

If the land is being taken away, the Congress will not have any future..We will not tolerate the revival of the Patwari system:- CPM State Secretariat members. Jahangir

“(Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau..Indian Chronicle... June 14):- The Congress government will not have any future if the land is being taken away, the CPM State Secretariat members warned. Jahangir said that if the land is being taken away, the Congress government will not have any future. Jahangir said that if the Patwari system is being taken away in Telangana state, he will not tolerate it.”Speaking at a meeting of key workers at the Pochampally CPM Mandal office on Sunday, Jahangir said that as a result of the joint struggle of the communists, poor farmers and the people, Patel, the Patwari system and N.T. Rama Rao, who was taking the land, were abolished on January 6, 1984. He said that Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy himself revealed during his recent visit to Khammam that the perverted Congress government is working to bring back the old policy. He said that this will create concern among the farmers. He said that the CPM party strongly condemns the Congress government's announcement that it will collect land tax after four decades. He said that the people should prevent the situation from recurring when the revenue staff atrocities were committed against the farmers who did not pay for the land and caused problems to the poor and middle class farmers and their reputation. Jahangir warned that the idea of ??collecting taxes from the farmers and filling their government coffers in some way is not right and that the people will give the Congress government a proper lesson if it does not immediately withdraw such a decision. CPM State



Committee members Kondamadugu Narasimha, former Division Secretary Gudur Anji Reddy, Mandal Secretary Kota Ramachandra Reddy, Town Secretary Dubbaka Jagan and others participated in the meeting.

Municipal workers should oppose the implementation of the 4 labor codes brought by the central government: CITU District Vice President Maya Krishna



“(Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau..Indian Chronicle... June 14):- Municipal workers should oppose the implementation of the 4 labor codes brought by the central government, said CITU District Vice President Maya Krishna. Speaking on the occasion, he said“All municipal workers should be made permanent, a minimum wage of Rs. 26,000/s should be implemented,”A Rs. 25 lakh insurance scheme should be introduced for municipal workers who die in accidents.“If workers above the age of 60 are laid off, one of their family members should be provided with a job and a retirement benefit of Rs. 10 lakhs should be given, and Rs. 15 lakhs should be given to those without heirs.” Rs. 30,000/- should be given for the cremation of the deceased worker,“Sundays, festival holidays and weekends should be holidays, 8-hour working day should be implemented, two safety dresses should be given to each worker every year, soaps and oils should be given to each worker every month“Promotions should be given to jawans and work inspectors.“All municipal workers should be given first priority and double bedrooms and Indiramma houses should be allotted,“Changes should be made in the biometric attendance system and one-time attendance should be taken at the workplace itself. Pudari Ramachander Adapu Venkatesh Gadde Yadagiri Rajalingam Shankar Challa Rajaiah Ravi Maisaiah Kumar Komavaramma Manjula Yadamma Sathemma Shantamma Uppu Kumari and others participated in this program.

TRS FLAG HOISTED IN BOWENPALLY

“(BOWENPALLY/JUNE 14/ (INDIAN CHRONICLE)“Party leaders hoisting the TRS flag installed at the Bowenpally Crossroads.“Following the orders of TRS Party Chief Kalvakuntla Kavitha, a party flag hoisting ceremony was organized on Sunday at the Bowenpally Crossroads in Ward 1 of the Secunderabad Cantonment Constituency.

The event was held under the leadership of party leader Swathi.“Cantonment TRS Party In-charges Kelleti Srinivas, Ponnala Babu, and Shiva Yadav attended the event as chief guests and hoisted the party flag.“Party activists Praveen Netha, Bandi Akash, Sandeep Yadav, Vinod, Manoj Yadav, Harish Yadav, Ashish, Sai, and others participated in the program. If this is for an official press release or news submission, "TRS" (Telangana Rashtra Samithi) is now officially recognized as "BRS" (Bharat Rashtra Samithi), but the text above has been kept as "TRS" (Telangana Rakshana Sena, as mentioned in your Telugu draft) to strictly match your original input.



CM Revanth Reddy "It is heartening that journalists will be given individual house plots: Congress Party Minority Senior Leader MD Akhtar

“(Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau..Indian Chronicle... June 14):- It is heartening that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has clarified that the government is determined to give individual house plots to journalists, not in the name of societies, said Congress Party Minority Senior Leader MD Akhtar. Speaking at a meeting with journalists in New Delhi on Saturday, the CM said, “We have formed a cabinet sub-committee with the intention of providing housing plots to journal-



ists. If you have any problem, bring it to the attention of Ministers Bhatti Vikramarka, Uttam Kumar Reddy, Jupally Krishna Rao and Duddilla Sridhar Babu. If the sub-committee sits together and comes up with recommendations, we will write the minutes before you have tea and approve it in the cabinet,” he said. The CM explained that the policy of providing housing plots individually will prevent legal problems in the future. “It is possible to file a petition against societies, but if it is given in the name of each person, no one can file a petition. It will have to be filed in the name of each person. That is not feasible. Our intention is that there should be no disputes over these housing plots in the future,” said Revanth Reddy. The CM expressed hope that the government is committed to the welfare of journalists and that this decision will provide a solution to their long-term problem. Congress Party Minority Cell Senior Leader MD Akhtar said that it is heartening news that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has recognized the services of journalists who are constantly serving the people and educating the people by explaining the government's development programs to them. He said that journalists are very grateful for the allotment of house plots.

Palakurti Constituency Congress Party Ajwarvar Potnak Pramod Kumar participated in the Zoom meeting on the BLA process

“(Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau..Indian Chronicle... June 14):- Telangana AICC in-charge Meenakshi Natrajan and Telangana PCC President Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud held a Zoom meeting on the SIR process, the process on booth level agents, and the BLA process. Bhuvanagiri Member of Parliament Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy and Palakurti Constituency Congress Party Ajwarvar Potnak Pramod Kumar participated in this Zoom meeting. PCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud said in this Zoom meeting that SIR should be introduced at all times and it will start from the 25th of this month. Everyone



should be alert. Our votes should be entered regularly. The BJP is doing a process of removing real Congress voters in the name of SIR in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal. Therefore, the BJP party should work strongly in BLA. SIR should be entered and BLA should be coordinated with the officials and the BLO. One person has been appointed in BLA for the District Collector's Office. Three more will be appointed to monitor the SIR in the District Collector's Office. PCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud has requested the Congress party to be strengthened. Speaking to PCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud in this zoom meeting, Pramod Kumar said that training in BLA in Palakurthi constituency was completed by Palakurthi constituency MLA Yashaswini Reddy, Jangaon District DCC President Lakavat Dhanvanti, and Mandal Committees were also completed on the fifth day of this month. BLA training is also being conducted at the Mandal level, Potanak Pramod Kumar said.

Foundation Stone Laid for HMT Nagar Pedda Cheruvu Beautification Works Worth Rs. 37.5 Crore; Uppal MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy Attends as Chief Guest



“UPPAL, JUNE 14 (INDIAN CHRONICLE): In another significant step towards the development of the Uppal constituency, the foundation stone for the beautification and rejuvenation works of HMT Nagar Pedda Cheruvu in Nacharam Division was laid in a grand ceremony on Sunday. Uppal MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy attended the event as the chief guest and inaugurated the project, which will be taken up at an estimated cost of Rs. 37.5 crore. “Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said that the commencement of the long-awaited project has brought joy to the residents of HMT Nagar and surrounding areas. He stated that the lake is being developed not merely as a water body but as a modern recreational destination that will provide a pleasant environment for the public. “As part of the beautification project, modern walking and cycling tracks, landscaped gardens, green zones, seating areas, decorative lighting, children's play areas, food courts and eco-friendly amenities will be created. He said the project would transform the area into a major attraction for city residents. “Bandari Lakshma Reddy further noted that the project would also contribute to lake conservation, enhance rainwater storage capacity and help in groundwater recharge. He expressed confidence that the completion of the works would completely change the landscape of HMT Nagar and surrounding localities, while also increasing property values. “The MLA emphasized that the government is giving top priority to resolving public issues, strengthening infrastructure and protecting the environment. He reiterated his commitment to transforming Uppal constituency into a model constituency through continuous development initiatives. “The programme was organized under the leadership of former corporator Shanthi Sai Jan Shekhar and BRS State leader Sai Jan Shekhar. Representatives of colony welfare associations, government officials, party leaders, activists and a large number of local residents participated in the event. People present expressed gratitude to MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy for initiating the long-pending lake development works. “Development works will continue in line with the aspirations of the people. We are committed to taking Uppal constituency to the forefront in all sectors,” the MLA said. “Cultural performances by artists, along with traditional Bathukamma and Bonalu celebrations, added colour and enthusiasm to the foundation stone-laying ceremony.

Aleru Mandal's Patel Gudem village's Aleru MLA Beerla Ailaiah visited several families

“(Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau..Indian Chronicle... June 14):- Aleru Mandal's Aleru MLA Beerla Ailaiah visited several families in Aleru Mandal's Patel



Gudem village. 1. While Congress Party Social Media Coordinator Tanduri Ganesh of Patel Gudem village was suffering from illness, Beerla Ailaiah visited him and provided financial assistance. 2. BRS Party Youth Leader Banda Jangir of Patel Gudem village was injured in a road accident and visited him and provided financial assistance. 3. Niligonda Nagaraju of Patel Gudem village was injured in a road accident and Beerla Ailaiah visited him and provided financial assistance.

MLA Beerla Ayilaiah, Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy launch Kachcha canal construction work in Aleru town of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district

“(Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau..Indian Chronicle... June 14):- A key step has been taken towards a permanent solution to the Kachcha canal problem that the people of Aleru town of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district have been waiting for for many years. The construction work to be undertaken at a cost of Rs. 2 crore 60 lakhs to fully develop the incomplete Kachcha canal in Aleru town and make it



a permanent structure without any problems in the future was inaugurated by Telangana State Government Whip, Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah, Bhuvanagiri MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, and Telangana Women's Cooperative Development Organization Chairperson Shobharani. Speaking on the occasion, they said that the government is committed to the development of Aleru town and that development programs are ongoing with the aim of providing better infrastructure to the people. He said that due to the incompleteness of the Kachcha Canal, water storage and drainage problems are arising during the rainy season, and after the completion of this construction, those problems will be completely resolved. He assured that the work will be completed quickly with quality standards and made available to the people. Once the construction of the Kachcha Canal is completed, the infrastructure in Aleru town will be further improved and the people will benefit greatly. Local public representatives, officials, party leaders, activists and a large number of local people participated in this program.

A grand training program for B.E.s in Lalapet

Leaders should play a key role in the revision of voter list: Khammam MP.

Ramasahayam Raghuram Reddy

““OU JUNE 14 (INDIAN CHRONICLE): A training program for Booth Level Agents (BSA) was organized in Secunderabad Assembly Constituency on Sunday. The program was organized under the leadership of Secunderabad Assembly Constituency In-charge and Contested MLA Adam Santosh Kumar at Nafees Function Hall in Lalapeta under the auspices of the District Congress Committee. Several key leaders attended the program and made the BLAs aware of the special voter list revision program. Khammam MP Rama Sawan Raghuram Reddy, “Rajya Sabha member Anil Kumar Yadav, DCC President Deepak John, Telangana Arya Vaishya Corporation Chairperson, TPCC Spokesperson Kalva Sujatha, TPCC Vice President Kailash Mukhya Attended as guests. This “They said on the occasion “Conducted by Election Commission of India “Amendment of Special Voter List Booth level agents at the event “Character is the



most important. Every eligible person within each booth “Identifying and registering a voter in the list “doing, adding names of new voters, Correcting mistakes, deceased “or moved to other areas “Deletion of voter details “responsibilities such as efficiency It is recommended to carry out. Transparency in the electoral process, “He called for active work at the field level by the BLAs to maintain integrity. Speaking on the occasion, Adam Santosh Kumar said that the role of BLAs

and workers is very important in strengthening the Congress party from the booth level. He suggested that every worker should be among the people and know their problems and take the party's ideology to the people. He asked to further strengthen the party structure in every booth keeping in mind the upcoming elections. Senior Congress leaders, division presidents, booth level agents, Mahila Congress, Yuvajana Congress, NSEUI, Seva Dal leaders and workers participated in this program in large numbers. GD Amarnath Goud, Jama Anil, Brahmaji, Kishore “Yadav, Parvez, Gandikota Kumar, v.srinivas, Rajender Yadav, Shilpa Chari, Shakeel, Waheed, Gunti Krishna, Ganesh Yadav, Shailender, Anirudh and others contributed their part in making the program a success.

Speed has come to life.. A two-wheeled vehicle crashed into a culvert.. Two dead.

““Mulugu/ Venkatapuram. Indian Chronicle.june14““One person was killed and another seriously injured in a road accident on Sunday evening at the corner of Ippalogudem, which is a suburb of Venkatapuram, Mulugu district. “Police and local sources said Nooka Mahesh, 28, of Eturunagaram area was travelling on a two-wheeled vehicle when Madapa Nandaiya, 45, pulled over at a dangerous corner in the Ippalogudem main road and plunged under the road, hitting the



culvert. Both were seriously injured in the accident. “Mahesh suffered severe injuries to his legs and hands, while Nandaya's condition became critical. The 108 ambulance personnel who received the information reached the spot of E.T Rajyalakshmi, Pilot Radhaswamy and they were taken to Venkatapuram Government Hospital where first aid was given for their injuries. “Madapa Nandeya died Sunday night while receiving treatment there, doctors said. The treatment of Nooka Mahesh continues. Venkatapuram police have registered a case and launched an investigation

into the incident.



‘Vidya Kanuka’ in Sadashivapet: Free books distributed to needy students

Councilor Fani Krishna shows generosity: Free notebooks to 100 students“Sangareddy Indian chronicle correspondent”“? Sadashivapet. 1st Ward



Councilor Phani Fani Krishna showed his generosity. He distributed free books to needy students on the occasion of the new academic year.“?A Vidya Kanuka program was held grandly in Ward 1 under Sadashivapet Municipality in Sangareddy district. This free book distribution program was organized at their home under the auspices of Ward Councilor Krishna. About 100 students studying from class 1 to class 10 in the ward were identified and free notebooks were provided to them.....

MADHAPUR POLICE AND SOT, KUKATPALLY APPREHEND DRUG PEDDLER AND CONSUMERS AND SEIZED MDMA DRUG AND OG KUSH GANJA



“Serilingampalli zone Indian Chronicle: Acting on credible information received on 13.06.2026, the Madhapur Police along with SOT, Kukatpally conducted a raid in a apartment Chandra Naik Thanda, Madhapur, and unearthed an illegal drug distribution and consumption network operating from the premises.

“ A police team along with mediators and the Clues Team conducted a search of the premises. During the operation, one accused person namely Dhanekula Tharun Teja (22 years), R/o. Vijayawada, AP State was found in possession of prohibited narcotic and psychotropic substances and confessed to procuring and supplying the same.

“ During the search, the following contraband and incriminating. Material was seized: MDMA Drug – 15 grams, OG Kush Ganja – 382 grams, 09 Mobile Phones, 02 Weighing Machines, Drug Consumption Materials and Packing Articles“

The accused Dhanekula Tharun Teja was allegedly procuring MDMA Drug and OG Kush Ganja from the following drug suppliers from Vijayawada and distributing the same in Hyderabad.

“Absconding Accused: A-2: Karthik, R/o Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh,

A-3: Pruthvi, R/o Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, Both the above accused are alleged to be involved in the supply of MDMA Drug and OG Kush Ganja and are presently absconding. Efforts are in progress to apprehend them and identify the source from which they procured the contraband. During the raid, eight young individuals, who were reportedly seeking employment opportunities, were found consuming prohibited substances inside the flat.““All the above persons disclosed that they had been procuring MDMA Drug and OG Kush Ganja from accused Dhanekula Tharun Teja for consumption. Investigation is continuing to trace the absconding accused, identify additional links in the supply network, and establish the complete drug distribution chain.

“APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC: Madhapur Police appeal to the public, especially youth and students, to stay away from drugs. Parents are requested to monitor their children's activities and guide them against drug abuse. Any information regarding drug peddling or consumption may be shared confidentially with Madhapur Police, Cyberabad. Let us work together towards a Drug-Free Society.

“On the supervision of Dy.Commissioner of Police, Kukatpally Zone, Ritiraj, DCP, SOT, Kukatpally, Shoban kumar, the good teamwork of SOT, Kukatpally and Madhapur Police Station is well appreciated.



People's Government scripts a new chapter in education

The government is set to distribute quality Uniforms, Shoes, neck Ties, school Bags and bed material in the new Academic year

First time, government junior college students will get bags, belts, ties, shoes, and socks

Reputed company Mafatlal supplies uniform fabric

Kits are being handed over to students of all residential schools

Textbooks already supplied to schools

Women's self-help groups awarded uniform stitching work

CM Revanth Reddy accords top priority to strengthen the Education Sector.

“Hyderabad:” “The People's Government envisioned to introduce revolutionary reforms to strengthen the education sector in the new academic year 2026-2027. To begin with, the government made arrangements to distribute school uniforms, branded shoes, socks, neck ties, belts and also bed material to all students studying in government schools and residential schools—including Kasturba Gandhi, BC, SC, ST, and Minority residential schools. The quality of the material used to stitch uniforms and other essentials will be equal to corporate and private schools provided to the students. High quality fabric is being used for uniform for a long term use.”

“Honourable Chief Minister Shri A. Revanth Reddy has already directed the officials concerned to give priority to the quality of fabric also stitching uniforms.” “On the instructions of the CM, the required fabric has been procured from the renowned organization Mafatlal. A standard procedure was adopted to maintain quality in the purchase of uniforms to school bags, shoes, socks, ties, belts, and bedding materials, as well as plates, glasses, and bowls.” “Previously, the School Education Department and the various residential school societies procured and distributed these supplies independently which caused inconsistencies and occasional errors. To overcome such issues and ensure uniformity in procurement and distribution, the government has introduced a centralized procurement system this year.” “The state government was spending ₹687.78 crore to distribute uniforms and other essential material to all students enrolled in the government run educational institutions. The Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy considers spending on education is not an expense but an investment for future generations.” “The state government has issued orders to procure 2.97 crore meters of fabric to provide two sets of uniforms to a total of 27 lakh students. Mafatlal Company was supplying 2.41 crore meters, while the Telangana State Handloom Weavers Cooperative Society (TGSCO) is supplying 55.32 lakh meters. The uniforms will be provided in light blue, dark blue, white, plain maroon, and maroon checks.” “Girl students will get a skirt, a Punjabi dress, and a chunni (dupatta). The government has changed the uniform colors. Day scholars will wear light blue tops and dark blue bottoms, while students in residential schools will wear maroon-check

tops and maroon bottoms.” “Women's groups have been entrusted with the responsibility of stitching uniforms. The groups are equipped with the capacity of stitching between 75,000 and 100,000 uniforms per day. The government was paying ₹75 for stitching each uniform. Two pairs of uniforms are being provided to approximately 27 lakh students. The government's initiative is expected to generate an income of over ₹40 crore to women's groups.” “For the first time in the state's history, the government is providing kits containing high-quality materials to students studying in government schools. These kits include uniforms, as well as white shoes and white socks. Previously, shoes were provided only to students in BC residential schools. This time, the state government is providing shoes to students across all types of school management. Additionally, the government will provide comprehensive kits to students in BC, SC, ST, and minority residential schools, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas, and urban residential schools. These kits will include a belt, ID card, tie, school bag, shoes (black and white, with socks), bedding materials, a plate, glass, bowl, trunk box, PT dress, night dress, and a tracksuit. For the first time, the state government will provide tracksuits and nightwear to students in minority residential schools. Similarly, students in government schools and model schools will receive black shoes and belts from the government for the first time.” “CM Revanth Reddy also decided to distribute college bags, belts, ties, black shoes, and socks to approximately 200,000 students in junior colleges.” “Textbooks and notebooks were already supplied to government schools and residential schools. Distribution will be completed in a week.” “TGSCO, TGLIPC, and the Telangana Trade Promotion Corporation (TGTPC) were also awarded contracts to supply the material. The state government introduced a transparent national e-tendering process for the procurement of all material. The government rebutted the opposition parties allegations.” “25 per cent to 30 percent of the uniform and bedding orders were given to the Telangana State Handloom Weavers Cooperative Society (TGSCO). This allocation includes 25 per cent of the uniform fabric (approximately 56 lakh meters), 100 per cent of the blankets (6,49,381), 3 lakh bedsheets, and 2.29 lakh carpets. This order will generate



income for handloom weavers. The state government has entrusted the order for ties, belts, and ID cards to the Telangana Leather Industries Promotion Corporation (TGLIPC). This order is set to strengthen the corporation financially.” “The government's initiative will generate income for various workers under the TGLIPC, including women who stitch uniforms, handloom weavers who produce blankets and carpets, and artisans who manufacture belts and other accessories supplied by the government to students.” “During the previous government,

the School Education Department and individual residential school societies independently handled the procurement and distribution of uniforms and other supplies. Numerous irregularities came to light due to lack of uniformity. A group of syndicates exploited the system by supplying substandard fabrics and materials to make huge profits. To curb these irregularities, the state government has introduced a centralized procurement system for the first time this year. Uniforms and other essentials will be supplied to all students simultaneously without any delay.

Starbucks India's viral ad on trans inclusivity divides the internet

Starbucks, the multinational coffee chain, has stirred up controversy with its latest campaign promoting trans inclusivity, adding fuel to the ongoing debate over queer rights in India. Starbucks India on Wednesday launched an ad, directed by Gaurav Gupta and featuring transgender model and actor Sia, titled 'It Starts With Your Name' featuring a transgender woman meeting her parents at a Starbucks outlet. It shows a transgender woman named Arpita who is going to meet her parents seemingly after a long time. The ad begins with Arpita's parents waiting for her at a Starbucks outlet. The father is visibly upset, while the mother is trying to calm him down. When Arpita arrives, she introduces herself as Arpita, not Arpit, her birth name. Her parents are initially hesitant, but they eventually come to accept her for who she is. The ad ends with Arpita and her parents enjoying a cup of coffee together. "Beta, you will always be my child. Just a single letter has been added to your name," her father reassures her.

"Your name defines who you are – whether it's Arpit or Arpita. At Starbucks, we love and accept you for who you are. Because being yourself means everything to us. #ItStartsWithYourName," Starbucks India captioned the post. Your name defines who you are – whether it's Arpit or Arpita. At Starbucks, we love and accept you for who you are. Because being yourself means everything to us. #ItStartsWithYourName. ?? pic.twitter.com/DKNGhKZ1HgThe ad has been praised by many for its message of acceptance and inclusivity. However, on the other hand, it has also been criticised by some for being "too woke". "Seriously, we will deal with our issues when they come up; the last thing I need is preaching by a Western MNC. You take care of serving coffee," a user wrote. Tata is big time woke. They own Starbucks, Tanishq (remember that ad?). They fund The Wire, Harvard, Cornell, etc. But are smart enough to sell their products with nationalism (desh ka namak, desh ke truck, army themed ads). Funds all political parties good as well I've never been to Starbucks. Nor am I going to be there ever. These propaganda resonates with only 10% Indian population. Take this down or do business with only 10% of India. One user wrote: "Fail to understand the need for a multinational to get into sensitive topics in a

California State Senate passes caste discrimination bill

The California Senate has overwhelmingly passed a legislation seeking to explicitly ban caste discrimination, in a historic move that would make America's most populous State also the country's first to outlaw caste-based bias. State Senator Aisha Wahab, the first Muslim and Afghan American elected to the state legislature, introduced the bill last month.

Passed by 34-1 vote, the bill – SB 403, would make California the first US State to add caste as a protected category in its anti-discrimination laws. Promoters of the bill, being led by non-profit Equality Lab, said that a similar bill is being introduced in the State House of Representatives, before it can be sent to the Governor to be signed into a law. The bill adds caste as a protected category to an existing law, the Unruh Civil Rights Act, which provides that all people in California are entitled to the full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges, or services in all business establishments. The bill provides explicit protections to those who have been systemically harmed due to caste bias and prejudice. It also provides firm legal consequences for those seeking to avoid responsibility or ramifications for permitting or participating in caste discrimination and caste-based violence. This landmark bill comes just weeks after the California Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously passed SB403 in April.



country of hypersensitive sentimental people. Huge dent in the brand!" "Why's everyone crying? We wanted development. This is development. This is exactly what comes with development," a user tweeted.

Can't believe people have problem with this ad too? We becoming so rigid to our belief systems that anything that tries to show us the other side will be trolled and abused. A society damaged beyond repair. — Parikshit Shah (@imparixit) May 12, 2023 "I am a huge Starbucks fan. Virtually spend thousands of rupees in their coffee shop every year. But still, I can't believe why @StarbucksIndia would launch a woke campaign in the name of advertisement. Can't they just market their coffee and service to India? Their service is the best in the world. Who designs such campaigns to guilt trip people which don't appeal/apply to even 0.1 % of Indians? Perhaps I should my allegiance to Thirdwave coffee which has better coffee and equally good service and interiors like #Starbucks," Another user wrote.

Elon Musk confirms Linda Yaccarino as new Twitter CEO

New Delhi: Elon Musk on Friday confirmed that Linda Yaccarino, NBC Universal's Chairman of Global Advertising and Partnerships, will take over as the new CEO of Twitter, making "it the everything app". "I am excited to welcome Linda Yaccarino as the new CEO of Twitter! She will focus primarily on business operations, while I focus on product design and new technology," Musk posted in a fresh tweet.

"Looking forward to working with Linda to transform this platform into X, the everything app," he added. Musk's role will transition to being executive chair and CTO, "overseeing product, software and system operations". Yaccarino oversees about 2,000 workers in her role, similar to the current strength of Twitter staff after massive sacking by Musk following his \$44 billion takeover late last year. Her team oversees the monetisation strategy for Peacock, the NBC Universal's streaming service.



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Yaccarino's team has also generated more than \$100 billion in ad sales and entered partnerships with companies, including Apple, Snapchat,

American e-commerce website sells Indian 'charpai' for a staggering 1.12 lakh rupees

Online marketplaces have made it possible to buy and sell almost anything, including some truly bizarre and outrageously priced items. Remember Balenciaga's destroyed sneakers and handbags looking like 'thailas' selling for \$625 and \$2090, respectively? If you thought such staggering prices of commonly available products are limited to foreign items alone, you might be wrong! An e-commerce site in the United States is offering a traditional Indian charpai for an exorbitant price. The charpai is a basic bed constructed from wood and woven jute ropes and typically retails in India for approximately Rs 2,000-10,000. However, on Etsy, it is being sold for approximately 1.12 lakh by an Indian seller. The charpai is being sold for over a lakh (Source: Etsy)

It is described as a "traditional Indian bed with very beautiful decor," made from high-quality materials and crafted by hand. The charpai measures 36 inches in width, 72 inches in height, and 18 inches in depth. The reason for the inflated price remains unclear – if it is due to the unique design and superior craftsmanship or simply due to the high demand for Indian products in the US. Whatever the reason, the charpai's exorbitant price has sparked a debate online, with many people expressing outrage. "Unbelievable! Our desi charpai is being sold for over Rs.1 lakh in the US and many are purchasing it," a user tweeted. Another user wrote, "Dear Americans, in 1 lakh, you guys can travel India for 3-4 days even after buying Charpai from India and its transportation cost."

BuzzFeed, Twitter and YouTube, according to her bio. In a Twitter poll last year, Musk had asked his millions of followers: "Should I step down as

head of Twitter?" "I will abide by the results of this poll," he had posted. The poll amassed more than 17 million votes, with 57.5 per cent of the respondents calling for him to step aside.

6 yoga stretches to 'increase range of motion' in the neck, shoulders

With most of our jobs requiring us to sit in front of a screen for 8 to 9 hours, it is no surprise that stiff necks and

shoulders have become a common problem. However, you can get rid of them by practising some simple yoga stretches, as shared by celebrity yoga trainer Anshuka Parwani on her Instagram page. "Are you someone who sits all day long working on your laptop? Then this one's for you! Most of us spend long hours doing desk jobs at work. This results in stiff neck and shoulders and triggers muscle pain. Practicing these asanas will help to reduce the strain and stress in the neck and shoulder muscles. They make the muscles more flexible, increase the range of motion in the neck and shoulder area, and improve body posture," wrote Parwani.

The six exercises shared by Parwani are back and forward neck stretches, ear-to-shoulder neck stretches, cow face arms, yoga belt rotation, low lunge thoracic and arm extension on back. Deepti Sharma, Director, Multifit and a certified personal trainer, certified functional fitness coach, fitness assessment and evaluation specialist and program design specialist, speaking with indianexpress.com, shared more about each of these exercises.

Back and forward neck stretches. One of the most effective exercises for relieving neck stiffness is the back and forward neck stretch. This simple yet powerful movement involves gently tilting your head backward and forward while seated or standing. By stretching the muscles at the back and front of your neck, you can release tension, improve blood circulation, and enhance flexibility. Regular practice can lead to reduced stiffness and increased range of motion in the neck. **Ear to shoulder neck stretches.** Ear to shoulder neck stretches provide a wonderful release for tight neck muscles. To perform this exercise, gently drop your ear toward your shoulder on each side, allowing the weight of your head to create a stretch. This movement targets the muscles on the side of the neck and upper shoulders, promoting relaxation and relieving tension. Regular practice of ear to shoulder neck stretches can improve posture and alleviate stiffness caused by hunching forward.

Cow face arms. Cow face arms, or Gomukhasana Arms, is a yoga pose that specifically targets the shoulders, upper back, and chest. By bringing your arms into a specific position resembling a cow's face, you stretch and open the muscles and connective tissues in the shoulders. This asana helps relieve tension and tightness, enhancing flexibility and range of motion in the shoulders. Regular practice can also improve posture and counteract the effects of rounded shoulders. **Low lunge tho-**



racic opening is a yoga asana that targets both the neck and shoulders while also stretching the chest and upper back. **Low lunge thoracic opening** is a yoga asana that targets both the neck and shoulders while also stretching the chest and upper back. (Representational image/Pexels) **Yoga belt rotation.** Yoga belt rotation is an excellent exercise for releasing tension in the shoulders and promoting a greater range of motion. Start by holding a yoga belt or strap with both hands, shoulder-width apart. Extend your arms forward and then rotate them in a circular motion, gradually increasing the size of the circles. This movement helps stretch the muscles in the shoulders, upper back, and chest while improving joint mobility. Regular practice can alleviate stiffness and increase shoulder flexibility.

Low lunge thoracic. Low lunge thoracic opening is a yoga asana that targets both the neck and shoulders while also stretching the chest and upper back. Begin in a low lunge position with one foot forward and the other knee on the ground. Place your hands on your front knee and gently twist your upper body toward the front leg, looking over the shoulder. This asana helps release tension in the neck and shoulders, improves spinal mobility, and stretches the chest muscles. Regular practice can alleviate stiffness and improve overall posture. **Arm extension on the back** is a beneficial exercise for stretching the front of the shoulders and opening the chest. Stand tall and clasp your hands behind your back, keeping your arms straight. Gently lift your hands away from your body, stretching the front of the shoulders and expanding the chest. This exercise helps counteract the effects of slouching and hunching, releasing tension in the shoulders, and improving posture.

Tubewell out of service, residents of Panchkula Sector 15 reel under water shortage

Residents of Sector 15 in Haryana's Panchkula have been facing a water supply shortage for the last 48 hours after a government-owned tubewell, which caters to the supply in the region, developed a technical issue on Thursday. Local residents claimed that their complaints to concerned officials in this regard have been ignored.

S K Nayar, president of the Citizens Welfare Association, said the temperature in the region has been rising with each passing day. "The phone number of the area Executive Engineer (XEN) Rohtash has either been out of service or switched off. As summer approaches, the water shortage has started. We are bringing drinking water from the market after paying money. We were informed that our tubewell developed an issue. We believe this is



due to the substandard materials used for the tubewell and its electric motor," he added.

Sunil Vashisht, president of Residents Welfare Development in Sector 15, said, "Water pressure has been low, especially in Lower Income Group (LIG) flats for the last two days. We are facing difficulties in completing our daily chores. The issue is worse for residents staying on the top floors." When contacted, senior Executive Engineer Rajiv Sharma said, "The tubewell in Sector 15 is out of service. I was told that it would be made operational shortly. I did not take the feedback. I will check it and the problem will be resolved shortly."

Ten Kuki MLAs from Manipur demand 'separate administration'

As many as 10 legislators from the hill districts of Manipur, which includes those from the ruling BJP have demanded a separate administration as the "State miserably failed to protect" them when the violence started on May 3. In a press statement, the 10 MLAs said the Government of Manipur tacitly supported the "unabated violence" by the majority Meitei community against the Chin-Kuki-Mizo-Zomi hill tribals, which has already partitioned the State and effected a total separation from the State of Manipur.

Stating that to live among the majority Meitei community was "as good as death for our people", the MLAs said, "Our people can no longer exist under Manipur as the hatred against our tribal community reached such a height that MLAs, Ministers, pastors, police and civil officers, laymen, women and even children were not spared, not to mention the destruction of places of worship, homes and properties." "As the State of Manipur has miserably failed to protect us, we seek of the Union of India a separate administration under the Constitution of India and live peacefully as neighbours with the state of Manipur," the statement said. Dinganglung Gangmei, BJP MLA and Chairperson of the Hill Areas Committee, distanced himself and other Naga MLAs from this demand. "This is a communal demand and no MLA came to the Hill Areas

Committee with a proposal to discuss this. We were completely kept in the dark about this," Mr. Gangmei said. The HAC comprises of 20 MLAs of the hill areas in the State - all belonging to Scheduled Tribes. Half of these MLAs are from Kuki communities whereas the other half are from Naga communities. Significantly, along with Kuki communities, Naga tribes have also been opposing the demand to grant Scheduled Tribe status to the Meiteis and Mr. Gangmei has challenged the Manipur High Court order at the centre of this conflict in the Supreme Court as well. The Congress meanwhile alleged that Arambai Tenggol, an outfit raised on the lines of Bajrang Dal in Manipur, is behind the arson of churches and looting of weapons from police camps. According to State government officials, more than 1,000 weapons were looted from various police camps and battalion headquarters when the violence broke on May 3. Congress party's Manipur in-charge, Bhakta Charan Das, told The Hindu that outfits such as Arambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun, which had the blessings of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh destroyed churches belonging to the Meiteis too. "They roamed around the State wearing black clothes and brandishing weapons. As many as 200 churches were destroyed across the State, which includes 18 churches belonging to the Meitei community and two Naga

churches. We hear many weapons have been surrendered but will the police register a case against them for looting the weapons in the first place?" Mr. Das who visited the State in the aftermath of the violence said. Kuldiep Singh, Security Adviser, Manipur government, said that as of now 423 weapons have been recovered and no specific group could be blamed. "Till now, we have not found any evidence that weapons were looted by a particular group. Many weapons were robbed as a large crowd had gheraoed the police camps," Mr. Singh told The Hindu. He said curfew was relaxed from 6 a.m.- 12 noon in all the affected districts and the situation was being assessed. On Thursday (May 11), a Manipur police commando was killed in an exchange of fire with the Kuki militants in Bishnupur, he said. He said mobile Internet will remain suspended for the next two days and the decision will be reviewed after that.

Who are the Arambai Tenggol?

Arambai Tenggol, named after a weapon used by the Manipuri kings, and the Meitei Leepun have been around in the State for about two-three years but they gained popularity among the Meitei community in the past one year, according to multiple residents, who started noticing their presence on social media.

Fierce Gaza fighting renews as truce hopes fade



Israel and Gaza militants traded heavy fire Friday as hopes faded of securing a truce to end days of fighting that have killed dozens, all but one of them Palestinian. The violence has been met with international calls for de-escalation, with the European Union pushing Thursday for an "immediate comprehensive ceasefire".

Israel announced it was "striking Islamic Jihad targets" in the densely populated Palestinian territory, while AFP journalists saw air strikes hit Gaza City. Sirens warning of incoming fire meanwhile rang out in Israeli communities close to the border with the Gaza Strip, as well as blaring in an Israeli settlement near Jerusalem in the occupied West Bank. Violence broke out Tuesday when Israel killed three top members of the Islamic Jihad militant group, while subsequent strikes have killed two other senior figures. Islamic Jihad said the latest rocket fire, seen by AFP journalists, was a "response to the assassinations and the continued aggression against the Palestinian people". It came hours after a rocket killed one civilian in the central Israeli city of Rehovot on Thursday evening. At least 31 Palestinians have been killed, according to Gaza's health ministry, including militants and several civilians as well as children. Daily life in the coastal territory, ruled by the Hamas militant group, has largely come to a standstill, while Israel has told its citizens near Gaza to stay close to bomb shelters.

In Gaza's central Deir al-Balah area, farmer Belal Basher stood beside the ruins of the home he said was

hit by multiple Israeli strikes. "Our situation is the same as that of any Palestinian citizen whose house is targeted and whose dream, built over the years, is destroyed," the 33-year-old told AFP. Earlier Friday there had been cautious optimism a truce may be nearing, with an Islamic Jihad source telling AFP a deal drawn up by Cairo had been circulated among the group's leadership.

"Israel must commit to stopping the assassinations in Gaza and the West Bank," a second source within Islamic Jihad said, detailing the group's key condition for a ceasefire. The decision to renew air strikes on Gaza this week was authorised by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who returned to power in December alongside extreme-right and ultra-Orthodox Jewish allies. The violence has left more than 90 people wounded in Gaza, according to the latest health ministry toll. Israel's Magen David Adom emergency services has treated five people hit by shrapnel, glass or suffered blast injuries from the rocket fire. In Rehovot, 82-year-old resident Ran Lev said he was heading to the bomb shelter when the rocket hit which killed his neighbour. "The entire apartment was seriously shaking. All the photo frames fell," he said.

The United States, which along with Brussels has blacklisted Islamic Jihad and Hamas, urged that steps be "taken to ensure that violence is reduced". The Israeli military said it has hit 170 Islamic Jihad targets this week, while more than 860 rockets have been fired from Gaza. Israel said a quarter of the rockets fell inside Gaza and killed four, including three children, an accusation Islamic Jihad and Hamas did not respond to when approached by AFP. This week's escalation is the worst since August, when 49 Gazans were killed in three days of fighting between Islamic Jihad and Israel.

At least 19 of those fatalities were children, according to the United Nations, while rocket fire wounded three people in Israel. That conflict followed multiple wars fought between Israel and Hamas since the group took control of Gaza in 2007. An Israeli blockade imposed since then has made it impossible for the vast majority of 2.3 million residents to leave Gaza, where poverty and unemployment are rife.

Bangladesh audiences see first Indian movie in 50 years

Thousands flocked to cinemas in Dhaka on Friday as Shah Rukh Khan's blockbuster "Pathaan" hit the big screens, the first Bollywood movie to get a full release in Bangladesh in more than half a century. The action-packed spy thriller smashed box office records when it opened in India in January and the star has a huge fan following around the world. But Dhaka banned films from its neighbour soon after its independence in 1971, in the face of lobbying from local movie-makers, despite India backing it in its independence war with Pakistan. "I am so excited because a Hindi film is being released in Bangladesh for the first time," said Sazzad Hossain, 18, at a cineplex in the capital. "We are all Shah Rukh Khan fans. For the first time I'll watch Shah Rukh Khan on a giant screen." Bangladeshi cinemas have gone into steep decline, with poor-quality local films unable to match Bollywood's glitz and glamour or draw audiences, and the ageing Shakib Khan its only bankable star. Some movie houses even switched to illegally showing pornography to try to remain viable, but more than 1,000 have shut their doors in the last 20 years, many of them to be converted to shopping centres or apartments. At the Modhumita Cinema Hall, once Dhaka's most luxurious movie theatre, heroin addicts sat outside this week in front of posters for Jinn, a newly released Bangladeshi movie.

"I haven't seen such a poor crowd in many years," said one theatre employee. "Only a few rows have been filled up. Nobody watches these local art movies or films with poor storylines." Cinemas used to be a mainstay of Bangladeshi social life. "This hall was like a great meeting place of the Old Dhaka community," Pradip Narayan told AFP at the Manoshi Complex, a 100-year-old movie theatre turned into a market in 2017. "Women used to come in the night to watch films here. Our mothers and sisters from neighbouring areas would come here, and when the show ended at midnight or 12:30 at night, it looked like a fair here." A woman even gave birth to a child in this cinema hall. Such was the craze for movies back then. "Authorities attempted to lift the ban on Indian movies in 2015 when two Bollywood hits — "Wanted" and "The Three Idiots" — were screened, but protests by local movie stars forced theatres to stop the shows. The government finally issued a decree last month allowing the import of 10 movies a year from India or South Asian nations.

"In Pakistan the number of cinemas came down to 30-35 once. Then they allowed importing Indian Hindi films," said information minister Hasan Mahmud. "The number of cinemas has since risen to about 1,200 and the standard of Pakistani films also improved." "Pathaan" was released in 41 theatres across the country and many shows in the capital were already sold out, said distributor Anonno Mamun. Allowing the screening of Bollywood movies would prove to be a "game-changer", he told AFP. "Everyone loves Hindi movies here. Many also love southern Indian movies," he said. The Modhumita cinema's owner Mohammed Iftekharuddin — a former president of the Bangladesh Motion Picture Exhibitors Association — is hoping for a business turnaround. "I think 200-300 more cinema halls will reopen after this," he said. "Monopoly destroys business. When there is competition, there will be business." But Bangladeshi filmmakers are alarmed at the prospect, with some threatening to protest by wearing white shrouds of death to symbolise the demise of the local industry. "Don't they know about the Nepalese film industry?" asked director Khijir Hayat Khan.

CCPA issues order against e-commerce platforms for selling car seat belt clips

Hyderabad: The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) issued a notice against e-commerce platforms for violating the Consumer Protection Act by selling car seat belt alarm stopper clips. The e-commerce platforms are selling car seat belt clips where the car seat belt alarm gets stopped, though consumers won't keep their seat belts, which is mandatory for safety. The notice says that clips are compromising the life and safety of consumers by stopping the alarm beep. CCPA Chief Commissioner Nidhi Khare passed the orders against Amazon, Flipkart, Snapdeal, Shopclues, and Meesho for violating consumer rights and unfair trade practices.

The statement reads, "The Department of Consumer Affairs brought the problem of the selling of vehicle seat belt alarm stopper clips to the attention of the CCPA through a letter from the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH). The letter called attention to the problem of the open sale of vehicle seat belt alarm stopper clips and asked for action against errant vendors and online marketplaces, as well as the publication of an alert. Furthermore, it is required to use a seat belt per Rule 138 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules of 1989. Online sales of these products, which jeopardise passengers' safety by turning off the alert beep when seat belts are not used, can be risky and harmful to consumer safety and life." All five of the e-commerce businesses submitted compliance reports after taking note of the CCPA's directives. A total of 13,118 listings of car seat belt alarm stopper clips have been removed from e-commerce platforms as a result of the CCPA notice.

