

A woman preparing 'pootharekulu' at Atreyapuram in Konaseema

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The 'Atreyapuram Pootharekulu', a sweet made of rice and jaggery, has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.

The entry into the Geographical Indications Registry (GIR) mandates that the production of the sweet be confined only to the Atreyapuram village on the banks of the Godavari in Konaseema district of Andhra Pradesh.

On June 14, the GIR, under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, had registered 'Pootharekulu' sweet variety under the 'Food' category, as the four-month statutory period to challenge the claims by the applicant expired by then.

How is it prepared

Coarse rice is made into a batter. A cloth is then dipped in the batter and put on a hot inverted pot to make edible thin films which is then stuffed with

'poothareku', jaggery powder and cashew and rolled to make a

"At least 400 women of Atreyapuram are into the activity in the village. Situated on the banks of the Godavari, the village has the history of making the sweet for over three centuries," claimed the Sir Arthur Cotton Atreyapuram Putharekula Manufacturers' Welfare Association (SACAPMWA) in its application for the GI tag.

As per the official website of the GIR, the 'Atreyapuram Pootharekulu' (Certificate No. 483) was registered on June 14 with a validity of up to December 2031.

"The credit goes to the women of the village. Their skill in making the delicacy has brought laurels to the village and fame to the Konaseema region, apart from generating employment to scores of villagers," SACAPMWA treasurer Gadiraju Prasada Raju told The Hindu.

"Rice is the main ingredient. We prefer the MTU-3626 paddy variety for its taste and adhesive feature," Mr. Prasada Raju

Repeal of anti-conversion law: BJP warns of agitation

Former Karnataka CM Basavaraj Bommai says the law was enacted in the interest of society; several civil society groups and minority communities welcome the Congress government's move

<u>The Hindu Bureau</u> BENGALURU

he decision of the Karnataka government to withdraw the controversial anti-conversion law has been condemned by the BJP, which had enacted it in 2022 during its regime. Several civil society groups and minority communities, which had then opposed it, have welcomed the move of the Congress government.

The BJP has warned of staging a Statewide struggle against the decisions if it was not reversed. In a series of tweets former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai described it as "appeasement politics" and an effort to "unthinkingly reverse all decisions of the BJP government." He ar-



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dent, PUCL-Karnataka, said, "Given that the definition of allurement in the law was very broad, it had become a tool to target minorities, especially Christian priests. We hope that the government also repeals the Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Act, 2020".

In a statement, the Archbishop of Bengaluru, Peter Machado, expressed "profound gratitude and satisfaction" towards the Karnataka government for its decision and called it a "recognition of the importance of upholding fundamental rights."



Forecast for Friday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Rajasthan, Assam, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Nagaland, Manipur and Mizoram. Heat wave/severe heat wave conditions likely in isolated pockets of Bihar, Jharkhand, Gangetic West Bengal, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam

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Aizawl	65	32.0	17.6	Lucknow		40.6	30.3	
Allahabad		43.4	32.4	Madurai		40.8	26.9	
Bengaluru	2	31.5	21.9	Mangaluru	9.3	31.4	24.5	
Bhopal		—	27.1	Mumbai	3	35.6	29.8	
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Chennai	—	40.1	30.8	Patna		43.8	30.0	
Coimbatore		36.0	23.4	Port Blair	8	29.7	24.2	
Dehradun		36.5	23.8	Puducherry		39.3	29.1	
Gangtok	21.8	19.5	17.1	Pune		35.0	25.1	
Goa	8	34.0	26.0	Raipur	22.2	41.0	22.0	
Guwahati	46	28.9	22.7	Ranchi		40.6	27.4	
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CPI(M) expels four workers in Kerala over financial scam related to cryptocurrency The Hindu Bureau The transaction was ship of the party. The CPI tained to a transaction of

Four Communist Party of India (Marxist) [CPI(M)] workers have been expelled from the party following a financial scam related to cryptocurrency transactions.

The party has taken action against Padiyottuchal local committee members

made with the son of a Kerala Congress (M) leader, who complained to CPI(M)

A. Akhil, Xavier, and Ramsha, and branch committee member K. Sakesh. They have been expelled from the primary member(M) activists had made a cryptocurrency transaction with a college student, son of a leader of the Kerala Congress (M), a constituent of the Left Democratic Front.

Conflicts arose over the profit share in the deal. Though it is reported that the deal was worth several crores, the problem per₹30 lakh. The KC(M) leader com-

plained to CPI(M) State secretary M.V. Govindan that his son was cheated. A State committee memberled team investigated the matter and found the allegations true.

The team found that the workers acted against the party policy.

Kerala HC stays case against actor Unni

The Hindu B<u>ureau</u>

Mukundan

The Kerala High Court on Thursday stayed all further proceedings in a criminal case registered against actor Unni Mukundan for outraging the modesty of a woman script writer.

Justice K. Babu passed the stay order on a petition filed by the actor seeking to quash the case. When the petition was taken up for hearing, the counsel for the actor submitted that the case had been settled. The script writer, in her affidavit, said the dispute had been resolved amicably and she no longer had any complaints against him. The allegation by the woman was that the actor tried to molest her, which was denied by the actor.

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group of persons from

Mangaluru in Karnataka

and Kerala, are sold under

the brand name 'Enchi

Crunchi' in Karnataka and

Rosma Biscuit Cup in Kera-

la. The latter is also the

name of the start-up.

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tic cups.

Siddaramaiah's remark was only on CM of the day: court

The Hindu Bureau BENGALURU

A special court has rejected a defamation complaint lodged by two persons alleging that Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who was then Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly, had defamed the entire Lingayat community by making a statement that, "Chief Ministers, who are Lingayats, have spoiled the State due to their corrupt nature" during an election campaign in Mysuru in April.

The court, after perusing the audio-video footage of Mr. Siddaramaiah's statement made in Kannada pointed out that "the statement is not made in respect of the entire Lin-

'Enchi Crunchi', the edible cups

sold in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu,

"The cups are made out

of millets. The main ingre-

dients are ragi, jowar and

rice," Deekshit Vijaya, a

member of the start-up,

who is based in Attavara in

Kerala. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

the beverage and eat the cup too



gayat community, but only in respect of the CM, who was holding the position as on the date of the statement".

Since complainants are not the persons aggrieved, taking cognisance of the offence and proceeding with the case would amount to abuse of legal process, the court said.

Mangaluru, told *The*

two variants, hot and cold.

The hot beverages can be

tasted in chocolate, carda-

mom, vanilla and biscuit-

flavoured cups. The cold

beverages can be had in

strawberry, chocolate and

vanilla-flavoured cups, Mr.

International market

Presently the start-up is

selling 100 ml cups with 90

ml filling capacity. "We will

soon upgrade them as 120

ml cups due to the market

demand," he said, adding

that the cups are mainly

being sold in Karnataka,

Vijaya said.

The cups are available in

KPCC chief moves HC for anticipatory bail in Monson case

The Hindu Bureau KOCHI

K. Sudhakaran, president, Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC), on Thursday filed an anticipatory bail petition before the Kerala High Court in a cheating case involving fake antiquities dealer Monson Mavunkal.

In his petition, he said there was no allegation against him in the first information statement recorded by the police.

He apprehended that the notice issued to him to appear before the Crime Branch was a ploy to drag him into the controversy and tarnish his image. The petitioner alleged that he was being targeted.

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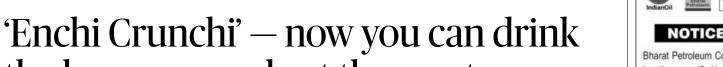
Mr. Vijaya said that the cups were showcased in

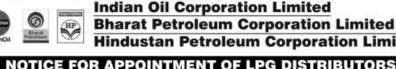
The product in Karnataka has been branded as 'Enchi Crunchi' by taking a Tulu word 'Enchi' which is similar to the expression 'wow' or 'how awesome'.

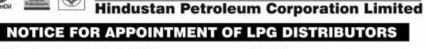
Kerala and Tamil Nadu. In addition, the cups are being marketed in Dubai and Saudi Arabia," he said.

the Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference - 2023 in Delhi in March. Mr. Vijaya said the me-

nace of plastic cups had reached beyond control. Hence he with the team members thought of introducing a feasible alternative with zero waste.







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