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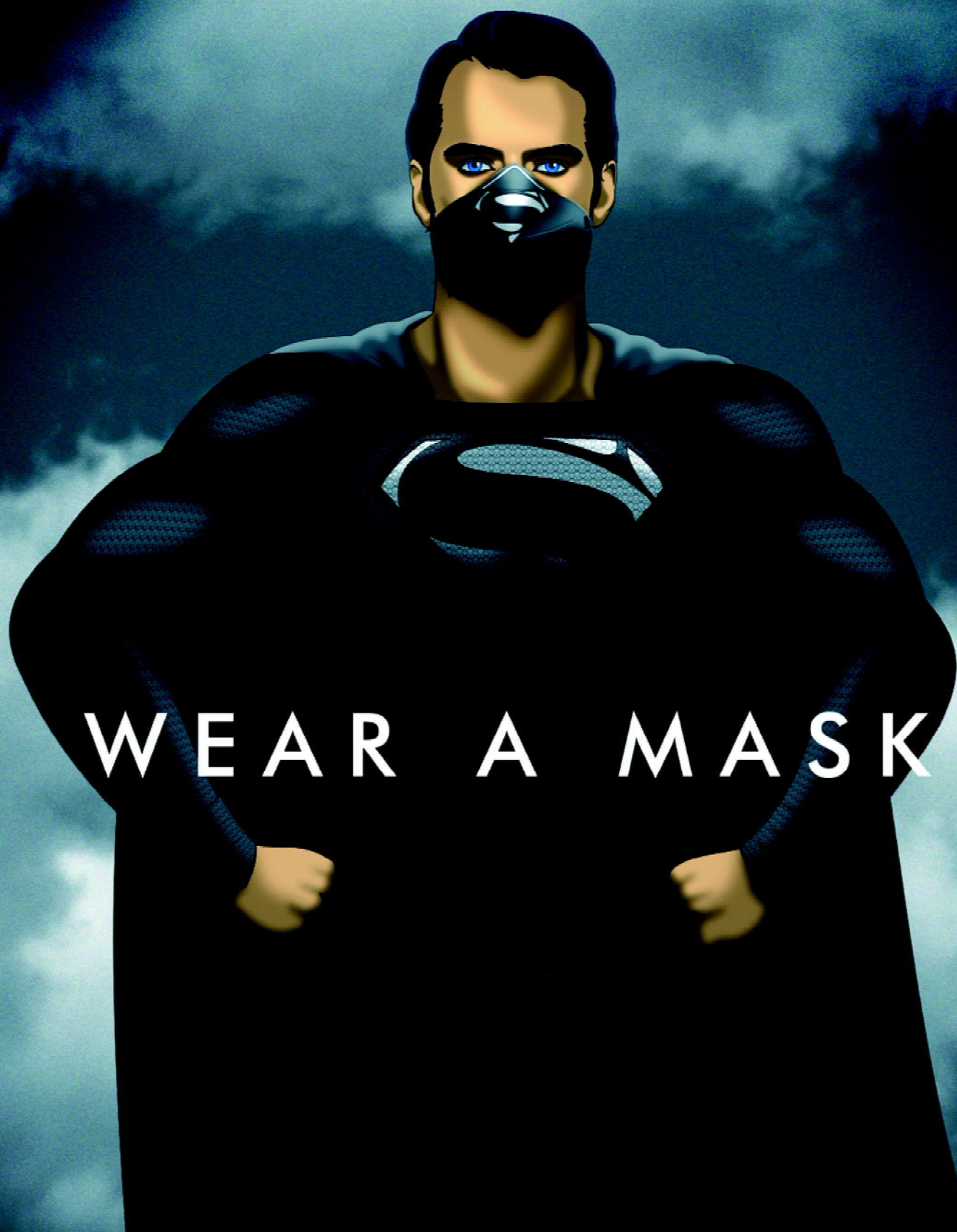
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# Even Superheros Need Mask !





Appointments

P Joglekar was appointed to the post of Whole-Time Member in National Monuments Authority (NMA) for a period of three years. He is a former Professor and Head of the Department of Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology, Deccan College, Pune.

Prof. Vijay Paul Sharma was appointed as Chairman, Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP). Currently, he is a Professor at the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.

Mirza Mohammad Abdulla (GM, MOIL Limited) was appointed as Director (Production & Planning) in MOIL Limited, a Central PSU under the Ministry of Steel, till the date of his superannuation i.e. 31.08.2026.

Ms. Reshma Reghunathan Nair (IRS IT:2011) was appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Women & Child Development for a period of four years.

Prakash Khichi (CPES:2005) was appointed as Director in the Government e-Marketplace under the Department of Commerce for a period of five years.

Abhimanyu Kumar (IAS:2011:RJ) was appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Department of Commerce for a period of four years.

Dr Alka Mittal (Director, HR) was assigned with the additional charge of CMD, ONGC for a period of six months ending 30.06.2022.

The PESB selected Mrs Ragini Advani (GM, Engineers India Ltd) for the post of Director (Finance), IRCON International Ltd.

V K Tripathi (IRSEE:1983) was appointed as Chairman and CEO of the Railway Board for a period ending 31.12.2021. Currently, he is General Manager, North Eastern Railway (Gorakhpur).

Virender Singh Pathania was appointed as Director-General of the Indian Coast Guard. He replaces G K Natarajan who retired today. Currently, Pathania is Additional Director General, Headquarters (New Delhi).

The tenure of Raj Kumar Gautam (ISS:2001) was extended for a period of 2 yrs ending 31.01.2024 (w.e.f. 31.01.2022). Gautam counts his central deputation from 01.02.20217. He is Director, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

Smt Pratima Gupta (ISS:2002), Director, Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), was prematurely repatriated to her parent cadre to avail the benefit of promotion.

The post of Private Secretary (at Deputy Secretary level) to the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Coal and Mines (Pralhad V. Joshi) in the Ministry of Coal and Mines held by Dr. Honnareddy N (IFS:2008:TR) was re-designated at Director level ) for a period upto 23.08.2022 on co-terminus basis with the Minister.

Ms. Neha Verma (IFoS:2005:UD) was appointed as Director in the Ministry of Steel for a period of five years.

Dhananjay Kumar Singh (CSS Cadre officer) was appointed as OSD to Dr Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, Union MoS for Education, for a period of four years.

Following the VRS application, Rakesh Kumar Mishra was prematurely repatriated to parent Cadre (i.e. Ministry of Railways). Presently, he is working as PS to Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry.

Steel: Ms. Neha Verma (IFS:2005:UD) was appointed as Director in the Ministry of Steel for a period of five years.

Cooperation: Mukesh Kumar (ITS:2001) was appointed as Director in the Ministry of Cooperation for a period of five years.

Cooperation: Kumar Ram Krishna (IOFS:2011) was appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Cooperation for a period of four years.

Telecom: Raiti Madhava Rao (IOFS:2008) was appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Department of Telecommunications for a period of four years.

D S Nanaware was appointed as Director (Pipelines), IOCL till the date of his superannuation, i.e. 30.06.2023. Presently, he is working as Executive Director (ED), IOCL.

Samiran Dutta was appointed as CMD, BCCL for a period ending 31.08.2025 i.e. the date of his superannuation. Presently, he is Director (Finance), BCCL.

Ms Subashree Anantkrishnan (IRS IT) was appointed as Member, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).

Manoj Joshi (IAS:1989:KL) was appointed as Officer on Special Duty, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs. He will take over as Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) upon the superannuation of Durga Shanker Mishra this week. Presently, he is working as Special Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

Bharat Lal (IFoS:1988:GJ) was appointed as Secretary to the Lokpal vice Brij Kumar Agarwal upon completion of his term of the contract (i.e. 31.12.2021) till the date of his superannuation (i.e. 31.01.2022) and thereafter on a contract basis for a period of one year beyond the date of his superannuation on usual terms and conditions applicable to re-employed Central Government officers. Currently, Lal is working as Additional Secretary, Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti.

IAS

PMO: The tenure of the Central deputation of Ms. Aishvarya Singh (IAS:2008:SK) was extended for a period of one year beyond 05.02.2022. She was re-designated as Director in the Prime Minister's Office

PMO: Hrisheekesh Arvind Modak (IAS:2008:MN) was re-designated as Director in the Prime Minister's Office.

MNRE: B Vijay Datta (IAS:2011:MP) appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy for a period of four years w.e.f. 12.01.2022.

Cooperation: Kapil Meena (IAS:2010:SK) was appt. as Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Cooperation for a period of four years

Divyanshu Jha, (IAS:2014:JH) was appointed as Under Secretary in the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy for a period of three years.

Durga Shanker Mishra (IAS:1984:UP), the outgoing Union Urban Affairs Secretary, was repatriated to cadre state as new Chief Secretary and simultaneously got an extension in service for a period of one year ending 31.12.2022.

E Ravendiran (IAS:2008:MH) was appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Department of Atomic Energy (Mumbai) for a period of four years.

The post of Deputy Secretary presently held by Shiv Kumar (IAS:2008:AGMUT) was re-designated as Director in the Ministry of Home Affairs for a period up to 02.12.2026 i.e. total tenure of five years.

Rajeev Ranjan (IAS:1989:MP) was appointed as Secretary, National Commission for Backward Classes in the rank & pay of Secretary to the Government of India. Currently, he is Special Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.

Pankaj Jain (IAS:1990:AM) was appointed as Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas. Presently, he is Additional Secretary, Department of Financial

The tenure of Manish Kumar Gupta (IAS:1991:UT), Principal Commissioner, Delhi Development Authority (DDA), was extended for a period of one year beyond 28.12.2021 i.e. up to 28.12.2022.

Praveen Kumar (Retd IAS:1987:TN) was appointed to the post of Director General & Chief Executive Officer (DG&CEO), Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA). He recently retired as Union Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship.

Ms Vini Mahajan (IAS:1987:PB) was appointed as as Secretary, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation under the Ministry of Jal Shakti. Presently in the cadre.

V Srinivas (IAS:1989:RJ) was appointed as Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG) and Department of Pensions & Pensioners Welfare. He replaces Sanjay Kumar Singh (IAS:1987:MP). Currently, Srinivas is DARPG.

Rohit Kumar Singh (IAS:1989:RJ) was appointed as Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs. He replaces Ms. Leena Nandan. Presently, he is working as Special Secretary, Ministry of Culture.

Sanjay Kumar Singh (IAS:1987:MP) was appointed as Secretary, Ministry of Steel. Presently he is Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances and Department of Pensions & Pensioners Welfare.

Ms. Leena Nandan (IAS:1987:UP) was appointed as Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change vice Rameshwar Prasad Gupta (IAS:1987:GJ) upon his superannuation on 31.12.2021. Presently, she is Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs.

IPS

Ajit Kumar Singla (IPS:2004:AGMUT) was appointed to the post of DIG in NHRC for a period ending 31.08.2026 (date of superannuation).

The Central Deputation of Ms Rashmi Sharma (IPoS:2003) was extended for a period of one year ending 17.02.2023 (w.e.f. 17.02.2022). Presently, she is working as Director in the Department of School Education & Literacy.

NSG: Mrs Manzil Saini (IPS:2005:UP) was appointed as DIG in National Security Guard (NSG) on a lateral shift basis for a period ending 27.01.2024 i.e. total combined tenure of five years.

The Centre on Sunday repatriated Sunil Kumar Bansal (IPS:1987:OD), Special Director, Intelligence Bureau. to cadre state (Odisha).

Rajesh Khurana (IPS:1994:AGMUT) and Manish Kumar Agarwal (IPS:1996:AGMUT) were appointed as Inspectors General in Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) for a period of five years or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

David Lalrinsanga (IPS:1995:AGMUT) was appointed as Inspector General in Border Security Force (BSF) on deputation for a period of five years.

Alok Kumar (IPS:1996:AGMUT) was appointed as Inspector General in Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) for a period of five years.

Narendra Singh Bundela (IPS:1998:AGMUT) was appointed as Inspector General in National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) for a period of five years. Bundela replaces Amrendra Kumar Senger (IPS:1995:UP) who is proceeding for 62nd NDC Course commencing from 03.01.2022.

Sang Norbu Mossobi (IPS:2003:AGMUT) was appointed as Deputy Inspector General in Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) for a period ending 30.04.2024 i.e. date of his superannuation

Durga Shankar Mishra assumes charge as UP chief secretary




Newly-appointed Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh Durga Shankar Mishra assumed charge here on Thursday and said he would work diligently to take various schemes of the government to people. Mishra, a 1984-batch IAS officer who was due to retire on December 31, was given the important responsibility ahead of the upcoming Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls. Mishra, who was the Union housing and urban affairs secretary, was repatriated to his parent cadre Uttar Pradesh as the Yogi Adityanath government proposed to appoint him as the new chief secretary, barely two days before his retirement.

Sanjeev Kaushal is Haryana new chief secretary



The Haryana government on Tuesday appointed senior IAS officer Sanjeev Kaushal as the state's new chief secretary. Kaushal replaces Vijai Vardhan, who retired on September 30, a government order said. He will be the 35th chief secretary of Haryana since it was carved out as a separate state in 1966. The 1986-batch IAS officer will also hold the charge of general administration, personnel, training, parliamentary affairs, vigilance and administrative reforms departments and secretary in-charge of plan coordination, the order said. Kaushal is due to retire in July 2024. Before his appointment as chief secretary, Kaushal was Additional Chief Secretary, Haryana government, and Financial Commissioner, Revenue & Disaster Management & Consolidation Departments.




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One & Only Somesh Kumar

When it comes to Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar, one tag line is enough to measure his reach, capability & vision and that tag line is ‘one & only Somesh Kumar’. Sach mein it’s a luck to get an officer like him as a CS for the state, who always has a solution & resolution on his fingers. All credit goes to his vast experience & excellence. Several target & lot of tasks, CS only aim is to complete it on time and in a perfect manner. Aise aasan nahi hai, but for him it is aasan because mehnat karne walo ki kabi haar nahi hoti.....! Belated birthdays wishes.



Lights , Camera & AWARDS

Since M.Mahender Reddy took over as DGP Telangana , the T Police flag is flying higher & higher. Applauds, appreciations & awards. Yes recently T police bagged India Outstanding Security Performance Awards for city wide community CCTV implementation under outstanding police initiative. Another one is ‘Data Security Council of India & NASSCOM Excellence Award’ for securing 1st position in the category of ‘Capacity building of Law Enforcement Agencies. One more good news is Telangana Police would soon start construction of function halls across the state for the convenience of police families and their welfare.



Sameer Hits A Huge SIX

So, finally in a last ball Sameer Sharma, Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh hits a huge six! Yes it’s a news, Centre has extended his tenure by six months from December 1. Kya baat hai ! Mr.Sharma, a 1985-batch IAS officer, was due to retire on November 30, but his tenure has been extended from December 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022. Chief Minister Y.S.Jagan Mohan Reddy had written to the Centre earlier this month to extend Sharma’s tenure by six months, it said.



Gautam Sawang – The Best

The Better India announces AP DGP Gautam Sawang as the best DGP in India for his services to the people. The agency released a list of 12 IAS, IPS and IFS officers who have rendered the best services in 2021. It has lauded DGP for rendering exceptional services to the people during last two years at the unprecedented times of coronavirus. The agency said the DGP has taken initiative to provide immediate protection to many victims through the SOS button (option) in the Disha app.. The technology was used to solve 85% of cases, with a record 2,64,000 downloads in just five months via the SOS button option.It said the Disha App has achieved 12.57 lakh downloads in just five months.



Punetha’s Second Inning

What a wonder ! Former AP chief secretary and retired IAS officer Anil Chandra Punetha took charge as Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) of Uttarakhand at Dehradun. Punetha is 1984 batch IAS officer of AP cadre and belongs to Lohaghat of Champawat district in Uttarakhand.So, after the retirement getting the opportunity to serve in his native place is really a wondering move.At Dehradun ,the oath of office was administered by Uttarakhand Governor Gurmit Singh in the presence of Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami. Wishes for the second inning.



Sunil Sharma Took Over As Spl. Chief Secretary to Energy

The Telangana government has transferred two IAS officers. Sunil Sharma who has been in-charge of Transport, Road and Building Department for a long time has been transferred and appointed as the Special Principal Secretary to Energy. At the same time he will be carrying out the responsibility of Housing Department. Sandeep Kumar Sultania, who was holding the post of Secretary in Energy Department till now, has been relieved of his duties. K.S. Sreenivasa Raju, Secretary to Tourism, Culture and Sports and Youth Department was transferred and posted as Secretary to Road and Buildings Department replacing Sunil Sharma.



Ek Mulaqaat !

Respect & applauds for H.E Governor of Telangana state & Lt.Governor of Puducherry Dr.Tamilisai Soundararajan for her best efforts for taking care of public welfare & safety of both the states.The news is the lady Governor met two cabinet ministers last days & discussed about various central schemes for the benefits of the people. She met Union Minister for Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances Dr.Jitendra Singh & Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports,Information & Broadcasting Anurag Thakur. This mulaqaat took place simultaneously at Hyderabad & Puducherry. Both ministers are committed & workaholic

Warm Welcome To The New Chief Justice



Warm welcome to Justice Satish Chandra Sharma, the new Chief Justice of the High Court of Telangana. Justice Satish Chandra Sharma is born on 30th November, 1961 at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh to Sri B. N. Sharma and Smt. Shanti Sharma. Dr. B. N. Sharma apart from being known as a well established agriculturalist was also a renowned professor of Jabalpur University and subsequently the Vice Chancellor of Barkatullah University, Bhopal. Smt. Shanti Sharma was a Principal in Maharani Lakshmibai Higher Secondary School and also worked as District Education Officer at Jabalpur. He enrolled as a student of law in Dr Hari Singh Gour University, Sagar, in 1981. He obtained his LLB in 1984 with three university gold medals. Enrolled as an advocate on September 1, 1984, Justice Sharma was designated as senior advocate by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh 2003 at the young age of 42.



Really AMAZING

Fond of travelling ! Joel Reifman, the US Consul General in Hyderabad visited Konark Sun Temple near Puri. He posted the picture and mentioned that it’s a World Heritage Site and here the language of stone surpasses the language of man.He also mentioned about poet Rabindranath Tagore.



S.K Joshi ‘Exemplary Bureaucrat’

UK Dy.High Commissioner Dr.Andrew Fleming , the happening officer has shared a beautiful click with former Chief Secretary & Advisor to the Telangana Govt. Dr.SK.Joshi. He wrote beautiful lines for him...! “I’ve made lots of friendships with officials I have interacted with as part of my role but Mr.Joshi is one I especially value. An exemplary bureaucrat in his career & as I was pleased but not surprised to discover him as a role model. Kya baat hai ! Mr.Andrew agree with your endorsement, Mr.Joshi deserves.



Anand Won The Toss

Breaking news ! 1991 batch IPS officer CV.Anand took over as new police commissioner of Hyderabad. Yes Anand won the toss & now it’s again a batting time for him ! So, everyone knows about his profile, postings & performance. He is known to be one of the tough and tremendous officer. He knows the atmosphere & the pulse of the city. So, he can smoothly maintain law & order and go on with the peaceful atmosphere in Hyderabad. Anand ka apna style hai ! Right choice.





## Ek Aur Saal...!

AK Khan the retired IPS officer who was working as the advisor to the Government on Minority affairs has been given one year extension. Credit goes to his best performance.

Developing schools for the Minorities & providing best education to the minority children is always his first priority. Applauds to the T govt.

And when it comes to first inning, the flash back is full with the success stories.



## Anjani ACB Chief

So after a tremendous term as commissioner of police Hyderabad Anjani Kumar took over as Director General of Anti Corruption Bureau. Expressing his gratitude to Chief Minister for promoting him to DG rank, Anjani Kumar said that he would discharge his duties with diligence in the ACB. Minutes after taking charge, he interacted with bureau officials at the ACB headquarters.



## Shikha Goel : The Perfect Role Model

Shikha Goel, Addl.DG took charge as the Director of Telangana's Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB). As a Addl.CP (CCS & SIT) & also Hyderabad in-charge for SHE Teams and Bharosha, the lady officer has added several achievements & success stories during the term. Very committed ! A perfect role model for women police personals. And public jaanti hai, that during last lockdown Shikha Goel has rendered endless services. Hats off to the Covid Warrior !



## Rachakonda FIRST

Do you know this! Mahesh Bhagwat, the Police Commissioner of Rachakonda is one of the fastest officer who solve the public grievances with in no time ! Yes we 'Midnight Reporter' can prove this with a recent incident ! Coming back to the annual report, Rachakonda stood first in Telangana in disposing 8836 compoundable cases in 4 National Lok Adalats. 5779.791 kgs ganja seized in the year 2021 and 123 child marriages prevented by She teams Rachakonda. Aur kya chahiye ! Superb !



## Cyberabad Cool-Cool

Cool-cool, yes the weather is cool, but when it comes to policing in Cyberabad limits the atmosphere is cool & peaceful. The energetic police commissioner of Cyberabad Stephen Raveendra is on toes to maintain strict law & order since he took over the charge. Ek dum tough! Coming back to the annual report 310 child labours rescued in muskan operations in 2021, 22 child marriages prevented by Cyberabad police, 1354 suspect sheets, 75 rowdy sheets & 2 gang files opened, 6738 CCTV cameras installed in the year 2021, 1788.2 kgs ganja, Alprazolam 141 kgs, Opium 2000 kgs, Cocaine 183 grams seized in the year 2021 & 444 drug offenders arrested by Cyberabad police. Just amazing !



## Tremendous Tarun

Let's move on to Warangal dairies ! When it comes to policing the young & the dynamic IPS officer Dr. Tarun Joshi, Police Commissioner, Warangal is on screen with lots of happening stories including burst of fake certificate racket, recovery of kilos of ganja & many more. And planning free coaching camp for aspirants of police recruitment, Nayi Kiran initiative to liberate the youth who are addicted to drugs and other social activities. So, Dr. Joshi is moving further with josh & spirit. Kudos !

## Tata Vijayawada Police Commissioner

Kanthi Rana Tata, IPS took charge as Vijayawada Police Commissioner. He said that special focus would be laid on safety of senior citizens, women and children in Vijayawada. "As I worked as Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP-Traffic and Law and Order) earlier, I have knowledge on the issues in the city. I will take measures to solve traffic problems in the Commissionerate," he said.

Speaking on the law and order issues, the Police Commissioner said that steps would be taken to counsel rowdy and history sheeters and tough action would be taken against blade and ganja batch criminals. Best wishes



## Selfie OF The Month

Mano Yaa naa mano, yeh hai selfie of the month ! So, presenting Smita Sabharwal, Secretary to CM & Priyanka Varghese, OSD to the CM. So, while the visit to Dhulpally Forest Nursery the two happening lady officers has grabbed the moment. For making & spreading green atmosphere thanks to Haritha Haram initiative. Moreover more planting this year for greener & vibrant Telangana. And another news is Smita clocking in 20 years in the IAS. She mentioned 'each day has been a labour of love and learning.' Thanks to all...! Congratulations SS !

## 'LifeTime Achievement Award' For Sunil Kumar

Andhra Pradesh Crime Investigation Department (APCID) has bagged two awards at the third National conclave on 'Cyber Policing Best Practices Meet 3.0' held virtually.

The three-day conclave was held in collaboration with the Information Security Education Awareness, Centre for Development of Advanced Computing, Cyber Peace Foundation, International Justice Mission in order to update the department's knowledge on current trends and to assess the reality of cybercrimes.

ADGP -APCID PV Sunil Kumar received the 'LifeTime Achievement Award' for 'Best Cyber Practices', GR Radhika (SP-Cyber crimes, APCID) bagged the 'Cyber Star Award' for implementing best cyber practices, capacity building and strategies in cybercrimes. The APCID Cybercrime wing has the honour of creating highest number of cyber safe logins in India for all the law enforcement officers.



## Sajjanar-Imaandaar Aur Shandaar



Posting is not his business, only performance is his choice. Talking about the most happening & the hardcore IPS officer VC Sajjanar, who is presently serving as Vice-chairman and Managing Director of TSRTC. His motto is to provide safe service to the public & to increase the profit graph of RTC. Since he took over the initiatives & special drives has started, we can say hal-chal in Bus Bhavan & on four wheels ! The present happening is 4k special buses served the public for Sankranti without any additional charges. Highlight is officer travelled in RTC bus to reach the office as a part of 'bus day', he also directed the all the officers to travel in bus every Thursday. Good initiative ! Many more happenings to come on screen !



## Malla Reddy 'on screen'

AP Government has appointed Busireddy Malla Reddy, IPS (Retired) as Joint Managing Director (JMD) of Vigilance in APTRANSCO. He is working as OSD in Anti Corruption Bureau and now appointed as JMD /Vigilance of APTRANSCO. B Malla Reddy superannuated as IGP in June 2020 and served as Managing Director, Telangana State Police Housing Corporation Limited.

He was awarded Indian Police medal in January 2012 for his meritorious service in the police department, UN peace medal in May 2003 & AP Police Seva Pathakam in 1998.

## Transfers & Postings

### Andhra Pradesh

Five IAS officers were transferred and given fresh postings in a minor reshuffle at Andhra Pradesh. Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Commissioner M. Girija Shankar has been posted as Commissioner of Civil Supplies and ex-officio Secretary to the Government for Consumer Affairs and Food and Civil Supplies.

Commissioner of Civil Supplies Kona Sasidhar has been posted as Commissioner of Panchayat Raj & Rural Development. Commissioner of Relief and Rehabilitation M. Hari Jawaharlal has been posted as Commissioner of Endowments.

Secretary (Water Resources) J. Syamala Rao has been placed in full additional charge of the post of Commissioner of Relief and Rehabilitation. G.S. Naveen Kumar has been posted as Special Secretary (Health, Medical and Family Welfare).

### Telangana

Here are the other Officers transferred, and their new postings:

AR Srinivas – Joint CP Hyderabad, Crimes and SIT, AV Ranganath – Jt Comm Traffic, Hyderabad, Rama Rajeshwari – SP Nalgonda, N Swetha – CP Siddipet, Joel Davis – DCP West Zone Hyd, Karthikeya – Jt CP CAR Hyd, Rohini Priyadarshini – SP Medak, Kalmeshwar Shingewar – DCP Crimes Cyberabad, Gaja Rao Bhupal – DCP DD Hyderabad, P Vishwa Prasad – JT CP SB Hyd, Sharat Chandra Pawar – SP Mahabubabad, N Prakash Reddy – DCP Traffic Hyd, N Koti Reddy – SP Vikarabad, KR Nagaraju – CP Nizamabad, Uday Kumar Reddy – SP Adilabad, K Suresh Kumar – SP Asifabad, CH Praveen Kumar – SP Nirmal, K Manohar – SP Nagarkurnool, Shiplavalli – DCP Madhapur, Cyberabad, Sudeep Gone – DCP Balanagar, B srinivas Reddy SP Kamareddy, J Surender Reddy – SP Bhupalpally, R Jagadishwar Reddy – DCP Shamshabad, P Seetaram DCP Jangaon, N Venkateshwarulu – SP Narayanpet.



Public Sector

BHEL Day 2022 celebrated with fervour



BHEL Day 2022 was celebrated at the company’s Corporate office in New Delhi where Dr. Nalin Shinghal, CMD, BHEL; Functional Directors on the Board of BHEL, and senior officials of NCR-based divisions participated with great enthusiasm. The CMD also addressed a cross-section of employees through video conferencing on the occasion.

Atul Kumar Goel joins PNB as MD & CEO



Atul Kumar Goel took over as new MD and CEO of Punjab National Bank (PNB). As approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), Goel, who was till now the MD and CEO of UCO Bank, will serve as PNB chief up to the date of his attaining the age of superannuation (i.e., 31.12.2024), or until further orders, whichever is earlier. Goel has around three decades of professional banking experience in three banks viz. Allahabad Bank (now Indian Bank), Union Bank of India and UCO Bank. He is a qualified Chartered Accountant and has vast experience, exposure and expertise in all major areas of banking,

including Large Corporate, Treasury Management, Risk Management, Financial Planning & Investor Relations, apart from Support Service, Business Process Transformation, Compliance, etc.

He is also at the helm as Chairman of the Indian Bank’s Association (IBA) for 2021-22. Additionally, he is a Director on the Board of The New India Assurance Co. Ltd. He is also a member of Governing Council & Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Indian Institute of Banking & Finance (IIBF).

NSPCL pays Second Interim Dividend for FY 2021-22 to NTPC Ltd.



NTPC SAIL Power Company Limited (NSPCL), a joint venture (J.V) Company of NTPC Limited & SAIL (50:50) paid second interim dividend of Rs 45 crores/- (net of TDS) for the Financial year 2021-22 towards NTPC Limited’s 50% share.

Debasish Chattopadhyay, CEO, NSPCL had presented the Cheque to Gurdeep Singh, Chairman & Managing Director, NTPC on 29th December 2021. A K Gautam, Director (Finance), D K Patel, Chairman NSPCL & Director (HR), NTPC, Ramesh Babu V, Director (Operations), NTPC, C K Mondol, Director (Commercial), NTPC, U K Bhattacharya, Director (Projects), NTPC, Alka Saigal, Director (NSPCL) & General Manager (Internal Audit), NTPC, Nandini Sarkar, Company Secretary, NTPC and N K Gupta, CFO, NSPCL were also present on the occasion.



DS Nanaware takes over as Director (Pipelines), IndianOil

D S Nanaware has taken charge as Director (Pipelines), Indian Oil Corporation Limited, one of India’s largest commercial enterprises and among the leading Indian companies in the Fortune Global 500 listings.

D S Nanaware, Director (Pipelines) of IndianOil, is a Mechanical engineering graduate from Walchand College of Engineering, Sangli under Shivaji University, Kolhapur with a rich and varied experience of over 36 years. He is also the Chairman of IHB Ltd. a JV of IndianOil, HPCL and BPCL which is building the world’s longest LPG pipeline from Kandla to Gorakhpur.

Before he assumed the office of Director (Pipelines), he was Executive Director (Projects) at the Pipelines Division Head Office. Earlier, as the head of Southern Region Pipelines (SRPL), he was instrumental in starting the prestigious Ennore-Tuticorin Gas Pipeline Project and successfully commissioning its Ennore-Manali and Ramanathapuram-Tuticorin sections.

VS Chakravarthy assumes charge as SAIL’s Director Commercial

Vejendla Srinivasa Chakravarthy has taken charge as Director (Commercial) of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) on 24th December, 2021. A chemical engineer from Laxminarayan Institute of Technology, Nagpur University, Chakravarthy joined SAIL in 1987 in the company’s Central Marketing Organization.

Rising through the ranks, Chakravarthy became the Executive Director, Marketing in SAIL before taking over as the Director (Commercial) of the company. He is known for his commercial and marketing acumen. Chakravarthy has worked on various important projects including formulation of the company’s Annual Business Plan for Marketing and contributed to production planning which has guided the company’s long term marketing strategy.

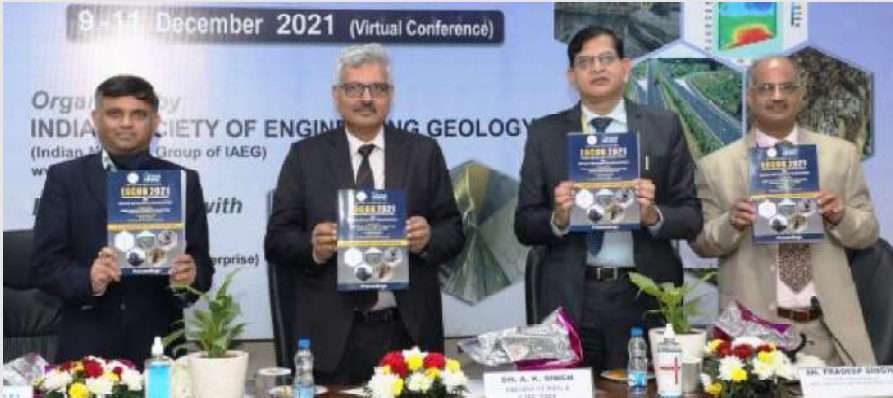
HAL carried out successful trials of commercial aircraft



Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) had carried out a successful ground run and low speed taxi trials of a commercial aircraft, the Parliament was told on Monday. The HAL has carried out trials of prototype Hindustan-228 aircraft, a potential commercial aircraft after type certification by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhatt told the Rajya Sabha in a written reply to a question by member Sanjay Seth. HAL in Kanpur carried out the first engine ground run of Hindustan-228 aircraft on May 27 this year in co-ordination with the DGCA team, he said, adding that ground runs were also carried out for testing of various systems. Subsequently, the low-speed taxi trials were carried out in co-ordination with the DGCA team on August 15, and the required test parameters were met, the minister said.

Hindustan-228 aircraft is a variant of HAL manufactured Do-228 aircraft which is already deployed under the UDAN (‘Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik’) regional air connectivity programme of the Central government. Hindustan-228 aircraft is being certified to the latest international airworthiness standards with a modern avionics system and will be suitable for operations under UDAN scheme. Currently, HAL has entered into an agreement with Alliance Air on September 26, 2021 for dry leasing of its two Do-228 aircrafts for deployment in the northeastern region. The project is funded by HAL.

EGCON 2021 the International Conference on “Recent Advances in Geotechnics” organised



A.K. Singh, CMD, NHPC and President, Indian Society of Engineering Geology (ISEG) inaugurated EGCON 2021, the online International Conference themed “Recent Advances in Geotechnics” on 9th December 2021 at NHPC Corporate Office, Faridabad. The International Conference which is being jointly organized by NHPC and ISEG will be held on a virtual platform from 9th to 11th December 2021.

In his presidential address, CMD, NHPC and President, ISEG emphasized the crucial role of emerging technologies in the field of the geotechnical investigation in minimizing the geological uncertainties during execution of hydropower and other infrastructural projects. CMD, NHPC also released a special publication on ‘Proceedings of EGCON 2021’ during the inaugural session of EGCON 2021. Some keynote speakers who shared their views during the inaugural session included Dr. Martin Wieland, Chairman, ICOLD Committee, Switzerland and Dr. B. Hoss, Technical Director, Amberg, Australia.

The inaugural function was attended by more than 50 senior officers from NHPC, CEA, CWC, GSI, Ministry of Steel and Mines, CSMRS, NCCBM, physically and more than 100 delegates joined the event through the virtual platform. EGCON 2021 shall provide an international platform to industry experts and leaders from both public and private sector to deliberate upon recent developments in the field of Engineering Geology.

RailTel Signs MoU with National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU)



RailTel, a miniratna PSU under Ministry of Railways, has signed MoU with National Forensic Sciences University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, to undertake activities for mutual benefit in the areas of consultancy, collaborative R&D and training to support ‘Atmanirbhar Bharat’ and ‘Make in India’ vision of Hon’ble Prime Minister.

The Memorandum of Understanding lays down the frame work for both parties to engage in long term collaboration to undertake collaborative R&D projects on topics of mutual interest and expertise and to provide consultancy to each other in their respective domains for mutual benefit.

RailTel is executing number of Projects in Defense sector and this MoU will pave the way for RailTel and NFSU to collaborate on concerned projects of strategic and defense sector.

As part of the MoU, NFSU is to design and conduct Rail Safety training courses for personnel of RailTel/Indian Railways. NFSU will also assist RailTel in developing material forensic expertise for investigation of Railway crimes and rail accidents and incidents. NFSU will also offer short term and long term courses to personnel of RailTel to enhance their cyber security skills.



International

Michelle and Barack Obama Celebrate New Year's with Festive Snap: 'Happiness, Love, and Good Health'

The former first lady, 57, uploaded a snapshot on Instagram of herself and husband Barack, 60, ringing in the new year. In the sweet photograph, the married duo rocks festive 2022-themed eyewear while coordinating in black ensembles.

"Happy New Year from me and my boo! ,” Michelle captioned the pic of the couple. "Wishing you all a year filled with happiness, love, and good health."

Michelle's New Year's Day snapshot came a week after she and her politician husband enjoyed their annual sunny holiday stay in Hawaii for Christmas.

At the time, Barack was photographed swimming in the Pacific Ocean, while his two daughters — 23-year-old Malia and 20-year-old Sasha — were spotted nearby, relaxing on stand-up paddleboards. The December vacation took place during Sasha's winter break from the University of Michigan and as Malia begins navigating life as a college graduate after graduating from Harvard University in the spring.



Biden signs \$137 million deal with German pharmaceutical company for COVID test strip factory



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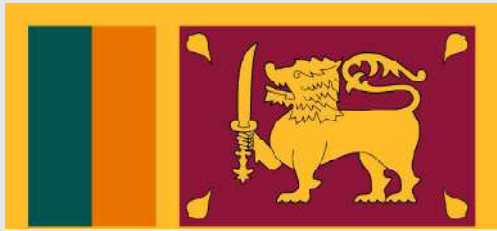
MilliporeSigma, a brand formed by Germany's Merck KGaA, will build a new factory in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, the Defense Department announced as the U.S. hit a high record of 489,267 COVID cases on Wednesday

While the contract gives the company three years to complete the facility, it is not immediately clear when it will ramp up to full production, which is expected to pump out 83.3 million tests per month. 'Construction is expected to begin the second half of 2022 and initial planning and preparatory work is already underway,' a MilliporeSigma spokesperson told DailyMail.com. 'We estimate that the facility will be capable of providing lateral flow membranes in the latter part of 2024.'

The individual said that the production of lateral flow membrane is 'critical for rapid diagnostic tests' that will not only help with COVID-19 detection, but also with 'any future public health emergencies.' The deal has fueled speculation that the administration is predicting high rates of testing capabilities for coronavirus detection will still be needed several years down the line.

Others have pointed out that the deal does not fix any immediate issues rising from testing kit shortages in the U.S., which has led to massive wait times at testing locations across the country. The Biden administration struck a \$137 million deal to build a new factory in the U.S. to ramp up production of COVID-19 testing kits – but the new facility won't be completed until late 2024 at the earliest

Sri Lanka announces \$1 billion economic relief package; says won't default on debt



The Sri Lankan Government announced a \$1.2 billion economic relief package amidst a severe foreign exchange crisis even as Finance Minister Basil Rajapaksa claimed that the country will not default on its international debt despite the projection of rating agencies about its inability to meet the obligations. Sri Lanka would duly pay the \$500 million international sovereign bond payment due in a fortnight, Finance Minister Rajapaksa told reporters in Colombo. He said that 229 billion Sri Lankan rupees (\$1.2 billion) would be spent to accommodate the new economic relief package which includes, among other measures, a special allowance of 1 5,000 (\$24) per month to 1.5 million government employees, pensioners and differently-abled soldiers from January 2022.

On the question of the country's debt obligations, the Minister said that the International Sovereign Bond (ISB) holders would be invited to renegotiate.

Pakistan ready to host SAARC Summit, India can join virtually: Foreign Minister



Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi said on Monday that his country was ready to host the 19th SAARC Summit and India can join it virtually if the leadership in New Delhi is not willing to visit Islamabad.

Addressing a press conference to highlight the achievements of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2021, Mr Qureshi accused India of making SAARC dysfunctional through its stubbornness by refusing to come to Islamabad for the Summit meeting.

"I reiterate the invitation for the 19th SAARC summit. If India is not ready to come to Islamabad, it can join virtually... but it should not stop others from attending," he said.

SAARC - a regional grouping comprising Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka - has not been very effective since 2016 and its biennial summits have not taken place since the last one in Kathmandu in 2014.

International flight among 42 cancelled as Kashmir receives fresh snowfall



At least 41 domestic and one international flight were cancelled due to poor visibility while most parts of Kashmir received fresh snowfall, bringing down the temperature further across the Valley.

Director Srinagar International Airport, Kuldeep Singh informed that 42 flights including one international flight scheduled to and from Srinagar airport, were cancelled today.

He said that 43 domestic flights were scheduled to and from Srinagar international airport, adding that 41 were cancelled while the operation of remaining two flights is possible as the weather has improved a bit.

Meanwhile, officials said that the passengers of the cancelled flights shall be rescheduled in the next available flight of the concerned airlines and that there will be no extra charges for rescheduling.

Moreover, most parts of Kashmir including the famous ski-resort Gulmarg, Sonamarg, Srinagar and others experienced fresh snowfall, bringing down the temperature further.

The weatherman has predicted more snow and rains till January 09, 2022. The officials from Meteorological department (MeT) said that there is a possibility of light to moderate snowfall in J&K and Ladakh till January 09, 2022.

As per the advisory, two successive Western Disturbances most likely to affect J&K and Ladakh till January 09. The main activity would be on January 05 and January 08, it said, adding that the system is likely to cause heavy rain/snow in Pirpanjal range of Jammu division (from Bhaderwah to Banihal), upper reaches of Kashmir (Gulmarg, Sonamarg, Baramulla and Kupwara and Drass sub division of Ladakh Union Territory).

Harry and Meghan raised less than \$50,000 for their Archewell charity



Prince Harry and Meghan Markle spent more money on legal fees for their charities than they raised in 2020, filings reveal.

The Sussexes' US charity Archewell told the IRS in December that it raised less than \$50,000 in 2020 — only opening a bank account last January.

And documents for their UK charity Sussex Royal, which changed its name to MWX Foundation in 2020 and is currently being dissolved, show that between June 2020 and June 2021 spent more than \$55,000 on legal fees including attorneys' costs for wrapping up the nonprofit. Meghan and Harry's charities have been mired in controversy since their launch, revealing family divisions and were hit with a UK watchdog investigation and criticism over their use of opaque and secretive Delaware corporations.

UK Companies House filings show the defunct British charity had more than \$380,000 in its accounts in 2020, and spent at least \$55,600 on attorneys, including about \$35,000 to Harbottle & Lewis and \$20,600 to an unidentified law firm. The Sussexes' American charity Archewell was set up in April 2020, but did not open its bank account until January 2021 their lawyers say. Archewell received its first deposit the following month, according to the foundation's filings. Charities are required to file a public 'Form 990' with the IRS each year which details their finances. Most charities that receive less than \$50,000 are only required to file a 'postcard' with some very limited information.

Singapore to bring in much-needed migrant workers

Singapore will bring in much-needed migrant workers and ensure international talents feel welcome and are able to complement Singaporeans, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said on January 1.

Singapore taps labour, skilled manpower and professionals mostly from Bangladesh, China, India and the Philippines.

"We will also press on to bring in much-needed migrant workers and ensure international talents feel welcome and are able to complement Singaporeans," the *Channel News Asia* reported, citing the Prime Minister's New Year message, laying out the recovery path for the COVID-19-battered economy.


Japan PM pledges 2022 will be year of "summit diplomacy"

Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said on January 1 he would refocus his efforts on foreign policy and pledged to make 2022 the year of diplomacy, in a New Year statement posted on his website.

"The deft handling of diplomatic and security issues and the establishment of a stable administration is crucial, as the international situation surrounding us becomes increasingly difficult and complex," Mr. Kishida said.

He added that a strong emphasis on universal ideals, as well as efforts to resolve global issues and protect the lives of the people would be the three guiding principles of what he called "a diplomacy of realism for the new era."





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**Handloom First**  
Telangana government has started a programme to provide handloom sarees and jute bags designed by weaving workers and transgender to Anganwadi teachers. Ministers KTR, Smt Satyavathi Rathod & IAS officer Divya Devarajan presented handloom sarees & jute bags to Anganwadi. Good initiative !

**Mrs India Telangana is BACK**

Mamta Trivedi, winner of Mrs India and Mrs Asia International world, is back with the 4th edition of Mrs India Telangana, the largest and most professionally organized pageant for married women. The event has been conceptualized and executed in a completely online mode, keeping in mind the pandemic situation. It will be aired exclusively on her You Tube Channel, Mamta Trivedi Official, on 16th of January 2022, at 7 PM. Don't miss this unique show for anything. Find out who the new queens of Telangana and AP.

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**Welcome To The 'House Of Truly'**  
A Patisserie and Cafe by Sarita Agarwal 'House Of Truly' has opened it's doors at Sarath City Capital Mall, #59, UG floor, Kondapur. Do step in for their Signature Brownies, Speciality Breads, Entremet's, Single Origin Coffee's , Parisian Hot Chocolate with Marshmallow and more !! Congrats Sarita !

**Meeta Paan Aur Instagram**

Koun, apna Virat Kohli with his lovely mother ! Virat posted a message for dear mother 'happy birthday maa'. Click of the month.

Naa Swamy...! Allu Arjun hits the screen again with blockbuster PUSHPA. After a gap audience got an opportunity to see & enjoy the typical film. Paisa vasool !!

Actor Ranveer Singh posted his click with original star Kapil Dev on Dev's birth day ! Birthday wishes cricket ke asli king Kapil Dev !

Danish Khan with famous Choreographer Ganesh Acharya. The famous song Khalibali ho gaya hai dil....! comes to the mind when Acharya comes before the eyes. Amazing song!

Ajay Agarwal on screen ! Location > Dubai's Desert ! What a view, superb !

'Haati mera saati' Hello ! Bhavna Bagga, unable to locate the place. Where is this location ! Good click !

Kya baat hai Nazim ! This is the wow click ! W/B the color of Midnight Reporter! Good one.

Selfie of the month. Interior Designer Lakshmi Kathyayini with state minister V.Srinivas Goud. Superb !



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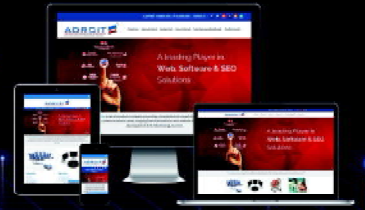
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रानी हया से दुबई के किंग शेख मोहम्मद बिन राशिद अल-मकतूम ने तलाक ले लिया है। बदले में रानी हया को 5500 करोड़ रुपए (554 मिलियन पाउंड) देने होंगे। ब्रिटेन के हाईकोर्ट ने किंग को इसके लिए आदेश दिया है। हाईकोर्ट के जज फिलिप मूर ने अपने फैसले में कहा, रानी हया और उनके बच्चों को आतंकवाद या फिर अपहरण जैसे खतरों का सामना करना पड़ सकता है। ऐसे हालात में उनकी सुरक्षा के लिए खास इंतजाम होने चाहिए। ब्रिटेन में उन्हें खास सुरक्षा की जरूरत है।

जज ने कहा कि किंग को यह रकम डिबोर्स सेटलमेंट और बच्चों के सुरक्षित भविष्य के लिए अदा करनी होगी। यह सेटलमेंट ब्रिटिश कानूनी इतिहास के सबसे बड़े सेटलमेंट में से एक है। जॉर्डन के पूर्व किंग हुसैन की बेटी रानी हया ने किंग से तलाक के लिए 14,000 करोड़ की रकम मांगी थी। उन्होंने पति से अपनी जान का खतरा भी बताया था।

रानी को तुरंत मिलेंगे 2500 करोड़ रुपए

वकीलों के मुताबिक, शेख की ओर से दी जाने वाली रकम में से 2500 करोड़ रुपए (251.5 मिलियन पाउंड) राजकुमारी हया को एकमुश्त दिए जाएंगे। उनके दोनों बच्चों के सुरक्षित भविष्य के लिए 2900 करोड़ रुपए (290 मिलियन पाउंड) सिविलोरीटी के तौर पर बैंक में रखे जाएंगे। इसके अलावा बच्चों के बड़े होने पर हर साल 112 करोड़ रुपए (11.2 मिलियन पाउंड) देने होंगे। राजकुमारी हया ने इस सेटलमेंट के लिए लगभग 14 हजार करोड़ रुपए (1.4 बिलियन पाउंड) मांगे थे।

रानी हया छठी बेगम, 2019 में दुबई छोड़कर इंग्लैंड चली गईं-ऑक्सफोर्ड से राजनीति, दर्शनशास्त्र और अर्थशास्त्र की पढ़ाई करने वाली रानी हया शेख मोहम्मद की छठी पत्नी हैं। 2004 में दुबई के किंग शेख मोहम्मद बिन राशिद अल मकतूम से निकाह किया। 2019 में अचानक दुबई छोड़कर इंग्लैंड चली गईं। इसके बाद अपने पति पर कई आरोप लगाए। राजकुमारी ने खुद को जान का खतरा भी बताया था।

## कौन कहता है नारी कमजोर है! दिव्यांग बेटे को पीठ पर बैठाकर आधी दुनिया घुमा चुकी है ये मां



43 साल की निकी दिव्यांग व दृष्टिहीन बेटे जिमी (26) को पीठ पर लेकर आधी दुनिया घुमा चुकी हैं, वह कहती हैं, 'मैंने बेटे को अच्छी जिंदगी का वादा किया था, इसके लिए मेरे कंधे ही काफी हैं।' पढ़िए मां-बेटे की कहानी, निकी के शब्दों में-

जिमी के जन्म के वक्त मैं सिर्फ 17 साल की थी। वह जन्म से ही दृष्टिहीन है। छह महीने बाद उसकी दिव्यांगता और मिर्गी की समस्या पता चली। इन वजहों से उसका शरीर प्रॉपर बड़ नहीं सका। जब ये पता चला था, तो मैं बुरी तरह टूट गई थी। उबरने में काफी वक्त लगा। सिंगल मदर होने से चुनौती और भी बड़ी थी। फिर मैंने खुद से पूछा, जिस जिमी ने कभी रेनबो नहीं देखा, वह मेरे साथ हंसता-खेलता है। मेरी बताई चीजों पर मुस्कान देता है, तो मैं कैसे दुखी रह सकती हूँ! बस, मैंने तय कर लिया कि उसे वैसी ही जिंदगी दूंगी, जैसी बाकी बच्चों को मिलती है। ऐसा नहीं कि उसके पास व्हीलचेयर नहीं है, पर मुझे उसे कंधों पर लेकर घुमाना पसंद है। मैं थोड़ी दूरी जिमी से तय करने को कहती हूँ। मुश्किल रास्तों पर उठा लेती हूँ। मैंने उसे पीठ पर बैठाकर हवाई से लेकर बाली व पेरिशर (ऑस्ट्रेलिया का बर्फाला क्षेत्र) की स्की स्लोप्स तक आधी दुनिया दिखा दी। मैंने वादा किया था कि उसे अच्छी जिंदगी दूंगी, इसके लिए मेरे ताकतवर कंधे ही काफी हैं। बेटा कभी मां के लिए बोझ नहीं होता। हमारे सफर में होटल, रेस्त्रां और एडवेंचर्स होते हैं। कई बार हमें रुकने से मना कर दिया जाता है। पर मैंने बैस के साथ जिमी को लेकर दूर तक चलने की प्रैक्टिस की है। जल्द ही मैं उसे कनाडा लेकर जाने वाली हूँ। वह मेरी प्रेरणा है। वह मुझे प्रत्यक्ष न देख पाता हो, पर भरोसा है कि वह मन की आंखों से मुझे देखता है। उसे रोज नए शब्द सिखाती हूँ। ताकि वह अपनी बात समझा सके।

## कुवैत में महिलाओं के लिए खुशखबरी- भारी विरोध के बीच आर्मी में भर्ती शुरू



कुवैत सरकार ने सेना में महिलाओं की भर्ती की प्रक्रिया शुरू कर दी है। बीते साल 12 अक्टूबर को सरकार ने फैसला किया था कि देश की तीनों सेनाओं में महिलाओं को कमीशन दिया जाएगा। हालांकि, सरकार ने अब तक यह साफ नहीं किया है कि ये नॉन कॉम्बैट एडमिशन होगा या जंग के मोर्चे पर भी महिलाओं को तैनाती मिलेगी।

'अल मॉनिटर' की एक रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक, अब तक 13 हजार महिलाओं ने सेना में भर्ती के लिए एप्लीकेशन दी है। इनकी जांच की जा रही है। यूनवर्सिटी डिप्लोमा या ग्रेजुएशन इसके लिए एलिजबिलिटी रखी गई है। 18 से 26 साल की महिलाएं अप्लाई कर सकती हैं। खास बात यह है कि सरकार के इस फैसले का कुछ लोग विरोध भी कर रहे हैं। इनका कहना है कि यह कुवैत के इस्लामिक कल्चर के खिलाफ है। सऊदी अरब में ऐसा ही फैसला-यह कदम सऊदी अरब के ठीक वैसे ही फैसले के बाद उठाया गया है, जिसके तहत सेना में एक पोर्टल के जरिए महिला और पुरुष दोनों को रजिस्टर करने की मंजूरी दी गई थी। सऊदी अरब की मिलेट्री में महिलाओं के लिए सोल्जर से लेकर सार्जेंट तक की रैंक देने की मंजूरी मिली हुई है।

## सबसे बुजुर्ग केन तनाका ने मनाया 119वां जन्मदिन



दुनिया की सबसे बुजुर्ग महिला जापान की केन तनाका ने रविवार को फुकुओका के नर्सिंग होम में 119वां जन्म दिन मनाया। उनके परिजनों ने बताया कि वह प्रथम विश्व युद्ध शुरू होने से 11 साल पहले 2 जनवरी 1903 को पैदा हुई थीं। उम्र ज्यादा होने के चलते वह अब बोल नहीं सकतीं और इशारों से ही बातचीत करती हैं। उन्हें चॉकलेट और फिजी ड्रिक्स पसंद है। वक्त बिताने के लिए वह नंबर गेम खेलना पसंद करती हैं।

तनाका के जन्म के एक साल बाद ही रूस-जापान के बीच युद्ध शुरू हुआ था। तनाका का बचपन जापान के मीजी युग

के अंतिम सालों में गुजरा, जिसे आधुनिकीकरण का परिवर्तनकारी काल माना जाता है। 2019 में जब वह 116 साल की थीं, तब उन्हें गिनीज बुक ऑफ वर्ल्ड रिकॉर्ड्स में दुनिया की सबसे बुजुर्ग व्यक्ति के रूप में स्थान मिला था।

नौ भाई-बहनों में सातवें क्रम पर तनाका ने 19 साल की उम्र में शादी की थी। 1937 में उनके पति और उनका बड़ा बेटा चीन के साथ युद्ध के लिए मोर्चे पर गया तो वह परिवार के साथ नूडल्स की दुकान चलाने लगीं। तनाका ने उम्र के इस पड़ाव में जापान के पांच शाही शासनकाल देखे हैं। 2020 तक तनाका के 5 पोते और 8 परपोते थे।

90 साल की उम्र में तनाका का मोतियाबिंद का ऑपरेशन हुआ था। उन्होंने 103 वर्ष की उम्र में कोलोरेक्टल कैंसर की सर्जरी भी करवाई थी। उनके 67 साल के पोते इजी ने कहा- 'मुझे उम्मीद है कि दादी इसी तरह हंसते हुए और मौज-मस्ती करते हुए दिन गुजारेगीं। हम उनकी अच्छी सेहत की कामना करते हैं।'

## ओमिक्रॉन का असर, रिलीज टलने से RRR ने गंवाए 100 करोड़



फिल्म 'आरआरआर' की रिलीज टलने के बाद इसकी कमाई में करीब 100 करोड़ रुपए तक का घाटा हो चुका है। फिल्म की रिलीज में अब जितनी देरी होगी उतना ब्याज का खर्च भी बढ़ता जाएगा। फिल्म के डिस्ट्रीब्यूशन और दूसरे राइट्स 890 करोड़ रुपए में बेचे गए थे।

अब नए सिरे से रिलीज के वक्त कुछ डील्स रीनेगोशिएट होंगी। 7 जनवरी को इस फिल्म को सोलो रिलीज का फायदा मिल रहा था लेकिन, नए सिरे से रिलीज के वक्त यह फायदा नहीं मिला तो

कमाई में और कमी हो सकती है।

अब तक के प्रमोशन पर 20 करोड़ बेकार हुए-आरआरआर के डायरेक्टर एसएस राजामौली के साथ लीड एक्टर्स रामचरण तेजा और जूनियर एनटीआर बीते एक महीने से साउथ इंडिया के हर बड़े शहर और मुंबई समेत देश के दूसरे हिस्सों में प्रमोशन कर रहे थे। फिल्म में कैमियो कर रहे अजय देवगन और आलिया भट्ट भी कई प्रमोशन में उनके साथ थे। टीवी रियलिटी शो में अपियरेंस के अलावा कई सारे लाइव इवेंट भी हुए थे। यह सब और सोशल मीडिया प्रमोशन मिलाकर मेकर्स अब तक 20 करोड़ से ज्यादा अमाउंट खर्च कर चुके हैं।



Tourism



Sri Lanka sees a tourism boom with highest holidaymakers from India

Although the Sri Lankan tourism sector is still struggling due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the island nation received the highest number of foreign tourists in December 2021, with majority of the holidaymakers from India.

Despite shutting of borders in the wake of the health crisis for several months, a total of 194,495 tourists arrived in the island nation, with over one-fourth of them from India, said the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (SLTDA).

The SLTDA said that India topped the list with 56,268 tourists, followed by Russia (16,268) and the UK (16,646), Germany (12,442), Ukraine (7,037), France (6,549), the US (6,124), Kazakhstan (5,754), Canada (5,079) and China (2,417).

After witnessing two Covid-19 waves, Sri Lanka's tourism was further ravaged by the third wave of the pandemic in April 2021.

However one of the top tourist destinations in the world, Sri Lanka gradually opened for holidaymakers and a number of promotions were introduced in connection.

To get more visitors from the neighbouring nation, flag carrier SriLankan Airlines launched a 'Buy One, Get One Free Ticket' campaign for Indian tourists.

The airlines also started several weekly flights to Chennai and Mumbai, while operations commenced to Bengaluru, Madurai, Tiruchirappalli, Trivandrum, and Cochin.

In August 2021, the country opened its borders for fully vaccinated travellers and the next month it also removed the mandatory on-arrival PCR tests.

Sri Lanka's tourism sector, the third highest foreign income earner, suffered a massive blow with the 2019 Easter Sunday attacks targeting Christian churches and five-star hotels in April 2019, killed nearly 250 people, including foreigners.

India to announce new policy to strengthen tourism sector



The Government of India is coming out with a new tourism policy to strengthen and build capacity of tourism sector in order to provide better services and facilities to the tourists visiting the country said, Shri Rakesh Kumar Verma, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India at the inaugural session of the Tourism Week' yesterday at the India Pavilion in EXPO2020 Dubai.

Elaborating on the tourism policy, Shri Verma added, The policy will create five missions including National Green Tourism Mission, to mainstream sustainability in tourism sector; National Digital Tourism Mission, to digitalize the sector; Sectoral Mission on skill development, to ensure that the country has the best trained and qualified manpower to maintain high standards of service; National Mission on Destination Management, to focus on ensuring synergy and coordination amongst public and private stakeholders and National Mission on Tourism MSMEs to support and facilitate the start-ups, micro, small and medium enterprises.

He further said, In order to kickstart inbound travel, India has offered 5 lakh free e-tourist visas and India is now opening up international travel in a calibrated manner. All our airports, railways and road transport have taken adequate measures for public safety and so have our tour operators and hospitality operators. As a result, India saw a significant spurt in domestic tourism in past few months.

Tourism sector growing but still not recovered



The tourist accommodation sector registered 1.5 million guests and 3.6 million overnight stays in November, up 265.5% and 287.7% year-on-year, but 17% less and 12.4% compared to the same month of 2019.

According to a quick estimate of tourist activity, released by the National Institute of Statistics (INE), in November 2021, "the tourist accommodation sector registered 1.5 million guests and 3.6 million overnight stays, corresponding to increases in 265.5% and 287.7%, respectively (+115.2% and +137.9% in October, in the same order)". However, compared to November 2019, guests decreased by 17% and overnight stays decreased by 12.4%.

In the month under review, overnight stays in hotels (82% of the total) increased by 309.6% (-13.8% compared to November 2019), while overnight stays in local accommodation establishments increased by 14.8% of the total.

In November, 33.8% of tourist accommodation establishments were closed or had no movement of guests, an increase compared to the 25.3% registered in October.

According to the statistical entity, the internal market contributed with 1.3 million overnight stays and increased 140.1%, but the external markets predominated (64.5% weight), totalling 2.3 million overnight stays (+486%).

Compared to November 2019, there were decreases both in overnight stays from residents (-3.4%) and in those from non residents (-16.6%).

Dubai continues to see tourists flocking despite global Covid-19 concerns

Dubai, the Middle East's business and tourism hub, cannot afford another lockdown. Its economy, whose foundations have creaked under coronavirus restrictions, relies heavily on the travel industry. Brazilian tourist Livya Feho used a 24-hour Dubai layover to visit the Expo , in a city that remains one of the few international tourism hubs still open for travellers during a coronavirus-disrupted holiday period. Feho, travelling from Israel to Brazil, snapped a few selfies at the global fair's main square, festooned with Christmas trees and other holiday decorations. With the Omicron variant circulating in the UAE, was she not worried about catching Covid-19? "Yes, a bit ...but I had the booster dose... and I am also using the mask. So I think I will be fine," she said.

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UAE infection numbers are rising again. There were 665 new cases on Wednesday, but tourists are still enjoying its glitzy hotels and night life.

Gabriela Pourova, a tourist from the Czech Republic, said she needed only a PCR test to land in Dubai.

The biggest winners in the second year since the Covid-19 pandemic struck NZ



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