent, the election petition cannot be said to be deficient in material facts and is not liable to be dismissed on that ground. Since the allegation is that there was an appeal to vote to Muslim voters in favour of candidates of MIM party including 1st respondent on the basis of religion, it might come in the category of 'appeal by a person with the consent of the candidate' to vote

on the ground of religion for furtherance of prospects of the election of the applicant, such consent being inferred. However at this stage it cannot be said with certainty that such consent cannot be implied in the facts and circumstances of the case."

Concluding the order at para 26, Justice Rao said, "In this view of the matter, I do not find any merit in this application. It is accordingly dismissed." The High Court order makes it clear that the election petitions would go for trial.

Thus, the AIMIM legislators suffered the first jolt and more appears to be in store during the course of trial of the election petitions.

ACB AP LAUNCHES TOLL FREE @ 1064

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In an attempt to step up the fight against corruption, the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) of Andhra Pradesh has installed a toll free number (1064) at its headquarters in Hyderabad.

People can make call free of cost to inform about the corrupt officials and corrupt activities going on in their areas.

Director General of ACB, Andhra Pradesh appealed to the citizens to lodge complaints on the toll free number. The callers can also furnish information about the corrupt practices and details of disproportionate assets acquired by public



servants, he said.

People calling the toll free number would be welcomed by the system before it asks the callers to choose a language followed by various options leading the caller to the operator who in turn transfers the call either to the joint director concerned.

If joint director concerned is not available to take the call, the call gets automatically recorded in the system and a token in receipt of the complaint is generated and stored in the system. Computer programmer transfers the recorded voice call to the joint director concerned later, a release issued by the ACB said. ACB expects to receive good response for the toll free number.

SC prohibits use of politicians' photos on Govt Ads

THE NEWS BUREAU

The Supreme Court has prohibited the use of photographs of political leaders, including ministers, in advertisements issued by the government and its agencies, saying that it leads to promotion of personality cult.

A bench of the apex court, headed by Justice Ranjan Gogoi, in



its judgment, however, permitted the use of photographs of the president, prime minister, Chief

Justice of India and departed leaders, including

Father of the Nation, in the advertisements issued by the government and its agencies.

The court said the use of photographs of an individual, leader or minister not only has a tendency to associate an individual with a project, but leads to a personality cult. The court said this was a direct injustice to democracy.



PRIVATE SCHOOLS CONTINUE TO FLEECE STUDENTS

THE NEWS BUREAU

Private schools managements continue to fleece the students besides compelling them to carry huge loads of books against the guidelines issued by the government.

It has been the regular practice of the private schools managements to compel the students to purchase books from private publishers which do not follow CCE (Continuous and

Comprehensive Evaluation) curriculum.

Most of the private schools do not use Government textbooks especially at Primary Level. The textbooks from private publishers are not as per State syllabus and do not reflect CCE procedures. These textbooks do not support activity based, child centered and participatory methods of curriculum implementation. Further, the

privately published textbooks cost more and cause huge financial burden on the parents.

Keeping this unholy practice in view, the government has issued certain guidelines (Rc.419) on May 13, 2015 based on the GOs 60 of 2013, 17 of 2015 and 1 of 1994 for implementation of CCE reforms.

The government has instructed regional joint directors and district education officers in the state to



ensure that all the private schools follow the CCE curriculum and textbooks developed by the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT).

The government directed all the DEOs to issue instructions in turn to all the Correspondents and Head Masters (HMs) of privately recognized schools to follow textbooks published by the government of Telangana at Primary and Upper Primary Level. The government also said in the orders that the recognition of the school would be cancelled if the private schools do not follow state curriculum, textbooks and CCE.

The government also said in the guidelines that the private schools are encouraging use of guides and study materials to memorize answers. In certain schools it is found that the teachers themselves are inviting publishers of the guides to sell them

in the schools. In some of the schools, students informed that their teachers suggested purchase of guides for use in home work.

The use of guides reduces teachers work and most of the time children are engaged in copying answers from guides. This is against the educational philosophy and practice. Use of guides reduce the teacher responsibility in teaching the concepts and develop understanding and comprehension.

In view of this, government directed the DEOs to ensure that guides and workbooks with readymade answers are not used both at government and private schools. The Head Masters and monitoring officers concerned will be responsible if guides are found with the children. Serious action will be initiated against such persons and schools.

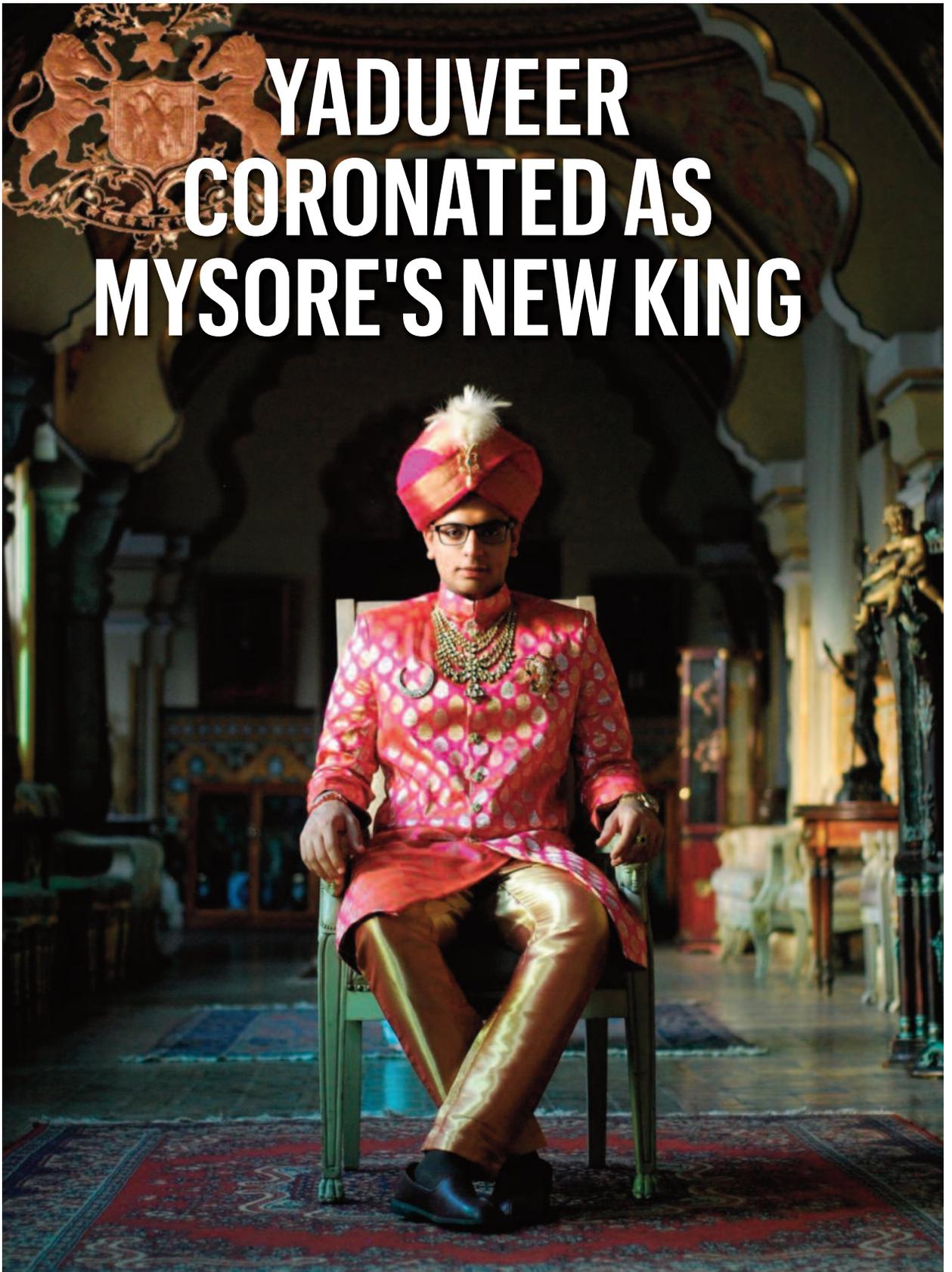
The government also said that the load of school bag is estimated in

some of the districts and it weighs about 10 to 12 Kgs at Primary and 15 to 17 Kgs at High School. This will have severe physical effect on growing children. Their vertebral column may be damaged at young age and the bulk load itself cause fear and anxiety among the children. The schools must follow the SCERT curriculum and load on school bag should be reduced without fail.

The government further directed the school managements to implement without fail co-curricular activities such as art & cultural education, value education, life skills, work and computer education, health and physical education.

The government has asked all the DEOs to take immediate action on these aspects and ensure implementation of CCE curriculum which should be monitored on monthly basis through reviews and physical inspection of schools.

YADUVEER CORONATED AS MYSORE'S NEW KING





THE NEWS BUREAU

Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wodeyar was coronated as the titular head of Mysore on May 28. The glittering ceremony was attended by royals from all over the world and Karnataka's top political leaders.

Elaborate preparations were in place for the coronation of the new king - whose forefathers ruled the erstwhile Mysuru kingdom from 1399 till 1950.

"As per the royal family tradition, Yaduveer visited the temple of Hindu god Ganesha in the palace compound and performed rituals amid the chanting of vedic hymns around a sacred fire (homa) in the palace, where his parents, queen Promada Devi and other kin were present," an official said.

About 40 priests conducted the coronation ceremony in the Durbar Hall. Pramoda Devi escorted the

young prince to the silver throne for his crowning and blessed him in the presence of about 1,200 members of the royal family from across the country and overseas, besides other dignitaries, including state Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, cabinet ministers, lawmakers and special invitees.

However, there is a legal battle brewing. A court in Bengaluru will hear in June the claim of Kanthraj Urs, the eldest nephew of the 28th Maharaja of Mysore, the late Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wodeyar, who wants the estate to be split equally among the family. The royal family is said to own assets worth over Rs.10, 000 crores.

Pramoda Devi, widow of Srikantadatta, adopted Yaduveer as the couple had no children. Srikantadatta passed away in Bengaluru on December 8, 2013 at the age of 60. Yaduveer, a son of Tripura Sundara Devi and Swarup

Anand Gopal Raj Urs, is the grandson of late princess Gayathri Devi, the eldest sister of Srikantadatta and eldest daughter of the last maharaja (king) Jayachamarajendra Wodeyar.

According to a legend, Raja Wodeyar, founder of the present dynasty, was cursed by Rani Alamelamma in 1610 that the kings of Mysore will suffer the pangs of childlessness. Since then, every alternate generation of the Wodeyars have problem in choosing heirs, including the last scion Srikantadatta.

Considered one of the richest royals in the country, the Wodeyars have huge moveable and immovable properties, including royal palaces in Mysuru and Bengaluru, located amid vast estates valued at crores of rupees.

Srikantadatta, a two-time lawmaker, declared assets worth Rs 1,500 crore in an affidavit for contesting the 2004 Lok Sabha poll. Among his assets were 15 luxury cars and expensive watches.

Cash-to-vote issue

High drama continues in Revanth case

THE NEWS BUREAU

A local court on Friday sent A Revanth Reddy, the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) Telangana MLA, into the custody of Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) for questioning him in the cash-for-vote related case.

It may be recalled Revanth was taken into custody on May 31 while he was allegedly trying to bribe a nominated MLA to vote for his party's nominee in the Telangana Legislative Council polls and was sent to 14-day judicial custody.

However, the court directed the investigators to question him between 9 am and 5 pm in the presence of his lawyers and warned against use of third degree methods during the questioning. The court also granted the custody of two others Sebastian and Udaysimha who were also arrested by the sleuths of ACB earlier when Revanth met with Independent nominated member Elvis Stephenson and allegedly tried to offer him Rs 50 lakh seeking his vote for the TDP-BJP candidate Narender Reddy.

Revanth, a member of the assembly, was arrested on Sunday amid high drama from a flat in Vijayapuri colony in Secunderabad as he was offering Rs.50 lakh to Elvis Stephenson, a nominated member of the assembly who represents the Anglo-Indian community.

The ACB officials said the



amount was advance money from a Rs 5 crore deal to make Stephenson vote for the TDP-BJP candidate. The entire proceeding was recorded on a spy camera. ACB Director General A K Khan said they registered a case two days ago after receiving a written complaint. Revanth has been booked under the Prevention of Corruption Act and provisions of the Indian Penal Code.

Revanth claimed his innocence and alleged that he was implicated in a false case by Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) government as a part of a political conspiracy. Immediately after his arrest, TDP leaders met Director General of Police Anurag Sharma and lodged a strong protest. They also staged a sit-in till late in the night at the office of ACB, where Revanth was being interrogated.

Protesting Revanth's arrest, the TDP has called for a shutdown in Kodangal, the assembly constituency

he represents. TDP activists on Monday staged protests in parts of the state to condemn Revanth's arrest. They also alleged that he was arrested under a conspiracy by the TRS government and demanded his immediate release.

TDP national president and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu decided to support Revanth both politically and legally while the TRS has been using the episode to target TDP. Chandrasekhar Rao's daughter and TRS MP K Kavitha said the incident was proof of the kind of politics Chandrababu and his party were pursuing. Meanwhile, the Telangna Home Minister Nayani Narasimha Reddy stated that they have evidence against TDP Chief and AP CM Chandrababu, kicking off a hot debate in political circles. However, Chandrababu hit back saying that the TRS was trying to implicate him.

11,000 Women to be recruited in Central Forces

THE NEWS BUREAU

Over 11,000 women will be recruited in central security forces for combat duties such as border guarding and law and order assignments.

The government has already set in motion its plan to hire 8,533 women constables in paramilitary forces such as CRPF, BSF, CISF and ITBP.

“The recruitments are being done to take the representation of women in central forces to at least 5 per cent of the total strength in the coming days. At present, women constitute

about 2.15 per cent of the total strength of these forces,” a senior officer said.

A special sanction has also been accorded to the CRPF to raise two exclusive women battalions within its establishment to bolster the strength of the existing three such units.

“The CRPF has tasked its women units with rendering extensive law and order duties apart from their recent and small-scale induction in anti-Naxal operations in Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand. They are also being increasingly deployed for static guard duties and escorting pilgrims of

Mansarovar and Amarnath yatras,” the officer said.

The Staff Selection Commission (SSC) will hold a three-tier examination for these posts the stages being physical tests, written efficiency and medical tests.

Candidates, who have passed Class X and are between 18-23 years of age, are eligible to apply for these posts.

The expected salary for those hired would be around Rs 20,200 apart from other benefits that the government extends to the Central Armed Police Forces.



Puratchi Thalaivi returns to her throne



THE NEWS BUREAU

A IADMK chief J Jayalithaa was sworn-in as chief minister of Tamil Nadu for the fifth time on May 23 in Chennai. Jayalalithaa returns to power after the Karnataka High Court acquitted her of corruption charges on May 11.

Jayalalithaa, 67, along with 28 ministers of her cabinet, were administered the oath of office by Governor K Rosaiah at the Madras University Centenary Building.

Jayalalithaa acquittal was followed by joyous celebrations by her supporters and on the day of swearing-in they lined the streets to get a glimpse of Puratchi Thalaivi, dressed in a green sari, as her cavalcade moved to Madras University.

More than 3,500 special invitees attended the ceremony, including superstar Rajnikanth as well as BJP leaders Pon Radhakrishnan and L Ganesan.



- Jayalalithaa acquitted in disproportionate assets case Jayalalithaa was acquitted by the Karnataka High Court on May 11 in the disproportionate assets case that came as a huge relief to the AIADMK chief.
- Pronouncing the verdict in a jam-packed court, Justice C R Kumaraswamy also acquitted AIADMK's chief close aide Sasikala Natarajan and her relatives J Elavarasi and V N Sudhakaran, disowned foster son of Jayalalithaa.
- As the court proceedings got underway sharp at 11 AM, the judge straightway read out the operative part of the verdict on the appeals filed by Jayalalithaa and three others challenging their conviction by the trial court.
- The Karnataka High Court judgement came on an appeal against the judgement of the Special Court Judge John Michael D'Cunha who had on September 27 last year held the AIADMK supremo and three others guilty of corruption and awarded four years jail term, due to which she attracted disqualification as an MLA.
- Victory celebrations broke out immediately outside her Poes Garden residence in Chennai where party workers celebrated with bursting of crackers and dancing while flashing victory sign. The judgement comes as a major boost to Jayalalithaa and the AIADMK exactly one year ahead of Assembly elections in Tamil Nadu.

Earlier on Friday, the AIADMK supremo met the state's Governor K Rosaiah who invited her to form the government in Tamil Nadu.

About a lakh-and-a-half of her deliriously happy workers mobilised from all over Tamil Nadu swarmed Chennai's barricaded streets for a look at their icon, chanting her praises.

Earlier in the day, the MLAs of

AIADMK had met at the party headquarters for a brief five-minute meeting where stand-in Chief Minister O Paneerselvam read out a prepared statement electing Jayalalithaa as the party's legislature leader.

Soon after he made the announcement, Paneerselvam put the paper down to join his colleagues in celebrations. It went on all over

Chennai throughout the day.

The show of strength by the AIADMK has also put to rest other speculations about the ruling party getting weaker without Jayalalithaa at the helm in the Cabinet and operating only by remote control.

Her cadres took over almost all the streets of Chennai, distributing sweets, bursting crackers and breaking into impromptu dances.

BARC finds solution to purify sewage waste



THE NEWS BUREAU

The Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) has come up with a solution to manage municipal waste and polluted water.

Scientists at the premier nuclear research centre have devised four technologies that could go a long way in tackling the country's rising

problem of uncontrolled municipal waste and treat the largely polluted ground and surface drinking water. Enlarging the scope of radiation, scientists have developed the use of Gamma rays to cleanse municipal sewage sludge. According to official estimates, Indian cities and towns generate about 38,254 million litres per day (MLD) of sludge (0.1 per

cent solid content in the sewage) of which only about 11,787 MLD is treated, leaving a capacity\ gap of 26,467 MLD.

“The high frequency radiation renders the pathogens inactive and degrades the toxic chemicals inside the sludge which presently is disposed into the sea or is incinerated, involving vast energy, or



goes into the landfills after being transported through huge distances, causing environment degradation,” said Lalit Varshney, Head of the Radiation Technology Development Division, BARC.

The sludge, a vital source of macro and micro nutrients like Nitrogen Phosphorous, Potassium, Zinc, Iron and Copper, after being treated, becomes a healthy organic

fertiliser for the crops. These plants could be set up both at Sewage Treatment Plants or elsewhere.

In another mechanism, the Nisargruna plant has been developed for processing the biodegradable waste materials generated in kitchens, vegetable markets, slaughter houses, food and fruit processing units, agro-waste, and biological sludge created in the effluent treatment plants of food, paper and textile industries and biomass. The technology produces organic manure and biogas after biomethanation.

The Plasma Technology, which breaks down the hazardous and toxic

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compounds at high temperatures at garbage dumps, has also been upgraded by the scientists.

While inorganic materials are converted into vitrified mass, organic materials could be pyrolysed or converted into gases like hydrogen, carbon monoxide and other lower hydrocarbon gases.

These gases further could be employed in other uses. In what it calls spin-off technologies, developed in the course of atomic research, the agency has also developed a coated Polysulfone membrane, which can separate the microorganisms up to 99.99 per cent

when used in an online domestic water purifier.

According to scientists, the device does not require electricity or any addition of chemicals and effectively removes all suspended particulates, colour, and odour from the contaminated ground water, unlike a conventional Ultraviolet treatment-based membrane. The ultra filtration membrane also removes secondary pollutants like fluorides, aluminum, arsenic and iron.

For producing potable water from brackish hard water, removal of heavy metal contaminants, microbes, treatment of saline water in rivers and streams and for extensive

industrial uses, BARC has also launched Thin Film Composite Charged Nanofiltration Membranes. The technology also finds tremendous use in domestic water purification.

In addition, a Dip-n-Drink Membrane has been introduced which could be taken to remote locations during disaster conditions to purify water. “All these technologies are fully developed and offer vast Make-in-India opportunities for entrepreneurs,” G Ganesh, head of the BARC’s Technology Transfer and Consultancy and Scientific Services, said.

Heat wave claims over 1800 lives

THE NEWS BUREAU

India's heat wave has killed 1,826 people in just over a week of scorching temperatures across the country. That is the highest death toll from exposure to heat in the last 20 years.

While India's summer is a killer every year, this time has been much worse. To find the reason, you need to go back two years, when rainfall was scant in Andhra Pradesh, and has recorded 1,334 deaths, the highest in the country. Prakasam district has recorded the highest number of deaths at 202, followed by Guntur (130) and Visakhapatnam (112).

About 440 people have died in Telangana in the last week, including 100 deaths in the last 24 hours, compared with 31 deaths from heat-wave in the whole of 2014.

Temperatures in both states have soared up to 47 degrees Celcius. The rest of India has also seen the mercury rising to blistering levels. 43 deaths were reported from Orissa and 13 in West Bengal. Other affected states include Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan.

The worst hit are labourers working on construction sites. Driven by poverty, they often work long hours under the hot sun on barren land without shade-giving trees, and have no access to airconditioners at home.

Indian authorities announce a



heatwave when the mercury hits 45 degrees Celcius, or if the highest temperature is over five degrees higher than normal for that time of the year.

Six boys killed as they enter reservoir to escape heat wave Six children have drowned in India after jumping into a huge reservoir in a desperate bid to cool down in the middle of a heat wave that has already claimed 1,800 lives.

The boys, aged between eight and 14, decided to go for a swim near the Lower Manair Dam at Alugunur in Karimnagar district after a game of cricket, as temperatures soared to 48

degrees Centigrade.

Only one of the six children was able to swim properly and it is believed he was killed after jumping in to the water in order to save the rest of the group after they misjudged the depth of the water.

The dead boys were later identified as Yachamaneni Pratheesh, 13, his 10-year-old brother Pradyumna, twins Juvvadi and Suhith Soumith, both eight, Joginapalli Shiva Sai and Danaboina Sai Srijan Reddy, both aged 14 years.

Police said that the incident occurred at about 8 am on May 27 and that only Joginapalli Shiva Sai was able to swim properly. Boinapalli Rohan, a friend of the group who decided not to join them for a swim, alerted the boys' parents, who called the police.

Expert divers were sent to the scene but were unable to save anybody. The divers took three hours to recover the bodies.

National Waterways Bill introduced in Lok Sabha



THE NEWS BUREAU

A Bill seeking to develop 101 waterways across the country was introduced in Lok Sabha on Wednesday amid government's contention that the measure is aimed at providing a cheaper mode of transport and reducing traffic burden on roads.

The 101 new inland waterways will be in addition to the five existing National Waterways. Shipping Minister Nitin Gadkari introduced

the National Waterways Bill, 2015, which says the proposed legislation is aimed at integrated development of inland waterways throughout the country since the waterways is "lagging behind" road and rail sectors. The government has said promotion of waterways is a priority for this as it is a cheaper mode of transportation compared to roads and railways. Gadkari has maintained that the government is aiming to reduce traffic burden from roads and promote water transportation where

the cost is barely 50 paise a km in comparison to Rs 1 by railways and Rs 1.5 a km through roads.

Inland waterways, comprising rivers, lakes, canals, creeks and backwaters, extend about 14,500 km across the country. However, potential of this mode of transport has not been fully exploited so far. The government has already decided to launch PM Jal Marg Yojna and projects for setting up dry and satellite ports, besides converting riverways into waterways.

Girl annuls marriage fixed in infancy

CASTE PANCHAYAT SLAPS FINE



THE NEWS BUREAU

A village panchayat in the state of Rajasthan has slapped a hefty fine of Rs 16 lakh against a girl who had decided to annul her marriage solemnized in her infancy besides ostracising her family from the community.

The girl, Santa Devi Meghwal, who belongs to Rohichan Khurd village in Luni tehsil of Rajasthan called off her marriage which was fixed when she was only 11 months old. Her decision has angered the

village panchayat, which decided to impose a fine of Rs 16 lakh on her and banished her family from the community. "My decision to call off the marriage infuriated my in-laws and they resorted to every tactic possible to pressurize us to continue with the marriage by issuing threats. When I did not give in, the panchayat slapped a penalty of Rs 16 lakh on us and ostracised my family," said 19-year-old Santa Devi, a second year graduate student in Jai Narain Vyas University, Jodhpur.

Santa Devi, who learnt about her

child marriage about three years ago, contacted Sarathi Trust for legal recourse. "We are preparing for legal action against the members of cast panchayat on one hand and are also trying to counsel her in-laws to bring them round for marriage annulment on the other," said Kriti Bharti, Managing Trustee of the Sarathi Trust who is also a rehabilitation psychologist. Santa Devi's father Padmaram, who is a mason, said that he wants his daughter to be educated and be a light to the society by renouncing evil social practices.

Fascinating journey of the poultry king

He set new standards in the poultry industry. It has been a fascinating journey from an ordinary retailer to a leading man in poultry industry. Promoter of 'Sneha' brand chicken, Ram Reddy speaks about his journey in an interview with The News.



THE NEWS BUREAU

You have grown from an ordinary chicken vendor to a leading man in the poultry industry. How has it been possible?

My journey in the industry has been very exciting. From an ordinary retailer to establishing a completely integrated poultry company, the journey has been very good. I strongly believe that hard work, self-belief and sincerity can take you places. Also, I have a great core team which travelled with me for years and they are my strength.

Poultry industry has serious risks and is said to be suffering from losses. In this backdrop, how did you manage to achieve success?

Any industry has its own share of risks. But since we deal with livestock, our business is riskier and I understand that. Me and my team have worked towards becoming more efficient and invested in new

technology. We try to mitigate the risks by continuously monitoring and also updating ourselves. I try to be proactive than reactive.

Who has been your guide and inspiration for the success?

I started my journey in the poultry industry when I was 21 years old with no one to guide me. Since then, I have never looked at someone and thought I should be like them. I always thought differently from the others and that is what has been my secret of success. I get inspired by my previous achievements and strive for new ones with higher zeal and vigor. My vision has guided me and my achievements have inspired me.

Today 'Sneha' is a popular brand for its quality. Who is this 'Sneha'?

In 1981, when I started the retail outlet, it was under the brand name of "Ram Reddy's Chicken Market". We worked under that brand for more than a decade. In 1995, we have renamed the brand to "Sneha Fresh



Chicken”. Sneha is the name of my daughter.

What are the standards you follow in chicken processing?

I proudly say that I have changed the way a chicken outlet looks like. We were the ones who invested in outlets which looked more like showrooms. We have made the outlets more hygienic and now the whole industry is following it. On the processing side of it, we have strict hygienic practices in place.

How do you sustain climatic conditions and viruses that affect the poultry industry badly?

Climate keeps changing and we make sure we keep our birds comfortable in all the conditions through environmentally-controlled systems, fogger systems, etc. Viral diseases are very common in any livestock and we follow strict vaccination programs to reduce the viral attacks on our flocks.

Even when Bird Flu is rampant, how did you manage to sustain with the same quality?

At Sneha, we believe that we need to serve our customer with the best possible product. This has been our ideology and every one of us adheres to it. We have goodwill because of the consistency of our quality during the good times and even the tough situations. Also, we take strict bio-security measures to reduce the risk of being attacked by the virus.

Tell us your family background and the support you received from your family.

My father was a farmer and we hail from Mahbubnagar district. I was supported initially in my business by my brother-in-law and I am highly indebted to him for his support. Also, I have great support from my wife, Anuradha, who selflessly takes care of our family.

What are the differences between ‘Sneha’ and other products in the market?

In the poultry industry, Sneha has created goodwill

for itself through high quality chicken and service. Our customers are highly satisfied and enjoy better quality meat compared to the others.

What is the status of your export plans?

We are setting up a new poultry processing unit with 6,000 birds/hour expandable to 12,000 birds/hour capacity near Hyderabad. This is an export oriented unit (EOU). So, from early 2016 we would be exporting chicken and related products.

How do you feel about providing employment for thousands?

The Sneha family is growing by the year. It gives me great pleasure to be able to provide employment for thousands of them. I also ensure that I provide my employees with better facilities at all our units so as to keep them comfortable.

What is the impact of ayurveda and vegetarianism on the consumption of chicken?

Vegetarianism is a different school of thought which many of us don’t believe in. I feel it’s a personal choice and no organization should promote it. Also, vegetables alone will not be sufficient to cater to the nutritional requirements of human beings. India is still a nutritionally deficient country and because chicken is the most affordable form of protein, it is the best choice.



What are your valuable suggestions for farmers and chicken lovers?

Poultry as an industry has been growing. There are new technologies which will help us produce chicken in a more organized and a hygienic way. I suggest farmers to keep themselves updated with the latest technology and invest in them if viable.

To all the chicken lovers!

As you know, chicken is the most affordable and the best form of protein. The consumption of chicken has grown rapidly over the years. Chicken was a delicacy on the weekend earlier but now it is being consumed every alternate day. The prices of vegetables have risen considerably which is making chicken the best option. Chicken can satisfy your appetite and is pocket friendly.

Also, I would like to mention that there is no need to fear about bird flu. It cannot harm any one of us. It is a disease related to birds and not humans. So please educate others also in this regard.



INDIA ON THE MOVE— REJUVENATING INDIA

THE NEWS BUREAU

Post independence, citizens of India started believing that it is the responsibility of the Government to fulfill all their basic needs. Citizens misunderstood the subsidies as a permanent affair. They failed to understand that subsidies are only a temporary assistance.

No nation can develop depending only on government support. Every citizen should endeavor to become self sufficient. Self sufficiency is possible only with skill development in different trades. We as a nation need to re look at these areas where we lack skills among our rural as well as urban population.

India on the Move (IOM) is a socio – economic reforming movement - is striving to bring change in the thinking of every Indian to make them responsible not only to their family and community

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Conducted retreats every month for personality development and transformed the lives of 16841 men and women of different ages brought up in different environments, suffering from various problems
- IOM has helped around 19872 families solve problems like psychosomatic problems, economic problems and differences in the families through spiritual retreats called "Manava Kalyana Utsavam"
- IOM has adopted two old age homes.
- IOM has economically rehabilitated 54 families, assisted 50 handicapped children and provided scholarships to fifty five students to complete their primary education
- Conducted seminars in schools and colleges on patriotism, character building, moral and ethical values, conducted Yoga classes for children, college students, villagers and urban populace
- Conducted cultural programmes highlighting the disadvantages of drug addiction, drinking alcohol, chewing tobacco and unsafe sex.
- The lift irrigation project at the village of Dhadeshwar in Sindhnoor taluk, Raichur district of Karnataka has been successfully executed converting 1000 acres of dry land to irrigated lands by the efforts of IOM thereby benefiting 375 farmers and their families.



but also to the nation at large.

The NGO was established two decades ago under the stewardship of Acharya Ajit with like-minded people from different walks of life. The basic philosophy of IOM is to assist the overall development of India.

IOM firmly believes that professionals from different fields need to contribute for the development of people of this country by sparing their valuable time. They should involve in training the people to develop them as good artisans for their better living, says Acharya Ajit.

IOM believes that a well trained child can build a great nation. Therefore, it is advisable that the country looks at the child development programme through a different perspective.

The training that we impart to the soldier in the Army empowers him with dedication, discipline and patriotism which enable him to sacrifice his life for the nation. Thereby, compulsory training for three years at school level and two years at junior college level must be made mandatory, he said.

IOM has extensively worked in various parts of the country and currently concentrating in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka, he added.

INDIA ON THE MOVE— OBJECTIVES

- Educating Urban & Rural population on hygienic way of living, cleaning & sanitation conditions wherever possible providing the infrastructure facilities
- Educating farmers in utilizing water resources and rain harvesting for better cultivation
- Educating economically poor children of rural & urban areas (both genders) to send their children's for schooling
- Imparting knowledge on wealth creation by developing entrepreneur skills to establish cottage industries
- Conducting skill development programme for unemployed youth of urban & rural areas for better employability
- Educating people on the importance of patriotism, respecting everyone's religion and to ensure communal co – existence
- Empowerment of women for gender equality and educating men and women on the importance of family planning
- Educating people through training programmes to giving up bad habits such as smoking, drinking, chewing tobacco, gambling etc
- Plantation of saplings to protect the Environment and following civic sense & traffic rules
- Continuously counseling the rural masses through workshops or retreats on being self-reliant thus reducing dependence on government
- Educating the people on the importance of exercising their franchisees in election
- Conducting regular training for the development of physical and mental ability of the urban and rural masses through Yoga classes



INDIA RANKS FIFTH IN E-WASTE GENERATION

THE NEWS BUREAU

India became the fifth largest generator of e-waste in the world with the country discarding 1.7 million tonnes (Mt) of electronic and electrical equipment in 2014.

Most e-waste in the world in 2014 was generated in Asia at 16 Mt or 3.7 kg per inhabitant, a United Nations report said.

The top three Asian nations with the highest e-waste generation in absolute quantities include China (6.0 Mt), Japan (2.2 Mt) and India (1.7 Mt) while US and China top the list globally. The report, compiled by United Nations University, also said that the 41.8 Mt weight of last year's e-waste is comparable to that of 1.15 million 40-ton 18-wheel trucks, enough to form a line of trucks 23,000 km long.

The report warns that the global volume of e-waste is likely to rise sharply by 21 percent in the next three years. Toxins in that e-waste include 2.2 Mt of lead glass, 0.3 Mt of batteries, as well as mercury, cadmium, chromium and 4,400



HIGHLIGHTS

- Most world e-waste in 2014 was generated in Asia: 16 Mt (3.7 kg per inhabitant)
- The highest per inhabitant e-waste quantity (15.6 kg/inh.) was generated in Europe; the region (including Russia) generated 11.6 Mt
- The lowest quantity of e-waste was generated in Oceania (0.6 Mt), however, per inhabitant the e-waste generated was nearly as high as Europe's (15.2 kg/inh.)
- The lowest amount of e-waste per inhabitant was generated in Africa (1.7 kg/inh). The continent generated 1.9 Mt of e-waste in total
- The Americas generated 11.7 Mt of e-waste (7.9 Mt in North America, 1.1 Mt in Central America, 2.7 Mt in South America), or an average of 12.2 kg/inh

tonnes of chlorofluorocarbon (CFCs) such toxins include impaired mental development, cancer, and damage to liver and kidneys.



Performance of Modi Government more than satisfactory

THE NEWS BUREAU

The performance of Narendra Modi led government at the Centre is more than satisfactory, said PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry. It gave 7.4 marks out of 10.

Presiding over the managing committee meeting of the PHD Chamber on May 21, its president Alok B Shriram said that agriculture, industry and core infrastructure continued to witness deceleration due to host of factors as growth rate in agriculture fell to 1.1 percent in financial year 2015 against 3.7 percent in financial year 2014. Growth of core infrastructure, on the other hand, declined from 4.2 percent in FY2014 to 3.5 percent in FY2015.

The Chamber has recommended that reforms so far announced should see their implementation on ground level so that ease of doing business at grassroots is further facilitated. The co-ordination of the centre with states needs to be cemented for which the central government alone has to take a call.



It is of utmost importance that the government ensures that the existing manufacturing base is not eroded by detrimental steps such as the New Company Act, Environment Laws, Labour Laws etc. The Government must ensure that Commercial Laws should not start carrying criminal penalties as this will scare off investment in an already difficult environment, we reach very much below our target of being 50th in the Ease of Doing Business Index.

The Chamber also urged the Government to hold consultations with wider section of trade and industry before framing laws. The country must have patience to allow the government to pursue and fulfill its economic agenda for at least a couple of more years.

Enact one secular law for all: SC to Centre

THE NEWS BUREAU

The Supreme Court of India has asked the government to enact one secular law applicable for all people cutting across communities and religions.

A bench of Justices Vikramajit Sen and Abhay Manohar Sapre raised questions as to why there were different laws for different communities for governing matrimonial issues. The court then asked the Centre why it was reluctant to bring uniformity in laws.

“One secular law should be made applicable across the board regardless of communities and religious affiliation of a person. It should be applicable all over the country. You should yourself spring

up and tell the court that you would do it. Why are you contesting on the issue?” the bench asked the Centre which sought more time to take a stand.

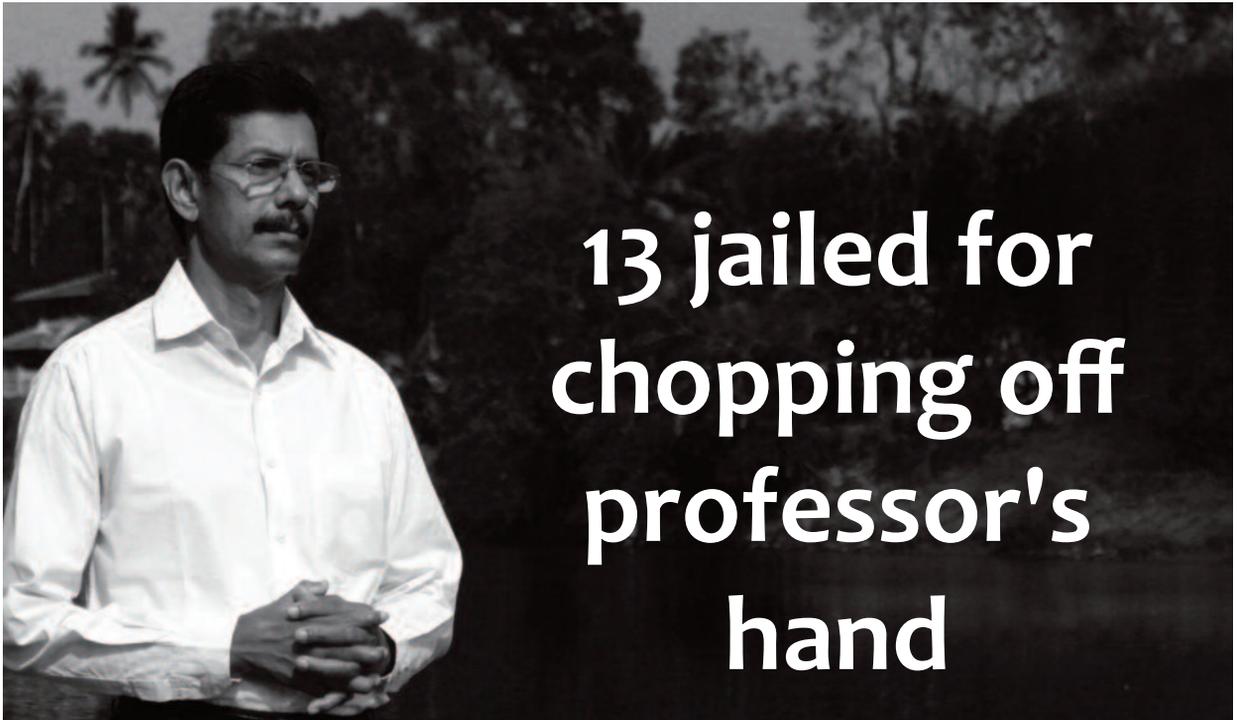
The court has been saying that the law should not be compelled to recognize personal law in civil and family matters like divorce, marriage and adoption. It had said religion must be stamped out of civil matters.

The apex court is examining the validity of a 146-year old provision

that says divorce cannot be granted to Christian couples on mutual consent if they were not living separately for at least two years. It said Christian divorce law provision making separation for two years mandatory for any couple to get divorce under mutual consent should be done away with and the period must be reduced to one year as applicable to couples of other communities.

It is pertinent to mention here that the uniform civil code has been a key element in the BJP election manifesto. It says that there cannot be equality for women till such time that a common civil code is adopted to protect the rights of India's women.





THE NEWS BUREAU

As many as 13 members of an extremist Islamist group, who mutilated a Christian professor's hand, were convicted and imposed with varying prison terms.

Professor T J Joseph from Kerala was brutally maimed by 13 members of the Islamic Group - The Popular Front alleging that he had set a grammar question which involved a character named Mohammed.

Joseph was ambushed on his way

home from church in 2010. He was dragged from his car and then the assailants slashed his hand with knives. Joseph has had to go through a number of surgical procedures to reattach and save what little remained of his hand and to treat other gashes sustained in the savage attack.

The professor, who teaches communication at a college in Thodpuzah, explained that the assailants blocked him in his car using their vehicle and then smashed

his window. He was taken to a hospital in Ernakulam where his hand was reattached through a complicated procedure.

The motivation for the attack came some months earlier when Joseph gave students a number of sentences to punctuate which contained the name Mohammed. None of the exam referenced the Islamic prophet.

Soon, discontent began at Joseph's college but none of his fellow teachers supported him. Ten of those involved in the attack on Joseph have now been sentenced to eight years in prison while three other assailants were sentenced for 10 years in prison and a fine of Rs 8 lakh.

The court, which began its trial in July 2013, examined over 300 prosecution witnesses, four defence witnesses, over 950 prosecution documents, nearly 30 defence documents, and over 200 material objects.



Eleven Indians joined ISIS



THE NEWS BUREAU

The Intelligence Bureau (IB) has reported that a total of 11 Indians, including the four youths from Kalyan in Maharashtra, have joined the global terror group, Islamic State (IS).

The secret report has also identified five Indians who have died in the Iraq-Syria warzone fighting for the terror group as it attempts to establish a caliphate.

While Areeb Majeed, one of the Kalyan youth, returned to India and was taken into custody by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), five Indians are still fighting the war, according to the intelligence inputs gathered.

Those identified as dead include Faiz Masood from Bangalore, Sahim Farooq Tanki from Kalyan and Abdul Qadir Sultan Armar, a former SIMI leader from Bhatkal in Karnataka. Last month Haneef Waseem, a student from Hyderabad who had gone to London for higher studies,

had also reportedly died while fighting in Syria.

The Sunni militant group has unleashed a reign of terror in Iraq and Syria in its attempts to establish a caliphate and make its commander the supreme Muslim leader of the world. The information gathered by the Intelligence Bureau and mentioned in its secret report states that five of the 11 men had been living in the Gulf countries for some time and originally belonged to South India, reported Mail Online.

So far, intelligence agencies had officially identified the four Kalyan youth as Areeb Majeed, Aman Naeem Tandel, Fahad Tanvir Shaikh, and Sahim Farooq Tanki, saying they had travelled to Iraq and joined the IS last year.

The report on the status of Indians fighting for the terror group was prepared in response to a Parliamentary question in March, but the reply was not given since these were secret intelligence details that could not be made public.

There have also been intelligence inputs that some other Indians, who are still fighting for the Sunni group, are desperate to come back. To this end, they have been in touch with their families asking them to facilitate their return.

An intelligence input also indicated that one of these Indians had even tried to escape from the group, but was not successful.

Intelligence agencies have been keeping a close watch on the suspicious activities of some IS sympathisers in India. A few months back, intelligence agencies had identified IS sympathisers across the country as part of an ongoing operation to crack down on the activities of these fringe elements.

Fearing increased activity and support for the IS within India, the Centre in February this year banned IS under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act after intelligence agencies tipped off the Home Ministry about IS sympathisers looking for potential recruits in India.

Porn kingpin held in Bengaluru



THE NEWS BUREAU

An alleged porn kingpin from Bengaluru has been arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation on May 14 in connection with its probe into obscene MMS clips being circulated on social messaging platforms.

CBI sources said Kaushik Kuonar was arrested during a search operation as part of a probe taken up on the direction of Supreme Court.

Over 500 secretly shot porn clips of gullible girls in compromising positions were found by the agency during the search.

The apex court was shown a letter sent by a Hyderabad-based NGO to Chief Justice of India H L Dattu, along with a pen drive containing nine clips. The apex court had then ordered a CBI probe into the issue.

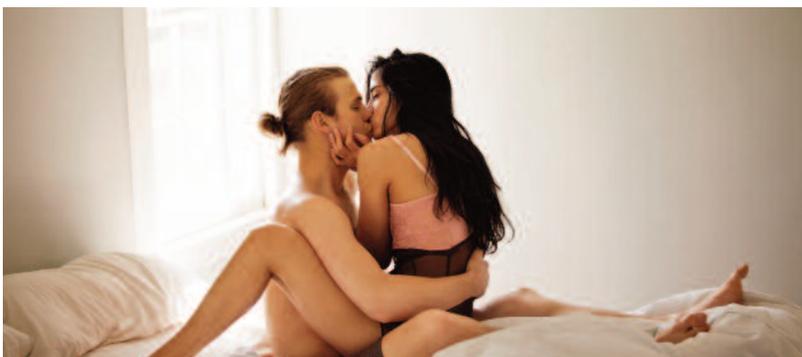
In none of the cases was it clear when or where the crime took place

or who the victims and offenders were who appeared in the video. The agency used sophisticated forensic software to track the origins of the video messages, which went viral on social messaging platforms.

Three of the nine clips given to the agency were traced to Kuonar. In connection with one clip, the agency has already arrested two persons from Odisha.

Sources said that during searches, the CBI team was surprised to find high-end editing software, stealth cameras and other equipment which was allegedly being used to create the porn videos.

The accused had allegedly made a profession out of creating such titillating videos of girls which he posted on the Internet. Every click or every visit to a webpage for viewing these clips would apparently reward him with money, an official said.





IIPM Dean, Director booked for cheating

THE NEWS BUREAU

A case has been registered against Indian Institute of Planning and Management (IIPM) founder Arindam Chaudhuri, following a complaint by the University Grants Commission.

He has been accused of misleading, cheating and fooling its students as its courses were not recognised by any recognised authority.

"We have registered an FIR under Section 420 of IPC against IIPM Dean Arindam Choudhari and his father Malayendra Kisor Chaudhuri, who is a Director, based on the UGC complaint. We are probing the matter," Delhi Joint CP (Crime) Ravindra Yadav said.

A notice has been sent to both of them to appear before the police, sources said. IIPM, however, has questioned the UGC complaint and said the institute was not cheating its students.

The UGC, in its complaint, has said that despite the fact its courses are not authorised, the institute was fooling the students by charging a hefty fee from them.

"UGC and AICTE keep

A notice has been sent to both of them to appear before the police, sources said. IIPM, however, has questioned the UGC complaint and said the institute was not cheating its students.

themselves in news by targeting IIPM with their lies because we have stayed consciously out of their purview and accused them of massive corruption", Arindam said.

He also said, "We have never claimed that the institute is recognised by any statutory body nor have we claimed we give degrees. We give certificates and write clearly

everywhere that students interested in de jure recognition of IIPM's programmes need not apply to IIPM. It is written clearly since 1970s in our prospectus and in our websites since it came into effect."

"We have been cooperating with the police ever since the first notice came and will continue to do so as law abiding citizens," he added.



Over half of India's groundwater contaminated

THE NEWS BUREAU

Groundwater in more than half the country's districts is contaminated with poisonous substances.

According to an assessment of the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), 276 districts have high levels of fluoride in their groundwater. At least 387 districts in 21 states in the country have nitrate above permissible levels. Eighty-seven areas have a high amount of arsenic, which is a slow poison.

The permissible level of fluorides prescribed by Bureau of Indian Standards is 1.5 milligram per litre (mg/l), but groundwater exceeding the limit was found across the country from Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Bihar to Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

If heavy metals enter the

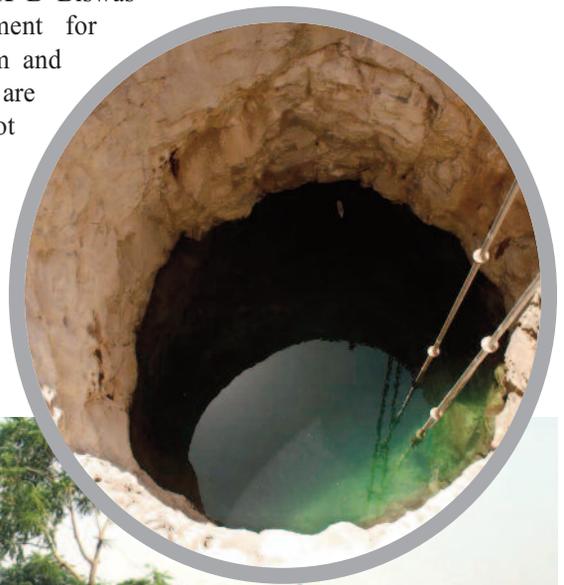
groundwater, they cannot be removed. At best they can be diluted, but they remain stuck to the aquifers forever, according to experts.

Environmentalist Manoj Misra said, "The report only reveals the utter failure of pollution boards and committees that have existed only for name sake during the past three decades. Lack of control on effluents, which have polluted the basins as a whole, has resulted in this situation."

CGWB chairman K B Biswas said: "The measurement for arsenic, iron, cadmium and chromium in the report are point-specific. It is not that the whole of the district in a given state are polluted. The fluoride measurements, however, are area-specific."

In Haryana, the groundwater of Gurgaon, Faridabad, Rohtak, Panipat and Panchkula is contaminated. Significantly, the groundwater in 86 districts of 10 states has been detected with exceedingly high levels of arsenic. UP is the worst polluted.

The groundwater of 113 districts in 15 states has been poisoned with impermissible levels of hazardous heavy metals, lead, cadmium and chromium.



One fourth of the world's hungry live in India

THE NEWS BUREAU

India is home to a quarter of world's 794.6 million hungry people, and it has more undernourished people than China.

A report on 'State of Food Insecurity in the World', published by the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) recently, says that India has 194.6 million undernourished people, down from 210.1 million in 1990-1992, which constitute 15.2 percent of its population in 2014-2016. China has 133.8 million undernourished people, down from 289 million in 1990-1992, which constitute 9.3 percent of its population in 2014-2016.

While India recorded a decline of 36 percent of undernourished in its population from 1990-92 to 2014-16, China reduced its hungry by 60.9 percent during the same period.

In India, the report said, "the extended food distribution programme also contributed to this positive outcome. Higher economic growth has not been fully translated into higher food consumption, let alone better diets overall, suggesting that the poor and hungry may have failed to benefit much from overall growth."

The report finds that about 795 million people are undernourished globally, down 167 million over the last decade, and 216 million less than in 1990-92, a reduction of 21.4 percent while the global population



has increased by 1.9 percent.

72 out of the 129 monitored countries reached the target of halving their proportion of undernourished by 2015 under the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

"Overall progress notwithstanding, hunger remains an everyday challenge for almost 795 million people worldwide, including 780 million in the developing regions. Hence, hunger eradication should remain a key commitment of decision-makers at all levels," said the report.

"Advances since 1990 show that making hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition history is possible. They also show that there is a lot of work ahead if we are to transform that vision into reality," it said.

The U.N. report said India has missed the target of halving its proportion of undernourished by 2015, and FAO found it to be making

slow progress in reaching that goal.

The highest burden of hunger in absolute terms is to be found in Southern Asia, the report finds. "China and India alone account for 81 percent of the total reduction of the number of undernourished people in the developing regions between 1990-92 and 2014-16, and China alone accounts for almost two-thirds," the report said.

Nepal and Bangladesh, however, have performed vastly better than India by making reductions of 65.6 percent and 49.9 percent in their undernourished populations from 1990-1992. Pakistan and Sri Lanka have fared worse than India's 36 percent by making reductions of 12.4 percent and 28.3 percent respectively from 1990-92.

While India missed its MDG target, Nepal, Bangladesh and Maldives reached the goal of halving the proportion of their undernourished by 2015.

Low-cost water purifier with old sari, sunlight

THE NEWS BUREAU

A rural household can get safe drinking water through an innovative system which has been developed merely by using a discarded sari, a few glass pipes and sunlight.

Nimbkar Agricultural Research Institute (NARI), an NGO working at Phaltan in rural Maharashtra claims the unique low-cost solar water purifier (SWP) does not require electricity and can be produced by village craftsmen.

Also, unlike commercially available water purifiers, the SWP does not suffer from problems like filter clogging or wastage of water.

Boiling the water is a recommended method to kill any disease-causing bacteria that may be present. But to boil the water, one requires electricity or other fuel.

NARI's purification strategy exploits the fact that boiling the water to make it germ-free isn't necessary. Low temperatures are sufficient for sterilising water provided the temperatures are maintained for an adequate time.

Earlier studies have shown that water heated to only 50 degrees Celsius and maintained at that temperature for one hour, or heated to 45 degrees and maintained for three hours, becomes completely free of

coliform bacteria.

The presence of coliform is an indication that disease causing germs (pathogens) are present. The bacterial colony count was done in the institute's microbiology lab according to international protocols.

A simple strategy for sterilisation is to filter the water drawn from a well or a stream to remove particulate matter and raise the temperature to about 45 degrees and maintain that for at least three hours. This was



accomplished by NARI in a cost-effective way in two steps.

For the filter, NARI team used a piece of cotton cloth from a sari folded four times which acts as an excellent water filter. Then, the team used solar energy to sterilise filtered water.

In essence, NARI's purifier system consists of four slanting tubular solar water heaters attached to a manifold with a receptacle at the top to receive the sari-filtered water. The

water entering the tubes, each with a three-litre capacity, get heated by sunlight. The tubes, made of toughened glass are basically long thermos flasks. Once the water gets hot, the tubes maintain the temperature long enough to sterilize it.

Tests done by NARI on this water purifier for the last one year have shown that even on a completely cloudy and rainy day, water is heated to high-enough temperatures to make it potable. Thus a simple solar water purifier for a rural household can deliver 15 litres of drinking water daily.

The cotton cloth is the only consumable in the whole system. "We have tried to use the cloth from the cheapest cotton sari available locally. It is washed every day after filtration and is holding good for the last one year. After a couple of years the sari will wear out and so it has to be replaced," said a member of the team.

The system costs Rs 1,500. NARI has not patented this technology since it feels that it should be made available freely for the rural population. Any small rural workshop can fabricate it. For the last one year, two such systems at NARI are producing around 30 litres of potable water for all its staff members.



Renewable energy to reduce carbon footprints FKCCI president



THE NEWS BUREAU

GREEN Summit (Global Renewable Energy Summit) 2015, organized by the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FKCCI), has provided a unique opportunity to network, meet, learn, build business and chart the future of Renewable Energy in Karnataka and India.

The summit organized between April 23 and 25 brought together leading policy makers, global experts, industry captains, investors and SMEs and other stakeholders. Supported by the Government of Karnataka, the event has become a platform to showcase the immense business and transformational opportunities in renewable energy, across all segments.

India's gigantic energy needs,

burgeoning population and growth trajectory, combined with the imperative to mitigate climate change and reduce carbon footprints make renewable energy a key strategic goal, said FKCCI president S Sampathraman in his welcome address at the inaugural session of the summit.

He also said India has one of the largest renewable energy programmes in the world and is one of the top wind energy producing nations and is on a trajectory to become one of the leading solar power producing nations. Immense opportunities exist in other segments such as biofuels, biomass, micro-hydel in meeting its diverse, dispersed and growing energy needs.

Karnataka has much to offer and presents huge opportunities to become a crucible for renewable

energy technology, innovation, development and deployment, the industry body president said adding that solar energy is going to be the future of India. Since there is a lot of sunlight available in India there is a need to tap the potential and use it to the optimal advantage.

India is working on building a consortium of 50 countries with abundant solar radiation, to pool research and technological advancements to improve its accessibility to the poor and in the remote areas. About 60 percent of India's electricity comes through coal. India has long resisted pressure to commit to any emissions targets on the grounds that it could hamper its economy and hurt the poor.

Sampathraman said the deliberations of the summit would go a long way in channelizing

Indigenous resources towards the development of solar energy.

Speaking on the occasion, Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah congratulated FKCCI for organizing such mega event and expressed hope that the summit would play an important role in reducing the supply demand gap of power.

He said Karnataka government's solar energy policy launched in May

2014 had set the target of producing 20 Giga Watt of capacity in the next five years. He also said that Karnataka government was giving farmers waste land as bonanza for producing solar power and feed it to the grid at Rs 8.40 per unit.

Chairman of energy committee, FKCCI, Ramesh Shivanna said the industry body was organizing the summit since 2009 to make Karnataka a power surplus state.

Energy minister D K Shivakumar said he was confident about the potential of Karnataka to lead the country in the domain of renewable energy. He urged the investors to support state government programme.

Minister for public works, H C Mahadevappa, Additional chief secretary K Ratna Prabha and several other dignitaries and VIPs were present on the occasion.

Indian Railways testing solar-powered trains

THE NEWS BUREAU

The ambitious plans of Indian Railways of harnessing solar energy to run the trains will be materialized very soon.

Official sources said the prototype of the solar power-enabled coach is undergoing trials, and soon the entire train will be fitted with solar panels.

While solar power will significantly bring down diesel consumption, it will also prove to be cost-effective. At present, nearly 17 units of electricity are being generated from the solar power enabled coach, the sources said.

By harnessing solar power, the railways will be able to save Rs 1.24 lakh per coach year, the sources said adding that solar energy will be used to meet the electricity needs in moving trains, and reduce diesel consumption and carbon dioxide emissions.

According to studies, a train



using solar power can reduce diesel consumption by up to 90,000 litres per year and also bring down the carbon dioxide emission by over 200 tonnes.

As per the plan, the train would be pulled by conventional diesel-run engines while solar panels will provide all the internal electricity needs for lights and fans on both AC and non-AC coaches.

Sources said India has huge solar power potential, with a good amount of sunlight available for a major part of the day round the

year. Harnessing solar power to power Indian Railways is more feasible and cost-effective.

The clear motive of the project is to cut down on the railways' fuel bill, which is the second-largest component of expenditure after the employee salaries for the cash-strapped government department used by over 1.3 crore people every day.

In 2013-14, from the Rs 1.27 lakh crore of Indian Railways' expenditure, 22 percent (nearly Rs 28,500 crore) were spent on fuel.



KSDL reiterates its commitment to quality

THE NEWS BUREAU

Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited (KSDL) - A Government of Karnataka Undertaking - handed over a dividend cheque of Rs 5 crore to the Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on March 2, 2015.

The company recommended a final dividend of 15.22 per cent on post tax profit for the year ended 31st March 2014 amounting to Rs 5 crore as against Rs 2.17 crore for the previous year, according to KSDL chairperson Veronica Cornelio.

She said the company has been able to deliver strong results in the financial year 2013-14 despite economic downturn. The domestic business of the company grew at over 10 per cent with the underlying volume growth of about 20 per cent. The company has achieved a net turnover of Rs 282.54 crores compared to Rs 255.72 crores the corresponding period pr year. The net profit after taxes : year 2013-14 has been at Rs 32.84 crores as against the net profit of Rs 21.74 crores in the previous year.

The chairperson said that the performance of the company has been credible in the context of recessionary trends, increase in costs of inputs and stiff competition in the industry and is in any case, above the industry average.

She said the quantity of production of various product of the company has been

14,080 MTs during the year as against 12,356 MTs in the previous year. The brand Mysore Sandal continued to retain as the finest brand in the consumer sector and the company has been adjudged the best in cost management and has received the honours and recognition for the best cost management practices adopted at every stage.

The company is making all efforts to increase production and sales in terms of quantity so as to achieve an increase in market share. The company has taken several measures to ensure that the company's profitability lines are broad based, she said.

The company is foraying into establishing marketing and distributor network in the developed countries which would boost the export sale during the current financial year. KSDL has made inroads for exporting its

The economic environment is extremely challenging for the fact that the competition remains very high. Yet, the company will remain committed to drive the business towards delivering the finest quality products in consumer sector, the chairperson said.

KSDL, a supplier of premium quality sandalwood products since 1916, has been awarded the ISO 9001:2008 for effective implementation of Quality Management Systems. The visionary Maharaja of Mysore started the manufacturing units initially to deliver the best properties of sandalwood to the masses. KSDL has carried on the legacy and today it has a significant market share owing to the dedicated supply services and premium quality sandalwood products.



NMDC bags PLATTS GLOBAL METALS AWARD 2015

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NMDC Limited has bagged the prestigious PLATTS Global Metals Awards 2015 in “Industry Leadership Award - Raw Materials & Mining” Category.

Chairman-cum-managing director Narendra Kothari received the coveted award at the presentation ceremony held on at Hotel Savoy, London, UK on May 21.

PLATTS is the leading provider for energy, petrochemicals and metals information and a premier source of benchmark prices for those markets. The PLATTS Global Metal awards serve as a unique platform to recognize outstanding achievements of the metal industry by showcasing the best practices. NMDC is the first Indian company to receive this award for its exemplary leadership in the Raw Materials and Mining Sector. NMDC has been judged exclusively on performance and achievements on the criteria of financial results,



innovation, product quality, safety and strategic vision.

This award recognizes the performance of NMDC in consistently delivering strong returns to shareholders, while improving environmental efficiencies, implementing technological advances and displaying a commitment to sustainable, forward-thinking solutions, challenges of the political and business environments etc.

NMDC is the single largest iron ore producer in the India and is also known to be one of the lowest cost producers of iron ore in the world.



NMDC Limited is conferred with “BT-Star PSU of the year Award (Best PSU-in Maharatna and Navratna category). The award was received by Shri Narendra Kothari, Chairman - cum Managing Director, NMDC Limited from Lt. Gen. A K Singh, Lt. Governor of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands; Prof. (Dr) Ram Shankar Katheria, Minister of State for HRD (Higher Education); Shri Indresh Kumar, RSS leader and Shri Gulam Ali, renowned Singer at the award function of BT-PSU Excellence Awards-2015 organised at New Delhi. Shri Bhaskar Chatterjee, IAS (R), Chairman, Organising Committee was also present.



Incredible story of Nepal's earthquake survivor



THE NEWS BUREAU

It's hard to believe. But it is true. Twenty-eight-year-old Dolma Tamang, who dug herself out of the rubble of the Nepal earthquake, gave birth to a healthy baby boy two weeks later.

Tamang was heavily pregnant when a magnitude 7.8 earthquake hit Nepal on April 25. Tamang's house collapsed on top of her. She sustained injuries and was unsure of how to get help in the aftermath of the quake.

"I was so worried about the baby that I did not care about my own health, even though I had wounds everywhere and had trouble breathing," Tamang told BBC.

Two weeks later, as Tamang was going into labor, a Japanese medical team working with a mobile unit found her and took her to a Red Cross clinic in Melamchi, a village in central Nepal, according to the British Red Cross.

"Even though we lost almost all of our belongings and live in a

temporary shelter, I could not be happier and more thankful for this little miracle," Tamang said. "This baby being born healthy is a sign of hope and second life for our whole family."

Babies born on the day of the deadly earthquake have been a small glimmer of hope to the families whose communities have been devastated by the disaster. More than 8,000 people were killed in the massive April earthquake that caused landslides and leveled buildings.

MAN RAPED, SPERM STOLEN

THE NEWS BUREAU

Three women allegedly bundled a South African man into a car at gunpoint before raping him and harvesting his semen.

The 33-year-old man was walking down a road in the Kwazakhele Township, Port Elizabeth when a black BMW pulled up next to him and asked him for directions. As he pointed where they should go, one of the three women pulled out a handgun and pointed it directly at him at around 8pm, the Mirror reported.

The victim was then bundled into the car where the trio began fondling him as they drove 500 metres away from where they picked him up, but the man failed to get aroused so was forced to drink a liquid that soon got him aroused.

After raping him, the man claims the women collected his semen in plastic bags, which were then stored in a cool box and the man was dumped out of the car as the trio sped off.

Constable Mncedi Mbombo said that this is really confusing to them almost

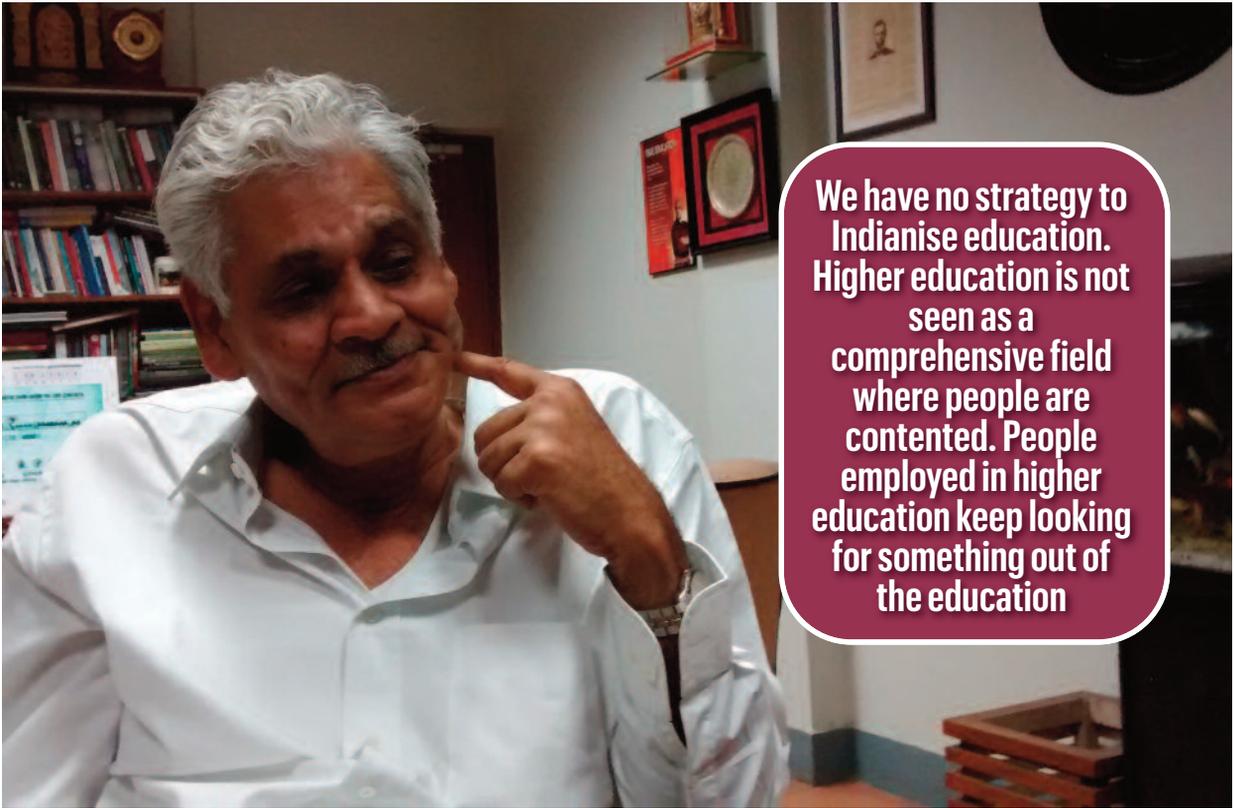
because they have never heard of such a thing before, adding that the man was fully conscious throughout his ordeal and he is still traumatised. Investigators have launched a rape inquiry after interviewing the man.

According to reports, this is not the first man to be raped for his semen. In fact, it was noted that other men described an

identical attack in the area in which women gave them an unknown substance before stealing their sperm.

Similar method is being used by women in Gauteng, who are also forcing men to drink from a bottle and stealing their semen but no arrests have been made.





We have no strategy to Indianise education. Higher education is not seen as a comprehensive field where people are contented. People employed in higher education keep looking for something out of the education

TURN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN PROFIT CENTERS

THE NEWS BUREAU

The Higher education system in India continues to suffer with problems of access, equity and quality and immediately needs curricular and academic reforms.

India has the third largest higher education system in the world with about 700 universities and university level institutes that impart higher and technical education. Yet, higher education lacks quality and is not accessible for all.

Director of Institute of Public Enterprise (IPE), R K Mishra says that though the enrolment rate in higher education institutions has gone up, it is still much below the

world average of 26 per cent. The higher education sector is also facing serious shortage of well-trained faculty, poor infrastructure and outdated and irrelevant curricula.

India currently needs 2,500 universities but it has only 700 universities of which 350 each are in public and private sector. Despite this, the enrolment ratio in India is very low. This is due to lack of budgetary allocations and poor quality.

“Indian universities do not figure among the global top 250. China has at least 20 universities in this top league. Enough research is not taking place. Adequate scholarships do not exist and the existing scholarship

amounts are very low. Research infrastructure is poor. India’s citations have come down to about 8,000 while China has about 25,000 citations,” he said.

The IPE director further said, “We have no strategy to Indianise education. Higher education is not seen as a comprehensive field where people are contented. People employed in higher education keep looking for something out of the education. The system should keep them happy and stay engaged. The central and state governments should coordinate with each other. Universities set up by the central government are in a way becoming bottlenecks to state level universities

as the latter are getting deprived of funds.”

Industry-academic interaction is not enough. Industry complains that there is no quality in higher education institutions but most of the companies do not invest in higher education to get quality candidates from these institutions. Enough internship opportunities in the industry are not provided. If industry supports academia, the dependence of the institutions on the government will be reduced. Industry should also suggest academia on the curriculum of the institutions. The governments in turn should give industry some incentives for extending such support to academia.

However, policies are made by those who do not have any experience or exposure in the field of education. Further, Central and state governments and courts come into play in the functioning of these institutions. Tedious policies waste



the precious time of institutions’ as they are forced to run around pillars and posts instead of concentrating on strengthening themselves.

“Unfortunately, India has never set a goal to create an institution equal to Harvard, Cambridge, Oxford, Stanford or a Wharton School. The US is investing \$200 billion into the education sector. India has 200 institutions without

adequate funds. We need to create institutions of international standards by setting specific timelines.”

He suggests that Indian higher education institutions should turn themselves into profit centres instead of depending on government for funds. For instance, the IPE has opened its library for external public to make best use of knowledge wealth. Laboratories in educational institutions should look at making best of the facilities, do outstanding research, create IPR and file patents. The academia can also pool resources among the institutions.





I want to do something that is good for all

He is a doctor by profession. However, he did not choose to make money out of the people suffering with diseases. Instead, he chose humanistic way of life. Inspired by the teachings of Buddha, **DR SHYAMSUNDAR** tells The News that he wants a new social order to be established.

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You are qualified and experienced doctor. But your areas of interests include humanistic way of life, spirituality, meditation and progressive

literature. Don't you think there is conflict of interests?

I don't think so. For me, spirituality is the study of soul or knowing the real spirits of the mind so that one can realize the reality of life while science means evidence based study which can be demonstrated to others through experiments. I have chosen the humanistic way of life, which means living like a human being. I am highly inspired by the teachings of the Buddha, who suggested so many good things in his dharma to lead happy and peaceful life. Today people are confused with too many types of philosophies, doctrines and spiritualities these days. But I am very clear on my study – no conflicts or confusions.

How did you get into spirituality and meditation, I mean what inspired you to take the path of spirituality and meditation?

I used to believe and follow all traditional religious things till intermediate. Subsequently, I was introduced to Marxism and later I became Atheist. I met with an incident in 2002 which demanded me to read the literatures about all religions. In that process I have recollected about the teachings of Buddha and studied widely. Buddha gave a lot of importance to meditation; as such it is a part of his teachings. So I wanted to practice meditation of Vipassana and after interactions with some of the Buddhist monks and after referring the fundamental books on meditation like Vishuddi Magga etc., I learned the technique. Vipassana Meditation is an evidence based study where the experiment is done on one's own body and mind.

Who is your 'Guru'?

My master is 'The Buddha'.

Why are you interested in progressive literature instead of spiritual content?

Progressive literature stimulates a person to focus on the society to study, evaluate and to find out solutions. The priority of the needs of a person changes from time to time. Nobody is exempted from that. One may think that science and spirituality are both parallel lines and never unite. But in my view, they are the two sides of the same coin which are united all the time.

Your profile says you want to establish a new social order and system. Does it mean you are against the current social order and system? And what will be the new social order and system that you would like to work for?

The present social system/order in India is not perfect. People are divided by means of caste, religion and region which are absolutely false, primitive and useless. Also there is a lot of corruption, cheating, over selfishness. Majority of people are moving around the money and in that process getting a lot of stress, unhappiness, frustration and ultimately landing in so many health problems. So this kind of system has to go and we should develop an alternative social order, where every person lives in peace and comfort, enjoy equal opportunities with dignity and honor.

What are the activities taken up by Siddhartha Educational Society since its establishment?

Siddhartha Educational Society (SES) was registered in 2000. Through this I am helping the poor and needy by conducting free multispecialty health camps, hHealth awareness programs on specific diseases, giving merit scholarships to the 10th and Inter passed students of Government schools and colleges who secured top marks and below poverty line, publishing books and progressive literature, free training for poor students in medical laboratory technology (Lab technicians) in my Siddhartha Path Lab.

What are the activities of Dharma Jyothi Vipassana meditation society?

It was established to conduct regular meditation programs of vipassana meditation. The members of the society are trained who strictly follow 'Panchashila', the five principles of 'Dharma'.

There is a long list of international tours in your profile. Are they personal tours or part of meditation and spiritual activity?

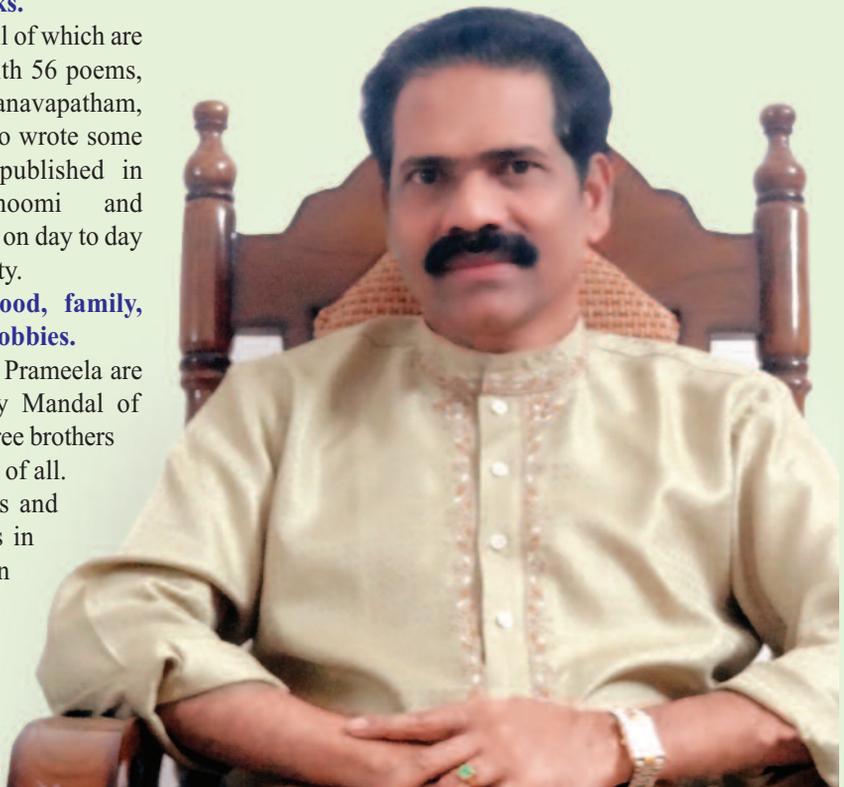
Regarding international tours, the European countries and Thailand were organized by Indian Medical Association as an exchange study tours. Other countries like Taiwan, Nepal, Burma and Sri Lanka were with Vipassana meditation group known as 'Dharma Tours'.

Tell us about your literary works.

I have written four books so far, all of which are in telugu language – Hitapatham with 56 poems, Kranthipatham with 100 poems, Manavapatham, Neethipatham with 100 poems. I also wrote some essays and articles which were published in periodicals Misimi, Buddhabhoomi and Bowthikawadi. All of my literature is on day to day problems, social issues and spirituality.

Tell about yourself – childhood, family, studies, university life, work and hobbies.

- My parents Subramanyam and Prameela are from Alair village, Telkapally Mandal of Mahbubnagar district. I have three brothers and four sisters. I am the eldest of all.
- I studied in Alair till 7th class and studied from 8th to 10th class in Zilla Parishad High School in Peddur, 3 kms away from Alair. We used to go by walk. I have done my intermediate from Dr. Boorgula Ramakrishna Rao Government College at Jadcherla.



- I had a strong determination to become a doctor or an artist so I finished intermediate despite serious financial problems. I could not secure a seat in medicine but stayed in Hyderabad with my cousin and learnt carpentry for survival. However, I left carpentry and instead learnt commercial art work at Afsara Arts, Jambagh through which I could earn Rs 10 a day.
- Later, I started taking tuitions for school children and subsequently secured medical seat in Osmania Medical College in 1980. During the period, I was attracted towards Marxism and studied a lot of literature. I was very active in students union of OMC, held the posts of- Hostel Joint secretary and President student union, OMC, conducted so many useful programs.
- On December 14, 1986, I married Gadde Jayasri, niece of Prof. K Jayashankar. Later, I joined Government service on adhoc basis in civil hospital, Nagarkurnool. Later, I did PG Diploma in Clinical Pathology in Osmania Medical College. During the period, we stayed with uncle Jayashankar and those are the memorable and happiest days in my life. He took care of us more than like a father.
- Subsequently, joined Medinova Diagnostics at Karimnagar and worked there for two years. Meanwhile, I got regular Government job and was posted to PHC, Gundi of Karimnagar district in 1996. Gradually, I settled in Karimnagar and established 'Siddhartha Diagnostic center'.
- I love my family members, friends and relatives, my birth place Peddur, native place Alair and settled place Karimnagar immensely.

Tell us about your memorable events, incidents.

First of all, I will tell you the sad experience of mine. My brother-in-law Venkateswarlu died due to Tetanus at an early age of 15 years which stimulated me to choose medical profession.

However, the most memorable thing in my life is staying with my uncle Prof. Jayashankar at Central Institute of English and Foreign languages (CIEFL) campus for a period of two years. There are uncountable incidents which gave immense pleasure and happiness, especially when I help the people. Tell us about your future plans.

Ideas are funny little things they won't work unless we do... There are so many ideas, plans but I have to see what I can do in future because I am a very small man to dream of big projects. But my ambition is to do something which is good and useful to all.

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15 million people worldwide inject drugs



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As many as 240 million people, i.e. five per cent of the world's adult population have an alcohol use disorder and more than 20 per cent smoke tobacco.

A new research on global addictive disorders titled - The Global Statistics on Addictive Behaviours: 2014 Status Report - has found that around 15 million people worldwide inject drugs.

Lead author of the research report, Linda Gowing, associate professor at University of Adelaide in South Australia said, "Bringing all this data together has been very

challenging but having this global snapshot in one accessible resource should prove invaluable for policymakers and researchers."

The report shows that there are huge regional differences in use of

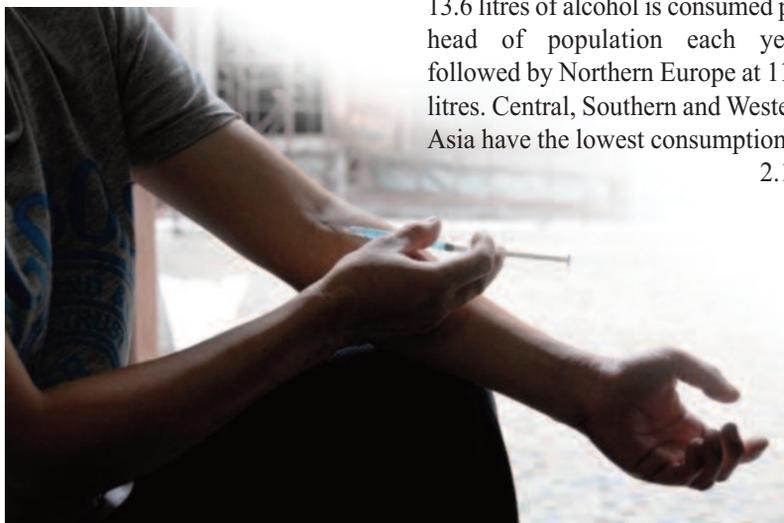
litres. Eastern Europe also has the most smokers at 30 per cent of adults, closely followed by Oceania at 29.5 per cent, Western Europe at 28.5 per cent, and Africa at 14 per cent.



addictive drugs. The heaviest drinkers are in Eastern Europe where 13.6 litres of alcohol is consumed per head of population each year, followed by Northern Europe at 11.5 litres. Central, Southern and Western Asia have the lowest consumption at 2.1

North and Central America with the Caribbean have the highest rates of injecting drug use at 0.8 per cent, which is more than twice the rate in Northern Europe at 0.3 per cent. The findings also showed that the harm to society from legal drugs is many times the harm from illicit drugs.

For the study, online sources of global, regional and national information on prevalence and major harms relating to alcohol use, tobacco use, unsanctioned psychoactive drug use and gambling were identified through expert review and assessed. The findings were detailed in the journal *Addiction*.





Half of India's kids don't get routine vaccines

THE NEWS BUREAU

The Centre has admitted that almost half of India's children are deprived of routine immunization.

While speaking in the Rajya Sabha, Union Health and Family Welfare Minister J P Nadda, attributed the poor rate of immunisation to lack of awareness among parents and non-availability of vaccines.

"The current immunisation in urban India is 67.4 per cent and that in rural India is 58.5 per cent. Lack of awareness among parents, fear of side-effects and non-availability of vaccines and vaccinators are some reasons for it," he added.

Moreover, the funds allocated for vaccination programmes have been reduced when compared to previous years. A total of Rs 221.7 crore was allocated in 2012-13 while the figure dwindled to Rs 188.91 crore and Rs 189.26 crore in 2013-14 and 2014-15, respectively.

"The government has not

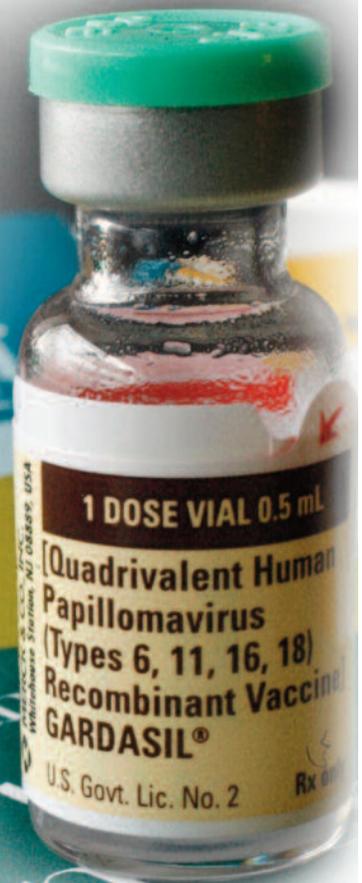
allocated any funds for the development of new vaccines for the past three years. It has been providing flexible funds to states for mobility support and alternate vaccine delivery and mobilisation of children," the health minister said.

Nadda said the government had conducted special immunisation weeks at regular intervals in areas which have recorded low immunisation rates.

"The government is also implementing 'Mission Indradhanush' with particular focus on 201 districts with low or no immunisation rates," he added.

Under the scheme, vaccination is provided to children to prevent seven life-threatening diseases, including diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio, tuberculosis, measles and hepatitis B.

Meanwhile, over 1,261 crore children have been immunised since 1995-96 under the Pulse Polio programme.



MUMBAI INDIANS WIN 2ND



Mumbai Indians clinched their second IPL title following a 41-run win over Chennai Super Kings. Mumbai Indians posted 202 for five wickets as captain Rohit Sharma (50) and Lendl Simmons (68) scored 119 runs from 67 balls. Mumbai bowlers restricted Chennai batsmen to 161 with a disciplined effort. Mumbai had won their first IPL title in 2013 at Eden Gardens, defeating the same rivals. Chennai have now lost four finals in six appearances.



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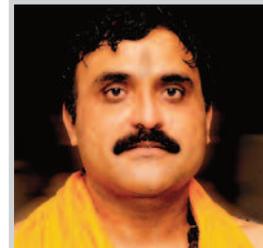
Expectations lead to DEPRESSION

Are you depressed? Is it because your job doesn't pay you well enough? Or because your spouse and children do not listen to you? Or because your talent goes unnoticed and you are not valued enough? Or is it because of how your body and looks are deteriorating by the day? You are not alone. If you look around you will find that every individual is entwined in the same set of four worries - health, finances, relationships and/or status/position. In the physical world, the root of all these problems is an unfulfilled expectation. While the actual reason for this is the basic nature of soul and it's not being able to find solace.

Unfulfilled expectations gradually pull one into depression, where the person hopes and tries to fulfil his/her expectations and while they never get met, the body

ages...hair become grey, skin wrinkles, senses dull and then one day the breath also stops. The expectations still not met and so birth is taken to fulfil them.

Expectations are directly proportional to one's ego. The higher the ego, the more one expects from him/herself and the things/people around, and when those expectations are met, he/she goes into depression.



YOGI ASHWINI

Basic nature of physically manifested world is destruction. Every second, all that is around us is getting destroyed. Actually, what we get depressed about doesn't exist.

Medically, it is seen as an imbalance in specific hormones in the body which is triggered usually by psychological factors, age-related changes and in some cases owing to

mental instability. Yoga says, this is because of avidya, which is lack of knowledge of reality. Everything in the physical world is unreal and is in passing. Basic nature of physically





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The interesting thing about expectations is that there is no limit to them. King Yayati enjoyed youth and its related pleasures for a thousand years and even after these thousand years, with all the women, food and wealth of the world, his desires and expectations were still not met and he realised that there is no way they could be met by further indulgence.

Expectations can never be met, the more you have, greater is the expectation from it. And the irony is, that whatever you have in the physical - be it health, wealth, relationship or power - it will also leave you one day, and when it leaves the disappointment will be directly proportional to the pleasure it brought with it, all this is because of avidya. To give you an example, I knew a man who had a very loving

wife. She cared for him and kept him happy and healthy. At sixty, she left the body, and the husband could not take it. He went into depression. A healthy man, he died of a heart attack within a month.

Everything in the physical is temporary, it is foolish to keep expectations from it. King Yayati, realised this and so returned the youth back to his son, and went in search of that which is permanent, which does not grow old or cease with time, which is real and does not disappoint you, for that alone is the key to satisfaction, to bliss. And that reality, only a Guru can show you by giving you the experience of what you desire and expect, and gradually change those desires and simultaneously lower the ego, so the expectations too fade away.

I detail here a simple kriya which when practiced in the presence of your Guru, instantly alleviates all kinds of depressions, giving you the experience of bliss,

an instant glow is an added benefit. Sit in a comfortable position with spine erect. Close your eyes and paying reverence to the energy of Guru, take your awareness to the centre of the chest cavity. Become aware of light pink lotus at this point, become aware of a soft pink light emanating from this lotus and filling up your entire body. Gradually let this light grow to fill up your immediate surroundings, the entire planet and eventually all of creation.

Now become aware of your Guru and connect with him/her in this light pink light (if you do not have a Guru, you can become aware of the image on website, www.dhyanfoundation.com). Gently holding the hand of the Guru, drop all awareness, let go. Let there be no thoughts or movement beyond this point. Whenever you feel like, open your eyes looking first at the centre of the palms. Write to me about your experiences.



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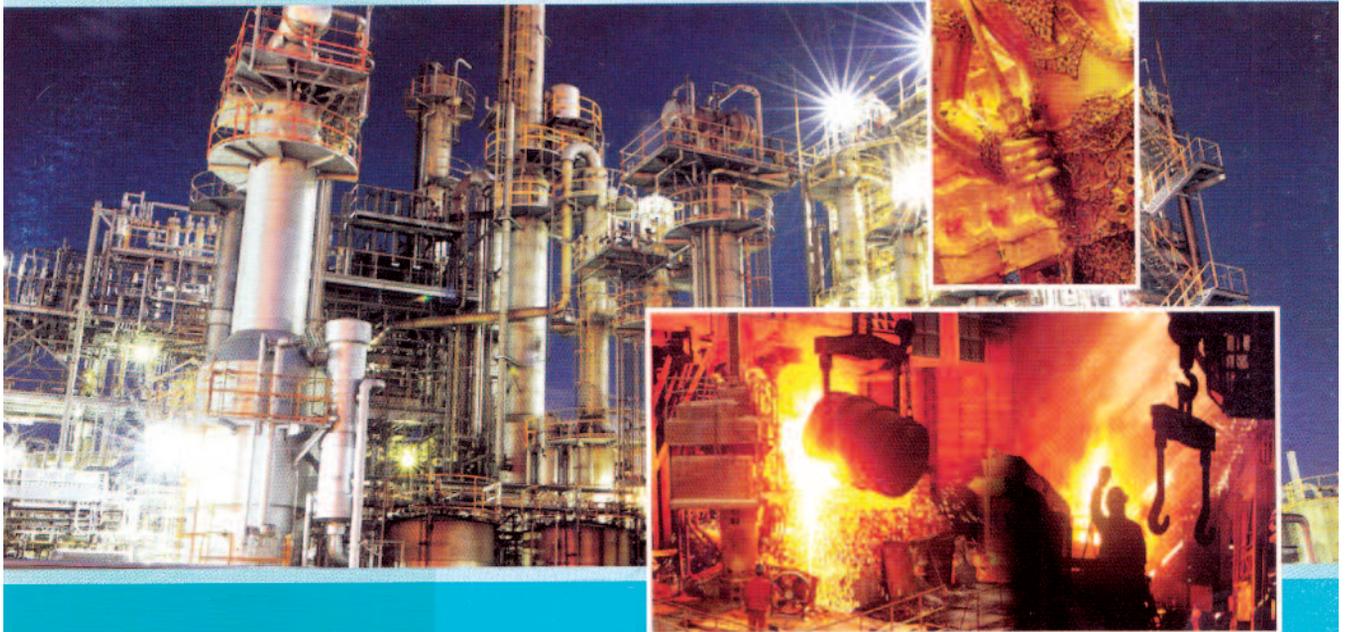
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