



The world will witness a transformation (in India) and how all the political parties subscribing to different ideologies united for the implementation of the GST

NARENDRA MODI PRIME MINISTER

Rain relief for ragpickers

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Tuesday's downpour came as a relief to most Delhiites as the mercury dipped, and the most overjoyed were street children.



to drink water from public taps.

"At least we can bathe in this rain," said Salman (name changed), a 13-year-old ragpicker at Old Delhi railway station.

The street children cannot afford public toilets as they charge quite a sum for a bath.

"We love the rain as at least for a day we can clean ourselves and our clothes," said 18-year-old Ranjit, a ragpicker from Central Delhi.

According to Surender Kumar, child counsellor from the NGO, Chetna, during the monsoon street children spend more money to buy glue for sniffing.

"Generally street children are addicted to glue. We have observed that when they are wet they are not under the influence of drugs but due to addiction towards inhalants they again purchase glue," said Kumar.

Many children said they avoid keeping themselves clean as they are harassed by Railway Police. "If we look clean and have a garbage bag policeman think that we are thieves," said a street child.

While the rain brings some relief to street children, it also affects their income as they get fewer plastic water bottles in trains during the season.

"When there is rain people drink less water. So they buy fewer bottles," said Ajay, a ragpicker from Nizamuddin.

The children sell the empty bottles to scrap dealers and feed themselves and their families with the money they get.

BSES releases monsoon action plan

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The BSES has released its action plan for the monsoon and assured customers that it is fully geared up for the season.

"To ensure that BSES' nearly 40 lakh customers enjoy the pleasant weather and an incident-free power supply, BRPL and BYPL are undertaking all possible measures" said a senior official of BSES. The discoms' monsoon action plan has an integrated proactive approach, which is not only aimed at ensuring consumers' or installations' safety, but also is aimed at minimising the down time of power supply arising out of exigencies during monsoon, the official added.

BSES said it is undertaking pre-monsoon checks and preventive maintenance of its equipment. To reduce the incidence of moisture related breakdowns BSES discoms are taking measures to minimise the accumulation

ADVISORY

Stay away from electrical installations like electricity poles, sub-stations, transformers, streetlights, etc

Caution children from playing near electricity installations, even if they are barricaded. Advice children not play in parks that are water logged. Get entire wiring in your premises thoroughly checked and tested by the licensed electrical contractor.

Put off the main switch in case there is water logging or leakage observed in the meter cabin. Put on the main switch only on ensuring that all faults have been rectified properly.

Install an earth leakage circuit breaker (ELCB) to help avoid shocks and mishaps

Keep a "tester" at home. If a switch is wet, do not touch it. First use a "tester" to check if there is an electricity leakage. If need be, call your electrician

of moisture in the grids and panels, the company said.

BSES advised consumers to inform 399 99 707 (for South & West Delhi) and 399 99 808 (for East & Central Delhi) if they notice fallen cables, poles or exposed

wiring. In case of any emergency, apart from the 24 x 7 call centre numbers, consumers can reach BSES through its emergency numbers (BRPL 1800 10 39707, BYPL 41999808) or through its mobile app.

MP meets Naidu over delay in Metro's IVth phase work

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South Delhi MP Ramesh Bidhuri on Tuesday met Union Urban Development Minister M Venkaiah Naidu and apprised him about the 'delay' in the work of Delhi Metro's IVth phase.

Besides, Bidhuri also demanded for the extension of metro line from Aerocity to Tughlakabad line to Jaitpur and Defence Colony to Saket Line up to IGNOU.

According to BJP spokesperson, Bidhuri informed Naidu that Delhi Government has 'withheld' the approval for the extension in the IV phase of metro for the last two years.

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and MD of Delhi Metro Mangu Singh in his office to examine the matter. "After clearance from Singh, the Union Minister gave in principal approval to the extension of both the Metro lines as proposed by Bidhuri," he said.

As per BJP's press statement issued, Naidu directed the officers that the work on the IVth phase of Delhi Metro should be expedited and the approval for the extension of the two lines given on Tuesday should be forwarded to Delhi Government.

"Naidu also directed the metro officers that in order to save time the technical work of soil testing etc. should be started immediately for both the extended lines," added the press statement.

for the extension of the already approved two lines in the area. If the Central Government approves this extension then it will benefit about 10 lakh people in South Delhi and this extension of metro line will ease the pressure on road transport and curb pollution," said the spokesperson.

He further informed that taking cognizance of the representation made by Bidhuri, Naidu called the Secretary of the Department Durga Shankar

Road experts demand implementation of ITS

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To improve the efficiency of overall road transportation systems, a nodal agency should be set up for implementing the intelligent transportation system (ITS), said the road experts.

"Intelligent transportation system is a globally proven system to optimise the utilisation of existing transport infrastructure and improve transportation systems in terms of efficiency, quality, comfort and safety. The fast-growing field of ITS spans everything from freight transport and traffic management to in-vehicle services like driver alert," says K K Kapila, chairman, International Road Federation (IRF).

He said that currently for

implementation of ITS in India one has to deal with various ministries including Ministry of Road Transport, State Governments and Ministry of Communication among others.

Setting up of unified nodal agency will help in faster implementation of ITS in the country and develop standards that support ITS services and their interoperability.

Vijay Chhibber, former Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), said: "The problem of traffic congestion is spreading globally, creating numerous difficulties for travelers such as unpredictable delays in reaching the destinations, increasing pollution due to congestion, ITS technologies for roads and vehicles are helpful in enhancing mobil-

ity, enhance safety, improve environmental conditions, and reduce traffic congestion, thus improving the efficiency of overall road transportation systems."

"Delhi has one of the highest numbers of road accident death in the country with pedestrians most vulnerable. It is high time to installed automatic pedestrian detection devices and smart lighting system to improve pedestrian safety at various zebra crossings in the national capital. Most of the lighting installed shuts even yet the pedestrian has not crossed the road," said Prof P K Sarkar of School of Planning and Architecture (SPA).

INDUS Forum stresses on sustainable business

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The Indo-Dutch CSR and Sustainability Forum or INDUS Forum was organised by the Embassy of Netherlands, MVO Nederland and the Centre for Responsible Business (CRB) on Monday.

Dutch Vice-Minister for Foreign Trade, Marten van den Berg, who presented the key note address, said "We have looked with interest at the Modi government's



reform programmes, especially 'Make in India'. With

more than 200 companies in India, we hope to continue

our strong economic relations. On the other hand, over 200 Indian companies have set up operations in the Netherlands. Our country remains one among the top 10 partners of India in terms of trade volume, with a positive balance of trade in favour of India. In fact, in India, I have been amazed by the drive to innovate, whether it is in the streets with 'Jugaad' solutions or in the high-tech start-up sector."

Ambassador of the

Netherlands to India, Fons Stoeltinga, explained the concept of sustainability through an interesting example "The number of highly skilled workers in India, combined with a clear market demand on the Dutch side can be a driving force for a sustainable business. Some sectors in the Netherlands would like to make uniforms for their personnel which are socially and environmentally sustainable. This can only be done by ensuring a responsible

value chain and by recycling waste material back to fabrics. India could jump to this occasion and directly assist with this challenge - clearly involving people, planet and profit."

Stoeltinga added, "The challenge does not stop at borders; in fact, with growing population and demand, global chains, which create a higher level of interconnectedness, are essential..." The Statesman was the official media partner for the event.

LEISURE

10 MINUTE CROSSWORD



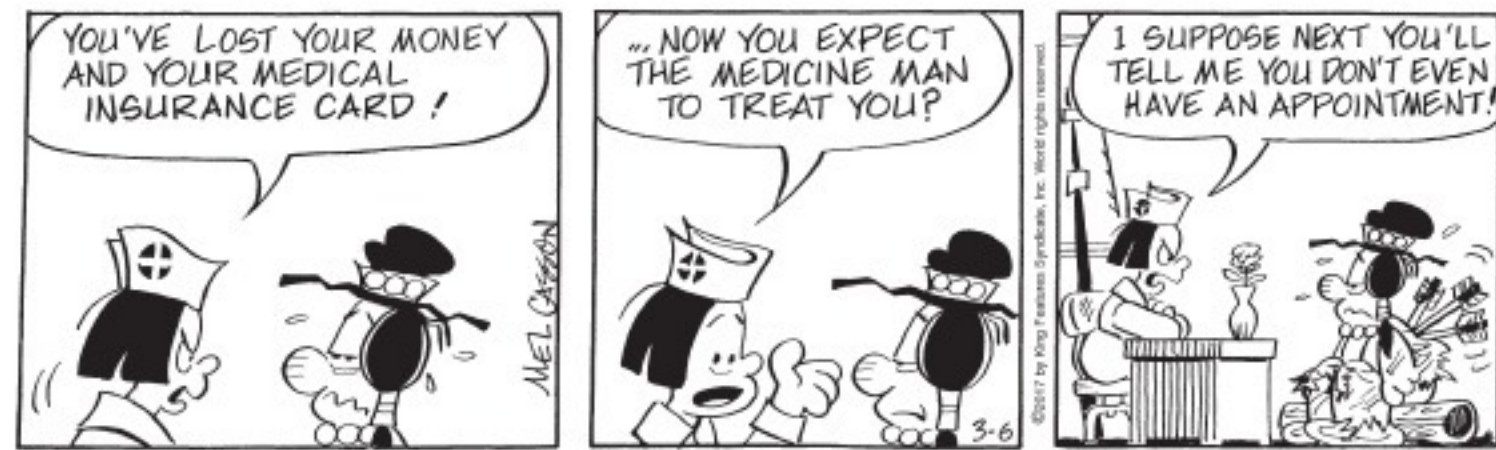
ACROSS: 1 Stature (6), 4 Possessed (5), 7 Despot (6), 8 Summon with a gesture (6), 9 White fur (6), 10 Haphazard (6), 12 Prodigal (11), 14 Plump (6), 17 Fix securely (6), 18 Digit (6), 19 Mariner (6), 20 Hard dark wood (5), 21 Somnolent (6). DOWN: 1 Conjuror's exclamation (3,6), 2 Picture (7), 3 Impetuous (3-6), 4 Last Greek letter (5), 5 Bare (5), 6 Durable fabric (5), 10 Practice session (9), 11 Conventionality (9), 13 Slope (7), 14 Scope (5), 15 Musical speed (5), 16 Distressed (5).

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: ACROSS: 13 Afghan hound, 15 Dog show, 17 Aboof, 19 Chair, 20 Edifice, 22 Dwell, 23 Nap, 13 Safeguard, 14 Ovation, 15 Duck, 16 Horde, 18 Flex, 4 Oasis, 5 Esperanto, 6 Mass, 7 Balm.

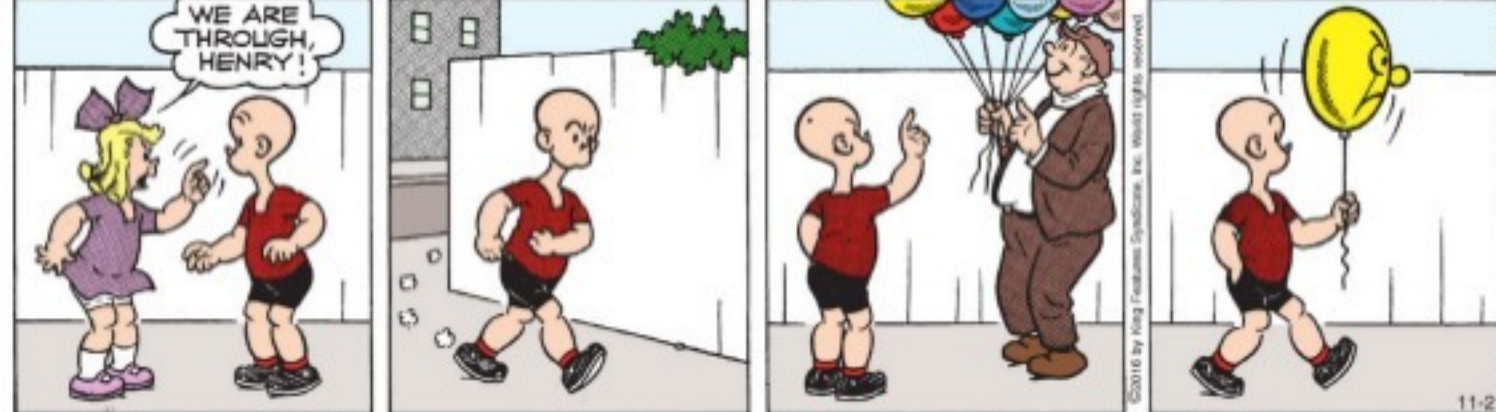
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RED EYE/Bill Yates & Mel Casson



HENRY/Dick Hodgins



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SCRABBLE BRAND

Scrabble game board and word list including H, S, E, I, P, K, A, N, S, L, T, A, U, P, N, P, Y, A, L, T, E, L, I, E, E, D, B.

SUDOKU Concepts Sudoku

Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers and difficulty level indicators.