

MORNING BRIEFING

IndiaCan and Pearson opens centre

Education services provider, IndiaCan and Pearson, recently launched its first vocational training centre at Balgandharva Chowk in Pune. The centre aims to provide employment linked skills to the youth in high growth industrial sectors like retail, ITeS, sales, media, telecom and others. The city centre will currently offer courses in spoken English, accounts, sales, retail and IT and additional courses will be launched shortly.

Symbiosis international students' convocation

Symbiosis International Cultural and Educational Centre, Pune, has organised an international students' convocation ceremony on June 11 at 11 am at the Symbiosis Vishwabhavan auditorium. Suresh Goel, director general of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, New Delhi, will be the chief guest.

Appeal to help orphans

Humanity Action Aid, a non-governmental organisation working to support orphans for education, food and personality development, has appealed to people to donate and invited applications for volunteers. For details, contact Humanity Action Aid on 9763948077 or 9763385252 or 9503398840.

Revision replacement surgery at low cost

Dr Bernard Zicat, a renowned joints replacement surgeon and a specialist in revision replacement surgery from Australia, is visiting Lokmanya Hospital, Nigdi, on June 16 to perform revision replacement surgery at concessional rates. For details, call 9881212900 or 3061200.

Course in gardening

The Maharashtra Association for Cultivation of Science is organising a course in gardening. Classes are scheduled between 3.30 pm and 5.30 pm at Agharkar Research Institute. The course fee is Rs1,500 per head and the last date for registration is June 30. For details, contact on 25653680.

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Shri Vikram Samvat 2068, Sake Era 1933, Sun Uttarayan, Uttar Gole, Grism Ritu, Jyestha Shukla Paksha Saptami till 8.47 pm, Nakshatra Magha till 1.42 pm, Yoga Harshan till 1.55 pm, Karan Gar till 9.47 am, and after that Vanij till 8.47 pm, and Bhadra starts.

Rahu Kala: Noon to 1.30 pm
Yam Ganda: 7.30 am to 9.00 am

Best Period: 10.30 am to noon, & 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm

PUNE UPPERFRONT

Sachin to fund paraplegic archer for world contest

Star cricketer visits Paraplegic Rehabilitation Centre in Khadki, agrees to provide Rs3 lakh to Sepoy Boriwale

DNA Correspondent

Star Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar will fund Pune-based paraplegic archer, Sepoy Amol Boriwale, enabling the sportsman to represent India in the World Paraplegic Archery Championships in July.

On a visit to the army's Paraplegic Rehabilitation Centre (PRC) in Khadki on Monday, Sachin agreed to provide the Rs3 lakh required by Amol to participate in the world event in Italy.

Sachin, who spent two hours at the centre, watched the soldiers play a game of basketball, inspected their sports medals and shook hands with each of the 70 soldiers.

Sunandan Lele, director of the city-based event management firm, White Copper Entertainment said, "Sachin has agreed to fund Amol's individual expenses for the tour."

DNA, in its report, 'Master Blaster's' video-conference with Paraplegic Rehabilitation Centre a hit' (April 25) had reported on Sachin's video conference with the paraplegic archer in Pune on the occasion of his birthday this year. Lele told DNA that Sachin was overwhelmed by the soldiers' enthusiasm and had promised to pay them a visit at the earliest.

According to the coordinator of Monday's event, Subhash Kar-



Tendulkar talks to paraplegic archer Amol Boriwale (extreme right)

markar, Boriwale practiced archery at the Mundhwa-based Army Sports Institute four days a week. Boriwale said he was overwhelmed by Tendulkar's presence at the PRC. "I had not in my wildest dreams expected to see Tendulkar at PRC. He is a very humble man. There is no trace of pride in him," he said.

Boriwale said that the nine-member India team taking part in the World Paraplegic Archery Championships in Italy between July 10-17 needed a total of Rs12

lakh to participate. According to Boriwale, the Paraplegic Archery Federation of India had no funds to send the team to Italy.

The world championships was a qualifier for the Paraplegic Olympics, scheduled to take place in London in 2012.

Boriwale said, "I have made an ardent plea to Tendulkar to help our entire team to take part in the world championships. Tendulkar was most kind. He asked me to stop worrying about funds and instead concentrate on my training."

Cricket museum idea enthuses 'Master Blaster'

DNA Correspondent

'Master Blaster' Sachin Tendulkar showed keen interest in the proposed cricket museum, to be developed in the city in his honour, by the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) with funding from the state government.

PMC standing committee chairman Ganesh Bidkar met Sachin on Monday and apprised him about the proposed museum, to be developed on 2 acres in Baner, at a cost of Rs40 crore.

"Sachin offered suggestions during the 10-minute discussion. He was keen to know about the proposed cricket museum," Bidkar said, adding that the cricketing legend showed readiness to provide help for the museum.

He said that in the proposed museum, all golden moments in the life of Tendulkar, from his first Test match to the last World Cup, would be depicted.

The state government had proposed a cricket museum in Mumbai in honour of Tendulkar in last year's budget. The PMC standing committee members came to know that Rs40 crore was not utilised as the land was not made available by the Bombay Municipal Corporation.



Railway safety head satisfied with Pune division

DNA Correspondent

The chief safety commissioner of the Indian Railways, Prashant Kumar, expressed satisfaction with the safety aspects adhered to by the Pune railway division.

During his recent visit to the Pune railway station, Kumar, accompanied by divisional railway manager Vishal Agarwal, inspected the diesel loco shed, interlocking route relay central cabin and the yard where repairs of coaches and engines take place.

"He expressed satisfaction at the manner in which the Pune railway division authorities are dealing with the safety aspects of trains and advised the staff to further improve matters," said the Pune railway division PRO, YK Singh.

Kumar inspected a new diesel locomotive engine procured from Diesel Locomotive Works, Varanasi, by the Pune railway division and released it for use.

Retired postal staff cry foul over medical benefits

Pensioners urge India Post to shift two dispensaries to PCMC

Kiran Dahitule

Retired employees of the Pimpri-Chinchwad-based India Post are unable to avail of medical facilities in the absence of dispensaries of the department in the area. The hapless former staff of the department have to depend on costly treatment at private clinics.

Although there are two dispensaries of the department—one on Bajirao Road and another in Camp area in Pune—retired employees residing in the twin township of Pimpri-Chinchwad cannot avail of treatment at these health centres.

"Under the rules, only those staying within 8 km can avail of treatment at the dispensaries. And the two centres are located about 2 km from each other," said Narayan Sonar, who retired as a senior superintendent of India Post.

"We get a monthly allowance of just Rs100 for our medical expenses. This is insufficient to even travel by an autorickshaw from home to a good clinic," he said.

Over the years, the post offices in Pimpri-Chinchwad area have increased following growth in population. Many



The postal dispensary in Pune Camp —Kiran Dahitule DNA

Madhavrao Bamne (left) and Narayan Sonar



employees of the department, including those who served in Pune, have settled in the twin township after retirement.

The pensioners also questioned why indoor facilities were not available at the two dispensaries in Pune.

The president of the Pimpri-Chinchwad unit of All India Central Government Pensioners' Association (AICGPA), Madhavrao Bamne, said

the association has proposed to the India Post to set up a dispensary in its building in Chinchwad.

"There is adequate space available in that building. If that is not possible, one of the two existing dispensaries from Pune can be shifted to Pimpri-Chinchwad," he said. He said the association has also been corresponding with the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) office for a long time requesting CGHS membership for postal pensioners, without any additional cost.

The association also suggested that postal dispensaries can be merged with the CGHS in cities where they function independently.

CGHS director general, LC

Goel, said the problems faced by the postal department pensioners are being followed up with the Union ministry of finance, whose concurrence is required. He said there should be no difficulty in admitting requests for postal department pensioners who specifically ask for CGHS health cards.

"There is a case pending for merger of postal dispensaries with CGHS wellness centres. It is unlikely that the case would be resolved in favour of pensioners in the near future. Therefore, it is requested that all postal pensioners be granted permission to opt for and receive CGHS cards as per the existing procedure applicable for other central government ministries and departments," Bamne said.

The postmaster general of Pune, Colonel (ret'd) KC Mishra said, "The requests made by the pensioners are under consideration. But it is not possible to shift the existing dispensaries."

He added, "The central board has decided that postal and CGHS dispensaries would be merged so that the postal department pensioners can get all benefits that central government pensioners avail of. But we cannot say when the decision would be implemented."

Power generation facility to be launched

An environment-friendly dual-fuel captive power generation facility would be inaugurated at the Pimpri plant of Tata Motors on Wednesday. The project has been jointly undertaken by governments of India and Japan, New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organisation (NEDO) from Japan and Tata Motors.



POSITIVE THINKING

Ramesh Menon

Og Mandino was in school in the United States when his mother told him that one day he would become a great writer. He liked her confidence and made it his dream. But as soon as he graduated from school, she died. Family circumstances forced him to work in a paper factory. He did various odd jobs and was struggling with rising debt even after 10 years of working.

One day while returning from work, he saw a handgun for sale in a shop window which was for just \$29. He pulled out three \$10 bills from his pocket. It was all that he had. He thought he could buy the gun, go home, put a bullet in it, put it on his temple and pull the trigger. It would have ended his reality

of having looking into the mirror and feel that he was a failure.

Og Mandino did not buy the gun. Instead, he strayed into a library. There he saw many books on success and motivation. He picked on them and read them hoping to find some answers. As his attitude became positive, he found he could control his alcoholism.

He got a salesman job but kept thinking of his dream of being a writer. He hired a typewriter and wrote a sales manual. It got published. Then he became the editor of a house journal which had a staff of two. He worked hard to make it a national magazine and soon had a staff of 62. It grew to have a circulation of a quarter million. As there was one article short before the magazine went in for publication on one particular issue, Og Mandino sat up all night and wrote a

piece on the determination of golfer Ben Hogan who was told that he would never be able to walk properly. Ben Hogan ended up winning the National Open and was hailed as one of the greatest golfers in the world.

Soon after the article got published, a publisher wrote to Og Mandino saying that he liked his writing and would love to publish him if he ever wrote a book! Og Mandino was waiting for such an opportunity. Eighteen months later, he had a manuscript ready called, "The Greatest Salesman in the World." Only 5,000 copies were printed. But as sales rose, it was reprinted numerous times. Three decades have passed since and it is still a runaway best seller. Never lose hope. Miracles only happen as some of us have the courage to dream.

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Letters to the editor

Motive suspect

News that the government is planning to direct the income tax department and enforcement directorate to investigate the affairs of Baba Ramdev's Patanjali Yogpeeth reflects immaturity of governance. There is nothing wrong in these enforcement authorities doing their investigation, but the motive and the time is disturbing. Citizens of the country are concerned about corruption, which is the root cause of our slow pace of growth. Let the government learn from its past mistakes. The government should

not forget what happened in Tamil Nadu recently. —AR Sathyan, Pune

Extra-constitutional players

The attitude of all concerned in fighting corruption is regrettable. I wonder whether the government, the opposition (presently Anna Hazare and Baba Ramdev) will be able to do anything for the people except make a show for the consumption of their respective supporters. Few years back JP called for a revolution and we all know what revolution he

brought. Now, all are talking about their constitutional rights but what they do is totally unconstitutional. Anna Hazare and his group are not elected by the people. It is best if they give possible suggestions to the elected government to implement its views or get elected and head a government. —SS Nair, via email

Act now on Lokpal

Aprons the DNA exclusive, 'Lokpal will not eradicate corruption, says Binayak Sen', (May 31), I disagree with Sen because on one hand he has stated

that present system of liberalisation, globalisation and privatisation is responsible for encouraging corruption and that this system must change but he has not suggested how. The writer should be reminded that there are loopholes in the law, exploited by netas and the black sheep in the judiciary, which needs to be plugged to end corruption, and the government has failed to plug such loopholes in law and has failed to pass Lokpal Bill since 1968. This is the right time to enact the Jan Lokpal Bill into a law. —KC Jaisinghani, Pune



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