

THE HINDU

INDIA'S NATIONAL NEWSPAPER SINCE 1878

Weekly Edition • RNI No. TNENG/1970/49960 • ISSN 0971 - 751X • Vol. 46 • No. 33 • CITY EDITION • 32 Pages • Rs. 5.00 • www.thehindu.in

Printed at Chennai, Coimbatore, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Madurai, Noida, Visakhapatnam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi, Vijayawada, Mangaluru, Tiruchirapalli, Kolkata, Hubballi, Mohali, Allahabad and Malappuram

INSIDE



SUNDAY ANCHOR | PAGE 10
CINEMA FINDS COMMON HERO
 Manjhi's upcoming release is part of a newfound celebration of the unknown and unsung success stories coming from small-town India.



STATE VIEW | PAGE 11
CONTAMINATION EXPOSED
 The 'Kodaikanal Won't' rap video has brought to attention the plight of people affected by mercury poisoning in the hill-station in Tamil Nadu.



WORLD | PAGE 14
RANIL FAVOURS DEVOLUTION
 COLOMBO: Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe has said devolution is the best way to free provincial councils from curbs imposed by Mahinda Rajapaksa.



SPORT | PAGE 17
SAINA ENTERS FINAL
 JAKARTA: Saina Nehwal became the first Indian to reach the final of the World Badminton Championships, assuring herself of at least a silver medal.

INDEPENDENCE DAY ADDRESS PM lists out achievements of his government

'Start-up, stand up' campaign is Modi's new route to push growth

Smita Gupta

NEW DELHI: In his second Independence Day address as Prime Minister here on Saturday, Narendra Modi acknowledged that whether it was the goal of ending corruption or electrifying 18,500 more villages in 1,000 days, nothing could be done without the efforts of "Team India", the 1.25-billion people of the country.

Demonstrating his felicity for coining catchy titles for government campaigns, the Prime Minister announced the "Start-up India, Stand up India" scheme aimed at pro-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort during the Independence Day celebration in New Delhi on Saturday. — PHOTO: R.V. MOORTHY

moting entrepreneurship at the bottom of the pyramid. Each of the 1.25 lakh bank branches across the country, he said, should encourage at least one Dalit or Adivasi entrepreneur and one woman entrepreneur. But Mr. Modi

disappointed ex-servicemen as he failed to announce the implementation of the long-pending one rank, one pension scheme.

■ 'ATMOSPHERE OF GLOOM' | PAGE 12
 ■ MIXED REACTION | PAGE 13

Ex-servicemen reject Modi's word on OROP

Dinakar Peri

NEW DELHI: Reiterating his government's commitment to implement the one rank, one pension (OROP) scheme for retired armed services personnel, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his Independence Day address on Saturday, said that though negotiations were at the last stage, justice had to be done to all sections of the population.

Ex-servicemen termed the speech "hollow". "Talks are going on, and very soon, a decision would be reached. Discussions have come to the final leg," Mr. Modi said.

■ EX-SERVICEMEN TO INTENSIFY AGITATION | PAGE 12

Basant Betons
 www.basantbetons.com
 India's Largest and No.1 Brand for Blocks • Pavers • Pebble Tiles

CBI struggles with Dabholkar case

Maharashtra yet to act on its request for hands to find rationalist's killers

Alok Deshpande

MUMBAI: More than a year after the Central Bureau of Investigation took over the case of murder of Narendra Dabholkar, a rationalist who spearheaded an anti-super-

EXCLUSIVE
 stition movement in Maharashtra, the agency faces a shortage of hands. Its requests for more officers have been pending with the State government.

Dabholkar was shot dead in Pune on August 20, 2013,

while out on his morning walk. As the police could not arrest the culprits, the Bombay High Court handed over the investigation to the CBI in May 2014.

Many letters
 A State Home Department source said the CBI wrote to it seeking six officers on deputation in the last week of July and again in the first week of August. The agency had raised the issue with the State government earlier as well.

The CBI team refused to comment on the issue.



He was shot dead in Pune on August 20, 2013, while out on his morning walk

have to be selected and relieved from their present duty. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said that his government would provide more hands if needed. "We want a speedy probe and if the CBI wants, we will give them officers," he told *The Hindu*.

The source said the staff shortage had affected the CBI investigation even in the initial stage.

■ CONTINUED ON PAGE 12

Two techies die in accident

Staff Reporter

HOSUR: An SUV in which 12 Wipro, Bengaluru, employees were travelling overturned near Udhanapalli near Hosur on Saturday killing two on the spot and injuring 11 others, including the driver. The deceased have been identified as Sharon (22), daughter of Joseph from Kannur; and Sambhavi (23), daughter of Medha Kantha of Jamshedpur in Jharkhand. Of the 11 injured, the condition of three is said to be critical.

■ GROUP WAS HEADING TO HOENANKAL | PAGE 5

Bonhomie



Congress president Sonia Gandhi with Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan during the At Home at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on Saturday. — PHOTO: PTI (REPORT ON PAGE 12)

Abu Dhabi labour camp excited about PM's visit

Nistula Hebbar

ABU DHABI: Narendra Modi's visit to the UAE, the first to the West Asian nation by an Indian Prime Minister in 34 years, is a trip with as much a domestic constituency in mind as it is with bilateral relations. In no other place does this become clearer than at the ICAD Residential Labour Camp here, housing migrant labourers from the Indian subcontinent in their thousands in one square kilometre. The camp will be Mr. Modi's second port of call in the UAE.

■ CONTINUED ON PAGE 12

'Tiny bit' is found in India too

Measuring 0.16 mm, Kikiki huna is world's smallest insect

Chitra V. Ramani

BENGALURU: When the entomologists laid insect traps in Yercaud in Tamil Nadu a few months ago, they did not expect that India would join the club of countries that are home to a unique insect.

For, they were surprised to find the world's smallest flying insect, a fairyfly that goes by the name Kikiki huna. Measuring a mere 0.16 mm, Kikiki huna is a multicellular



Kikiki huna was first discovered in Trinidad

organism that is smaller than single-celled organisms. Kikiki huna has been found in Chidambaram as well. While the insect's functions are yet to be determined, Kikiki was first discovered in Trinidad around 20 years ago and later in Hawaii. It has also been found in Australia and Argentina. It derives its name from Hawaiian which means

'tiny bit'. Prashanth Mohanraj from the National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources (NBAIR), Bengaluru, said Kikiki huna is an engineering and artistic marvel.

"It can do everything that a larger insect can do. It has a brain, a nervous and digestive system. It is the sheer marvel of creation... it is a great find as we didn't expect it to turn up in our traps," he said. He said that like all fairyflies, Kikiki huna lays its eggs in the eggs of other insects. "The entire life stage is passed in the single egg, from which it emerges as an adult," he said.

Not visible to the naked eye, the tiny insect has eluded many entomologists, said Abraham Verghese, director

of NBAIR. He said that the challenge is now to study the tiny insect and understand its role. "Insects in our country are poorly known... we still have over a lakh species to identify. Each has a role to play in the ecosystem," he said. Dr. Mohanraj said that the presence of such exquisitely crafted organisms within the confines of our borders should be a source of national pride and ensuring their continued survival should be our duty.

■ AN ARMY AGAINST AGRI PEST ATTACK | PAGE 8

SUNDAY MAGAZINE
 - 6 Pages
CLASSIFIEDS
 - 4 Pages

THERE'S NOTHING MORE REWARDING THAN BEING TRUSTED FOR 23 YEARS.

Alpine Housing has always believed in delivering high-quality homes for the past 23 years. Living testimony are our many completed projects spread across the city. Our promise continues with millions of Sq.Ft. areas under construction.

With a little nudge from us, hundreds of families have bought their dream homes based on Location, Amenities & Budget. Needless to say, we've been the preferred choice of quality home buyers. We believe, our partners (apartment owners) are our true brand ambassadors, and this is what some of them have to say...

Mr. Kaushik
 Vice President
 Innovation
 TTK-Prestige Ltd
 Alpine Pyramid



"With Alpine, we changed our home and our lifestyle."

- ✓ Lifestyle change
- ✓ Affordable luxury
- ✓ Constructed area v/s sanctioned area

Mr. Ravi
 Director, Drive
 Alpine Regency



"I didn't just get a beautiful home, but also peace of mind."

- ✓ The location
- ✓ Proximity to Shopping Malls
- ✓ Educational Institutions & Business Centres

Mr. Jagjit Gandhi
 Regional Sales Manager
 Karnataka
 IndusInd Bank
 Alpine Pyramid



"Alpine has truly lived up to our expectations. We now have our own beautiful space to live comfortably."

- ✓ Exclusive amenities
- ✓ Clear land titles
- ✓ Approved by leading banks

Mr. Ram Guruswamy
 President
 Alpine Regency Apartment
 Owners Association
 Alpine Regency



"A property that's almost like made to order - just perfect."

- ✓ Budget
- ✓ Return on Investment
- ✓ Secured future

CREDAI
 BENGALURU



Alpine Arch, 10, Langford Road, Bangalore - 560 027 Tel: 4047 3500
 E: contact@alpinehousing.com W: www.alpinehousing.com

(See overleaf)