





## Situation 'normal' in village where gas leak claimed 12 lives: AP govt

VISAKHAPATNAM (AP), May 9: The Andhra Pradesh government today said the situation was "normal" in RR Venkatapuram village, where a styrene vapour leak from the LG Polymers plant claimed 12 lives and left over 300 people hospitalised with various ailments.

Director General of Police D Gautam Sawang and Special Chief Secretary (Industries) Karikal Valaven inspected the plant and spoke to the LG management and later told reporters that "everything is normal and there is no need to panic."

Temperature at the styrene storage tank, where the vapour leak occurred, has come down, as also the PPM (ambient air quality) level.

"Definitely the air is also fresh and there is nothing to worry about. In the coming days, life will come back to normalcy," the DGP said.

"Just to be on the safe side, as per protocol, people are being asked to stay away for 48 hours. That period will end tomorrow."

"Scientists and experts from different parts of the country, including New Delhi, are coming here. They will review the situation and give final clearance," he added.

Valaven said temperature at the plant has come down, as well as the PPM level.

"Experts from the Petroleum University, In-

dian Institute of Chemical Technology and others are coming here. After they inspect, we will take further required steps," the Special Chief Secretary said.

Meanwhile, the LG management too issued a statement saying, "We are happy to confirm that the status-quo at the plant is brought under control this morning."

It said a special task force has been set up to help victims and families to "resolve any issues" and provide every assistance to the bereaved families.

"All (the affected) families will be contacted shortly. This team has the responsibility to provide every support for the deceased, medical supplies and household goods, and emotional management for psychological stability to all injured and victims," the company statement said.

The company teams were working with the government to assess the impact of the damage caused and create concrete measures to deliver an effective care package that could be implemented immediately.

The company assured that it would also "actively develop and promote mid-to-long term support programmes" that could contribute to the local communities. - PTI

## Mothers in villages use household items to homeschool kids

NEW DELHI, May 9: While parents in cities are tutoring their children at home using digital tools and technology amid the ongoing COVID-19-induced lockdown which has led to closure of schools, those in villages are utilising simple household items like fruits, buttons and pulses to homeschool kids.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced a nationwide lockdown from March 25 to April 14 and urged the country of around 1.3 billion people to stay home in view of the coronavirus outbreak. The restrictions were first extended till May 3 and again extended till May 17.

The death toll due to COVID-19 rose to 1,981 and the number of cases climbed to 59,662 in the country on Saturday, registering an increase of 95 deaths and 3,320 cases in the last 24 hours, according to the Union Health Ministry.

As most of the educational institutions in cities across the country are offering online classes due to the lockdown, parents too are chipping in to educate their kids at home using iPads, tabs and smartphones.

However, in the absence of fancy gadgets, internet connection and in some cases even electricity, those living in the hinterlands have come up with unique ideas like using fruits, vegetables, buttons, pulses etc. to teach their kids how to count and identify different shapes, sizes and colours.

In a video shot in a remote village in Odisha, a mother can be seen using tomatoes, onions and green chillies to

teach her child how to count while another similar clip from a village in Jharkhand shows a mother teaching her child about different shapes through drawings that she made on the ground using a piece of chalk.

The child identifies the rectangle, circle and square before jumping inside them as part of an educational game. In another video, children can be seen learning about numbers with the help of buttons and grains of different pulses.

The mothers made the videos as part of an initiative by child rights NGO Save the Children to teach minors in remote parts of the country and ensure that the parents are engaged in the learning process of the child.

"Our field level staff made some videos based on domain areas and shared them. We started the videos as an experiment because we are working with families who are struggling for their daily bread and butter and other issues," said Kamal Gaur, deputy director-education at Save the Children.

"But these videos acted like a stimulus. We have developed a time table that every day we will touch upon an area so we started sharing those videos and we asked people how they were spending time with their children, following which they started sending us videos," she told this news agency.

She further said that sometimes the mothers would replicate what was sent to them, but most of the time they come up with their own innovative ideas. - PTI

## Restrictions continue in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, May 9: Restrictions continued in Kashmir today in the wake of killing of Hizbul Mujahideen chief Riyaz Naikoo in an encounter with security forces on Wednesday, but the curbs were relaxed in some areas of the valley where the situation re-

mained peaceful, officials said. Restrictions on the movement and assembly of people continued in the valley for the fourth consecutive day on Saturday following Naikoo's killing in Pulwama district of south Kashmir on Wednesday, the officials said.

They, however, said the curbs were relaxed in some areas of the valley where the situation remained peaceful.

Some relaxations in terms of allowing movement of people and opening of shops in certain areas have been allowed, they added. - PTI



### Promoting Artefacts

Tribes India is a chain of outlets selling arts and crafts from empanelled tribal suppliers. It is run by TRIFED or The Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India.

P.S. TRIFED was established in the year 1987.



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- Wear long sleeved clothes to protect yourself from mosquito bites.
- As soon as dengue like symptoms occur consult a doctor. Don't take medicine without consulting a physician.



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- High Fever
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New age intelligence

iPad-generation kids good at reading facial emotions too

In some good news for parents who are worried at their kids spending too much time with screens, researchers report that today's children are not bad at reading emotions and picking up cues from people's faces than children who didn't grow up with tablets and smartphones.

With the ubiquitous use of tablets and other devices today among toddlers as well as parents, the psychologists wanted to know: Have younger children missed the opportunity to understand social cues?

The team at the University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA) tested the ability of more than 50 sixth graders in 2017, and more than 50 sixth graders in 2012 - both male and female, from the same school - to correctly identify emotions in photographs and videos.

Most children from the sixth-grade class of 2012 were born in 2001, while the first iPhone came out in 2007, for example, and the first iPad in 2010 - a time when the sixth graders from the 2017 class were infants and toddlers.

The psychologists found that the 2017 sixth graders scored 40 per cent higher than the 2012 class at correctly identifying emotions in photographs and made significantly fewer errors than

the 2012 students.

In addition, the 2017 students were better at identifying the emotions in a series of videos, but only slightly better, a difference the researchers said is not statistically significant.

"Perhaps our 2017 participants had more opportunities to see, communicate and learn non-verbal emotion expressed in photographs of faces than those from 2012 because of the time spent taking and reviewing photos of themselves and others," explained lead study author Yalda T Uhls in the study published in the journal *Cyberpsychology, Behavior and Social Networking*.

In today's world, young people use photos and, increasingly, video to communicate. In 2018, for instance, 69 per cent of teens reported they used Snapchat and 72 per cent used Instagram, both of which incorporate pictures and text messages. Uhls noted that even text-based communication can convey emotion through capitalization, emoticons and repetition.

"With so many of our kids are on screens so frequently, it is important to know that good things can come from their interactions with photos," Uhls said.

-(Source: IANS)

Entertainment TV schedule including CN, Gossip Girl, and other shows.

Entertainment TV schedule including Zcfe, colors, and other shows.

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Entertainment TV schedule including AXN, &tv, and other shows.

Movies section including UTV Movies, HBO, and Zee Cinema.

Infotainment TV schedule including National Geographic Channel, Animal Planet, and other shows.

Regional TV schedule including News Live, 18, and other shows.

Regional TV schedule including Sports, and other shows.

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Movies section including Star Movies, Zee Cinema, and other shows.

Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, May 10, 2020:

You are a lone mover and shaker and are involved this year in an exciting project that brings you fame and riches. If single, it has been too long and you need to find a mate who gives you emotional support. It will happen once you set your mind to it. If attached, listen more to your partner, who has invaluable suggestions. You are like two peas in a pod. VIRGO gives the best advice.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) \*\*\*\*\* The role of adviser or teacher comes your way today. You will process data and analyze facts with a flair that leaves others speechless. This very positive pattern promises growth and an overall improvement in standard of living throughout the months to come. Tonight: Relax.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\*\* You feel ambitious even on a Sunday, and you are anxious to get moving again and show what you can do. Your image and reputation will be enhanced. Do rituals to open doors for yourself and to stimulate your talent. Tonight: Play the night away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*\* Use caution before forming financial partnerships today, even if idly chatting. Loans you might turn into gifts. Be wary of advice, and double-check insurance matters. A child has a fairy tale to tell you. Tonight: Speak your mind and expect to get responses.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*\* A novel goal will become important today. Finances demand your attention. You will work hard to acquire greater security. Suddenly, the tension lessens because of a surprise windfall that might come your way. Your popularity will peak. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Get enough rest and avoid companions and situations that you know are not good for you. Your long-term wellness depends on you being your own best friend during this everlasting stay home period. The lion is growing restless. Tonight: Play with your children or pets.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*\* A relationship that was on hold moves forward today. Your kindness to a loved one who needs support adds stability to the relationship. A problem linked to child care or pet care suddenly dissolves. Tonight: An intimate dinner date with a beautiful place setting.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Today there is an emphasis on the home and family area. Allow a temperamental household member time and space to work on a problem. A home repair is needed. You will feel lazy and more inclined to read your book. Tonight: Early bedtime.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Ideas come from another today. There will be a great deal of commotion and many short outings. Remain focused and avoid distractions. Transportation issues might need your attention. You will long to purchase some pricy items but must resist the temptation. Tonight: Where the action is not.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Your sector of possessions and security will be accented today, so plan an online shopping period. If asked to mediate a dispute, be sure to keep any personal bias concealed. Tonight: Online retail therapy should not cost that much. Stay frugal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*\* Today brings a very joyful trend, accenting invitations and your popularity. Your appearance is especially pleasing. The financial prospects are promising too. It's a perfect time to prepare a list of goals and affirmation for your new season. Tonight: Celebrate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*\* Today brings the perfect opportunity for self-analysis and soul-searching. It will be easier to express yourself and articulate tomorrow, but for now you need some time alone. Your physical vitality will be low. Journal and write as much as you can. Tonight: Intense dreaming.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\*\* It is a day to network and be social online. Friends inspire you to develop worthwhile goals. Avoid challenging others, because an aggressive tactic on your part might backfire. Politics within a service organization will be very satisfying. Tonight: Take a soothing herbal bath.

Thought for the day: Life would be infinitely happier if we could only be born at the age of eighty and gradually approach eighteen. - MARK TWAIN

CROCK comic strip by Rechin and Wilder. Panel 1: A crock in a desert. Panel 2: Crock asks for help for a poor starving nomad. Panel 3: Crock offers a steak and dessert. Panel 4: Crock offers to wash clothes and clean bed. Panel 5: Crock offers to cook while the nomad brings mail. Panel 6: Crock offers to catch fish.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE comic strip by Dik Browne. Panel 1: Haggar asks for a reservation. Panel 2: Haggar asks for a reservation. Panel 3: Haggar asks for a reservation. Panel 4: Haggar asks for a reservation. Panel 5: Haggar asks for a reservation. Panel 6: Haggar asks for a reservation.

DADDY DAZE comic strip by John Kovaleski. Panel 1: Daddy asks if he wants to hear a brilliant math-related idea. Panel 2: Daddy asks if he wants to hear a brilliant math-related idea. Panel 3: Daddy asks if he wants to hear a brilliant math-related idea. Panel 4: Daddy asks if he wants to hear a brilliant math-related idea. Panel 5: Daddy asks if he wants to hear a brilliant math-related idea. Panel 6: Daddy asks if he wants to hear a brilliant math-related idea.

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15x15 crossword puzzle grid.

Across clues: 1 Philatelists collect them (6), 4 To jeer at (5), 13 Contaminate (7), 14 Atmosphere? (3), 15 Modified (7), 16 Mine entrance (4), 17 State on the west coast of India (3), 18 Strike with the foot (4), 21 Eavesdrop (8), 23 Visionary (8), 27 Large predatory sea fish (9), 29 Overwhelming electoral victory (9), 31 Happened or occurred (4,5), 32 Happening by good luck (9), 33 Knock down (8), 37 Made a life peer by dubbing (8), 42 Needle case (4), 43 The eggs of fish (3), 44 Settle down (4), 47 Rebuke or scold a person (7), 48 Unwell (3), 49 Rooted for one's team (7), 50 Group of six (6), 51 Musical piece (5), 52 Distorted, biased or bent (6), 20 Judges or computes (9), 22 Junkies (7), 24 Compel by force (7), 25 Lessen in severity (5), 26 High temperature (5), 28 "You" in Urdu (3), 30 Former France coin (3), 34 Result or issue (7), 35 Eye membranes or showy flowers (6), 36 Old-fashioned musician? (7), 37 Sounded a bell (7), 38 Creepy-crawly thing (6), 39 Nag (7), 40 Avoids or evades (6), 41 Praised (6), 45 Highest point (4), 46 Forehead (4).

HEALTH CAPSULES by Bron Smith. Question: HOW MUCH DOES A HUMAN BRAIN WEIGH? Answer: THE AVERAGE HUMAN BRAIN WEIGHS THREE POUNDS. THE SKIN, THE LARGEST ORGAN IN THE BODY, WEIGHS TWICE AS MUCH AS THE BRAIN.











