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NEWS DIGEST

Indian taxi driver attacked by Oz footballer

In yet another attack on an Indian in Melbourne, a taxi driver from the community was injured when a drunk Australian star footballer allegedly assaulted him after an altercation. Essendon football player Michael Hurley was arrested for kicking and punching an Indian cabbie outside a fast-food outlet on Hoddle Street. **P 17**

Hospitalise Shiney Ahuja, says court

A sessions court on Friday directed the Arthur Road prison authorities to administer medical treatment to actor Shiney Ahuja, arrested for allegedly raping his maid, and shift him to a hospital if required, after he complained of acute back pain. **P 15**

Kirsten denies sex advice

India's cricket coach Gary Kirsten on Friday expressed his deep hurt and anguish at the quotes attributed to him that he has been trying to encourage the players towards sexual activity in order to improve their performance. **P 21**

DIWALI KI MITHAAS

Vishy wishes to spread more joy: Chess grandmaster Vishwanathan Anand loves Diwali and the energy it generates. Personally, he makes it a point to burst crackers with family, share sweets and help the underprivileged. He rues the fact that as a sportsman, he has to constantly travel and miss such moments of happiness. **Look inside for more**

DAIRY MILK
ISS DIWALI AAP KISE KHUSH KARENGE?

Rs 5,000-cr hawala scam busted: An Indian businessman with alleged links to Dawood Ibrahim and Al Qaida and accused of terror financing by US Homeland Security was on Friday booked by enforcement directorate for running an alleged hawala operation to the tune of Rs 5,000 crore. **P 12**

Gujarat cows take on H1N1, HIV

Amul Launches Oral Spray To Strengthen Immune System

Raja Bose | TNN

Anand: It will now be cow versus swine. As the world grapples with H1N1, cows in Anand, the country's milk capital, will provide the all-important ingredient to tackle the menace.

After giving the country utterly, butterly, delicious milk products for almost five decades, Amul is ready to take on deadly viruses as it joins hands with a Mumbai-based company to collect 'first milk' — which provides immunity to the new-born calf — to come out with an oral spray that increases the human's immune system against viruses, including HIV and H1N1.

The milk is being collected from Amul's milk cooperatives and the product, Receptor, will be

marketed by the Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) which owns the Amul brand.

"The first milk from the mother's breast, called colostrum, helps the offspring build its immune system. We first removed fat by nano filtration from the colostrum collected from cows. The isolated particles, called nano-peptides, were named 'Radha-108'. It has been patented in India and the US. If sprayed in the mouth, these nano-peptides reach the heart from where it is pumped around the body," says Dr Pawan Saharan, chairman of Biomix Network Limited, who got a soft loan of Rs 12 crore from the department of science and technology to conduct the research.

"This is a paradigm shift in re-



search as it aims at strengthening the body against the virus. These nano-peptides block pores (receptors) on the cell surface that are gateway to viruses and also height-

en the immune system in case of a viral attack," says Dr Saharan.

"Clinical trials have been conducted in the US, Nigeria and India. HIV patients have shown drastic reduction in viral load and those with influenza have turned asymptomatic," he adds.

While Biomix has applied to the Drugs Controller General of India, Receptor is being sold as a natural food supplement at eight counters at Mumbai's domestic and international airports.

"This is Amul's first foray into this field. Amul has provided land for research and production," says GCMMF chairman BM Vyas. The plant has come up on Amul Dairy premises in Khatraj near Ahmedabad. About 1,200 members of Amul's village cooperatives source colostrum from cows.

Bill soon to protect you from fleecing builders

Mahendra Kumar Singh | TNN

New Delhi: The aam aadmi looking to own a piece of real estate might be able to breathe easier. The possibility of being hoodwinked by a smooth-talking builder or salesman might be reduced sharply as developers will soon be required to post project details, including civic clearances, on the website of the real estate regulator.

Being turned into a real life victim of sharp builders, featured in the film 'Khosla ka Ghosla', has given nightmares to honest property buyers often duped by developers hiding behind terms like 'super area' and fine print about various 'charges' to conceal actual floor area and the final costs.

Providing A Solid Foundation



- ▶ Builders will have to register with regulator and provide details of number and size of plots, layout plan and other facilities before launching any project
- ▶ They will not be able to take any advance payment from buyer without written sale agreement mentioning project timeline, payment details and possession date
- ▶ Promoter can't cancel sale deed unilaterally. Will have to give notice and provide entire amount with interest
- ▶ Buyers will have to be clearly told the carpet area, super area, common area and other specifications of apartments by the promoter
- ▶ If developers fail to provide services like supply of electricity, water, sewage and drainage, consumers can approach the regulator for relief

AI pilots threaten mass sick leave

Saurabh Sinha & Neha Lalchandani | TNN

New Delhi: Barely two weeks after a strike by Jet pilots plunged flight schedules into chaos, several vacation plans for the festive season could be hit following a threat by nearly one-third of Air India pilots to go on indefinite strike from Friday midnight by reporting sick en masse.

On Wednesday, cash-strapped AI had slashed salaries of non-unionised executive pilots belonging to the management cadre. The managed pilots — 400 in all — have now hit back and are

JuD man at helm, PTV shuns news against Taliban

Omer Farooq Khan | TNN

Islamabad: Pakistan's government-owned news channel, PTV, has officially been in the hands of a known activist of the banned Jamaat-ud-Dawa (JuD), Imran Meer, since March this year. Meer was a spokesperson of the JuD and familiar to the people as the man with the flowing beard and cropped hair, holding brief for the activities of the banned organisation.

While the Pakistani government constantly harps that it has no links to Hafiz Saeed and his jihadis, it thinks nothing of making a major jihadi sympathiser a part of the establishment by handing him the keys to the government-owned propaganda machinery — a role in which Meer has excelled by blacking out every bit of anti-Taliban and anti-Hafiz Saeed news.

Meer was hired on the recommendations of the information ministry investigations and interviews with members of the now-defunct JuD and media organisations reveal that Meer frequently voiced the views and statements of JuD leaders. "He has been seen at the Raiwind facility of the organization on a number of occasions," said an activist of the banned JuD.

Once entrenched in PTV, Meer got in another alleged JuD activist, Zafar Malik, as director production. Malik is

Official Blackout

▶ Imran Meer was spokesman of JuD, edited outfit's mouthpiece and remains a prominent jihadi sympathizer

▶ Blacks out news against Taliban, Hafiz Saeed

▶ Hired on recommendations of the information ministry, Meer in turn brought in another alleged JuD man, Zafar Malik, to head production at PTV

▶ Malik linked to jihadi outfits in Kashmir and Afghanistan, was detained by FBI after Daniel Pearl's murder

the persons to vouch for Meer was Peshawar-based spokesperson of JuD, Atiq Chauhan, who told TOI that Meer was a deputy editor of the organization's newspaper, Ghazva. Apart from bringing out JuD's mouthpiece, Meer is not known to have had any journalistic experience.

Question is, how does the government distance itself from JuD when its only official news channel is controlled by JuD activists?

PTV News has also reported instances of sexual harassment of female anchors and at least three of them have filed complaints with the information ministry accusing director current affairs, Ahsan