

IN BRIEF



PM to interact with students on Monday

NEW DELHI
Prime Minister Narendra Modi will interact with students, teachers and parents on Monday and share valuable tips with them to ensure that they take the upcoming board and entrance exams in a relaxed manner. The third edition of 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' is being organised at Talkatora Indoor Stadium in Delhi. PTI

Shabana Azmi 'stable', FIR lodged against driver

MUMBAI
An FIR has been registered against actor Shabana Azmi's driver for rash driving, after her car met with an accident on the Mumbai-Pune Expressway in Maharashtra on Saturday, police said. Ms. Azmi, who was injured in the accident, is undergoing treatment at Kokilaben Ambani Hospital in Andheri and is "stable", the hospital said.

12 idols stolen from Jain temple in Thanjavur

THANJAVUR
Twelve idols, including Panchaloha ones, were found stolen from the Atheeswarar Jain temple at Karanthai in Thanjavur district of Tamil Nadu on Sunday. The stolen idols are said to be worth several lakhs of rupees. When the priests entered the temple, they found the rear door broken, police said.

Govt. for limiting duty-free alcohol purchase

NEW DELHI
The Commerce Ministry has recommended restricting the purchase of tax-free alcohol to one bottle at duty-free shops to reduce the import of non-essential goods, sources said. The Ministry has also recommended a prohibition of the purchase of cigarette cartons at duty-free shops. PTI

Mumbai to get back mounted police

The unit was disbanded in 1932 due to growing vehicular traffic; it will be set up in six months

STAFF REPORTER
MUMBAI

Mumbai will get a mounted police unit for traffic and crowd control after 88 years, said Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh. The unit will be taking part in this year's Republic Day parade at Shivaji Park and if needed, similar units will be brought in for Pune and Nagpur.

The mounted unit was disbanded in 1932 due to growing vehicular traffic. "Today, Mumbai police has modern jeeps and motorcycles. However, it was felt a mounted police unit would be useful for crime patrol in crowded areas," said the State Home Minister, while addressing a press conference. Mr. Deshmukh said that it



Trusty steed: Police personnel on duty in Chennai. Mounted police are used for crowd control during festivals and marches. ■ ROMANI AGARWAL

can be used for crowd control during festivals and marches, at beaches and the rider can keep watch from a good height. "A policeman on horseback is equal to 30 personnel on the ground.

The average speed of a patrolling rider will be more than 7 to 10 km than the one on foot," he said. The government at present has approved 30 horses, a sub-inspector, one assis-

tant PSI, four havildars and 32 constables for the unit, which will be successfully set up in next six months. A total of 61 trainers from racecourse, riding clubs and the Army's horse unit will be

Students launch satellites using helium balloon

Around 250 teams participate in event

STAFF REPORTER
VELLORE

Twelve payloads consisting of satellites were launched using a helium-filled balloon by school students during the National Space Challenge-2020 (NNSC), organised by the National Design and Research Forum (NDRF) from the launchpad at the Vellore Institute of Technology, here on Sunday. The balloon is expected to reach an altitude of 20 kilometres.

To commemorate the Golden Jubilee of NDRF and the centenary year of Institution of Engineers (India), a national payload design contest for school students was announced on August 30, 2019. The contest was open to students from classes 8 to 12. Student teams of a

maximum of 5 members each were encouraged to propose innovative payload ideas with the condition that it should not exceed 3.8 cubic cm in size and 50 grams in weight.

Across India

Teams from about 250 schools across India participated in the initial round of the contest and the NDRF selected 12 teams from Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Bihar, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh and Goa for the launch on Sunday.

NDRF Chairman and Vice-President of Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology, Myslwami Annadurai said, "We have to inculcate higher level of interest about space technology among school students."

Trekker trampled to death by elephant in Tamil Nadu

Victim's husband and friends escape unhurt from the forest

WILSON THOMAS
COIMBATORE

A 40-year-old woman, who allegedly went trekking along with her husband and friends into a reserve forest area near Periyanaickenpalayam in Coimbatore without the permission of the Forest Department, was trampled to death by a wild elephant on Sunday morning.

While P. Bhuwaneswari, a resident of Ganapathy Managar in Coimbatore, was killed, the others managed to escape.

A Forest Department official said the group went into a forest area which comes under the Tholampalayam east beat of Periyanaickenpalayam forest range.



P. Bhuwaneswari

They reportedly planned to trek from Palamalai downhill to a tribal settlement at Manguzhi.

They parked their vehicles on a roadside at Palamalai and trekked to the Ranganathar temple, a hill shrine, through the forest, avoiding the designated road route.

training the Mumbai police for this. "A stable will be built on a 2.5 acre plot at Marol area of Andheri. A riding school, swimming pool for horses, sand bath, raider room, trainer room, feed stock room will be set up there," said Mumbai Police Commissioner Sanjay Barve.

The officers part of this unit will also be trained in show-jumping, tent-pegging and polo. Apart from walkie-talkies, riders would also be supplied with body-mounted cameras for video recording. The Mumbai police headquarter will also be hoisting a regimental flag which was given to it in 1954 by the then Chief Minister of Bombay state Morarji Desai.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Monday: Dense to very dense fog very likely in some pockets over Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi and Bihar; dense fog in isolated pockets over Uttar Pradesh, sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Sikkim and Odisha.

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	29.2	13.3	Kozhikode	—	34.0	23.7
Ahmedabad	—	25.2	12.1	Kurnool	—	32.6	21.7
Aizawl	—	20.4	9.7	Lucknow	—	15.1	12.0
Alahabad	—	21.1	11.2	Madurai	—	31.0	22.6
Bengaluru	—	29.9	18.4	Mangaluru	—	32.7	20.4
Bhopal	—	—	—	Mumbai	—	29.0	17.6
Bhubaneswar	—	30.2	15.5	Mysuru	—	30.9	16.5
Chandigarh	—	18.8	6.6	New Delhi	—	16.7	7.0
Chennai	—	30.6	24.4	Patna	—	20.2	14.0
Coimbatore	0.2	30.5	21.9	Port Blair	—	30.7	24.6
Dehradun	0.7	19.7	5.5	Puducherry	—	28.8	23.8
Gangtok	—	12.7	6.3	Pune	—	29.8	13.9
Goa	—	30.7	21.0	Raipur	—	29.2	18.6
Guwahati	—	27.3	13.4	Ranchi	—	0.6	13.2
Hubballi	—	29.0	19.0	Shillong	—	11.7	7.9
Hyderabad	—	29.2	19.7	Shimla	—	—	-0.6
Imphal	—	22.4	4.5	Srinagar	—	—	-1.4
Jaipur	—	20.6	10.6	Thiruvananthapuram	—	33.3	25.3
Kochi	—	32.4	24.4	Tiruchi	—	15.2	29.3
Kohima	—	24.2	5.6	Vijayawada	—	30.4	22.4
Kolkata	—	29.9	15.7	Visakhapatnam	—	29.0	21.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing						Yesterday
CITIES	SO ₂	NO ₂	CO	PM _{2.5}	PM ₁₀	CODE
Ahmedabad	65	31	35	67	83	Good
Bengaluru	12	53	96	71	71	Good
Chennai	93	49	54	131	—	Good
Delhi	09	154	73	357	236	Good
Hyderabad	02	63	30	104	94	Good
Kolkata	33	108	29	302	286	Good
Lucknow	07	37	88	201	—	Good
Mumbai	15	122	40	192	253	Good
Pune	87	34	87	202	149	Good
Visakhapatnam	10	35	44	81	92	Good

In observation made at 6.00 p.m., Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 335 indicating a dangerous level of pollution. In contrast, Ramnagar, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 27.

Air Quality Code: ■ Poor ■ Moderate ■ Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO₂: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO₂: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM_{2.5} & PM₁₀: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Actor Deepika Padukone draws social media ire

Slammed for asking influencer to recreate *Chhapaak* 'look'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

Actor Deepika Padukone found herself at the centre of a social media storm after she was slammed for a TikTok video, where she challenges an influencer to recreate her acid attack survivor "look" from her latest film *Chhapaak*.

The TikTok challenge thrown by the 34-year-old actor was called "insensitive", "crass" and the "worst kind of a promotion".

In a 39-second video that went viral on social media on Saturday, Ms. Padukone is seen asking make-up ar-



A still from the movie *Chhapaak*.

tiste Faby to recreate her "three favourite looks" from her films. Faby recreated the actor's looks from her 2007 debut *Om Shanti Om* and 2015's *Piku*. However, her attempt at recreating the ac-

tor's "look" from *Chhapaak*, in which Ms. Padukone plays Malti, an acid attack survivor, was criticised on social media.

Trivialising trauma

Many called out the actor for trivialising the trauma of an acid attack survivor by categorising the part as a mere "look" and even questioned her intention behind taking up the part.

Directed by Meghna Gulzar, the film is based on the life of acid attack survivor and activist Laxmi Agarwal. It was released on January 10.

AI reinstates pilot found guilty of harassment

Airline said it had imposed a penalty

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

A senior Air India pilot who was suspended in May last year after being accused of sexual harassment by a woman colleague and was found guilty by an internal committee of the airline has been reinstated recently, senior officials said.

The committee had imposed a "major penalty" on Captain Sachin Gupta, who has now appealed to a higher authority against the punishment, they said.

According P.S. Negi, Regional Director (Northern Region), Air India, "The Internal Complaints Committee [ICC] of Air India con-

ducted the inquiry proceedings and found Captain Sachin Gupta guilty of the charges of misconduct."

The immediate competent disciplinary authority had imposed a "major penalty" as per the company's service regulation that is applicable to Captain Sachin Gupta, he said. "Captain Sachin Gupta has now appealed to the next higher authority/CMD [Chairman and Managing Director] against the punishment awarded," he added.

Another senior Air India official, on the condition of anonymity, said that he had been "reinstated as an instructor".

PF benefits should extend to contractual employees: SC

Judgment came on a petition filed by a govt. company

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The benefits of the provident fund should be extended to contractual employees, the Supreme Court has held in a recent judgment.

A Bench of Justices U.U. Lalit and Indu Malhotra has held that employees who draw wages or salaries directly or indirectly from a company are entitled to provident fund benefits under the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) Act.

The judgment came on the basis of a petition filed by M/s Pawan Hans Limited,

a government company which provides helicopter support services to the oil sector for its offshore exploration operations, services in remote and hilly areas, and charter services for the promotion of tourism.

Company versus union

The company had filed the petition against its employees' union, the Aviation Karmachari Sanghatana, which sought uniformity in service conditions among employees.

Of a total workforce of 840 employees, the company had engaged 570 em-

ployees on regular basis, while 270 employees were engaged on "contractual" basis.

The company implemented the PF Trust Regulations only with respect to the regular employees, even though the term "employee" had been defined to include "any person" employed "directly or indirectly" under the PF Trust Regulations.

The contractual employees have been seeking parity with the regular employees, who are covered under the Pawan Hans Employees Provident Fund Trust Regulations.

146 endangered Irrawaddy dolphins sighted in Chilika

The lake is home to their highest single lagoon population

SATYASUNDAR BARIK
BHUBANESWAR

Odisha Forest Department officials, wildlife experts and researchers on Sunday sighted 146 endangered Irrawaddy dolphins in Chilika Lake, which boasts of the highest single lagoon population of the aquatic mammal in the world.

The dolphin census was simultaneously taken up in Chilika and off Odisha coast. The Chilika Development Authority (CDA) is elated as the direct sighting of 146 dolphins meant that its population in the lake would stabilise well above 150. According to last year's census, the Irrawaddy dolphin population in Chilika was 151.

'Direct sighting'

"The direct sighting of 146 dolphins only corroborates the estimate of the CDA, which does counting of dol-



At home: According to last year's census, the Irrawaddy dolphin population in Chilika was 151. ■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

phins round the year using hydrophones. Our estimated population range is 133-172," said Susanta Nanda, Chief Executive Officer, CDA.

His confidence stemmed from the fact that dolphins were colonising new areas, which had been freed from encroachments by prawn farming gherries.

"We have noticed dolphin movements in new areas in the central and southern sectors, more specifically in the areas near Kalijai and Rambha. These areas were

made free from encroachments," said Mr. Nanda. He expressed hopes that that the population is likely to increase in the next couple of years as there are enough signs of dolphins migrating from the Satpada site to other areas.

According to hydrophone monitoring carried out round the year in Chilika, the highest number of Irrawaddy dolphins (20-25) was moving around Rajhans, followed by the Magarmukh and Malatikuda areas.

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EXTRACT OF THE STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019 (₹ in crore)												
Sl. No.	Particulars	STANDALONE						CONSOLIDATED				
		Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended			Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended	
		31.12.2019	30.09.2019	31.12.2018	31.12.2019	31.12.2018	31.03.2019	31.12.2019	30.09.2019	31.12.2018	31.12.2019	31.12.2018
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1.	Total income from operations	11965.01	12191.97	12005.49	36880.83	39436.08	52201.22	11965.01	12191.97	12005.49	36880.83	39436.07
2.	Other Income	24.05	15.49	9.86	53.97	47.05	58.73	24.05	9.57	9.86	48.05	41.14
3.	Total Income	11989.06	12207.46	12015.35	36934.80	39483.13	52259.95	11989.06	12201.54	12015.35	36928.88	39477.21
4.	Total Expenditure	11979.97	12511.40	12570.69	37562.76	39734.69	52557.97	11979.84	12511.43	12570.48	37562.71	39734.60
5.	Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax and Exceptional Items)	9.09	(303.94)	(555.34)	(627.96)	(251.56)	(298.02)	14.01	(304.61)	(551.23)	(619.61)	(247.98)
6.	Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional Items)	9.09	(303.94)	(555.34)	(627.96)	(251.56)	(298.02)	14.01	(304.61)	(551.23)	(619.61)	(247.98)
7.	Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional Items)	6.37	(212.97)	(367.10)	(440.01)	(184.04)	(213.36)	11.29	(213.64)	(362.99)	(431.66)	(180.46)
8.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	6.37	(212.97)	(367.10)	(440.01)	(184.04)	(214.86)	11.29	(213.64)	(362.99)	(431.66)	(180.46)
9.	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face Value - ₹ 10 each)	148.91	148.91	149.00	148.91	149.00	148.91	148.91	148.91	149.00	148.91	149.00
10.	Other Equity (excluding Revaluation Reserve)						3160.60					3307.63
11.	a) Earnings Per Share (before extraordinary items) (not annualised) (Basic & Diluted - ₹ / share) (Face value of ₹ 10 /- each)	0.43	(14.30)	(24.65)	(29.55)	(12.36)	(14.33)	0.76	(14.35)	(24.38)	(28.99)	(12.12)
	b) Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (not annualised) (Basic & Diluted - ₹ / share) (Face value of ₹ 10 /- each)	0.43	(14.30)	(24.65)	(29.55)	(12.36)	(14.33)	0.76	(14.35)	(24.38)	(28.99)	(12.12)
Note: 1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites: www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com. The same is also available on the company's website www.cpcl.co.in												
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