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AGRICULTURAL BILLS REPEAL Further Directions

- Professor R.P. Singh



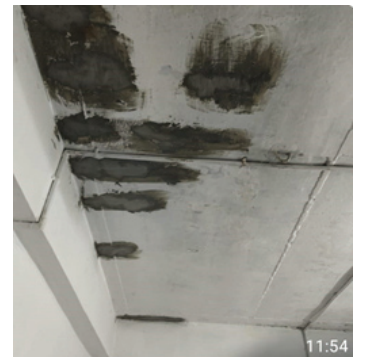
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In a Proutistic economy, there will be no limit to purchasing capacity – that is, purchasing capacity will be ever-increasing. Further, the minimum requirements must be guar-

anteed and continuously increased according to time, space, and person. It can best do this by continuously increasing the people's purchasing capacity in relation to the economic development of the conce-

red socio-economic unit or Samaj. The greater the purchasing power of the people, the higher their standard of living.

Collective Necessity
Planners will also have to consider the current collective needs and the future requirements of a socio-economic unit and chalk out their developmental programmes accordingly. For example, many industries have been established in India, but electricity production has not been increased. Through lack of proper planning, power production has lagged behind industrial development. It is especially
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Sad state of affairs in Sabarimala..



Sreekumar Menon - We had the opportunity to visit Sabarimala on 19th & 20th October '25. We had booked Udayasthamana pooja some years back and it was scheduled to

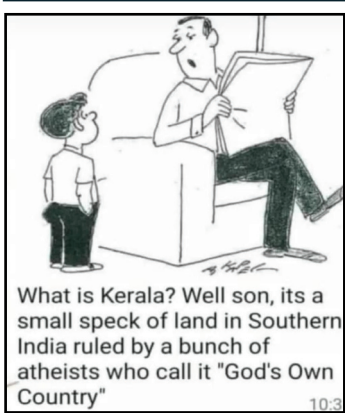
be held on 20th October '25. The rooms were booked well in advance at Rs 5k for 16hrs at Sree Manikantan donor house, close to sannidhanam.
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Pune Police Probe Navi Mumbai Man for Pretending to Be IPS Officer, Visiting Commissionerate and IT Office

Staff Reporter - November 3, 2025: Pune Police are investigating a Navi Mumbai resident who allegedly posed as an Indian Police Service (IPS) officer and visited sev-

eral official premises, including the Pune Police Commissionerate and the Income Tax Office, under false pretenses. The accused, identified as Sagar Waghmode, aged

around 30 and a resident of Nerul, Navi Mumbai, had reportedly been pretending to be an IPS officer for nearly three years.
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Central Railway upgrade 10 more services & 1 new station near Navi Mumbai airport



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उलवे और एयरपोर्ट के लिए गेम चेंजर

Staff Reporter - Commuters on Central Railway's Belapur-Uran corridor are set for a major upgrade this month, with the railways planning to introduce 10 additional suburban services and open two new stations—Targhar

and Gavhan. Targhar station, located near the upcoming Navi Mumbai International Airport, will serve both daily commuters and airport personnel, significantly improving last-mile connectivity
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Adani Enterprises Expands into Water Infrastructure

Staff Reporter - Adani Enterprises Limited (AEL) has formed a new wholly-owned subsidiary, Brahmani Barrage Water Limited (BBWL), to enter the water infrastructure sector. BBWL,
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Hindustan Times

Forest min issues shoot-at-sight orders for 'man-eater' leopards

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PUNE: State forest minister Ganesh Naik has issued shoot-to-kill orders in the state's war on "man-eating" leopards in Pune and Ahilyanagar districts, said Naik, addressing villagers in Pimparkhed in Shirur tehsil, on Wednesday. Naik's order...

Shirur tehsil. If this trend continues, we might soon see leopards roaming the streets like stray dogs. It is crucial to take serious measures for both population control and conflict prevention in Pune and Ahilyanagar districts," said Naik, addressing villagers in Pimparkhed in Shirur tehsil, on Wednesday. Naik's order...

escalation in leopard attacks on humans in Pune district. In the last two months alone, four fatal attacks have been reported - two children and two seniors. Frequent leopard sightings in Junnar, Shirur, Ambegaon and Khed talukas have caused alarm among villagers. Pimparkhed village in Shirur tehsil...

from Pune city, has emerged as a hotspot for leopard-human conflict in the region. "The department is on constant alert. Recently, we eliminated a leopard believed to be involved in an attack on a child in Junnar," said Naik, who proceeded to the chief conservator's (ritorial) list to check...

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Editorial

Follow Catholic rituals, not pagan rituals

East Indian Catholic community of Mumbai recognize that their cultural traditions involve placing food for the departed souls in the family as a gesture of remembrance on All Souls Day (celebrated on November 2). However, their Catholic faith teaches them that the most meaningful way to honor and support the souls of the departed is through prayer and the offering of Holy Masses, not offering physical food. They are called to avoid practices rooted in superstition or pagan rituals and instead focus on spiritual acts that align with the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church.

JOY PERSONIFIED AGERA A CHANCE FOR THANKSGIVING



JAYANTHY SUBRAMANIAM - Agera is the East Indian harvest festival celebrated in Mumbai's villages, typically on the first Sunday of October, to give thanks for the first fruits of the harvest. Celebrations include a procession with traditional music and attire, the blessing of the first crops by a priest, and a special mass at a church.

East Indian community - the city's earliest inhabitants alongside the Kolis - the first Sunday of October is a day of gratitude and celebration. Their harvest festival, Agera, marks the start of the season and serves as a thanksgiving for abundant crops, observed with prayers, communal feasts, and cultural performances. The name derives from the

Latin ager (field or cultivable land), also the root of "agriculture."

Agera celebrations across different geographies reflect vibrant local traditions. In Kurla, paddy is cultivated within the church compound; in Vakula, festivities unfold near the village well; while in Vasai and the Manori-Gorai region, residents venture into fields to harvest paddy. The festival strengthens social ties as women don their traditional nine-yard Sankari Lugar sari worn in the Maharashtrian kasha style, while men wear coordinated shirts adorned with personalized embellishments.

More than a harvest celebration, Agera nurtures pride and identity within the East Indian community, preserving its cultural heritage amid modernization. It unites relatives and neighbors and reconnects Mumbai with its agrarian roots, honoring the land and legacy of its native population long before the city became a metropolis.

HUMAN RIGHTS

PRE-CENSORSHIP OF FILMS

Fitness of the film for certification. - Cinema or a motion picture is a powerful media of expression. No one has an unbridled fundamental right to free expression to cater to the lower common detriment of debase or pornographic scenes undermining the social fabric to degenerate cultural values. Exhibition of a motion picture with lascivious pornographic sceneries is not a free licence to a producer of a motion picture with a view to exhibit dirt for money's sake or to exploit people's weaknesses as a commercial venture to make money.

The standard to be applied by the Board or Courts for judging the film should be that of an ordinary man of common sense and prudence and not that of an out of the ordinary or hypersensitive manner. The concept of obscenity would differ from country to country, depend -



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ing on the standards of morals of contemporary society. What is considered as a piece of Literature in France may be obscene in England and what is considered in both countries as not harmful to public order and morals may be obscene in our country. The Court must take an overall view of the matter complained of as obscene in the setting of the whole work, but the matter charged as obscene must also be considered by itself and separately to find out whether it

is so gross and its obscenity so pronounced that it is likely to deprave and corrupt the viewers, whose minds are open to influence of this sort. In judging the question of obscenity, the Judge, in the first place, should try to place himself in the position of the author of the film. From the viewpoint of the author of the film, the Judge should try to understand what is it that the author seeks to convey and what the author conveys has any literary and artistic value. The Judge should thereafter place himself in the position of a viewer and should try to appreciate what kind of possible influence or impact the film is likely to cause in the minds of the viewers. Thereafter, the Judge should apply his judicial mind dispassionately to decide whether the film in question can be said to be obscene.

HISTORY AND IMPORTANCE OF WORLD SIGHT DAY



C.K. SUBRAMANIAM - Eyes are more than just sensory organs. They allow us to connect with others, guide us through our surroundings, and help us appreciate the beauty that surrounds us. Despite their significance, they are often taken for granted. Over time, this neglect can lead to eye issues

such as myopia, glaucoma, or cataracts. Recognising the importance of protecting our sight, World Sight Day was established to remind us of the importance of eye health and encourage proactive steps to preserve vision. In this blog, we will explore why eye care matters, the common eye problems to watch for, and practical ways to maintain healthy, strong vision. Let's begin by understanding the significance of this day. In the early stages of the diseases, the vision may be corrected with glasses or soft contact lenses. As the disease progresses special hard contact lenses (rigid gas permeable

contact lenses) may be required. In advanced keratoconus, when glasses or contact lenses no longer can improve the vision, a corneal transplant may be necessary. Corneal transplantation involves removing the diseased area of cornea and replacing it with a healthy, donor cornea. The results with transplantation are usually excellent for keratoconus. Collagen cross-linking is a newer treatment that slows or stops the progression of keratoconus. It involves using riboflavin (vitamin B 12) drops and UV radiation on the cornea, to strengthen the collagen.

Adani Enterprises Expands into ...

..... *Contd. from Page 1* incorporated on November 5, 2025, with a subscribed capital of ₹1,00,000, will undertake the construction, op-

eration, and maintenance of the Brahmani Barrage across the Brahmani River near Shripura, Rajasthan. The project will be executed

under the Hybrid Annuity Model. This strategic move aligns with AEL's diversification efforts and focus on infrastructure development, particularly in water resource management.



From an
Easychair

Jubel D'Cruz

East Indians should learn from the Goans

It is very disgusting to know that when a person dies in an East Indian Catholic family, tea, snacks (sandwiches, patties and cakes) and soft drinks are served to the people at the graveyard after the burial. Then, the people who have attended the funeral come to the house of the deceased member of the family where again snacks, soft drinks, alcohol and dinner is served. This is ridiculous! We Catholics are supposed to be mourning for the deceased member of our family but instead of mourning, we are having a grand party.

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Goans, Mangaloreans and other Christian communities of India do not do all this; it is only the East Indians who do it. We East Indians should learn from the Goans, Mangaloreans and other Christian communities and bury the deceased member of our family with respect instead of having a grand party at home and at the cemetery after the person has been buried. Then again, after the month's mind Mass and after the 1st anniversary Mass, snacks and lunch just like that of a wedding is served to neighbors, relatives and

close friends either at home or in the church hall. With all this eating, drinking and merry-making, I don't think the soul of the deceased member will rest in peace. Readers may please note that the East Indians are a community of Catholics who are the original inhabitants of Mumbai. They got their name from the East India Company of the British who had converted a large number of local Marathi-speaking people to Catholicism.

CENTRAL RAILWAY UPGRADE 10 MORE

..... *Contd. from Page 1* to the airport zone, officials added. Gavhan station will enhance access for residents in the fast-developing Uran region, where population and housing growth have accelerated in recent years. The cor-

ridor currently operates 40 services. Officials said civil and signalling works at both stations have been completed, and final inspections are underway. The new services and stations are expected to be commissioned later this

month after mandatory approvals. Jointly funded by CIDCO and Central Railway in a 67:33 ratio, the corridor is among Navi Mumbai's most crucial infrastructure links, connecting the expanding Uran belt with Mumbai's suburban rail network.

AGRICULTURAL BILLS REPEAL

..... *Contd. from Page 1* evident in Bengal and Bihar. We should give top priority to the production of the minimum requirements. So Planners will have to make provision for the minimum requirements of all, but we should not neglect the requirements of both meritorious people and those with special needs; otherwise, it will not meet the Age's requirements.

Economic Transformation
The agricultural, industrial and trade policies of a socio-economic unit will have to be formulated according to the principles of a decentralised economy. The maximum utilisation and rational distribution of local resources and potentialities to ensure full employment should be prioritised, considering that there should be constant economic development in all regions of a socio-economic unit or Samaj. The members

of the cooperatives should decide the policies concerning such things as agricultural production, price fixation and the sale of agricultural commodities. Local people should control cooperative bodies and supervise all local economic activities. The local administration will have to assist the economic development of cooperatives. The price of agricultural commodities should be fixed on a rational basis by taking into account the price of commodities; the cost of labour, raw materials, transportation and storage; depreciation; sinking funds; etc. In addition, this price should include a reasonable profit of not more than fifteen per cent of the cost of production. A rural economy should not depend solely on cottage industries. Otherwise, it will jeopardise the economic welfare of the rural population. If cottage industries are

adequately organised, rural women will also get ample scope to earn a decent livelihood. To avoid scarcity, cooperatives and the local administration will have to supply cottage industries with raw materials. The local administration will also have to arrange for sufficient power to facilitate industrial production. Every region in a socioeconomic unit must strive to be selfsufficient in power generation.

Therefore, the local administration will have to supply locally generated power, such as solar, thermal, biogas, hydroelectricity, nuclear, pneumatic, electromagnetic and tidal power, or any other Power which is easily available locally. The generation of power is a key industry that should be run on a no-profit, no-loss basis so that the cost of production is minimised and the people's purchasing capacity is increased. In this way, the villages are going to be energy generators.

Ajivali Bhatan feeder separation work..

Staff Reporter - On the Ajivali Bhatan Electricity Supply line A separate electricity supply line has been commissioned for the villages of Aravalli, Ashte, Shivajinagar, Bhatan, Bhatanpada.... work has been fully completed on 08/11/2025. Also, the electricity supply to the villages of Ajivali Shedung, Bhingarwadi, Bhingar, Belavli, Lonivali, Lonivali Sangade has been discon-

nected from it.

It is requested that the villages in Panvel taluka take note that all this work has been done through Nationalist Congress Party Maharashtra State Secretary Mr. Balasaheb Borkar with the active co-operation of Mr. Mahadik, Jr. Enginner under the guidance of Mr. Shinde Executive Engineer Panvel Gramin MSRDC.

Jemimah To Shift From Bandra To Navi Mumbai; Move Will Allow Her Greater Practice Opportunities



Staff Reporter - Indian women's cricket batting sensation Jemimah Rodrigues is shifting base to Navi Mumbai, according to reports. She will maintain contacts with Bandra though, where she grew up and played gully cricket before making it big. It was Jemimah's brilliant performance in the semi finals against New Zealand that paved the way for India's victory in the ICC Women's ODI World Cup. Apart from doing well with the bat, Jemimah performed exceptionally well on the field, holding on to difficult catches and scoring direct hits to the stumps. Reports say that Jemimah has invested in property in Vashi, Navi Mumbai. This marks a symbolic and practical shift in her journey as a profes-

sional cricketer. Vashi is one of Navi Mumbai's most well-planned and peaceful neighborhoods'. While the exact address remains undisclosed for security reasons, sources close to the cricketer confirmed that the move was a carefully thought-out decision. The new address will not only be a home for Jemimah, but a strategic base, designed to enhance her cricketing routine. Vashi offers better proximity to high-quality sports complexes, practice nets, and training centers compared to her former locality in Mumbai. Vashi has less traffic, cleaner surroundings, and easier connectivity to key venues. It will give her the focus and convenience needed to stay at the top of her game.

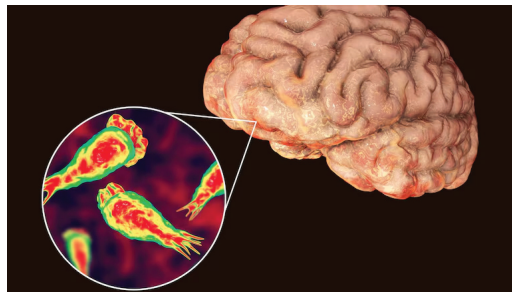
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HEALTH BRAIN-EATING AMOEBAS

What parents must know about after kids swim outdoors How brain-eating amoeba spreads - The infection doesn't spread by drinking water. Instead, it enters through the nose when swimming or bathing in contaminated freshwater like ponds, rivers, or poorly maintained pools. From there, it travels up to the brain through the sinuses, where it destroys brain tissue. This is why children who dive or play underwater are at higher risk. Parents need to be cautious during monsoon, when stagnant water and untreated ponds are more likely to harbor the amoeba. The scary part? The symptoms look very much like common illness in the beginning fever, headache, or nausea. But with brain-eating amoeba, these escalate quickly. Warning signs to look out for include: Sudden severe headache, Fever and nausea, Stiff neck, Vomiting, Sensitivity to light, Confusion or seizures. If your child has been swimming outdoors and shows even one of these symptoms, seek medical help immediately. Time is everything, PAM progresses fast, and delays can be fatal.

Act immediately if you suspect infection- In Kerala, families who rushed children to hospitals at the very first sign of unusual fever or confusion had a chance at treatment. Doctors there are using miltefosine, a drug imported specially for PAM cases, though outcomes are still challenging. For parents, the takeaway is clear: don't "wait and see". If your child shows symptoms after outdoor swimming or bathing in untreated water, head straight to a hospital with paediatric emergency care. Mention



possible exposure to stagnant water it can guide doctors to act faster.

Prevention is always better than cure Since treatment options are limited, prevention is the strongest shield. Parents can reduce risks by: Avoiding swimming in stagnant or untreated water, especially during monsoon. Using only well-maintained, chlorinated pools for children. Teaching kids to avoid dunking their heads or inhaling water through the nose. Ensuring clean water during rituals like nasal cleansing. These small steps might sound simple, but they can save lives. **Talk to your children and community-Awareness saves lives.** In Kerala, health experts are calling for stronger campaigns at the local level because many families simply don't know the risks. As a parent you can talk to your child in simple words about why some ponds or rivers are unsafe right now. You can also encourage schools, neighbours, and community groups to spread awareness. When parents share what they know, it creates a ripple effect of protection. For every parent the message is this: trust your instincts. If something feels off after your child plays in outdoor water, don't wait. Get help. Your vigilance might be the very thing that saves their life.

SAD STATE OF AFFAIRS IN SABARIMALA ...

..... *Contd. from Page 1* However, when we reached the so called Manikantan lodge, we felt royally cheated by the Devaswom Board. The rooms were extremely dirty. There were four cots with beds in some rooms and the other rooms didn't have even cots or beds. There were only dirty floor mats to sleep. There were no bedsheets or pillow covers provided. I had to cover the pillow with a towel to avoid stench. The windows had no curtains. Ladies couldn't change dress as it was all "see through" from the outside area. The rooms and the entire building looks worn out & dirty. It appears the rooms were never painted. Drinking water wasn't provided in the rooms as plastic bottles are banned in Sabarimala. We had to go to a nearby hotel, pay extra amount and arrange a ves-

sel to get drinking water. After paying Rs 5000/- for 16hrs, no facilities were provided. It was a nightmare for the entire team. When asked, the caretaker said.."we don't provide bedsheets or pillow covers. Also, if you want additional mat or beds, you need to pay. We are helpless. If you have any queries, please speak to the AE downstairs." The AE wasn't available in his office. Some of the other officials, rather than taking responsibility, suggested us to write to higher officials or the Chief Minister. If the Devaswom Board cannot provide basic amenities to devotees after taking such huge amounts, they should hand over these lodges to some private party. The agony is that we have to depend totally on these lodges as there are no private hotels available nearby..

Navi Mumbai Horror: 10-Year-Old Rescued from Sexual Abuse

Staff Reporter - In a shocking and tragic incident, a 10-year-old girl was rescued from a 70-year-old NRI, who had been allegedly sexually abusing her for two years, with the help of her mother. The Anti-Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU) of Navi Mumbai Police raided the Talaja flat on October 30 and rescued the girl, an official told. The operation was carried out based on a tip-off received by AHTU senior

inspector Prithviraj Ghorpade on October 30, he said. "As per the tip off, a woman from Kopergaon in Kharghar was sending a young girl, approximately 10-12 years old, to a man in the Talaja Phase 2 area for prostitution. Following a raid, the girl was rescued. We arrested Farooq Allauddin Sheikh (70), who lived there. He is originally a resident of London," the official said.

PUNE POLICE PROBE NAVI MUMBAI

..... *Contd. from Page 1* A case was filed against him at the Bundgarden Police Station on October 31, following a complaint by Bhavik Shah (37), an event management businessman from Pune. According to police officials, Waghmode befriended Shah and frequently accompanied him to various government offices and events. He often claimed he had strong connections with senior police officials and used this false identity to gain people's trust. The truth came out when Waghmode, during a visit to the commissionerate, introduced him-

self as a batchmate of a Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) currently serving in Pune. The DCP, however, denied knowing him, which raised suspicions. Shah later verified the claims and informed the police. An FIR was registered against Waghmode for impersonation and cheating, and he has been charged under Sections 204 (impersonating a public servant) and 419 (2) (cheating by personation) of the Indian Penal Code. Assistant Police Inspector Shivshant Khose, who is leading the investigation.

