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#### **Terrorists rule PoK: Army chief**

New Delhi: Army Chief Gen. Bipin Rawat on Friday described Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir as a "terrorist-controlled" part of the neighbouring country and sought to link it with Islamabad's strident criticism of India's decision to scrap Jammu and Kashmir's special status. In an address at an event, Gen. Rawat also asserted that Gilgit-Baltistan and PoK have been under illegal occupa-



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## Shine Hospital's owner arrested

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 25

Dr V. Sunil Kumar Reddy, the managing director of Shine Children's Hospital, and five others were arrested on Friday for the fire in the neonatal intensive care unit that resulted in the death of an infant and burns to four others on October 21.

There were 43 children in

hours. Vicky, the son of a police constable, Dongari Naresh, who was closest to the refrigerator which caught fire, died. Naresh lodged a complaint with the police.

A police investigation found that the fire was the outcome of the negligence of the hospital management and the staff. who did not take adequate measures to prevent the fire and rescue the children.

The police retrieved footage from the CCTV cameras in the hospital, examined the witnesses and found Dr Reddy had failed to instal fire protection equipment, fire alarm systems, fire extin-guishing sprinklers as per norms. It was found that he was running the hospital without the necessary permissions and even without a fire no-objection certificate

Rachakonda police commissioner, Mahesh Bhagwat, said, "Investigations revealed that Dr Hari Krishna who was the duty doctor when the incident occurred was not even present in the NICU. He did not reach the spot which was blazing for around half

■ Page 6: Nurses failed to



# **Chautala backs BJP for Dy CM post**

#### BJP decides to take JJP's support to placate Jats; Khattar likely to stake claim today

YOJNA GUSAI | DC NEW DELHI, OCT. 25

The BJP on Friday conceded that Jats play a crucial role in Haryana politics. The party, which installed a non-Jat, Mr Manohar Lal Khattar, to head its first government in the state in 2014, allied with the Jat-Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) of Mr Dushyant Chautala to retain power for a second term on Friday.

The BJP also agreed to

the JJP's demand for the post of deputy chief minister even though it had been claiming all through the day that it has the support of independent MLAs to form government.

BJP national president and Union home minister Amit Shah himself announced that his party has decided to ally with the JJP to run a stable government. The JJP has 10 seats.

In the recently concluded Assembly polls, the BJP tally stood at 40, six short of simple majority in the Assembly. 90-strong Several of its candidates, including senior leaders and ministers, failed to



Jannayak Janata Party chief Dushyant Chautala and his mother Naina Chautala at his residence in New Delhi on

inated areas. Some BJP leaders belonging to the cating that the party was not the preferred choice of

Mr Dushvant Chautala earlier held a meeting with Mr Shah at the latter's residence. Mr Khattar was present when Mr Shah announced the decision to ally with the JJP. Speculation is rife that at least two JJP leaders other than Mr Chautala could be accomodated in the BJP-

The JJP chief had claimed that his party would support that party which would agree to its comman minimum pro-gramme, including 75 per cent jobs reservation for Haryanvis and the old age pension. It will now be seen how the BJP implements the poll promises of its ally in the state.

The BJP, which was busy with meetings over government formation in Haryana, had to face severe criticism over its Lokhit Party's Gopal Kanda, who is facing charges of abetment to suicide of a former woman employee and her mother.

Though a photograph of Mr Kanda, who won the Sirsa Assembly seat, and Independent MLA Ranjeet Singh, accompanied by BJP Sirsa MP Sunita Duggal, was widely circulated on social media, the BJP refrained from any comment. Mr Kanda claimed that all the independents who had won had extended "unconditional support" to the BJP, and revealed his family's association with the RSS. Outgoing Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar is

expected to stake claim on Saturday. The BJP has appointed Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman and party general secretary Arun Singh as observers for the Haryana Legislature Party Earlier, Mr Khattar held

a series of meetings with BJP working president J.P. Nadda, state in-charge Anil Jain, general secretary (organisation) B.L. Santosh and some inde-

## **Uma shows moral** compass on Kanda

**YOJANA GUSAI | DC** NEW DELHI, OCT. 25

BJP senior leader Uma Bharti reminded the BJP of its "moral mission" after the party started hob-nobbing with the contro-versial leader Gopal Kanda, who won the Sirsa Assembly seat as an Independent MLA and is wanted for abetting the suicide of a former employee.

Haryana was the state where the previous Naren-dra Modi-led government had with much fanfare launched its key campaign Beti Bachao Beti Padhao. A former air hostess,

employed with Kanda's airline, had committed suicide in 2012 after accusing him of harassment. Months later, her mother ended her life and Kanda was booked for abetting

The case has been drag-



Accused Gopal Kanda

a Delhi court which is yet to complete recording of The BJP had launched

strong protest against Kanda, then a junior minister in the Bhupendra Singh Hooda led Haryana government.

After reports of Kanda's meeting with the BJP top brass on Thursday, Ms Bharti asked the party leadership not to forget its

■ Page 9: Opposition calls

#### **MURMU IS NEW** LT. GOVERNOR FOR J&K UT New Delhi, Oct. 25: Mr

Girish Chander Murmu, a senior IAS officer who worked closely with Prime Minister Naren-dra Modi in Gujarat and is currently the Union expenditure secretary, was on Friday appointed the first Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, six days ahead of the state becoming a Union Territory. Former defence secretary R.K. Mathur was appointed the first Lt Governor of Ur Territory of Ladakh. Union

Mr Murmu, 59, an IAS officer of the 1985 batch, was Mr Modi's additionaĺ principal secretary during his tenure as Gujarat CM. He was due for retirement on November 30.

Mr Murmu will be administered oath of office on October 31 in Srinagar after which he will be the administrative head of Kashmir and Jammu provinces. The state's third province, Ladakh, has been carved out as a separate UT. Mr Mathur, 65 will be administered oath of office on October 31 in Leh.

■ Page 9: Satya Pal Malik

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## Do not play with lives, says Kishan

IREDDY SRINIVAS REDDY

HYDERABAD, OCT. 25

Union minister of state for home affairs, G. Kishan Reddy, on Thursday said Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, should stop playing with the lives of RTC employees and should put an end to their

suffering. Reacting to Mr Rao's comments on the RTC strike and the Central government, Mr Reddy said that the Centre had nowhere in any law asked any state government to remove

RTC workers. Speaking on the occasion of Ayurveda Day celebrations at the BRKR Government Hospital here, Mr Reddy said that it was the responsibility of the

state government to solve the problems of RTC workers, but the Chief Minister was not being fair in dealing with the issue. After winning the Huzurnagar bypoll, the TRS went on a celebration overdrive, he said, adding, but there is a lot in the future for the ruling party

Admonishing the TRS chief for making unnecessary remarks against the Centre, Mr Reddy pointed out that Mr Rao had the responsibility to hold talks with RTC employees. Meanwhile, other oppo-sition parties also reacted

strongly to Mr Rao's comments against RTC workers on Thursday.

■ Page 4: KCR believes he

## 7 people held for treasure hunt

JAYENDRA T. CHAITANYA | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 25

Greed for ancient treasure led a group of ten people on a hunt in a field in Velpupally village in Thurkapally mandal in Yadadri Bhongir district. Instead, seven of them, including three policemen and a former deputy sarpanch, were arrested by the Rachakonda police. Three others are at large. On October 3, Yadagiri Muralidhar Rao, the farm owner, who lives in

Hyderabad, visited his

fields on the outskirts of Velpupally and found the boundary pillars damaged and a fencing erected. Three large pits were dug in the fields, one under an old idol of Lord Hanuman, and two pits under the stones that contained unidentified scripts. He complained complained to the Thurkapally police. A shepherd in the village saw a group digging late in the day and shouted at them. As soon as he did,

■ Page 6: Cops suspended

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Instead of privatisation, CM must come up with RTC turnaround plan

> — A.P Jithender Reddy **BJP** leader

IN BRIEF

#### **Punctuality of**

**SCR trains rises** 

**Hyderabad:** The South Central Railways (SCR) saw the punctuality of its mail and express trains improve to 82 per cent in the first six months of the current financial year, April to September, 2019. Last year, the SCR had managed to score 79 per cent in the same period. The punctu-ality of South Central Railways is 8 per cent higher when compared with the average of Indian Railways, which is at 74.21 percent. Railway officials said that they have adopted several initiatives and implemented innovation to improve the punctuality. Some of them include, rigorous monitoring at Divisional, Zonal and Railway Board levels and removal of infrastructure bottlenecks in a planned manner. The Railway officials further added that for attaining accuracy in punctuality data the timing of arrival and departures are prominently being captured automatically

#### **Two labourers**

promote punctuality.

through data-loggers. It is

being monitored through

dashboards - called, Rail Drishti, at the highest level to

held for rape

Hyderabad: Two labourers, who allegedly raped a 25year-old woman at a mango farm in Narsingi, were arrested by police on Friday. According to police, labourers, Dubba Srinu and Yakub, met a woman and asked her to join them for a liquor party. They took her to a mango farm located beside the Musi River at Puppalaguda. After she got drunk, the duo raped her. Her screams for help alerted the watchman of the farm, Veera Babu, who informed his owner Ashok Reddy The owner, in turn, contacted the police, who rushed to the spot. The woman was rescued and admitted to a hospital. Accused Srinu and Yakub were arrested and will be produced before a court, police added.

#### **ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE CASES UP BY 15%**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 25

Cases of bacteria helicobacter pylori, which cause intestinal and stomach ulcers, have risen from five per cent to 20 per cent in the last decade due to the resistance they have developed against antibiotics

The ulcers are caused by multiple strains of bacteria and resistance to antibiotics is being noted in 15 per cent of patients at the clinical level.

H. pylori is a very common bacterial infection in which the gastro intestinal tract suffers from severe acidic reaction. The development of ulcers in the stomach and intestines leads to a burning sensation and there is irritation and vomiting.

Senior Gastroenterologist, Dr. Srivenu Itha, explained, "Those who take antibiotics for small ailments are the ones who develop resistance. These are the people who require doses of two antibiotics to control ulcers. There are many factors like stress, anxiety and diet, which lead to these ulcers."

Asha Subbalakshmi. another senior gastroenterologist, said, "The problem with the bacteria is that there are multiple strains. Medications given for one strain kill only that type but others remain. There are cases when medications have to be changed and follow-up is important.

**■ ULCERS ARE** also caused by adulterated food and chemicals used to grow or process food.

# Workers not on strike are overworked

After 19 consecutive days of overwork, Bhadrachalam depot manager, B. Srinivas Rao, had fainted on Wednesday

RAJESWARI PARASA | DC

Starting their day at 3.30 am and working up to 11 pm, depot managers and the few personnel who did not go on strike are being overburdened with work at all RTC depots. This ordeal has been the order of the day from the moment the strike began on October 5. They have not taken a single day off.

Earlier, on any normal day, each depot would have a staff of above 500, including drivers and conductors.

Today, it is a pale shadow of the good old days. On Wednesday, an over-stressed Bhadrachalam manager, depot Srinivas Rao, fainted.

He had been on duty for 19 consecutive days. He is still in the hospital, undergoing treatment and is said to be stable.

Doctors attending to him said that he fainted due to low blood pressure caused by acute tired-

One of the depot managers, on condition of anonymity, said "We got into duties presuming that the strike would end in a day or two. Now, it has prolonged to more than 20 days and we are clueless about when it would end.'

He clarified that there are only about six to seven regular staff, including security personnel. There are about a couple of computer operators, outsourced along with private drivers and conductors, whose numbers keep changing depending on the avail-

Another depot manager from the city narrated

his woes. "I wake up at 3.15 am and rush to the depot by 3.45 am, so as to start services by 6 am, in order to ensure the plying of more trips for the benefit of commuters. However, private drivers do not turn up on time and it, invariably delays sched-ule. All through the day, difficulties in recruiting drivers and conductors, allotting services, collecting and giving money, compiling data and other administrative work continue, all of which end by pm. We are able to sleep for only 90 minutes, still disturbed by calls from panic-stricken passengers and drivers about breakdowns."

The situation is similar in all 97 TSRTC depots. The existing staff is drained, both physically and mentally.



Women RTC employees on Friday continued with the protest at the Dilsukhnagar depot. Despite the Telangana government

## JAC to take strike to Centre

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 25

The Telangana state road transport corporation (TSRTC) workers and employees union joint action committee (JAC) has decided to meet the President of India, Prime Minister, union home minister and transport minister and complain about the state government's adamant attitude towards to the ongoing

The RTC JAC leaders met here on Friday and decided to go to Delhi and bring to the notice of the centre the reasons for JAC convener, their strike and also the Ashvatthama Reddy, said

The Congress legislative

party leader, Mallu Bhatti

Vikramarka, said that

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FROM PAGE 1

Chandrashekhar

state government's plan to privatise the RTC properties as well as the corporation.The state BJP leaders also said that if the state government does not settle the RTC employee's issue, they will take it to the union government and request for its involvement.

Sources in the RTC JAC revealed that the JAC leaders are trying for appointments with the President, Prime Minister, union home minister and union transport minister, with help of the state BJP leaders. After the union's internal meeting, RTC

KCR believes he 'owns state'

no respect for the judici-

ary and is ignoring the

High Court's advice on

the RTC strike," Bhatti

party president, Prof K.

Kodandaram, said that

the CM is seeing the state

as his private company

He said that Rao evaded

answers to questions

asked by journalists with

regard to the RTC strike.

He appealed to all opposi-

together to fight for RTC

parties to come

with himself as CEO.

Telangana Jana Samiti

said.

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save and protect the RTC. He pointed out that the strike should not be viewed from a political perspective but from a labour perspective. Reddy said that the

that the strike is just to

unions are fighting for employee rights, not for personal issues of the leaders and that the Chief Minister, K.C. Rao, is misleading the people of the state through false propaganda on the RTC employees' strike.

He said that RTC workers will give memoranda to the district collectors across the state on Oct 28 seeking their support in resolving their problems.

president,

intermediate

minister

student suicides and

dengue deaths and said

that, to date, he did not

respond on those issues

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ing their lives. "Schools have started for children. We have to pay fees, but we have not received salaries due to the strike. Some RTC employees have died and a few committed sui-cide. Who would take responsibility of the families of the deceased employees and how can anyone compensate these families?" the Kukatpally driver asked.

## **'JAC LEADERS PROVOKED RTC**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 25

**STAFF TO STRIKE** 

An RTC driver working at the Kukatpally bus depot, on Friday, lodged a complaint against TSRTC Joint Action Committee convener. Aswathama Reddy, alleging that the latter had provoked workers to go on strike.

The driver, Mr K. Raju, a resident of Kukatpally, said the JAC convener should be made responsible for the death of employees during the strike period. Following the complaint, Kukatpally police have registered a case under IPC Sections 341 (wrongful restraint) and 506 (criminal intimi-

Speaking to the media, Mr Raju underlined that the strike has not fetched anything and instead resulted in colleagues los-

## It's advantage private drivers

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 25

Private drivers are making the most out of the TSRTC employees strike, earning about ₹30,000 over the last 20 days by driving RTC buses.

Depot managers are getting calls from local leaders with recommendations for these posts as well. In a day, on an average, about 8,000 to 13,000 private drivers and conductors are being taken on duty by the TSRTC across all 97 depots. Each driver is being paid ₹1,500 per day and conductors get ₹1,000 per day.

These private employees were also given another payment option, where a confined target amount for each bus service is set aside and the driver and conductor can split the amount collected beyond the target. The target varies from ₹3,000 to ₹20,000 depending on whether it is a luxury bus service or the local pallevelugu bus service.

Meanwhile, there are at

least one or two accidents being reported on a daily basis. One of the recent incidents in the Parakala depot was when an RTC bus, driven by a private driver, hit a car and left about ten people injured.

In separate incidents. two people have lost their lives, one in Nizamabad Chengicherla, in which temporary drivers were driving the RTC bus on October 17.

A depot manager, on condition of anonymity, said, "Amidst all our stress of managing depots single-handedly, we get calls from local corporators and other party leaders recommending certain people as drivers and conductors. Many private drivers come to duty late and are not able to handle even a minor break-

Depot managers are also getting calls from passengers regarding over-speeding, use of mobile phone while driving and non-consideration of bus



Striking RTC employees at Dilsukhnagar depot cook food and serve it as part of their ongoing vanta varpu programme, on

## More PILs filed on RTC strike

Petitioner

HYDERABAD, OCT. 25

More public interest litigations have been filed before the Telangana High Court, seeking the court to deem the Road Transport Corporation workers' strike as illegal and direct the employees to resume their duties.

A lawyer, K. Bhaskar Reddy, from Zaheerabad and one Venkat Rao Bompalli from the city filed separate PILs on Friday before the court. Already five petitions are pending before the court on the strike dealing with issues other than the RTC workers salaries.

Both petitioners complained that the lay person is forced to spend extra money on cabs, autos and other private vehicles in the absence of the public transport and urged the court to declare the ongoing strike as illegal.

requested the court to take stringent action against the striking employees, and brought to the notice of the court the Supreme Court guidelines laid down in T.K. Rangarajan vs State of Tamil Nadu, in which the apex court stated: 'A perusal of Article 19(1)(a) shows that there is no fundamental right to any illegal strike and even liberal interpretation of 19(1)(c) cannot lead to the conclusions that trade unions have a guaranteed right to effective collective bargaining or to strike.' The petitioner said the law on this subject was well-settled and it has been repeatedly held by the

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## Power cut fails to stop OU students DC CORRESPONDENT

HYDERABAD, OCT. 25

Despite the cutting off of electricity, lack of speakers and stage, the public meeting at Osmania University took place in front of the Arts College on Friday evening in the dark, where in thousands of employees, students and political parties par-

The university, recently

for statehood, is now the venue for representatives of various student associations to vent their anger at the current government for its dealing with the TSRTC strike and for not being able to create enough jobs for the student community as prom-

student leaders have said that the meeting was not about any

political party, It's about employees' and students' issues, and regarding

unemployment.

"This is killing of democracy and a dictatorial rule started," said a student. Speakers at the meeting demanded the merging of TSRTC into the government and the creation of employment opportunities for the stu-

About 100 policemen

were also deployed as a security measure.

The Osmania University police station officials said that they would take action against the event organisers and were seeking legal opinion on the

"We have taken about 14 students belonging to the TRS student wing who were trying to obstruct the meeting into preventive custody to avoid any

Earlier, when student

leaders approached university authorities to granting permission for the meeting, the varsity refused stating that it would not allow any political meeting in academic

space.
The students went ahead with the meeting in the firm belief that what they were doing is both democratic and important.

apex court that employees have no fundamental right to resort to strike. The petitioners faulted the corporation and state government for not invoking the ESMA to deal with

If a relocated pigeon has an infection, it could endanger the entire wildlife population

# GHMC moves 500 pigeons to Srisailam forest

MADDY DEEKSHITH & RAJESWARI PARASA | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 25

Moazzam Jahi Market, a heritage structure, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation has captured about 500 pigeons from here and let them off in the Srisailam forest. This follows repeated complaints from shopkeepers that pigeons are multiplying rapidly and their excreta has an unbearable

The civic body said that since the pigeon droppings were creating health problems (breathing dust or water droplets containing contaminated bird droppings can lead to several

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diseases, including a flulike illness called psittacosis), and was damaging the restored area in the Moazzam Jahi Market, the veterinary wing caught about 500 of them and handed them over to the forest department. It was claimed that the

clock tower and repairs now have to be carried out regularly. The corporation strictly prohibits feeding of pigeons by walkers or visitors in public parks and boards will soon be put up in all parks informing the public of this. The drive will be extend-

ed to other areas of the city too, civic officials say. Animal rights activists said that relocating the pigeons won't serve as a solution as other pigeons

will take their place. They say the pigeons are also part of the Moazzam Jahi Market's beauty. "If the pigeons are taken away from the structure, the beauty is also lost," said Panneru Teja, an animal

pigeons are damaging the rights activist. Pigeons have adapted well to urban life and living alongside humans and are dependent on humans for food. They have now lost their capaci ty to hunt for food. If they are left in the forest, they will not survive for long, said V. Suresh of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).

Moreover, if a relocated pigeon has an infection, it could infect other animals in the wild and this could be devastating for wildlife. Khairatabad zonal com-

missioner, Musharraf Faruqui, said that shop-Musharraf keepers have been advised not to feed pigeons if they make a comeback. He said this would prevent the pigeons from coming back.



Around 500 pigeons were caught at the Mozamjahi market area and released in the

Education secretary B. Janardhan Reddy says money has been released to Intermediate education officers, parents can start claiming reimbursement of fee

DECCAN CHRONICLE



KCR, KTR poll formula worked again, sad for the state and democracy

> — Konda Vishweshwar Reddy **Congress leader**

POWER SHUTDOWN

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10 am to 2 pm: Krishnanagar, Krishnanagar main road area, Jubilee Hills Roads No. 2, 5, 9, Jubilee Hills check post, MLA Colony, Islan Colony, Venkatagiri Water Works area, Kotla Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy Stadium area; Police Lines, Yadagirinagar, Narasimha Nagar, Srisailam

2 pm to 5 pm: Jubilee Hills Roads No.10, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 31, IOA Institute.

#### **STATE SOON TO DEVELOP MSME CLUSTER**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 25

E. V. Narasimha Reddy, vice chairman and managing director of Telangana State industrial infrastructure corporation (TSIIC), on Friday said that the state government had big plans for medium, small and micro enterprises

At a conference organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in Hyderabad, Reddy said, "After securing the top position in ease of doing business rankings, the government is now looking into the cost of doing business for MSMEs."

The conference aimed to discuss how MSMEs can be strengthened and integrated in the global network.

Reddy said one of the reasons MNCs were not interested in sourcing from local manliacturers is due to the lack of discipline in following manufacturing protocols.

"Also, the time has come for MSMEs to re-work their busi-ness model and ensure their financial records are maintained properly," he said. Reddy also announced that the government was working with Korea, Japan and Taiwan to develop sector-wise clusters

for MSMEs. Suresh Chukkapallu, the honorary Consul General of the Republic of Korea, Telangana, in his address emphasized the importance of technology and skill develop technology and skill development in making Indian MSMEs global.

"India ȟas an advantage over China and other manufacturing countries in terms of minimum wages and skilled manpower," he said and assured complete support to MSMEs interested in collaboration with the Korean companies. Om Prakash Mishra, chief

general manager of the state bank of India (SBI) and D. Raju, chairman of CII Telangana, were present at the meeting.

#### Getting set for Diwali



Customers purchase firecrackers ahead of Diwali on Friday.

#### – P. SURENDRA

## Fake news not by chance: Sinha

### Alt News editor was speaking on misinformation at the OU

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In an era of too much information, the truth might be a needle lost in a haystack of convenient lies. People like Pratik Sinha, the editor and co-founder of Alt News, are at the forefront of helping people solve this problem. Founded in 2017, Alt News debunks lies and myths that are circulated on social media networks. It also calls out powerful people who help spread these lies like wildfire.

Sinha was in Hyderabad on Friday to deliver a talk on misinformation, popularly known as 'fake news', to mass communications and journalism students at Osmania University.

Sinha started his talk with the example of a woman from Malaysia who had been beaten to death in Tamil Nadu in May 2018. "The woman had gotten down to ask for

there and offered them some chocolates. This was a time when rumours of mysterious gangs kidnapping children were spreading through social media Onlookers websites. thought this woman was one such kidnapper. In a frenzy, they ganged up on her and beat her to death,' he explained. He also spoke of two Assamese men who were tied up and beaten to death by a mob in their own state after being mistaken for child kidnappers.

Sinha said misinformation is spread in many forms and ways but is always designed to push a person's 'emotional buttons'. "There is a war on your emotions on social media," he said.

Sinha said misinformation itself was not new, but its acceleration to the people is a new phenomenon. He referred to how internet usage had exploded had gotten down to ask for directions to a temple. She saw a few children playing just between June 2016 (200 million GS) to March 2017 (1,300 million GB) in



Pratik Sinha.

India. "Today, the number is estimated to be 2,000 million GB. There are many new users who are not internet-literate and easily fall for rumours, he said.

Sinha was quick to add that the mobs too need to be treated as victims: 'These mobs that kill people based on rumours have to be considered victims of misinformation.'

misinformation." all sides of the political Misinformation comes spectrum," he added.

in many streams. The most common, said Sinha, Sinha has a word of cauis the one that targets minorities. There are sev-eral examples of messages, doctored pictures and videos which try to paint a minority community in bad light. "In 2017, a video of a woman being beaten to death went viral. The text that accompanied it claimed the woman was a Muslim who was killed for refusing to wear a burqa. However, after some quick fact-checking, information. we found the video was actually from Guatemala,"

he said. Sinha said these messages don't happen by chance. "There is always someone, somewhere who takes some content and tries to spin it in the way they want," he said. He gave the examples of web-sites like 'insistpost, chaskatimes and viralinindia which pandered to BJP and Congress interests. "Such cases are found on

tion for mainstream journalism outlets as well. 'Some major news organisations have tried to spread lies in one way or another. The important thing to remember is that a lot of these outlets have strict deadlines. The people in-charge of putting up content on websites need to be given more time to verify the facts," he said. He called for people to have a critical outlook to The most confounding

stream of misinformation is found in the medical sphere. Messages and videos of miracle drugs that cure diseases like dengue and malaria often find their way on YouTube and WhatsApp inboxes.

"It is hard to pinpoint why one would spread lies like that. But in a world where money can be made off of content, someone will try to cash in on the most popular fear of the time," he said.

## Trash collection data misleading

MADDY DEEKSHITH | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 25

haphazard paper work by the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation once again came as a shocker when officials declared that the amount of garbage carried from the city is 7,000 metric tonnes. These numbers came out when about 30 per cent of swachh auto tippers went Surprisingly, missing. the civic body has no counter check and they have been entirely depending on the private agency which has been weighing the garbage at Jawahar Nagar dumping

Ever since the forma-tion of GHMC, the city has been producing about 2,800 metric tonnes of garbage. The garbage produced in the city reached to 3,500 metric tonnes during 2015 and in four years the quantity has reached 7,000 metric

Sources in the corporation said that it has been solely relying on the private agency. The quantity of garbage segregation is done only through the number of trips made to the Jawahar Nagar dumping yard without gauging them at the transfer stations.

Sources said that the corporation has conducted a survey and came up with surprising figures that each person produces 500 grams of garbage on daily basis. However, the civic body never unveiled the scientific mechanism involved

in quantifying the garbage produced in the city. Sources said that out of 2,500 swachh auto drivers, only 1,975 have reported till Thursday. The civic body has been paying ₹560 per metric tonnes, which has no accountability. Surprisingly, the corporation did not enhance the number of vehicles to carry the additional garbage. Interestingly, the number does not match with the population, which is 1.2 crore and a floating population of about 5 lakh. Viswajit Kampati, addi-

commissioner

tional

(transportation), said that the corporation has lifted the additional garbage piled up at the transfer station. He said that the civic body has been clearing additional garbage piled up in the transfer station and for a week it has been transferring about 7.000 metric tonnes to Jawahar Nagar dumping yard. Mr Kampati said that he has been collecting photographs from every transfer station regularly to check whether it has been transported or not. Asked about the scientific mechanism to gauge the garbage transported from city to Jawahar Nagar dumping yard, the transport wing commissioner said that private agency processing the waste are quantifying the trash. Asked whether it was accurate, Kampati said he was 100 per cent sure as now vehicles will have to stop at the transfer station and they will be monitored on CCTV

## CS seeks plan to curb dengue, malaria

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 25

After facing the wrath of Telangana High Court for not preventing the outbreak of dengue and malaria, Chief Secretary, S.K. Joshi, on Friday convened a highlevel meeting to prepare an action plan to control the spread of vector-borne diseases all over the state.

Mr Joshi thanked the central government for sending a team from the national vector borne diseases control, integrated disease surveillance programme, national centre for disease control and the epidemiology wings following the request by the state government to discuss steps being taken to control the spread of diseases Telangana.

## 2020 to be the 'Year of AI': KTR

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 25

IT minister K.T. Rama Rao on Friday announced that the state government would declare 2020 as the Year of AI (artificial intelligence).

During a meeting with Ms Debjani Ghosh, president of Nasscom (National Association of Software and Services Companies) at Pragathi Bhavan, Rama Rao said the state government would promote the use of AI in sectors such as agri-culture, urban trans-portation and healthcare. The government will host events throughout the year, all centred around AI," he said. Rama Rao also highlighted the government's initiatives in emerging technology sectors. "The government is attracting investors from marquee companies that are set-ting up R&D and technol-ogy development centres in emerging technologies such as IoT (internet of things), artificial intelli-

cyber security and blockchain," he said. The minister said the government was happy to collaborate with Nasscom in bridging the skill gap

gence, machine learning,

in such sectors. Ghosh said would be Nasscom delighted to collaborate with the government to launch AI applications and create an ecosystem for startups.

Emphasizing that cleanliness is an essential part of faith, Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin, the 53rd spiritual head of the Bohra Muslim community, on Friday, exhorted people to undertake planting and keep their surroundings clean.

The Syedna arrived in Hyderabad on Friday evening to a warm welcome by his disciples.

He is on his maiden visit to the city after his anointment as the 53rd spiritual head of the community. Hundreds of community members, including women and children at the Mohammedi Masjid, Red Hills, welcomed the Syedna with reverence. During the hour he spent

in the Masjid, community

members were seen trying

their best not to avert their gaze from him.

The Syedna interacted with a few community members. He will inaugurate the Masjid-e-Burhani at Hussaini Alam on Saturday. Two of the three floors of the masjid have been reserved for female members of the community. About 2,500 persons can offer prayers at once in this Masjid.

He will also inaugurate the smart kitchen at Masjid Moahmmedi, Red Hills. The kitchen, exclusively set up on the advice of the spiritual leader, is dedicated to the Bohra community and built to provide one meal every day to members of the community, regardless of

their economic status. During his stay in Hyderabad, the Syedna will be staying at Hussaini Villa, Nampally.



Head of the Dawoodi Bohra community, Dr Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin, greets devotees at the Hussaini Manzil, Red Hills, on Friday, where a reception was organised to

## Govt yet to fulfill its promise to give ₹5 lakh *ex gratia* to the bereaved families 1,261 workers died in Gulf, relatives cry for help

DURGA PRASAD SUNKU I DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 25

Since the formation of Telangana state in 2014, the bodies of 1,261 migrant workers have been sent back home from the Gulf. The death of the workers has left their families helpless and looking to the government

for help. Chief Minister, Chandrasekhar Rao, had promised to give ₹5 lakh *ex* gratia to bereaved families. This has not been done so far. Activists working for the welfare of emigrant workers demanded help for the families suffering after the death of their bread

The case of G. Ramesh is

Dubai where he suffered a brain hemorrhage and died on January 31. He is survived by his wife, Gummala Rajitha, and two children.

Speaking to *Deccan Chronicle*, Ms Rajitha of Jagtial district, said, "In January he messaged me stating that he was going to ask the company for travel fare to return home as he was not feeling well. That was the last message from him." Twelve days later, his colleague called her to say that Ramesh had died of brain haemorrhage. "My husband worked in the company for almost three years. The company had not paid

him for more than five

typical. He had migrated to months," Ms Rajitha said. Sharjah and shifted to Ms Rajitha is herself suffering from a cardiac prob-

"I have two children to look after. My husband used to send ₹15,000 each month and I used to do tailoring but it wasn't sufficient." One of her children is aged 13 and the other 10, studying in government schools.

Ms Rajitha went into a depression after she heard of her husband's death and is just recovering.

'My tailoring work doesn't earn me much. Our mandal parishad member promised that he would get me a job as an anganwadi worker. I have going to government offices since then but in vain. They are making me to do the

rounds but nothing is mate- as a beedi worker and her rialising.' recently

approached the Jagtial collector for help and is awaiting a reply. "We have been sleeping on empty stomachs. For Dasara, I borrowed money and bought dresses and food for my skil dresses and food for my children." She wants government help to get the five-month salary that the Dubai firm owes her husband.

The case of Marupaka Anjaiah and his family is similar. Anjaiah went to the Gulf in 2013 to earn money to repay a ₹4 lakh debt. He died of a heart attack in Saudi Arabia and his body repatriated

September 8.
His wife, M. Niraja, works

children are doing their Class 10 and Intermediate year, respectively. "Since my husband's death I cannot afford their fee. After working all day, I get ₹100 which is not sufficient to feed my children." Her brother Laxmi Narayana said, "The family is struggling. They don't own a house and do not have land to do cultivation. I have been helping them but it is not sufficient. And I have a family to take care of."

A migration policy should be implemented and welfare board constituted in view of such cases, activists said. Mr Mandha Bheem Reddy, president, emigrants welfare forum, said, "The NRI

policy, which is in its draft form should be implemented as early as possible.

Chandrasekhar Rao had promised *ex gratia* for the families of those, who died in the Gulf and wanted it fulfilled.

He said the government should conduct a survey in the state to identify migrants, form a board and implement welfare schemes for them, he said.

Mr P. Narayana Swamy, president of the migrants rights council, said, "Then Chief MInister K. Kiran Kumar Reddy had granted ₹1 lakh ex gratia, which was implemented. After state bifurcation, no one has received *ex gratia*.

## Doctors warn of eye wounds during Diwali

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As many as 20 patients have rushed to eye hospitals due to firecrackerrelated injuries for the last two years, say oph-thalmologists in the city.

Every year, the two days after Diwali seem to be the busiest time for ophthalmologists as there are patients who walk in with firecracker debris in

their eyes. Last year, in the Sarojini Devi Eye Hospital alone, there were close to 50 cases of eye injury in one day after the festivities.

Medical experts say that it is important for people to take care of their eyes, with glasses. Even if

there is some debris that falls into their eyes, they must meet with a doctor immediately.

In most cases it is the eyelids that take the brunt of the sparks, caus-

ing burns.
However, in cases when the embers fall into the eyes, it is important to clean them out, says Dr Sharat Babu Ćhilukuri. "Children are the most susceptible to such injuries, as they peer towards the cracker to

gists said. The crackers contain chemicals like phosphorous and sulphur which are very harmful for the

check if it is burning or not," the ophthalmolo-



High Court has sought steps to end the RTC strike but CM is mum

> — L. Ramana TS **TD** president

IN BRIEF

#### **Burglars flee with** 11 tolas of gold

Hyderabad: A gang of five persons in their innerwear, resembling the chaddi gang, made away with gold and money from a house at Kuntloor of Hayathnagar police limits, after taking an inmate hostage. The incident took place in the house of one Shankar Sharma who runs a Vedic school. He was with his wife and a student, 14, at the time of the incident. At about 2 am on Friday, a gang of five persons carrying iron rods and sticks entered the house from the rear door. The thieves made away with about 11 tolas of gold and ₹40,000 cash.

#### 4 ganja peddlers flee from police

Hyderabad: Four persons who were part of a gang transacting in ganja gave the slip to the RGI Airport police on Friday. The police managed to arrest a fifth person, a teen from Karnataka, and recovered 120 kg gania, Shamshabad DCP N. Prakash Reddy said the arrested person identified as Rathod Dasarath, 19, of Jangighamma hamlet of Bidar district in Karnataka.

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# Need more women cops in frontline duties, says study

Crime against women on the rise due to shortage of women officers

VIKRAM SHARMA | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 25

The women police population ratio in State police forces across the country continues to remain low and the overall shortage of women police personnel is posing challenges in the form of increased crimes against women, points out the 'Data on Police Organisations' brought out by the Bureau of Research and Development (BPR&D). The organisation emphasises the need to bring women police to front

When it comes to infra-structure 362 police stations in the country still do not have vehicles while 278 police stations do not have a wireless set or mobile and there are some police stations that are not even connected to the police headquarters of their respective states!

According to the Data on Police Organisations published today by the BPR&D (as on January 1, 2018), the total number of policewomen (including Civil, District armed reserve and State armed police) is 1,69,550, an increase of 20.95 per cent over the figure of 1,40,184 in 2016, which is still very low. Maharashtra has the maximum number of

policewomen—27,167. In the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), out of 28,061 women police personnel, the highest number — 8303 — work in the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF). At all India level, the actual strength of policewomen in other wings like traffic is 3,264, Special Branch dealing with Intelligence gathering is 2,324, special police units (Insurgents, terror-

DC CORRESPONDENT

A love triangle resulted in

the suspension of two col-

leagues, who were in love

with the same woman-col-

league and fought openly

in the office premises in

Guntur. Guntur Rural SP

Ch Vijaya Rao initiaed

stern action and suspend-

According to reports,

the object of the attention

of the duo was a woman

was working in the administrative wing of

the district police office. Two junior assistants

working in the same

department, J. Nagaraju

and T. Rudranath, were in

love with her warned each other against contin-uing the relationship

They uploaded videos

on social media which

brought the issue to light.

It is believed that the

woman was first in a rela-

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VIJAYAWADA, OCT. 25

#### **TIME TO BREAK STEREOTYPES**

■ The sanctioned strength of the Civil Police is the highest in Uttar Pradesh (2.80 lakh) followed by Maharashtra (2.02 lakh)

■ The sanctioned strength of the District Armed Reserve Police is the highest in Bihar (48,872) followed by Jharkhand (42,070)

■ The sanctioned strength of the State Armed Police is the highest in Uttar Pradesh (1,34,036) followed by Jammu and Kashmir

Out of the 19.41 lakh of the total police forces in the country, 12.36 lakh are civil Police and 2.34 lakh District Armed Police and the remaining 4.71 lakh are State Armed forces. The actual strength is highest in UP at 2.85 lakh followed by Maharashtra 2.14 lakh.

said.

Another

aspect is vacancies in the

Overall, there are 5,42,697

vacancies against the total sanctioned strength

of 24,84,170 at the nation-

al level. With regard to

the state armed police

forces, the total number

of vacancies stands at 1,29,451 as against the

sanctioned strength of

6,00,985. When it comes to

reserve, there are 45,530

vacancies as against 2,79,438 sanctioned

strength. As for the civil

police, there are 3,67,716

vacancies as against

strength. There are 59,503

deployed on traffic duties

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ists etc) is 447. There is

one policewoman for

3,647 women in the popu-

Officials of the Bureau of Police R&D acknowl-

edge that the availability

of adequate numbers of

women in the force is

essential for reducing the

vulnerability of women becoming victims of crime. They say it is

essential that women are

visible at the cutting-

edge level of public inter-

face and that the existing

women police population

ratio is still very low and

engage women police only in situations like security checks and

other specialised duties

relating to women. But

unless they are assigned

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This escalated into a

quarrel and Rudranath

threatened to commit sui-

The woman was reluc-

tant to give her version

about the relationships.

Police officials are likely

The SP conducted a pri-

mary investigation by examining CCTV footage,

where he saw the two men

fighting with each other.

He immediately issued

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Two suspended

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BPR&D has been publishing the "Data on Police" Organisations" in India, annually, since 1986. Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy released the flagship publication

of BPR&D in the presence of its Director General VSK Kaumudi. sanctioned

women police personnel strength of State police is posing challenges in the form of increased forces has increased to Rs crimes against women," 24.84 lakh in 2017 over Rs an official in the Bureau 24.64 lakh in 2016 and the

worrying

department.

expenditure on them has increased 10,8174.88 crores in 2017-18 when compared to Rs. 10,6821.16 crores in 2016-

On the national level, a

total of Rs 1505.62 crores was spent on police training in 2017-18 over the total police expenditure of Rs. 10,8174.88 crore. Of this, the maximum (Rs. 140.33 crore) was spent on training by Delhi police. Expenditure on Police Training during 2009-10 to 2017-18 has shown mixed trend. It has increased from 2009-10 to 2014-15 but then declined in 2014-15 and 2015-16 and again increased in 2016-

17 and 2017-18. With regard to the deployed for internal security duties,

out of the total 1,769 number of companies, the maximum of 713 companies of CAPFs were deployed in Jammu and Kashmir followed by 262 companies Chhattisgarh, indicates a massive deployment of central police forces to fight ter-

■ The country has 101 police zones, 185

police ranges, 2,579

police sub-divisions

and 2,750 police cir-

cles. There is a total

of 16,422 police sta-

try and Tamil Nadu

has the highest num-

ber of police stations with 1,962 police sta-

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tions -2 - is in the

Union Territory of

Haveli. There are 61

Commissionerates

Country, out of which

the highest — 10 — is in Maharashtra

functioning in the

followed by 9 in

Karnataka.

Dadar and Nagar

Police

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rorists and Maoists. The data also sheds light on the reservation for SCs, STs and OBCs in the police force. The highest — 25 per cent reservation for scheduled castes is in Punjab followed by 22 per cent each in Himachal Pradesh and West Bengal.

The highest, that is, 100 per cent reservation for STs is in Nagaland followed by 82 per cent in Meghalaya. When it comes to the OBCs, Tamil Nadu tops the list with 50 per cent reservation fol-

## lowed by 42 per cent in Petty complaints diluting serious cyber crime cases

**NAGABHUSHANAM** HOSKOTE I DO ANANTAPUR, OCT. 25

The National Cyber Security portal of the Union government that is aimed at curbing cyber crimes is being misused by miscreants, who are basically complainants registering petty cases. Conse-quently, police teams from districts and local police stations are at their wits end while trying to trace the com-

plainants. For instance, a person from Anantapur Rural mandal uploaded a complaint on the portal about ₹900 that he could not trace and was missing. The complaint was forwarded to the district police, which could not trace the person, who had just provided a phone number and no address.

After tracing the person based on his phone number, the crime branch police found that

CYBERCRIME cases remain unsolved as criminals seem to be making

better use of techniques to the complainant was from KIA Motors police station limits. Similarly,

another complaint mentioned that he was from Roddam police station limits in Anantapur. "After enquiry we contacted the person, who was residing in Australia and not in Roddam," an official said. Reports revealed that more than 75 per cent of cases registered with the cyber cell in 2018 remained unsolved, ess-entially because criminals seem to be making better use of techniques to hoodwink cops. In essence, the portal ca-ters to complaints pertaining to 24 issues, including online child

pornography, child sex-

ual abuse material, among otners.

Complaints reported on this portal are dealt by law enforcement agencies or police based on the information available. It is imperative to provide correct and accurate details while filing complaints to ensure prompt action. There are two options

for reporting cybercrimes on the portalreport crime related to women/ child. Under this section, a person can report complaints pertaining to online Child Pornography (CP), Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) or sexually explicit content such as Rape/Gang Rape (CP/RGR) content. A victim can also report complaints pertaining to cybercrimes such as mobile crimes, online and social media crimes, online financial frauds, ransomware, hacking, crypto currency crimes and online cyber

#### **NURSES FAILED TO RESCUE BABIES**

Sravanthi, duty nurse in the NICU, had left the Unit at 1.57 am, and did not return to save the babies. The fire occurred at about 2.15 am near the refrigerator in the NICU located on the fourth floor of the hospital building.

nurse on the floor, did not bother to rescue the infants, Mr Bhagwat said. Basheer, the electrician, who had to ensure that the electric equiment worked properly, failed to prevent the blast and fire in the refrigerator. "The accused showed negligence and exposed the lives of the 43 children to the fire hazard. The accused have been arrested and produced before

**■ THE** Shine Hospital building is inadequate and was constructed without authorisation while the hospital contained more beds than permitted. Also, there were no

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Shanthi Deepika, duty

the court for the judicial custody," Mr Bhagwat

fire escape warnings

8th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. SUSHEELA LEWIS

W/o Late Henry Lewis
Mummy your life was an inspiration t

us, your presence was a sterigur, your memories are now our treasure of the family you left behind Maa!..."

Reg. Mass at St. Mary's Basilica, S.D. Road, Secunderabad at 6 a.m./6 p.m.

#### PRARTHNA SABHA Shall be held on 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2019 rom 11.30 am-12.30 pm,KIRTAN & ANTIM ARDAA: at ITC KAKATIYA, BEGUMPET. Hyderabad.



On 22nd Oct 2019 at Hyderabad S. Mahinder Singh Malhotra

Sdn Joginder Kaur Malhotra, (Mother,) Sdn Manpreet Kaur (Wife), S. Gurmukh Singh Malhotra (Son), Sdn Rajwant Kau (Daughter in Law), S. Gurpreet Singh Sachdev (Son in Law), Sdn Ratanjyot Kaul (Daughter), Kabir Singh Sachdev (Grandson) and Ruhani Kaur Malhotra

(Grand daughter). S. Surat Singh Malhotra, Sdn Ravinder Kaur, S. Sukhvir Singh Malhotra, S. Jai Indel Singh Malhotra, S. Gurinder Singh Malhotra (Brothers and Sister) and families.

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K.M.Harinath Rao Age:73 Years

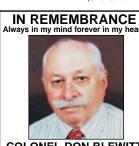
Date of Death: 24th October 2019 Funeral will be performed on Saturday 26th October 2019

Flat No:111, Laxmi Apartments, Padmara nderabad Ph:040-27500729 Inserted By:Family Members



Smt. CHANDRAVATHI JAISWAL W/o. Late Jagath Pershad Jai D.O.D.: 26-10-2001 You will always remain in our hearts Remembering you in silent tears Inserted by: Jagath Chandra Parivaar Cell: 9348177603

Inserted by Daughter: MARIA PILLAY & DR. POOJA RAGINI PILLAY



**COLONEL DON BLEWITT** Departed: 26th October 2016

The wonderful memories we made and the love and happiness we shared together will remain treasured in my

Deeply loved and sorely missed by:
His sorrowing Wife, Doreen
Daughter, Sandra & Tony Reynolds
Son, Allan and Dione

# 85th BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

**RATHNAVELU DHRUVARAJ** Ex-Director - Himamsu Agro-Tech (P) Ltd. May his soul rest in peace "...Ame Memorial Service @

Thimmapur @ 6.30 a.m. ented By: Sunil N. George (Nephew) Ph: 9908202511 / 9640844596 FUNERAL ON 27-10-2019

# **SHARDANJALI**

Left For Heavenly Abode on 22nd Oct 2019 at Hyderabad. **Mahinder Singh Malhotra** Inserted by Namdhari Sangath of Hyderabad

5th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

**AS MOHAN RAO MUDALIAR** 

DOD 26th Oct. 2014

you live in our hearts forever

Inserted by:
Mrs. Renuka Mohan Rao &

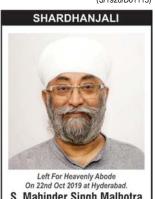
Family Members

Mr. M. T. JOSEPH Date of Birth: 5th April 1941 Date of Death: 24th Oct 2019 FUNERAL ON: 27th (Sun) October 2019 at 3.00 pm @ Mount Carmel Church, Bowenpally, Sec'bad Inserted By: Family Members Phone: 9550024950, 9866683495

**16th ANNIVERSARY** 



Late Sri. T. R. KRISHNA MURTHY (Retd. AO) MES DOB: 17-09-1922 DOD: 26-10-2003 Inserted by: Sons. Cell: 9346307756



Mahinder Singh Malhotra Inserted by

15<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY **B.** Nagadhar Rao WE MISS YOU SO MUCH IT HURTS BUT WHEN WE THINK OF ALL OUR

WE YOU. UNTIL FOREVER Inserted by: Jyothi Rao (Wife), N.Venkat Rao(Son) Dr.N.Himabindu(Daughter in lav N. Varshith (Grand son)

# Cops suspended for treasure hunt

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Rudranath.

Police also found that the former deputy sarpanch of the village, D. Achaiah, in the group. Apparently, there were local rumours that a village on the outskirts of existing Velpupally several decades ago had treasure in the fields.

Achaiah was picked up for questioning. He confessed about hunting for treasure. His partners were included home guard A. Ramakrishna of Bhongir fire station; head constable A. Srinivas Reddy (57) of Choutuppal police station; constable Prabhakar (47) of Motakondur police station, currently under suspension; and C. Durga Prasad, J. Narayan Reddy,

and S.K. Pasha

After registering a case, the police started reaching out to villagers of Velpupally and other surrounding villages of Yadagirigutta, the temple town, and found they believed that centuriesold treasures were hidden under the ruins. Venkataiah,

inspector, Thurkapally police station, said, 'Villagers in these areas of Yadadri believe that treasures are hidden under the ruins. The accused formed a gang and carryied out a treasure hunt. They have been booked for trespassing besides under other relevant sections of the Indian Treasure Trove Act." He said that three more accused involved in The image above shows unidentified



the hunt are still at large and police teams were were working on catching them. right shows a Hanuman idol.





KCR's words reek of arrogance. We stand by the strike called by RTC employees

> — Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, **CLP** leader

IN BRIEF

#### **Manuu body gets** new director

Hyderabad: Dr Mohammed Abdul Sami Siddiqui has been appointed director of the Centre for Professional Development of Urdu Medium Teachers (CPDUMT) at Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Hyderabad. Prior to his appointment, Dr Sami Siddiqui was serving as the associate professor at the department of English at the

#### **Ayurvedic hosps** in all districts

Hyderabad: While addressing the National Ayush Day celebrations on Friday in Hyderabad, MoS for home affairs G. Kishan Reddy assured that the Central government will work towards the strengthening of the Ayurveda sector by setting up Ayurvedic hospi-tals in all districts in the coming days. He recalled the old days when Ayurvedic treatment was much in fash-ion. He said, "India is again taking interest in Ayurveda."

### **YSRC MLA SLAMS GOVT** ON SAND

DC CORRESPONDENT NELLORE, OCT. 25

Giving credence to the outcry over shortcomings in the supply of sand across the state, YSRC's Nellore Rural legisla-Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy has opened up against irregularities in the allotment of sand in Pottepalem reach that is located in his constituency.

The comments came amid a statewide agitation against ind shortage launched by the Telugu Desam on Friday.

Speaking during a protest at Vijayawada. TD supremo N. Chandrababu Naidu demanded sand supply and compensation to workers for losing works for the past four months.

He said that the decision to cancel free sand policy had lakhs of workers dependent on the construction field into huge financial diffi-

culties.

In Nellore, claiming that 10,000 tonnes of sand has been stored close to Pottepalem sand reach by APMDC offi-YSRC MLA expressed surprise over the stock finding its way not only to neighbouring districts like Krishna, Guntur, Prakasam and Chittoor but also to other States, without any allotment to the people of Nellore dis-

Referring to the online booking in Mee Seva centres, he said that a couple of minutes after the portal opens at noon, a 'no stock' message is flashed. He also alleged that a tractor load of sand is being sold for ₹4,500 in Nellore district by the sand mafia, while the actual cost is only ₹2,600.

Stressing that the policy introduced by Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy to prevent illegal transportation of sand is meant to ensure the benefit reaches the people, he alleged that vested interests were making of mockery of

the rules and regulations.
Reminding that the CM and legislators had given a free hand to officials to contain the sand mafia, he asked the collector about the reasons for the shortfall. "Who is responsible for these irregularities and who is the kingpin masterminding the operation? I will put an end to their games through a direct fight with the support of the people of the district" he asserted.

Stressing that sand should be supplied only through tractors from Pottepalem reach, he threatened to launch an agitation in support of construction workers, if officials supply sand in trucks or tippers since they are going to neighbouring states.

# MLAs feel RTC strike doesn't bode well for municipal polls

Majority of RTC staff stays in municipalities, so do commuters

S.A. ISHAOUI I DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 26

triumph notwith-Telangana Huzurnagar standing, Telangana Rashtra Samiti MLAs are worried that the Road Transport Corporation strike will have an adverse impact on the party if it went in for municipal elections without resolving the strike

They are apprehensive of the anger of not only the striking employees but also of commuters who are struggling for transport options as the buses continue to stay off

Many ruling party
MLAs say in private that
as most of the bus depots
are located in urban areas, and a majority of RTC staff stays in municipalities and municipal corporation towns, their disaffection would affect the party.

The RTC has 97 depots in urban areas including the twin cities, Warangal and Khammam municipal corporations which are not going to the polls. The rest of them are located in Nizamabad, Karimnagar and Ramagundam and the newly constituted corpo■ THE NUMBER of voters in a majority of the urban local bodies that are going to the polls is less than a lakh, so a difference of 1,000 to 1,500 votes can impact the winning chances of ruling party candidates.

Ruling party MLAs said that every depot has 500 employees on average and if they will vote against the TRS if the strike is not resolved ami-cably. The absence of their votes could tilt the balance in narrow con-

The legislators are of the opinion that though the RTC strike did not impact the Huzurnagar by-election, it would certainly have a fall-out on the municipal polls in view of the presence of a considerable number of RTC employees in urban

The MLAs admitted that students using public transport are finding it difficult to commute to school. Some temporary crew members are not honouring the bus passes and the students have to buy their tickets. This is seen as something that

## KISHAN, SEEKS **BJP'S SUPPORT**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 25

Joint Committee (JAC) of the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) leaders met BJP state president K. Laxman and MoS for home affairs G. Kishan Reddy on Friday for seeking BJP's support to intensify ongoing RTC

employees strike.

Dr. K Laxman taking a jab on Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar warned the government to hold the talks in a better way as the former's press conference had irked the RTC workers.

could turn the people and

against the TRS. The number of voters in a majority of the urban local bodies that are going to the polls is less than a lakh, so the difference of 1,000 to 1,500 votes can impact the winning chances of ruling party candidates.

## JAC TEAM MEETS BJP says fighting spirit undiminished

**AVINASH PUJARI I DC** HYDERABAD, OCT. 25

Its trouncing in the Huzurnagar byelection notwithstanding, the BJP is confident that the party will come to power in the next Assembly election in the state. The BJP came fourth and lost its deposit. It currently has just one legislator in the Assembly.

Putting up a brave face, BJP national executive member and MLC, N. Ramchander Rao, said the BJP contested the byelection to give a symbolic fight to the TRS. "Our fight against the policies of the TRS government will continue," he said.

Of the Assembly polls Haryana Maharashtra, he said the people of those states were inclined towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi and voted for the BJP. In the same way, the BJP will see a massive victory in the municipal elections in

Telangana state.
"We will continue to

work for the people and surely the BJP will form government in the next elections," he hoped.

BJP national spokesperson Krishna Saagar Rao said the loss would not diminish the BJP's spirit to fight against the "misgovernance" of the Chandrasekhar Rao government.
"The BJP strongly feels

that the people deserve better governance, which only we can deliver. The TRS might have won a small battle now, but the BJP will win the war. We will build the organisational strength and people connect by the next election," he said. T.R. Sriniwas, BJP leader, said his party con-

tested Huzurnagar only to strengthen itself. "The BJP has proved that it is loved by the people in Haryana and Maharashtra. The TRS government has got exposed by its anti-people policies and false promises that KCR made before coming to power," he claimed.

## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

Rc. No. G/641/2018 PUBLIC NOTICE (Issued under Section 3-G of the NH Act, 1956 for four laning of Suryapeta - Khammam section of NH 365-BB from Km.38.2 to Km.59.046) The Lands mentioned in the schedule together with structures and trees etc.

are vested with Central Government of India free from all encumbrances under section 3D of National Highways Act, 1956, vide Notification S.O.3661(E) published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part-II Section 3 Sub-section -(ii) Dated 10th October, 2019 and for building (Widening four laning etc.,) of NH-365-BB from Km.38.2 to Km.59.046 (Suryapeta - Khammam Section) in Khammam Revenue Division of Khammam District in the State of Telangana. All the persons interested in such land are hereby informed to appear in person or by an agent or by a legal practioner with original documents and its Xerox copies of documents pertaining to their lands before the Competent Authority (Land Acquisition) and Joint Collector, Khammam on the date shown below in Colum No.5 & 6 and state the nature of their interest in such Lands.

SI. No.	Name of the District	Name of the Mandal	Name of the Village	Date & Time of Enquiry	Enquiry Place
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Khammam	Kusumanchi	Jeella- cheruvu	01.11.2019 at 11:00 A.M.	Joint Collector Chambers, Collectorate

#### SCHEDULE-SURYAPET - KHAMMAM

Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, falling within the stretch of land from Km 38.2 to Km.59.046 (SURYAPET-KHAMMAM SECTION) IN THE DISTRICT OF KHAMMAM ON THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY NO. 365-BB IN THE STATE OF TELANGANA

SI. No.	Sy. No.	Type of land	Nature of land	Extent as per 3D	Name of the Owner & Interested Person	Structures
1.	423/2	Private	Dry	5961.214	Madala Upendar	Nill
2.	423/2	Private	Dry	3768.635	Madala Ananda Rao	Nill
3.	423/2	Private	Dry	2529.285	Madala Madhava Rao	Nill
			Total	12259.134		

[F.No. NHAI/PIU-KMM/DPR/LA/2017/3A/3D] Rajesh Gupta, Dy. Secy.



### **SCCL WORKERS GET ₹64,700 DIWALI BONUS**

DC CORRESPONDENT KARIMNAGAR, OCT. 25

The management of Singareni (SCCL) on Friday announced a Diwali bonus of ₹64,700 to its employees and workers. The bonus, totaling to

₹258 crore, was sanctioned under the PLR (Performance Link Reward) scheme. The amount has been directly credited into the bank accounts of the employ-

ees and workers.

Recently, the SCCL had distributed ₹494 crore as profit bonus to its entire staff from the profits it gained. This, plus the Diwali bonus, means each employee and worker of Singareni has received more than ₹1 lakh this year in addition to their monthly salaries.

The management of SCCL has asked staff to save some of the amount received as bonus in government sector banks for their future needs.

Meanwhile, SCCL chairman and managing director N. Sridhar conveyed his Diwali wishes to all Singareni officials, employees and workers as well as their family members.

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**Judge agrees to hear 77** pleas against urban polls

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 25

Justice Challa Kodandaram of Telangana High Court on Friday said he would hear the 77 petitions on which the court had stayed the issuance of election schedule in urban local bodies until the alleged discrepancies in the pre-poll process were rectified.

On October 22, a division bench headed by Chief Justice Raghavendra Singh Chauhan paved the way for the State Election Commission and the government to hold polls to the urban local bodies by dismissing PILs which had sought directions against issuing the notification till the entire pre-election process is

Farmers fret

conducted again. Government counsel then asked the court to give a nod to the elec-

tions on which the single judge had issued stay orders. The Chief Justice made it clear that the judgment in the PILs were not in any way related to the petitions pending before the single judge. He told the government that it should file vacate stay petitions before the single judge if it wanted to conduct

elections. The petitions before Justice Kodandaram Justice Kodandaram were filed separately by voters, seeking a stay on the issuance of election notification because the officers had not followed the rules stated in the Municipa-Telangana lities Act in the delimita-

tion of wards, identifica-tion of voters belonging to the SC, ST and BC communities among oth-

ers. The cases were listed before Justice Kodandaram on Friday after the government an application before the court. While mentioning the Chief Justice court's orders, additional advocate general J. Ramachandra Rao requested the court to vacate the stay orders. He said all the rules were complied with in the completion of the prepoll process.

To this, the petitioners counsels raised objections and asked Kodandaram Justice hear their contentions. The court adjourned the

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#### **DENTAL COUNCIL OF INDIA**

Aiwan-E-Galib Marg, Kotla Road, New Delhi - 110002 (www.dciindia.gov.in)

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE CURBING THE MENACE OF RAGGING IN**

#### **DENTAL COLLEGES / INSTITUTIONS** It is brought to the notice of the Public that ragging is a criminal offence and that DCI has

framed 'DCI Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Dental Colleges, 2009' in order to prohibit prevent and eliminate the scourge of ragging in Dental Colleges/Institutions.

The above regulations are mandatory and all Dental Colleges/Institutions should take necessary steps for its implementation under intimation to the DCI.

Students in distress owing to ragging related incidents can access the UGC at Toll Free Helpline 1800-180-5522 or DCl at 011-23238542 / Email - secy-dci@nic.in

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Email: ro.hyderabad@epfindia.gov.in Telephone: 040-27564571-78 Fax: 040-27561977

Secretary

Dental Council of India

**EMPLOYEES' PROVIDENT FUND ORGANISATION** (MINISTRY OF LABOUR, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Regional Office, 3-4-763, BARKATPURA, HYDERABAD-500 027. No. Ts/RO/HYD-I/Public Notice/CT/2019/

**Public Notice** 

Attention of Public at large is being invited that inquiry under section 7A of the Employees' Provident Fund & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 for the following Establishment has been continuing for more than 3 years for determination of dues for the period mentioned against the establishment but there is no effective participation in terms of production of all summoned records or through attendance of the summoned persons. The inquiry under section 7A of EPF & MP Act, 1952 is deemed to be judicial proceeding within the meaning of section 193 of Indian Penal Code and Inquiry authority have the powers vested in a court unde

-	S.No.	Est Code No.	Establishment Name	Period of Inquiry	Circle
	1.	AP/HYD/35697	M/s Sunayana Security Services (P) Ltd., 35-68, G.K. Colony, Opp. SBI Defence Colony, Sainikpuri, Secunderabad-500094.	04/2001 to 05/2005	Compliance-I

If any person who has worked in above cited establishments during the period as mentioned above, has any relevant in his possession, he may appear in person or through authorised representative and produce all records or send the same by mail of by post, to the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Regional Office-I, Barkatpura, Hyderabad within 10 days. Sd/- REGIONAL PF COMMISSIONER-II (COMPLIANCE-I)

**NORTHERN RAILWAY** 

**Invitation of Expression of Interest** 

REGIONAL OFFICE, HYDERABAD-I

Office of the Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway intends to sell after March 2020, the following Printing and other machines in good working condition on as-is-where-is-basis:-

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1	9 Unit Computerised Web offset PRS & UTS Ticket Printing Machine with online numbering, rewinder, sheeter, perforator and slitting units along with 04 Spooling machines and 01 Collator with warranty up to Oct. 2020; Make: Rotatek, Barcelona, Spain.	1
2	Multipurpose web offset machine with 01 perfecting offset unit, one side printing Polymer unit, online numbering and sheeter; reel size:-43 cm, make:-Multitech, Faridabad.	1
3	Multipurpose web offset machine with 04 perfecting offset units, one side printing Polymerunit, online numbering, sheeter and folder; reel size:-61 cm, make:-Sud & Waren, Faridabad	
4	04 Unit perfector web offset machine with online numbering, folder and sheeter; size: 61 cm, make:- Sud & Waren, Faridabad.	1
5	Single unit sheet fed machine: size:- 61 cm x 86 cm, make:- HMT SOM136	1
6	Single unit mini offset sheet fed machine; size:- A3, make:- Swift	1
7	Offset Plate Exposure Controller & Offset plate Processor	2
8	Polymer Plate Exposure Unit	1
9	Washout Unit for Polymer Plate	1
10	Dark Room Contact Printer for Polymer Plate	1
11	Six Clamp perfect binding machine	1
12	Stitching machine	5
13	Shrink Wrapping	2
14	Paper Cutting Machine	3
15	Knife Sharpening Machine for printing and binding machines; knife size: 50" X 5" X ½	1

This office invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from prospective buyers/interested agencies/printers, for purchase of the above machines. The particulars of these machines are also available on our website **https://nr.indianrailways.gov.in.** 

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(2) Kindly take prior appointment on mobile from the above mentioned officer. **SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE** 

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from China and will affect all sectors of the economy.

The AP government on Friday issued guidelines to senior government officials on implementing the instructions and decisions taken by Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan

Mohan Reddy. The guidelines issued under AP Business Rules 2018 after it was found that there has often been an inordinate delay in clearing files or government orders related to decisions taken by the Chief

Minister himself. To set things straight, the General Administration Department issued a GO on Friday stating, "It

found that there was a long delay before the CM's orders were being implemented. The government has now created three categories depending on the importance of the orders

has been observed by Chief Minister that in many instances, even after issuance of instructions by the CM / Chief Minister's Office, government orders are not being issued on time. Timely issuance of government orders is central to the welfare of the people of Andhra Pradesh.

Any delay in this regard

Therefore, amendments are being made in the AP Business Rules, 2018 to ensure strict adherence to the time schedule in issuance of government orders.

Farmers stage a protest in Hyderabad against the proposed Regional

Comprehensive Economic Partnership, a free trade agreement. India is likely to

sign the agreement in Bangkok, Critics say it will result in an increase in imports

Files sent by the Chief Minister and his office through e-office to all special chief secretaries / principal secretaries / secretaries to government shall be endorsed under one of the three categories. The three categories are "Out Today", which means the GO has to be issued on the same day. The next category is "Most Immediate" that makes it mandatory that the GO be issued or

The third category is "Immediate" under which the GO must be issued or the action taken intimated within

15 working days. In case of any breach in the specified timelines for issuing the government order, the Chief Minister will recall the file and examine reasons for the delay in issuance of the GO. The CM will direct principal secretary (political) to issue a showcause notice. It said that if the

department feels that any GO may attract the attenmust be sent to the Chief Minister's Office









# **Chronicle**

## Voters put economics over fear of the other

26 OCTOBER 2019

n the end, the cross-border shelling the night before the voting in these elections — to two state Assemblies, two Lok Sabha seats and 51 Assembly constituencies — was not enough to appeal to the national-ism of two of India's martial communities — Maharashtra's Marathas and Haryana's Jats. One of the Congress' key electoral puzzles involves these dominant intermediate castes. And yet they taught the BJP a lesson, even if the ruling party returns with Chief Ministers Devendra Fadnavis and Manohar Lal Khattar. (Mr Khattar, a dry party apparatchik, will find his unstable minority government severely tested in the coming months.) For instance, Ajit Pawar won Baramati by over 1,65,000 votes — the kind

of margin seen in parliamentary contests, not Assembly fights. In Haryana, the BJP's vote share plummeted from 58 per cent in May to 36.3 per cent now. That the BJP was shaken up was evident from the gloat-

The BJP knows it the Congress-JMM alliance has got its

free celebratory speeches and rapidly-darting eyes of its top leaders on Thursday evening. Their continuous claptrap on Article 370 left is badly-placed in Jharkhand, while he Congress-JMM dence of the ruling party's anxiety. Also worrialliance has got its act together. some for the party that likes to monopolise the flag were the Block Development Council election results from Jammu and Kashmir. In Jammu, a region that ought to be a BJP bastion now that the Valley has been "put in its place", there were only 40 winning BJP candidates, while

there were 87 Independents who won. Though the Congress and the National Conference officially boycotted the BDC poll, make no mistake those 87 were their people. Even in Jammu, nationalism followed the law of diminishing returns.

More state elections are around the corner. Jharkhand was not held this week though BJP CM Raghubar Das could easily have been told to request an election by his "high command". He wasn't; the BJP knows it is badlyplaced in Jharkhand, while the Congress-Jharkhand Mukti Morcha alliance has got its act together. The "high command" probably hopes that a pro-Hindu verdict in the Ayodhya dispute (considered by some to be a foregone conclusion) will swing the urban areas back to the BJP. Perhaps. But there's Delhi, with its popular CM Arvind Kejriwal; and then the biggie, Bihar, where CM Nitish Kumar's JD(U) won only one of the five bypolls this week. A loss there will demonstrate that like our banks, the ruling party's political capital has become a non-performing asset.

Some would term last winter's elections, where the BJP lost three states in the North, and this week's elections, where two incumbent BJP CMs are returning, as "normal elections". They might call the 2019 Lok Sabha poll "abnormal", because the results were beyond expectations, unlike in 2014, where everyone clearly read the mood of the nation. We hope that rather than rely on "abnormal elections", the powers that be focus on the economy. Otherwise, as this week's results show, the electorate's anger is a clear and present danger.

## Kartarpur pact: Positive step

ven in this hour of very disturbed relations between India and Pakistan, the two countries, after long-winded negotiations filled with not a little suspicion on the Indian side, succeeded in signing the Kartarpur Saheb corridor agreement on Thursday for visa-free entry of pilgrims. This will be a matter of great spiritual solace particularly for Sikh devotees. They will now be able to walk into Pakistan on November 12 to celebrate the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak, the founder of the Sikh faith, at the famous Darbar Saheb Kartarpur gurdwara, now in Pakistan, where Guru Nanak spent his last days. The shrine is barely six km from Dera Baba Nanak in Gurdaspur in India's Punjab.

If bilateral relations were normal, the proposal to construct a walking corridor for Indian pilgrims, and those of Indian origin living in other countries, might have come to fruition long ago. Still, it's just as well that neither the traditional bitterness nor the current stasis in ties between the two nations proved to be an obstacle in the end.

New Delhi's chief worry was that Pakistan, that encourages Sikh secessionist elements from Canada and Britain, some of whom live in Pakistan on a long-term basis, will seek to exploit the thousands of Sikhs visiting Delhi had no wish to hurt Sikh religious sentiments by throwing a spanner in the works of the Kartarpur corridor. The Kartarpur Saheb facility might, ordinarily, have served as a useful confidence-building measure between India and Pakistan. It is uncertain if this can be the case now, when ties are especially bad after India's recent move on Kashmir.

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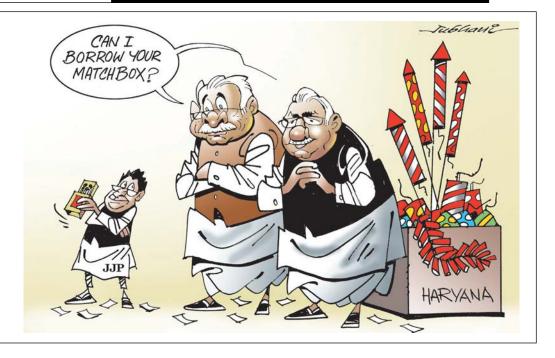
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# Why Siachen glacier is vital to India's defence

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n the recent humdrum of the complexities involving Jammu Kashmir, one area

with territorial dimension attached to it and not drawing sufficient focus is the Siachen glacier. It's rarely discussed these days as its specifics are much less known. Yet, increased tension with Pakistan and the collusive threats arising from China after recent tensions demand a revisit to this crucial area; if for nothing else, at least for better public awareness. With tourist trails having been introduced, from Siachen Base Camp right up to the glacier's central location, a flavour of peace and tranquility appears to be added to Siachen It's a good deci-Siachen. It's a good decision to have introduced high-altitude hiking in the area; awareness in the public eye about Siachen's existence will increase, as also the chalfrom adversaries, while survival in the glaciated terrain will find some focus. Yet, this may lead to a degree of trivialisation without a full appreciation of why India must continue to occupy the Siachen glacier; the strategic aspects rarely get explained but that knowledge is necessary too, especially if it is better known that India expends ₹4 crores every day to maintain the

Army in the glacier deployment.
The problem of the Siachen glacier arose because the ceasefire line (later termed the Line of Control) was not delineated beyond map point NJ 9842. That is the map coordinate from which the further northward delineation was considered impractical and left vague with the statement "the LoC will thence run north to the glaciers". The last four words came back to haunt India when in 1978 Pakistan commenced patrolling the

area and sending foreign expeditions along with Pakistani troops, thus laying virtual claim to the area west of line NJ 9842 to Karakoram (KK) pass. India responded with an effective counter claim; laying down "north to the borders" as the line along the Saltoro ridge watershed, thus defining the entire Siachen glacier lying to the east from Indira Col the east, from Indira Col in the north to the glacier snout in the south.

When nothing could be resolved for six years, in April 1984 India proactively flew a helicopterborne force and occupied crucial locations on the sub-glaciers which flow from the passes on the Saltoro ridge. This allowed its troops to move up to the passes at heights up to 22,000 feet and they have since remained with Indian tricolour embedded there. Pakistan made desperate bids to evict the Indian troops but failed. This included one attack personally led by Gen. Pervez Musharaf, who was then a brigadier commanding Pakistan's SSG (special forces).

Siachen's first strategic importance is that its

frozen icy waste melts into the River Nubra, which drains the Nubra Valley and provides huge resources of water to Pakistan; the River Nubra flows into the River Shyok which in turn flows to River Indus in PoK. Pakistan's water sources lying under Indian control is a strategic psychological blow to it. That is one of the prime reasons for Pakistan often terming the Siachen glacier issue a "low-hanging fruit" in the spectrum of the India-Pakistan border disputes, and advising India that this be resolved amicably by "mutual with-drawal" since there is no strategic significance attached to it. Only few in India have had the opportunity to examine the Siachen glacier both on

the ground and in detail on maps. Even a cursory glance will reveal the extent of Pakistan's ruse. Mutual withdrawal in the context of Pakistan's proposal will only mean one army withdrawing from the crucial tactically dominating heights of the Saltoro ridge; the Indian Army. The reality is that Pakistan cannot even view the Siachen glacier, let alone be in a position to do mutual withdrawal. This fact it has astutely hidden from its public and the media, deceiving them with films and documentaries of an imagined occupa-tion of parts of the Siachen glacier. A major source of water for Pakistan lying in Indian hands is definitely a strategic advantage, especially when Pakistan continues to rave and rant about J&K and refuses to budge from its established strategy of using terror as a weapon

against India. There is an even greater strategic dimension which only those with operational and tactical experience generally tend to understand. It needs a brief explanation. What has to be noted is that the strategic significance has only enhanced over time. Hypothetically, the possibility of full Pakistani occupation of the triangle, NJ 9842-Saltoro Ridge-KK Pass, would bring the Pakistan Army to the edge of the Saltoro Ridge, affording it domination over the crucial Nubra and Shyok Valleys. The latter provide additional depth and broad operating space to the Indian Army for the defence of the Ladakh Range, which in turn provides depth to Leh, the capital of the new territorv

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would do three things for it. First, it would broaden the China-Pakistan link into a larger contact zone afford operations against Indian deployment in the Nubra and Shyok Valleys. Second, it would make Indian deployment at the KK Range relatively untenable if the valleys were to fall to the China-Pakistan combine. The extreme high-altitude area of the KK Range around Daulat Beg Oldi and stretching into Eastern Ladakh would feel threatened. Third, the potential threat to the valleys would entail the defence of Leh being met through deployment on a single mountain range, the Ladakh Range, not the most prudent operational way of defending the core centre of the new Ladakh

With the construction of the China-Pakistan Econ-omic Corridor (CPEC), India's northernmost deployment, which retains the psychological and physical means to target the corridor, target the corridor, remains the Siachen area. What has rarely been spoken about is the fact that for China the ultimate salvation lies in making the CPEC a maze of old-world Silk Route alignments region into PoK, making Ladakh that much more strategic for India. The degree of difficulty for communications arteries keeps enhancing as you progress north. It's the south of the current deployment of both China and Pakistan which will provide better options for the construction of communications arteries, adding to the worth of CPEC; that terrain all lies in Ladakh. The defence of Ladakh without holding Siachen would make the task of the Indian Army of defending Leh, and hence Ladakh, far more challenging than it already is. That is how the strategic significance of the new

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UT needs to be viewed.

#### **MALICIOUS ATTACK**

sekhar Rao, referring to the RTC staff strike, made derogatory remarks on the working class, especially trade unions (RTC has no future: KCR, Oct. 25). This dictatorial and malicious attack on trade unions by a Chief Minister is unwarranted and deplorable. The government must make efforts towards calling off the strike. Afterwards it can initiate reforms

G. Thirupathaiah Kothapet

If the RTC becomes fully privateowned, will the government ensure that the bus fares do not go out of reach of the poor? Or will the poor be left to the mercy of the greedy private owners?

N. Venkata Sai Praveen

Hvderabad

Mr Rao asked why the RTC is not making profits while private travels companies do so. It is unreasonable to compare the two. Many companies take contract carriage permits but operate as stage carriers, thereby plundering legitimate revenues of the RTC. Political bigshots are behind the transport mafia

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YEARS AGO IN

#### Chronicle **Identify** with masses, says PM

BOMBAY, October. 25

Minister Indira Gandhi today warned Congressmen that if the organisation failed to identify itself with the masses it would die a natural death.

She regretted that Congressmen had not availed themselves of the new resurgence among the masses following the bank nationalisation to rehabilitate the party among the people.

Mrs Gandhi addressing a meeting of Congressmen said that the Congress existed now in some States only in name. If the Party were alive today it could have taken advantage of the current political situation in Kerala and West Bengal.



Women punish BJP for crimes behind talk of empowerment

ndia is a country where we worship feminine power in its many forms — from Lakshmi for abundance of wealth to Saraswati for education and Kali for destruction.

The Bharatiya Janata Party has been shouting empty slogans of "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao" for far too long now. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's hoardings, splashed across the country, kept saying "Bahut hua naari par atyachaar, abki baar Modi sarkar". It still rings a bell as the NCRB

data was released a few days ago. Uttar Pradesh, which sent the highest number of BJP members to Parliament again in 2019 and has a brute majority in the leg-islative Assembly, is the No. 1 state in terms of crimes against women. The state has seen a consistent rise in crime in 2015-2017. The crimes registered under the Indian Penal Code and special and local laws in UP rose from 4,74,559 in 2015 to 6,00,082 in 2017.

At 15.6 per cent, crimes against women are the highest in this state, but the rising trends are worrisome. Uttar Pradesh is followed by Maharashtra (8.9 per cent) and West Bengal (8.6 per cent).

The Unnao rape and the BJP's blatant misuse of power to protect MLA Kuldip Sengar for the longest time are relatively recent incidents. In 2017, Uttar Pradesh reports 5,830 sexual harassment crimes — which is one-fourth of the total number of cases in this category that took place in the country. In Haryana, the BJP's sitting chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar had the gumption to call even Congress president Sonia Gandhi all sorts of names during the recently-concluded state elections. It now seems that to hold on to power in Haryana, the PM may take the help of Gopal Kanda, an Independent MLA, who got a jail term for the murder of an airhostess working in his airline company. The result, which included loss of ministers and heavyweights, can also be seen as a wake-up call for the government in Uttar Pradesh. It cannot just count on Mr Modi's image in the state and work on

'good governance''.
The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), the ideological parent of the BJP, from where many ministers and chief ministers have come, has a long-standing record of disrespecting women with statements regarding their attire and their place in today's India. One can even remember Mr Modi's remarks of "Jersey cow" and "50 crore girlfriend". And who can forget that a BJP minister has labelled our friends in the media "presstitutes"?

In the backdrop of such vile attacks on our women leaders and citizens, the Haryana election where fantasies like "plots in Kashmir" and "Kashmiri brides"

were used liberally by BJP leaders to entice voters during the campaign, led to a result wherein the BJP does not have a simple majority any more and the Congress has resurged. In Haryana, along with former chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, it was Kumari Selja leading the

charge. byelections in Uttar Pradesh, too, have shown that Mayawati, whose party BSP rarely contests by-elections, got zero seats while the Congress more than doubled its vote share to 12.80 per cent under the leadership of Priyanka Gandhi Vadra who has been continuously raising the Unnao case and the Ubbha massacre in Sonbhadra district, where 10 members of the Scheduled Tribes were gunned down. Ms Vadra has been visiting the family members of the victims and consoling them in their time of grief. This time, women

situation across the country and punished the BJP for taking no stringent action in Haryana or Uttar Pradesh against rising

In the backdrop of this, besides the economic woes around the country, rising prices hurting us all, an almost "no demand" economy, with barely any jobs, women voters have silently started to ditch the Modi bandwagon. Maybe, the Prime Minister should start becoming wary of Stree Shakti and start working toward real *vikas*, after all, for its absence could otherwise be the death knell for the Modi government.

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The NCP will now focus on creating a "good pool of leaders

— Sharad Pawar

IN BRIEF

## **SATYA PAL MALIK SHIFTED**

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Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik moves to Goa for the remainder of his tenure. He was first appointed Governor of Bihar in September 2017 and shifted to Jammu and Kashmir in August

Mr Malik succeeds Ms Mridula Sinha, who completed her five-year tenure in August this year but continued to hold the post till October 23.

The two Union territories Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir — will come into existence on October 31 after the Centre abrogated the special status of the state and bifurcated it into union territories on

August 5.
With the appointment of Mr Murmu, the tenure of the J&K Governor's advisers, Mr K. Vijay Kumar, Mr Khursheed Ganai, Mr K. Sikandan and Mr K.K. Sharma, may come to an end as all of them are senior to Mr Murmu.

In another order, former Intelligence Bureau (IB) chief and Centre-appointed inter-locutor to Jammu and Kashmir, Dineshwar Sharma, was appointed administrator to Lakshadweep. An order to this effect was issued by the Union

#### **BOY FALLS INTO BOREWELL IN** TAMIL NADU

R. VALAYAPATHY I DC TIRUCHY, OCT. 25

Fire and rescue personnel are making all out efforts to rescue a two-year-old boy who accidentally fell into an unused Nadukkattupatti village near Manapparai in the district on

Friday.
While playing near his house, the boy, Sujit Wilson, accidentally fell into the unclosed 25feet deep old bore-well.

Hearing him scream, the boy's parents and others alerted the fire and rescue personnel, who rushed to the spot immediately launched rescue efforts, with the help of a couple of earth movers.

Inspector General of Police V. Varadharajan said that rescue work was going on and arrangement has been made for adequate oxygen to be supplied to the boy, so that he does not suffer suffocation.

A police team led by Superintendent of Police, Tiruchy, Ziaul Haque, is also assisting the rescue operation,

#### MARADU FLAT **OWNERS TO GET** ₹25 LAKH

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI/KOCHI, OCT. 25

The Supreme Court on Friday directed the state government to provide ₹25 lakh interim compensation to all affected flat owners at Maradu irrespective of the assessment made by the committee headed by Justice K. Balakrishnan Nair.

A bench of justices Arun Mishra and S. Ravindra Bhat asked the builders of the five apartment complexes to deposit ₹20 crore within a month with the court-appointed committee and submit their banking details in an affidavit. The frozen bank accounts of the builders will be freed to enable them to deposit the amount. The court asked the committee to assess the documentary proof of payments made by the flat owners to the builders after some owners told the bench that they had paid more than ₹25 lakh to the developers. The apex court asked the committee not to rely only on property document value but consider the actual payment made by the homebuyers.

# Opposition satraps get a boost

DECCAN CHRONICLE

Oppn in Jharkhand and Delhi sees a ray of hope as their states go to polls next

New Delhi, Oct. 25: A creditable rearguard fightback by regional satraps against the BJP's dominance in Maharashtra and Harvana has infused fresh hopes among regional chieftains of opposition parties in Jharkhand and Delhi, the two states next in line for Assembly elec-

While polls in Jharkhand, where the BJP is in power, are due later this year, elections are slated for early next year in the national capital.

The BJP's vote share in the two states, which had gone to polls on October 21, fell by a big margin, even though it got a majority in Maharashtra in alliance with the Shiv Sena and emerged as the single largest party in

A senior Jharkhand Mukti Morcha leader, who did not wish to be named, noted that the vote share gap between the saffron and opposition alliance in the state was near 21 per cent in the Lok Sabha nolls, a margin which he added could be bridged with a swing of 10 per



Home minister Amit Shah, BJP working president J.P. Nadda, Haryana Chief Minister M.L. Khattar, MoS finance mnurag Thakur and JJP leader Dushyant Chautala during a press conference in New Delhi on Friday.

Pointing out that the BJP lost over 22 per cent votes in Haryana and 10 per cent in Maharashtra compared to the parliamentary polls, he said the Congress-JMM alliance could hope to dislodge the government headed by Chief Minister Raghubar Das.

If the Opposition alliance rallies around a leader, then it could oust the BJP, he claimed. JMM is pitching for its

leader Hemant Soren to be declared chief ministerial candidate in the state.

In Delhi, the AAP believes that it can get the better of the BJP and retain power as Kejriwal will have an advantage in the absence of any chief ministerial face from the

saffron party so far.
The BJP had routed its rivals in Delhi during the Lok Sabha polls by bag-

#### 93% NEWLY ELECTED HARYANA MLAS **ARE CROREPATIS, SAYS ADR REPORT**

New Delhi, Oct. 25: Eighty-four of the 90 newly elected Haryana are crorepatis, according to an analysis by poll Association watchdog Reforms Democratic

Divine touch

In the outgoing assembly, 75 of the 90 MLAs possessed assets worth more than ₹1 crore, which means the number of crorepati legislators has increased by 10 per cent, the ADR report said.

#### **OPPOSITION CALLED BJP SHAMELESS**

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In a series of tweets, Ms Bharti cautioned the BJP leadership that an election win cannot exonerate Kanda as there are various factors behind a victo

ry. She said under Mr Modi's leadership, the party has gained a remarkable Haryana, and a BJP government in Haryana "should be clean like our party'

Even the Haryana unit of the BJP is said to be divided over seeking Kanda's help for govern ment formation as he is facing charges of abetment to suicide of a former female employee. The Opposition parties accused accused the BJP of being "shameless" and taking the help of a "rape accused" to form the gov-



Giriraj Singh

#### **GIRIRAJ: AIMIM** THREAT TO SOCIAL INTEGRITY

**NAYEAR AZAD I DC** PATNA, OCT. 25

AIMIM president and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi was on Friday likened to Muhammad Ali Jinnah and the party winning Kishanganj Assembly seat, thereby making a debut in Bihar Legislative Assembly, as being a "a threat to social integrity" by Union minister Giriraj

Stoking a controversy, the minister in a tweet said, "The most danger-ous result in Bihar byelection has emerged from Kishanganj. AIMIM is influenced by the ideology of Jinnah and it hates Vande Mataram. The party's victory is a threat to the social integrity of Bihar. People should think about their

BJP candidate Sweety Singh was defeated by MIM nominee Qamarul Hoda by around 11,000

Meanwhile, political parties in the state are of the view that MIM's entry could change political equations in the Seemanchal dis-tricts like Kishanganj, Purnea, Katihar, and Araria where Muslims have maximum representation. Kishanganj was earlier considered a Congress traditional seat. Though few BJP leaders came out in support of Singh's statement against Owaisi, a section in NDA differed and criticised him for trying to create differences through his controversial statements. The RJD slammed BJP

leader. According to its spokesperson Bhai Birendra, "NDA's per-formance has disturbed the BJP in Bihar. Leaders like Giriraj Singh are giving such kind of statements to divert public attention cannot cnange the fact. I can only say that the by-poll results were just a trailer and the BJP will see the whole picture in next Assembly elections".

## Geetika's brother slams BJP for seeking Kanda's help

DC CORRESPONDENT with agency inputs **NEW DELHI, OCT 25** 

Family members of former airhostess Geetika Sharma, who allegedly committed suicide following harassment by legislator Gopal Kanda, slammed the BJP for taking his support in its quest to retain power in the state. Her mother later committed suicide.
The victim's brother

Ankit Sharma questioned the government over its attempts at seeking support of a criminal, whose notorious past is known to the whole world.

"Kanda faces trial in the suicide of Geetika. What about the *Beti Bachao Beti* Padhaoslogan Haryana? We are entrusting responsibilities of vomen into the hands of a hooligan and one who fell short of the half way

abetted suicides," he said while talking to reporters, here on Friday. Stating that his family had been humiliated for the past seven years, he lamented that justice is being delayed. "I just wish to say that they should not give our future in the hands of a criminal, who was in jail for 1.5 years and was denied bail on eight occasions. If you support this criminal, you will be destroying 10 more girls

like Geetika." "There is a 1,800-page chargesheet against him. It is full of evidences on what he did to my sister, how he destroyed her life," Sharma said

Along with other newlyindependents, in Haryana Lokhit Party (HLP) candidate Kanda had offered his uncondionai suppoi

State Assembly.
The 23-year-old air host-

ess was found dead in 2012, blaming Kanda, then a minister in the erstwhile Congress government of Bhupinder Singh Hooda, for her death. Kanda was charged with abetment to suicide and imprisoned.

The victim's mother, Anuradha Sharma, reportedly accused Kanda and his aide Aruna Chadha of forcing her daughter to take the extreme step. She later committed suicide.

Meanwhile, the case against Kanda for allegedly is dragging for seven years in a Delhi court which is yet to complete recording of prosecution evidence. He has been asked to appear before pecial

## PoK is a terrorist-controlled part of Pak, says Army chief

New Delhi, Oct. 25: attempts. "The territory Army Chief Gen. Bipin on Pakistandescribed Occupied Kashmir as a 'terrorist-controlled" part of the neighbouring country and sought to link it with Islamabad's strident criticism of India's decision to scrap Jammu and Kashmir's special status.

In an address at an event, Rawat also asserted that Gilgit-Baltistan and PoK have been under illeoccupation Pakistan.

The Army Chief cautioned Pakistan not to resort to any "misadven-ture" against India, saying the Indian armed forces were fully ready to effectively check any such

(PoK) occupied Pakistan is not controlled by the Pakistan establishment but it is controlled by terrorists. PoK is actually a terrorist-controlled part of Pakistan," he said. In his closing remarks at

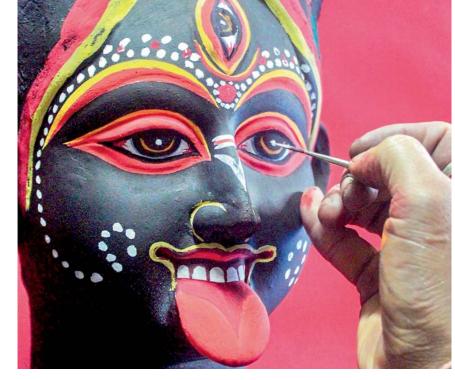
the Field Marshal KM Cariappa memorial lecture, the Army Chief also said that attempts are being made by Pakistani terrorists to disrupt resumption of normalcy in Kashmir after India abrogated provisions of Article 370 to withdraw special status of Jammu and Kashmir.

"We all have been concerned about Jammu and Kashmir and what has been happening there.

Jammu and Kashmir has always been part of our great nation," he said.

Gen. Rawat said after signing of the Instrument of Accession on October 26, 1947 by Maharaja Hari Singh, there were mainly three issues — and only defence, foreign policy and communications. were under control of the Indian government.

"The Article 1 of the Constitution and within it there is a section that clearly mentions that Jammu and Kashmir is a part of India. And, when say Jammu and Kashmir, it is the complete state of J&K which includes PoK and Gilgit-Baltistan," he said.



A clay artist gives finishing touches on an idol of goddess Kali at a workshop during Kali Puja festival at Balurghat in South Dinajpur district of West Bengal on Friday.

## **US now seeks Kashmir roadmap**

Washington, Oct. 25: in view of the Centre's The US has sought from India a "roadmap" to political and economic normalcy in Kashmir and immediate release of all political detainees as it asked Pakistan to take "sustained and irreversible" steps against militants and terrorists in

its territory. Most of the top level and second rung separatists of Jammu and Kashmir have been taken into preventive custody while mainstream leaders, including two former chief ministers -Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti, have been either detained or

decision to revoke special status to Jammu and Kashmir and splitting the state into two Union Territories. "We continue to press for

the release of detainees for the full restoration of everyday services, but most importantly, for roadmap to the restoration of political and economic normalcy," said acting assistant secretary of state for South and Central Asia, Alice G.

The US remains "deeply concerned" about the situation in the Valley where daily life of nearly eight placed under house arrest million residents has been

the decision to revoke Jammu and Kashmir's special status and to "detain without charge" leaders restrict communications, Wells said in an interaction with reporters at Foggy Bottom headquarof the ters Department.

severely impacted since

'We've seen progress for example four million postpaid mobile phone users have had service restored, but SMS and internet is restricted," she said.

Internet services across all platforms continued to be snapped in the Valley since the night of August 4, hours before the Centre announced its decision to abrogate Article 370 provisions that gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir and split the state into two UTs, officials in Srinagar said.

Noting that journalists have extensively covered developments in Kashmir, Wells said the role of some the international reporters have been particularly important, but journalists continue to face challenges in access while reporting due to the security restrictions.

Wells said terrorist groups like LeT, Jaish-e-Mohammed and Hizbul Mujahideen "obviously are the problem". -PTI

NO KIDDING

#### SC to examine Hindu, Muslim laws on kids' welfare in custody battles between spouses

# Top court to look into concept of shared parenting

Supreme Court on Friday agreed to examine the constitutional validity of certain legal provisions of various Hindu and Muslim personal laws which favour granting custody of children to one of the separated spouses only, overlooking their welfare and fundamental right to have "care and

love of both the parents".

A bench headed by Chief Justice of Ranjan Gogoi took note of the PIL filed London-based NRI activist Sulochana Rani and issued the notice to the Central government represented by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta.

"This matter certainly requires examination," Mehta told the bench which also comprised Justices S.A. Bobde and S. A. Nazeer. The plea, filed through

lawyer Kaleeswaram Raj, raised "significant questions relating to the laws on custody and guardianship of children in India" and sought directions of the apex court to develop the concept of "shared parenting" keeping in mind the welfare of children of estranged and warring couple.
"The legal provisions

which currently exist as per various personal laws are in the nature of



spouse who has been

entrusting the custody of children exclusively to one of the parents in case of separation. The statutes create a strong presumption in favour of exclusive custody. This presumption severely affects the fundarights of the

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denied the custody rights the fundamental rights of the child who will be deprived of care and love of both parents,' the plea said. It referred to sections 6(a) and 7 of the Hindu Minorities and Guardianship Act, 1956 and said that they be held

"unconstitutional" as they give primacy to men over women with regard to custody of children and they are violative of Article 14 (right to equality) in the Constitution.

The plea then referred to customary practice among Muslims and the Muslim Personal Law (Shariat) Application Act, 1937 and said as per them, father is considered as the guardian of the child and the mother is entitled to get automatic custody only for a short period of five years after the birth of the

"Hence, it is the father who is entitled to get custody of the child. Both sit-

tody to the mother during the early years of the child and thereafter giving custody to the father in a mechanical manner, are antithetical to the very concept of welfare of the child. "Gender based fixation of right to custody and guardianship is dis-criminatory and it has to be held as unconstitutional as it violates Article 14 (right to equality) and Article 21 (right to life and liberty). These statutory schemes require "reformation" as they are violative of various fundamental rights including the right to equality and the right to

life of the child and

The plea sought a direction for the child-centric approach based on the idea of shared parenting to ensure effective implementation of the rights of the child in various areas guardianship and adoption".

"The denial of custody to one spouse as against the other violates the fundamental right of parenting to the said spouse, which is part of right to life guaranteed under Article 21. Currently, custody is given to one of the spouses only and the other spouse is given visitorial rights.

















World

**Bolivian President Evo Morales has declared** victory in a weekend election, stirring anger among opponents claiming fraud in the count

DECCAN CHRONICLE





Not seeking re-election to Congress. Need support for presidency – Tulsi Gabbard **Democratic presidential hopeful** 

IN BRIEF

### **UN to probe abuses**

in Chile protests Santiago: The United Nations said it would send a special mission to investigate human rights abuses in Chile, where a general strike went into its second day following a week of street protests that left 18 dead. President Sebastian Pinera tried to ease tensions by announcing a plan to end a highly unpopular state of emergency and nighttime curfews. "Having monitored the crisis in Chile since it

began, I have decided to send a verification mission to examine the allegations of human rights violations," the UN High Commissioner for **Human Rights and former** Chilean president Michelle Bachelet said in a tweet. The protests erupted initially against a metro fare hike but spiralled into general discontent at low salaries and pensions, high costs of health care and education, and a gap between rich and poor.

### **Indians need no**

visa for Brazil Sao Paolo: Brazil ended visa requirements for US, Canada, Japan, Australia citizens. Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro said on Thursday the South American nation will drop its requirement that visiting Chinese and Indian tourists or businesspeople obtain visas. Bolsonaro, a far-right politician, came to power at the beginning of the year and has made it a policy to reduce visa

requirements from a number of developed countries. But the announcement, made during an official visit to China, is the first he has made expanding that policy to the developing world. Earlier this year, the Brazilian government ended visa requirements for tourists and businesspeople from the United States, Canada, Japan and Australia. Those countries, nowever, have not in return dropped their visa requirements for Brazilian citizens. This is the not the first country that Indian travellers can visit without a visa. While visa to several nations entails a lengthy process, a few others offer electronic visa. Indians also have the visa on arrival option in several countries.

#### **COURT GRANTS BAIL TO AILING NAWAZ SHARIF**

Lahore, Oct. 25: A Pakistani court on Friday granted bail to jailed former prime minister Nawaz Sharif who was undergoing treatment after being diagnosed with an acute immune disorder.

The 69-year-old Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) supremo was rushed to the Services Hospital in Lahore from the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) office late on Monday night after a massive drop in his platelet count. A two-member bench of the Lahore High Court, headed by Justice Baqar Najafi, heard the peti-tion of PML-N president Shahbaz Sharif seeking the release of his elder brother from the custody of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) on medical grounds in the money laundering case and accepted it.

The three-time premier's lawyer Ashtar Ausaf told the court that his condition is "extremely serious" and he should be granted bail.

The NAB's prosecutor did

not challenge the defence's plea, saying since it is a matter of serious health issue of the former premier, it does not oppose his bail.

Former Pakistan prime minister Nawaz Sharif has been under treatment at the Services Hospital since Monday night after his condi-tion deteriorated in the NAB's

He is also serving a sevenyear imprisonment in the Al-Azizia corruption case

#### California wildfires



Flames from a wildfire are seen close to a residence in Santa Clarita. Around 50,000 people were asked to flee their homes north of Los Angeles as a fast-moving wildfire driven by high winds erupted and raged out of control. -AP

## **TikTok raises security** concerns: US Senators

#### App leaves American users vulnerable to Beijing spying

Washington, Oct. 25: Two senior US senators called for the government to study national security risks possibly posed by Chinese-owned video app TikTok, saying it could leave American users vulnerable to Beijing's spy-

ing. Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer and Republican Senator Tom Cotton asked the Directorate of National Intelligence to "conduct an assessment of the national security risks"

posed by TikTok.
"With over 110 million downloads in the US alone, TikTok is a potential counterintelligence threat we cannot ignore, they said. Schumer and Cotton suggested that TikTok's owner ByteDance could be forced to share user information

with Chinese intelligence.

**WORLD'S MOST** 

**WHISKEY SOLD** 

London, Oct. 25: The

"Holy Grail" of whiskies

smashed the record for

the most expensive bot-

tle ever sold, going for

nearly 1.5 million at a

London auction. The Macallan 1926 60-

year-old single malt

from cask number 263

had been expected to sell for up to £4,50,000, but

went under the hammer

for 1.45 million (\$1.9 mil-

lion), beating the 1.2 mil-

lion fetched last year by

another bottle from the

Distilled over 90 years

ago and aged in European Oak for 60

years, the bottle was one of only 40 that Macallan,

based in Moray, north-ern Scotland, has con-

from Cask 263 in 1986.

'This is the most icon-

ic of all bottles of Scotch

whisky, the essential centrepiece of any great collection," said

Sotheby's auction house,

which organised the

same cask

**EXPENSIVE** 

SENATORS also warned it could potentially be used to influence voters in year's elections | security risk

■ THEY WARNED TikTok collects substantial

personal data from users, making it a

■ WITH 500 million users worldwide, the TikTok app has exploded in popularity in the past two years offering a platform to produce videos

offer Beijing's spies a backdoor into users' smartphones and computers, similar to allegations against Chinese telecoms giant Huawei

Chinese laws could compel the company "to support and cooperate with intelligence work controlled by the Chinese Communist Party," they

They noted that TikTok

sonal data from users, making it a security risk. With 500 million users worldwide, TikTok has exploded in popularity in the past two years, offering a platform to produce and publish music-synced

videos up to 60 seconds

The senators also warned it could potentially be used to influence vot-

manipulated US social media in the 2016 campaign.
"Questions have also

been raised regarding the potential for censorship or manipulation of certain content," they said.

"TikTok reportedly censors materials deemed politically sensitive to the Chinese Communist Party, including content related to the recent Hong Kong protests, as well as references to Tiananmen Square, Tibetan and Taiwanese independence, and the treatment of Uighurs.'

They acknowledged that the app does not operate in China, where ByteDance offers the similar but separate DouYin app, and that TikTok's user data is stored inside the United States. However, they said, 'ByteDance

#### required to adhere to the ers in next year's election collects substantial perin the same way Russians laws of China." No more NYT, Post for **US Prez Donald Trump**

President Donald Trump has cancelled the subscription of leading American dailies *The* Washington Post and *The* New York Times, calling them "fake" and asked other federal agencies to do the same, according to a media report. Trump's unusual move came days after he hinted of the same in an interview with the Fox News.

Trump termed *The New* York Times "a fake newspaper," saying "we don't even want it in the White House anymore."

"We're going to probably terminate that (The Times) and The Washington Post," he said. "They're fake," The New York Times quoted him

saying in the interview.

Officials in the West
Wing on Thursday Wing on announced that copies of the two newspapers would the White House and the administration is moving



THEY ARE FAKE newspapers, we don't even want them in the White House anymore.

> **DONALD TRUMP,** US President

to force other federal agencies to end their subscriptions to the papers, as well, the NYT reported. According to a report, Trump called members of the press "enemies of the people," deemed critical coverage "fake," accused news organisations of printoutreason and threatened to it said.

nalists for libel.

'Not renewing subscriptions across all federal agencies will be a significant cost saving - hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars will be saved," White House press Stephanie secretary,

Grisham said.
The White House remains a significant customer of print journalism: copies of *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *The Financial Times* and other publications and other publications. tions are delivered to 1600 Pennsylvania every morning, along with Trump's preferred first read, *The New York* Post, the report said.

The president remains a rabid absorber of the wider media landscape, frequently commenting on what he sees on cable news and sending handwritten notes to journalprintouts of their articles,

## **More Russian military** police arrive in Syria

Moscow Oct. 25: Around 300 more Russian military Syria, the Russian defence ministry said on Friday, under an accord between Ankara and Moscow which halted Turkey's military incursion into northeast Syria.

The deal, reached on Tuesday by Presidents Tayyip Erdogan and Vladimir Putin, requires that Russian military police and Syrian border guards remove all Kurdish YPG militia from within 30 km of the Turkish border by next Tuesday.

The military police, from the southern Russian region of Chechnya, will patrol and help with the withdrawal of Kurdish forces and their weapons to 30 km of the Syrian-Turkish border. Russia said the peace plan was being implemented smoothly and RIA news agency quoted an SDF official as saying Kurdish fighters had already withdrawn from the border area. However, the YPG-led

Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) accused Turkey of launching a large land offensive on Thursday tar-geting three villages in northeast Syria despite the truce, forcing thousands more civilians to

The UN special envoy for Syria, Geir Pedersen, said the ceasefire seemed to be holding "by and large" as major powers gather in Geneva ahead of the first meeting of Syria's Constitutional Committee next week. Pedersen was holding talks with senior officials from Arab and Western countries ahead of the committee meeting.



Displaced Svrian children sit on classroom tables at a school turned into a shelter in Hasakeh, Syria.

Amnesty International report published on Friday said Turkey was forcibly sending refugees back to Syria. Ankara denies sending any Syrians back against their will.

Next Tuesday, under the terms of the deal reached by Erdogan and Putin, Russian and Turkish forces will start to patrol a 10-km strip of land in northeast Syria where US troops had been deployed for years alongside their former Kurdish allies.

The arrival of the Russian police marks a shift in the regional balance of power just two weeks after Trump began pulling out US forces. It has also highlighted a growing security relationship between Russia, now the dominant power inside Syria, and Nato

member Turkey.
Turkey's military operation has been widely condemned by its Nato allies, which said it was causing a fresh humanitarian crisis in Syria's eight-year conflict and could let Islamic State prisoners held by the YPG escape and regroup. — Reuters

# TURKISH, SYRIAN **ENVOYS CLASH**

United Nations, Oct. 25: The Turkish and Syrian ambassadors at the UN are clashing at their first Security encounter since Turkey launched a cross-border offensive earlier this month.

**AT UNSC** 

Turkish ambassador Feridun Sinirlioglu called it a limited counter-terrorism operation "to eliminate the longstanding existential terror threat along our border with Syria" and "to enforce Syria's territorial integrity and unity.'

Syrian ambassador Bashar Ja'afari said his government "condemns in the strongest terms the Turkish aggression, and vehemently attempts by the Turkish regime to justify its actions under the pretext of self-defense or countering terrorism." The council met on Syria's human-

Isshu Sugawara

#### **JAPAN MINISTER RESIGNS OVER BRIBING VOTERS**

Tokyo, Oct. 25: Japan's new trade minister has submitted his resignation after being accused of violating election law by offering voters money and gifts, Prime Minister Abe Shinzo said on Friday.

Isshu Sugawara had been in the hot seat after a magazine reported he was suspected of paying 20,000 yen (\$185) to a bereaved family in his constituency.

He was also reported to have given gifts to other voters, including pricey melons and even crabs Kyodo news agency said. The sums involved, while small, would constitute a violation of Japan's public office

election law. Abe said Sugawara submitted his resignation after a cabinet meeting and that he had

accepted it.

"I bear responsibility in having appointed him. I deeply apologise to the Japanese people," Abe said. -AFP

## China to tackle trafficking issue

Beijing, Oct. 26: China called on Friday for joint efforts to counter human smuggling after the discovery in Britain of 39 dead people believed to be Chinese who stowed away in a shipping container. Foreign spokeswoman ministry

Chunving told reporters at a daily briefing that China could not yet confirm the victims' nationalities or identities but was working in coopera-tion with local authori-"The British police are still in the intensive process of verification and are still unable to confirm at the moment," Hua said.

"But I think that no matter where these victims come from, this is a great tragedy which drew the attention of the international community to the issue of illegal immigration," she said.

"I think the international community should fur-ther strengthen cooperation in this area, strengthen sharing of information and intelligence in this regard, and conduct early intervention in these activities so as to prevent such tragedies from happening again in the future.

Hua said Chinese authorities were also seeking information from police in Belgium, from where the shipping container in which the bodies were found was trans- people smuggling. — AP

**THE BRITISH** police are still in the intensive process of verification of the 39 bodies found inside the container of a truck

ported to England.

Human smuggling from China is believed to have drastically in fallen recent years amid a rapidly growing domestic economy. However, some Chinese, particularly those with lower education levels, continue to be drawn to Europe and North America by the promise of much higher wages than they can earn at home, despite the considerable risks involved.

Parts of China, especially the southeastern province of Fujian, have long histories of sending migrants abroad.

The issue is a difficult one to confront for China's ruling communist party, which is intensely sensitive about China's international image and has staked much of its legitimacy to rule on improving living standards for the bulk of China's 1.4 billion people.

The party newspaper Global Times said authorities in Britain and elseenough to crack down on

#### MEXICO LISSUE - Many families have suffered by Trump's widely maligned effort against illegal immigration

# Tally of children split at border tops 5,400 in new count

immigration authorities separated more than 1,500 children from their parents at the Mexico border early in the Trump administration, the American Civil Liberties Union said on Thursday, bringing the total number of children separated since July 2017

to more than 5,400. The ACLU said the administration told its attorneys that 1,556 children were separated from July 1, 2017, to June 26, 2018, when a federal judge in San Diego ordered that children in government custody be reunited with

from that period can be difficult to find because the government had inadequate tracking systems. Volunteers working with the ACLU are searching for some of them and their parents by going door-to-door in Guatemala and Honduras.

Of those separated during the 12-month period, 207 were under 5, said attorney Lee Gelernt of the ACLU, which sued to stop family separation. Five were under a year old, 26 were a year old, 40 were 2 years old, 76 were 3, and

more families, including babies and toddlers, join the thousands of others already torn apart by this inhumane and illegal policy," said Gelernt. "Families have suffered tremendously, and some may never recover."
The Justice Department

declined to comment. The count is a milestone in accounting for families who have been touched by Trump's widely maligned effort against illegal immigration. The government identified 2,814 separated children who were in government custody on June



A file picture showing a mother holding her son after he arrived at the El Paso International Airport in El Paso, Texas. The two had been separated for over six weeks after entering the country.

whom have been reunited. The US health and human Department's internal watchdog said in January that potentially thousands more had been separated since July 2017, prompting US District Judge Dana Sabraw to give the administration six months to identify them. The ACLU said it received the last batch of 1,556 names one day ahead of Friday's deadline. The administration has also separated

1,090 children since the

judge ordered a halt to the

practice in June 2018

child safety or doubts about whether the adult is really the parent. The ACLU said the authorities have abused their discretion by separating families over dubious allegations and minor transgressions including traffic offenses. It has asked Sabraw to more narrowly define circumstances that would justify separation, which the administration has

except in limited circum-

stances, like threats to

opposed. . With Friday's disclosure,

the number of children separated since July 2017 reached 5,460.

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**Infosys: US** SEC to seek Sebi's help

Deeper global slowdown seen despite rate cuts



INDICATOR	RS	%
Sensex	39058.06	+0.10
Nifty 50	11,583.90	+0.01
S&P 500	3,022.78	+0.41
Dollar (₹)	70.90	-0.18
Pound Sterling (₹)	90.89	-0.80
Euro (₹)	78.42	-0.64
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	38,281▼71	-0.19
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	\$61.63	-0.04
IN 10-Yr bond yield	+6.670	-0.008
US 10-Yr T-bill vield	+1.768	+0.002

#### **Sundaram-**Clayton to have non-working days

As of 9:30 pm IST

Sundaram-Clayton, a leading supplier of aluminium die-cast products, said it has declared five 'non-working' days a week in its plants across Tamil Nadu, following the slowdown in automobile sector. The TVS Group firm has announced Oct. 29 to Nov. 2 as non-working days at its major plants while the plant in Hosur will be shut from Oct. 29 to Oct. 31. .

#### Forex reserves cross \$440 bn, up by \$1.04 bn



India's forex kitty has swelled by \$1.039 billion to a new lifetime high of \$440.751 billion week ended October 18 the Reserve Bank of India said. The reserves had risen by \$1.879 billion to a record \$439.712 billion in the previous reporting week. Foreign currency assets increased by \$931 million to \$408.881 billion, the RBI said.

## 13.08 lakh jobs created in Aug: ESIC data

Aa many as 13.08 lakh jobs were created in August, lower than 14.49 lakh in July, according to the payroll data of the Employees' State Insurance Corp. Gross enrolments of new subscribers with the ESIC were 1.49 crore during 2018-19, the NSO said. It also showed that during Sept. 2017 to Aug. 2019, 2.97 crore subscribers joined the ESIC scheme.

#### **Piramal Enterprises to** raise ₹5,400 cr

Piramal Enterprises said its board has approved raising Rs 5,400 crore through a rights issue and preferential allotment of compulsory convertible debentures (CCDs). "The rights issue of Rs 3,650 crore at Rs 1,300 per share, is intended to give an opportunity to all its existing shareholders to participate in the capital raise at an attractive price," Piramal Enterprises said in a BSE filing.

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**■** Gen. Insurance IPO shelved, Cards IPO by year end

# SBI surprises with robust Q2 earnings

**FALAKNAAZ SYED** 

The country's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) on Friday posted a three-fold rise in Q2 FY20 standalone net profit to Rs 3,012 crore aided by partial stake sale in its life insurance subsidiary, higher net interest income and improved asset quality. The net profit during the corresponding period of last year was Rs 945 crore. The bank posted a net interest income (NII) of Ro. 24 600 income (NII) of Rs 24,600 crore during July-September 2019 from Rs 20,906 crore in Q2FY19, an increase of 17.67 per cent year on year.

"Exceptional items represent net profit of Rs 3,190.97 crore on sale of partial investments in SBI Life Insurance Company Ltd. Consequently, the holding of SBI in the subsidiary reduced to 75.9 per cent from 62.1 per cent," SBI said.

"The entire proceeds from the stake sale of SBI Life was used to make an upfront provision on a loan to a power company and a stressed NBFC account," said Rajnish Kumar, Chairman, SBI.

Kumar told reporters that the bank's plan to come out with the IPO of SBI General Insurance is off the table and would be



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Gross NPAs as a percentage of gross advances was ₹1.61 lakh crore, which fell 34 bps sequentially to 7.19 per cent

done only when its valuation rises as the "non-life insurer is still young". "However we would be coming out with IPO of SBI Cards subsidiary by year end," said Kumar.

The non-interest income increased to Rs 12,023 crore in Q2FY20 from Rs 9,375 crore in Q2FY19, an increase of 28.24 per cent year-on-year (YoY).
The domestic net inter-

est margin (NIM) improved 21 basis points quarter-on-quarter (QoQ) to 3.22 per cent, registering an increase of 42 basis points YoY and 21 basis

points sequentially. Fresh slippages halved to Rs 8805 crore during Q2FY20 from Rs 16,212 crore during Q1FY20. "The gross slippages will not exceed even 2 per cent during the year even in the worst case scenario," added Kumar.

Asset quality improved sequentially as well as year-on-year. The gross non-performing assets (NPA), as a percentage of gross advances was Rs 1.61 lakh crore, it fell 34 bps QoQ to 7.19 per cent. Net NPAs as a percentage of net advances were Rs 59,939 crore, dropped 28

bps QoQ to 2.79 per cent. Provisions and contingencies for the quarterended September stood at Rs 13,139 crore, up 8.7 per cent YoY and 43 percent sequentially. Provision coverage ratio (PCR) improved significantly by 1049 bps YoY from 70.74 per cent as on September 2018 to 81.23 per cent as on September Sequentially also, PCR has

improved by 189 bps. The SBI stock climbed 8 per cent to close at Rs 282 amid hefty volumes of 10.5 crore shares traded on the NSE.

## CCI probe finds beer firms formed a cartel

ADITYA KALRA NEW DELHI, OCT. 25

The investigations unit of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) has concluded that Anheuser-Busch InBev, Carlsberg and United Breweries colluded to fix beer prices, two people with direct knowledge told Reuters.

The CCI launched the investigation after AB InBev told the watchdog it had detected an industry cartel, leading in 2018 to dawn raids at the three brewers' offices to collect

The investigation has found that 15-20 executives from the three brewers were involved in discussions of beer prices before they were submitted to state regulators, thereby violating antitrust laws, said the two sources, who declined to be named as the report is not public.

"The evidence seized by the CCI during searches last year was enough to nail the culprits," said one

of the sources. AB InBev, the world's largest brewer, whose Indian offerings include Budweiser and Corona, told Reuters it would not be appropriate to comment at this time, but said it takes antitrust compli-

ance "very seriously".

Carlsberg, which sells beer under its own-name brand and also owns Tuborg, declined to comment on Friday, but has previously said it is "committed to complying" with



part-owned Heineken and known for its Kingfisher brand, said it is "given to understand" the investigation report has been submitted to the CCI, and will present its case during the commission's hearing.

The company added that it had made complete dis-closures to CCI's investi-gation unit that it will use to "counter any legal pre-sumptions and material impact against" it.

The CCI did not respond to Reuters' request for comment. Heineken declined to comment.

The Chairman of the CCI, Ashok Kumar Gupta, and other members of the commission are expected to decide on a penalty over the next few months, or dispute the investigation findings which were submitted in August, the two sources said.

The report will not be made public and its findings have not previously The three brewers, who according to IWSR Drinks Market Analysis account for about 85 per cent of beer consumption in the \$7 billion (£5.5 billion) India market, together face a potential fine of around \$280 million, sources said last

Any company executives found to have fixed prices could also be fined, though AB InBev could escape its share of the fines as it first reported the issue.

In cases such as this the next step would typically be for the companies to argue over penalties, with the CCI deciding on the extent of the leniency to be shown, said Gautam Shahi, a New Delhi-based antitrust lawyer who is not involved in the case.

After an internal investigation in 2017, AB InBev reported its detection of industry collusion under the CCI's so-called "leniency programme" that provides a whistleblower-type protection for cartel members.

-Reuters

## Bezos set to lose top slot to Gates

TOM METCALF

Jeff Bezos is at risk of losing the title of world's richest person to Bill Gates, as Amazon.com Inc. stock slid on Friday.

Shares of the biggest online retailer fell 4 per cent to \$1,712 at 9:45 a.m. in New York, a day after reporting its first profit decline in two years. At that price, Bezos has a net worth of \$107.1 billion, about \$300 million less than Gates, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.

Bezos took the top spot from the Microsoft Corp. Co-founder in October

Microsoft, the world's most valuable company, has surged 38 per cent this year, boosting the value of Gates's one per cent stake and bringing his fortune to \$107.4 billion.

The rest of his wealth is derived from share sales investments made over the years by his family office, Cascade. Gates, 63, remains an aggressive stock investor, with more than 60 per cent of his portfolio in equities.



Bezos, 55, would have had no trouble retaining the top ranking if he and MacKenzie Bezos hadn't divorced. MacKenzie, 49, received a quarter of their Amazon holdings in July.

Gates, on the other hand, may have never relinquished the top spot were it not for his philanthropy. He has donated more than \$35 billion to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation since 1994.

Bloomberg Billionaires Index is a daily ranking of the world's richest people. Details about the calculations are provided in the net worth analysis on each billionaire's profile page. The figures are updated at the close of every trading day in New

## After SC jolt, telecom majors plead with Centre for relief

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD

Stocks of telecom operators and service providers were at the receiving end for the second day in a row after the Supreme Court judgment on the adjusted gross revenue (AGR) case.

Left with no option, telecom operators have started lobbying with the government for some succour from the huge financial implications the judgement entailed.

They urged the government to review the impact of the Supreme Court judgement on the existing and defunct telecom opera-

The top losers in the market included Bharti Infratel (-8.63 per cent), Vodafone Idea (-5.08 per cent), Sterlite Technologies (-14.04 per cent), Onmobile Global (-2.38 per cent), GTL Infra (-4.55 per cent) and Reliance Communications (-1.47 per cent). The BSE Telecom Index fell 1.67 per cent. Bharti Airtel and MTNL,

however, closed in the green gaining 0.90 per cent and 4.85 per cent, respec-



Earlier in the day, Bharti African Airtel Africa, reported a 78 per cent jump in net profit \$96 million for the September quarter, driven by growth in customer base. The company provides telecom services in 14 African countries.

Brokerage Motilal Oswal said Bharti Airtel could scrape through by making the overdue payments, but Vodafone Idea "is estimated to require additional capital to fund even the current operations beyond the next three-four quar-

Bharti Airtel, in a statement on Supreme Court judgement, said, "The definition of AGR has been a long standing dispute between the DoT and the telecom service providers (TSPs) dating to 2005. The

issue of inclusion of revenue from non-telecom activities and interpretation of the heads included in the definition of AGR under the licence conditions has been through several rounds of litigation, which have been in favour of the TSPs till now.'

"The TSPs have invested billions of dollars in developing the telecom sector and providing world-class services to consumers. This decision has come at a time when the sector is facing severe financial stress and may further weaken the viability of the sector as a whole. Of the 15 old operators impacted by the order, only two private sector operators remain in todav. Government must review the impact of this decision and find suitable ways to

industry," Bharti Airtel Vodafone Idea in a state-

ment issued to the stock exchanges said, "Clearly this judgment has significantly damaging implications for India's telecom industry, which is already reeling under huge financial stress and is left with only four operators...

'The order has huge impact on two private oper ators while most of the other impacted operators have exited the sector. We urgently request that the government engage on this matter in order to find ways to mitigate the financial stress for the industry,' Vodafone Idea said.

'We will engage with the DoT in order for it to consider granting relief, including a waiver of inter-est and penalties,"

Vodafone Idea said. As per Supreme Court judgement Vodafone Idea's total outstanding alone as on as on July 5, 2019 is Rs 28,309 crore. which interest and includes penalty on licence fee bal-

#### **Dhanteras** off to a slow start over late muhurat

**SANGEETHA G** CHENNAI, OCT. 25

Delay in the start of auspicious time saw tepid consumer response for Dhanteras on Friday. However, jewellers are hoping the sales to get better by tomorrow.

Unlike Dhanteras in previous years, auspicious timing or 'muhurat' started in the evening by around 6.30 pm on Friday and was supposed to last till 3.30 pm on Saturday. This saw lower footfalls during the day.

"Footfalls were lower during the mornings unlike in the past. Further, it was a working day. Customers have started coming more in the evenings and we are keeping the stores open till midnight. By tomorrow, we hope that the sales will be better than last year,' said Sandeep Kulhalli, Senior Vice President, Retail and Marketing, Jewellery

Division of Titan. Bachhraj Bamalwa, former chairman of All India Gem & Jewellery Domestic Council (GJC) also confirmed this trend. 'As per my interactions with jewellers across the country, Dhanteras sales have just started picking up. Till now the business is almost similar to last year. However, we expect a 10 per cent rise in sales by tomorrow,' he said. Last year, the sales were muted as the prices had risen sharply around that

However, compared to last year prices are much higher this time. The price of gold was Rs 32,500 per 10 gm last Dhanteras, whereas this time the price of gold is hovering around Rs 3,9000.

time.

## Future delivery: Multi-use trucks with no cabin

**NAOMI TAJITSU** TOKYO, OCT. 25

In Japan, trucks are being designed for a driverless future with no cabin and interchangeable container areas that would allow vehicles to be highly customised for parcel delivery or even serve as minihotels or beauty salons.

At the Tokyo Motor Show this week, Hino Motors, the truckmaking arm of Toyota Motor Corp, showcased the futuristic "Flatformer", which had no driver's cabin and where the lowriding bed is fixed but the cargo or container section

can be swapped out.

On display was a concept battery-electric model with a cargo hold divvied up into stacked storage boxes that would help parcel delivery companies to sort, load and deliver goods more efficiently.

"The idea is to produce a standardized truck bed upon which customers can customise according to the services they offer. said Atsuyuki Hanazawa, manager of the design division at Hino's future projects group.

Explosive growth in online shopping and increased demand for same-day deliveries have heaped pressure on couri-



er companies and their drivers - particularly in Japan where the sector has borne the brunt of a worsening labour short-

age. In 2016, video footage of a courier in Japan kicking and tossing parcels in apparent frustration due to overwork went viral, sparking widespread public criticism.

Toyota's minivehicle brand Daihatsu also showed off its "Tsumu Tsumu" model with a removable cargo hold one that can be adapted to suit the needs of farmers transporting vegetable harvests, or as a food truck, or for businesses that need to deliver food to restaurants.

Such flexibility may be critical for the future of minitrucks in Japan, given that the number of farmers —a core customer base for Daihatsu's no-frills, affordable vehi-cles—is dwindling as the

"The needs of people who use minitrucks are changing, so we need to start thinking about products beyond what we've been offering and which enable multi-functionality," said Daihatsu designer Osamu Iwanami.

country ages rapidly.

While production versions of the Hino and Daihatsu models are likely years away, Toyota has also said it is developing production models of "e Palette" shuttle bus-sized, self-driving multi-pur-pose vehicles that can be used, for instance, as mobile restaurants or

- Reuters

Fernando Alonso confirmed he will drive for Toyota in the 2020 Dakar Rally being staged in Saudi Arabia.
The Spaniard retired from Formula One last year

DECCAN CHRONICLE





He has all the qualities to lead the Tour and we look forward to working together.

- Novak Djokovic on Andrea

GERMAN LEAGUE

#### **Injury-hit Bayern** take on Union

Berlin: Pressure is mounting on head coach Niko Kovac as injury-hit Bayern Munich look to beat minnows Union Berlin Saturday with just two points separating the top nine Bundesliga teams. Third-placed Bayern are only a point behind leaders Borussia Moenchengladbach, having been knocked off the top three weeks ago when Hoffenheim grabbed a shock 2-1 win at the Allianz Arena. Union Berlin, in 14th place,

have already beaten top-six clubs Dortmund and Freiburg in their first Bundesliga season and hope to deny Bayern a first win in three league games. Club chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge branded Bayern "careless" in Tuesday's 3-2 Champions League win at Olympiakos and called on the team to beat Union at home to 'meet the standard FC Bayern Kovac is Bayern's trend of con-

has set". However, a worry for ceding two goals in each of their last five games. - AFP LIVE ON TV: Bayern Munich vs Union from 7 pm on Star Sports Select 2 & HD.

#### Ladies day out



Elina Svitolina (from left), Simona Halep, Petra Kvitová, Naomi Osaka, Belinda Bencic, Karolína Plíšková, Bianca Andreescu and Ashleigh Barty pose for a selfie before the start of the WTA Finals in Shenzhen on Friday. - WTA

## No home comfort for Stan

Basel (Switzerland), Oct. 25: Stan Wawrinka was forced to withdraw Friday's Basel quarterfinal showdown against best friend Roger Federer with a back injury, just an hour after struggling America's past Frances Tiafoe in a gruelling sec-

ond round clash. "The bad news is that I will have to retire," the 34-year-old three-time Grand Slam winner said after his 6-3, 3-6, 7-5 win. 'I had some trouble with my back in the last

game. I'm sure I cannot

make it for tomorrow

(Friday). I will pull out." Top seed Federer, chasing a 10th title at his hometown event, will receive a walkover into Saturday's semi-finals. It would have been the

27th meeting between the two Swiss teammates and Federer would have been the comfortable favourite boasting a 23-3 record over their 14-year rivalry.

Wawrinka stands in provisional 14th place in the points race to the year-end ATP Finals and his chances of qualifying now look slim with just next week's Paris

Masters to play on the regular schedule.

The struggle against Tiafoe, which lasted for two and a half hours and was decided by an 11minute concluding game, had put Wawrinka minute into his fifth quarter-final at the Swiss tourna-

"I was fighting well, he was playing well, I expected a tough match," Wawrinka said.

Wawrinka hammered 14 aces — his last two in the penultimate game.

Tiafoe saved a Wawrinka match point with an ace of his own in

the final game before the home favourite got the crowd on its feet with a backhand winner down the line to seal the suc-

#### TSITSIPAS IN

Stefanos Tsitsipas reached his 13th quarterfinal of the year when he came back to claim a 6-7 (4/7), 6-2, 6-4 win over Lithuanian qualifier Ricardas Berankis.

The third seed will next Serb Krajinovic who upset fifth seed Fabio Fognini

#### Milwaukee Bucks up in NBA

Los Angeles, Oct. 25: Milwaukee's Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 30 points to propel the Bucks to a 117-111 victo-ry in Houston on Thursday, spoiling the debut of newly formed Rockets star duo James Harden and Russell

Westbrook.

In a battle featuring the last three NBA Most Valuable Players it was reigning Antetokounmpo emerged the winner, notching the first tripledouble of the season before he fouled out with just over five minutes

By then, the Greek superstar had achieved triple digits in three key statistical categories: 30 points, 13 rebounds and 11 assists. His 20 secondhalf points helped the Bucks rally from a 16-point third-quarter

Antetokounmpo became the first player since Oscar Robertson in 1966 to post a 30-plus point triple-double in his opening game of a sea-

But he said team effort was the key to the comeback win.

"We stayed together.
Even though we faced adversity and we weren't playing our best basketball in the first quarter and second quarter we came out, we were focused. We were able to move the ball and execute. My team without me did a great job,' Antetokounmpo after the win.



Medal winners of the XI South Zone Shooting Championship in shotgun events pose with Anurag Sharma (front row, third from left), former Telangana Director General of Police, and Amit Sanghi (front row, second from left), Telangana Rifle Association president, at the Sports Authority of Telangana State Shooting Ranges in Gachibowli, Hyderabad.

## Aman, Ayush and Munek shoot big at South meet

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD OCT. 25

Aman Sanghi, Ayush Rudra Raju, Munek Battula, Yeswanth Chowdary Reddy, Venkata Lakshmi Lakku and Rajah Rajagopal Tondaiman emerged winners in the XI South Zone Shooting Championship in shotgun events (NR and ISSF) organised by the Telangana Rifle Association at the Sports Authority of Telangana State Shooting Ranges in Gachibowli,

Telangana's Aman won the Clay Pigeon skeet junior men's individual (NR) title with 34 points. He was followed by statemate Hassan Bin Yesrab with 32 points and Tamil Nadu's C. N. Nalin, who shot

Aman thanked his father Amit Sanghi (former international skeet shooter), coach Ennio Falco (former Olympic gold medalist from Italy), international skeet shooter Sheeraz Sheikh, Vigar Ahmed Shafeeq and Gusti Noria who for their valuable tips and coaching.

Yeswanth Chowdary Reddy of Andhra Pradesh won the Clay Pigeon skeet men's (NR) event with 37 points to his credit. Telangana's Aminuddin Ahmeduddin (36 points) and Abdur Rehman (35) were second and third.

In the Clay Pigeon skeet men's (ISSF) championship, Munek Battula of Telangana stood first with 48 points, followed by Viqar Ahmed Shafeeq (46) and Ayush Rudra Raju (35).

However, Ayush Rudra Raju won the Clay Pigeon skeet junior men's (ISSF) championship with 109 points, one better than Munek

In the veteran's event, Rajah Rajagopal emerged victor with 107

#### SIRCILLA-505301, DIST: RAJANNA SIRCILLA RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION NO.1/2019 DT: 25.10.2019 Applications are invited from eligible candidates

THE CO-OPERATIVE ELECTRIC SUPPLY SOCIETY (CESS) LTD

for filling up vacancies for the post of Additional Assistant Engineers (13 Nos) in CESS Ltd. Sircilla Detailed notification available on or after 03.11.2019 on website www.tscess2019.com

Sd/- Managing Director

#### कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता, ग्रामीण यांत्रिकी सेवा संभाग जांजगीर, जिला जांजगीर चाम्पा (छ.ग.)

संक्षिप्त ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना - 08/19-20 (चतुर्थ आमंत्रण)

क्र. 1934/निविदा/ग्रा.यां.सेवा/2019 जांजगीर दिनांक 23/10/2019 छत्तीसगढ के राज्यपाल की ओर से एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली के अंतर्गत (लोक निर्माण विभाग में) "C" एवं उच्च श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से निम्न दर्शित सिविल/बिजली कार्य हेतु मुख्य अभियंता ग्रामीण यांत्रिकी सेवा द्वारा जारी एवं दिनांक 01.06.2015 से प्रचलित प्रभावशील दर अनसुची, प्रमुख अभियंता, लो.नि.वि. द्वारा जारी दिनांक 01.01.2015 तथा विद्युतीकरण कार्य हेतु दिनांक 15.04.2010 तथा टयुब वेल हेतु लोक स्वा. यांत्रिकी विभाग द्वारा दिनांक 07.02.2013 से जारी दर अनुसूची मुद्रित एवं अद्यततन संशोधित दरों पर आनलाईन प्रतिशत दर पर निविदा दिनांक 29.10.2019 तक आनलाईन ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा दिनांक 01.11.2019 को खोली जावेगी।

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कार्यपालन अभियंता ग्रामीण यांत्रिकी सेवा, संभाग जांजगीर G-74399/2 जिला-जांजगीर चाम्पा (छ.ग.)

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
KADAYANALLUR MUNICIPALITY

E- Tendering Notice

amilnadu Urban Roads Infrastru

Tender document

available from

Municipality for the year 2019-20. For this scheme the Municipal Commissioner, Kadayanallur invites sealed bids from the eligible and qualified contractors (Class I Only) for the following works as detailed in the table given below

Tender document and schedule available in http://tntenders.gov.in can be downloaded at free of cost from 04.11.2019. The Bildding document will be received by the Commissioner, Kadayanallur Municipality by way of off-line and e-submission also in 2 cover system upto 12.11.2019, 15.00 Hrs. Earnest Money Deposit, 1(one)% of the value of work should be submitted along with the tender. If e-tender, the EMD should be dropped in the tender box before closure time, it is at 3.00 PM on 12.11.2019

Evaluation of bids will be done as per Tender Transparency Act 1998 of Government of Tamil Nadu and rules there us. If the sa

tender date happens to be a holiday, the tenders will be opened on the next working day. The Municipal Commissioner reserve the rights to accept or reject any bidding document at any time without assigning any reason there of. Eligibility criteria and othe details can be had from the Bidding document. For other details contact e-mail address: commr.kadayanallur@tn.gov.i

Estimate Amount

Ranking From Rs.200.00 Lakhs to 400.00 Lakhs

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THE RESULTS ■ Clay Pigeon Skeet Shooting (NR) Championship Junior

(Individual): 1. Aman Sanghi (TRA) 34 points, 2. Hassan Bin Yesrab (TRA) 32 points, 3. Nalin C. N. (TN) 30 points. ■ Clay Pigeon Skeet Shooting (NR) Championship Men (Individual): 1. Yeswanth Chowdary Reddy (AP) 37

points, 2. Aminuddin Ahmeduddin Owaisi (TRA) 36 points, 3. Abdur Rehman (TRA) 35 points. ■ Clay Pigeon Skeet Shooting (NR) Championship Women (Individual): 1. Venkata Lakshmi Lakku (TRA) 28. Clay Pigeon Skeet Shooting Men Championship (Individual): 1.

Munek Battula (TRA) 48 (108) points, 2. Vigar Ahmed Shafeeg (TRA) 46 (112) points, 3, Avush Rudra Raju (TRA) 35 (109) points. Clay Pigeon Skeet Shooting Junion (ISSF) Championship (Individual): 1. Ayush Rudra Raju

(TRA) 109 points, 2. Munek Battula

(TRA) 108 points. Clay Pigeon Skeet Veteran Men (ISSF) Championship (Individual): 1. Rajah R. Rajagopal Tondaiman (TN) 107 points, 2. Gusti Noria (TRA) 103

points Clay Pigeon Skeet Junior Men (ISSF) Championship (Team): 1. Telangana 329 points (Viqar Ahmed Shafeeq 112), Ayush Rudra Raju 109, Munek Battula 108).

No.ECR-CAO-Con-N-ETN-96-19-ECR-CAO-Con-N-ETN-96-19-20 Name of work: Construction of gate lodges LC approach roads, supplying fabrication and fixing of height gauges, lifting barriers at LC gates, fixing of various sectional boards and other allied works between Harinagar (excluding) to

13.11.2019. remain unchange. Corrigendum will be available on web site

## **E-TENDER CALL NOTICE**

PARADIP PORT TRUST

Name of the work: "Allotment of 09(Nine) nos. of Mechanical Iron Ore/ Iron Ore Pellet Plots at IOHP". License Fees: Rs.2,61,87,150/-, Wharfage Fees: Rs.14,92,110/-. Last Date & time of submission of bid **29.10.2019 upto 15:00 Hrs**. Date and time of opening (technical bid): 01.11.2019 upto16:30 hrs. Refer our website for details https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/ app. Traffic Manager PPT/PR/409/19-20, Dt.25.10.2019

#### **(1)** EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY CORRIGENDUM

Valmikinagar road station including) in connection with loubling of NKE-VKNR section. SI.No. 1, Existing date of closing/opening of tender :

12.11.2019. Revised date of closing/opening of tender Other conditions of the tender will

http://www.ireps.gov.in
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#### EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

Corrigendum No.ECR-CAO-Con-N-ETN-95 19-20, Date 21.10.2019, Corrigendum no. 1 of E-Tender ECR-CAO-Con-N-ETN-95no. ECR-CAO-Con-N-ETN-95 19-20, Name of work: Construction of Station cum S&T building, Passenger Platforms, Station approach roads, yard drain, circulating area, Deep tube well, and other allied and misc. works between Harinagar (excluding) to Valmikinagar road station (including) in connection with NKE-VKNR doubling project SI.No.1. Existing date of closing/opening of tender:12.11.2019, Revised date of closing/opening of tender: 13.11.2019 Other conditions of the tender will remain unchange. Corrigendum will be available on web site http://www.ireps.gov.in

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#### Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation 1-20/GHMC/PTC-C-22 2019-20 GHMC/MKJ/E/TN/Div-28 Maintenance Works, Other Works-8 .etc /2019-20/35 50/EE/Div-30/GHMC/ ding Instant Repair team(IRT) Vehicle with labour (Nover 2020) and Providing material Supply of Cement. Sand, Metal, RCC cartch pit covers to HRT teams for attending instant Repairs for a period of 7 months in all wards Circ. 39, Sec-bad Zone, GHMC, etc. Maintenance & Developmental Works -01 Nos., etc. 31.10.19 at 4.00 PM Cell No.998993018-Cell No. 9963025505 E.E., Cir. 20/GHMC Cell No. 9701362775 EE(EVDM Wing)/GHMC Cell No. 9704456422 CTO(HO) GHMC 02.11.19 at 4.30 PM 29.10.19 at 1.30 PM 07.11.19at 1.30 PM 25.10.19 at 5.30 PM/ /2019-20 32/EE/Cir-20/SLPZ/GHMC/ Proving or Demoision reacility to I own planning wing cases on the Demoision quantity for a period of (06) months, etc. Setting up of Audio Conference System at Conference Hall 7th Filori in the office of Directorate of (EVSDM) cHMC, etc. GHMC is inviting tenders on e-procurement platform for the following works Procurement of Livery Items viz., Soaps, Coconut Oil, Shoes, to eligible 2019-20 18/EE(EVDM Wing)/ GHMC /2019-20 55/CTO/GHMC/ 2019-20 28.10.19 at 11.00 AM Cell No: 9959226996 employees of Head Office ,etc. IRT Re Call Work , etc. 37/EE/Div.6(4A)/CRZ/GHMC/ 25.10.19 at 4.00 PM/ E.E.Div.6(4A)CRZ.GHMC Cell No. 8008102048 CTO(HO) GHMC Cell No: 9959226996 2019-20 56/CTO/GHMC/ 2019-20 GHMC is inviting tenders on e-procurement platform for the following works 106 24 10 19 at 2 00 oviding of (1) Tata ACE Vehicles for a period of (90) days to carry out fogging Lakhs 28 10.19 at 2.00 operations Circle No. 14, etc. For further details can be seen at e-procurement@-https://www.tender.eprocurement.gov.ii 20 Call 040-21111111 for 24x7 GHMC Services. R O NO 176/CPRO/GHMC/2019-20

#### Tender Notice No. 08/2019-2020 Dated: 24.10.2019 Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement System Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001 for and obehalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-

No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Date
01	11191076	STAINLESS STEEL AIR BRAKE PIPE FOR COACHES	4582 MTR	19.11.2019
02	07190473	FOOT STEP COMPLETE FOR LHB COACHES	1414 NOS	22.11.2019
03	02191505A	V DEEP GROOVE AXLE PULLEY COMPLETE	664 NOS	28.11.2019
04	07190466	CIRCUIT BOARD PB03A FOR KNORR-BREMSE MAKE WSP SYSTEM	43 NOS	29.11.2019
05	09171038C	SYNTHETIC ENAMEL INTERIOR UNDERCOATING WHITE	28334 LTR	29.11.2019
06	09171029A	ALUMINIUM PAINT FOR GENERAL PURPOSES	41860 LTR	29.11.2019

NOTE: 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details. 2. No. Manual offer will be entertained. Fax No.: 011-23384008 E-mail Address Serving Customers With A Smile

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY DIRECTORATE OF PURCHASE & STORES NRB PURCHASE & STORES UNIT (NRBPSU)

E-TENDER NOTICE

NRBPSU invites ONLINE tenders for the supply of items mentioned below as per the tender notice given in our E-Tender portal https://etenders.dpsdae.gov.in. The suppliers need to get enrolled in the E-Tender portal and only online tenders will be accepted. However, EMD in the form of DD, drawn in favor of PAY & ACCOUNTS OFFICER, NRB, MUMBAI should be sent by post to our Mumbai Office, so as to reach us by the tender opening date.

140	No paper quotation will be accepted.						
Sr. No	Tender Number	Tender Name	Last Date of Uploading the tender	Opening Date			
1	DPS/NRBPSU/ 03/N1/3488/TPT	Optical Glass Blocks/ Slabs/Plates	15/11/2019	15/11/2019			

Details of EMD, Pre-Bid Meeting (if applicable) are given on the above portal. Bidders shall ensure that minutes of pre-bid meeting and / or corrigendum if any uploaded on the E-Tender portal would be viewed / verified for any modification before uploading their offer.

For details on Bid Preparation, please see the user manual in the portal For technical assistance please contact help desk 020-25315555 o email:support.dpsdae@nextenders.com Website- etenders.dpsdae.gov.in Part II opening date in the tender will be intimated after evaluation of part-I to only those bidders who have been technically selected. Date of pre-bid meeting if any, is

The online bids for tenders floated through the above portal are required to be digitally signed Regional Director, (NRBPSU)

> **GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH,** WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER MAHANADI GODAWARI BASIN RAIPUR (C.G.)

**ePROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE** eProcurement Portal: https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in **CORRIGENDUM No. 01** 

Following Amendment is made in **System Tender No.** 57080/ **NIT No.** 13/SAC/2019-20, Durg, **Dated:** 11.10.2019 Name of Work: Construction of Sukhrikala Anicut cum Causeway on Amner River Block Dhamdha of District Bemetara (Durg)

Earlier Published	Amendment
<b>Bid Start Date and Time:</b> 18.10.2019, 17:31 Hours	Bid Start Date and Time: 19.10.2019, 14:30 Hours

All other terms and condition will be unchanged.
G No. 74072
Sd/- Executive Engineer
Tandula Water Resources Division,

Durg (C.G.) For, Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Godawari Basin Raipur (C.G.) G-74324/5

#### **Indian Institute of** Mass Communication

Aruna Asaf Ali Marg, JNU Campus, New Delhi 110 067 **CORRIGENDUM** 

Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) having its main campus in New Delhi and Règional Campuses at Aizawl, Amravati, Dhenkanal, Jammu and Kottayam, had advertised 14 vacancies in Faculty posts at various levels in the field of Mass Communication through Advt. No. V/1444/2019(2). The break up of posts was 6 posts of Professor, 6 posts of Associate Professor and 2 posts of Assistant Professor.

The Institute wishes to fill up two additional posts of Professors of Mass Communication, in addition to the 6 notified earlier. The revised break up, as per the new Reservation Policy 2019 notified by the Government is

: 8 Posts (4 UR, 2 OBC, Professors 1 SC, 1 EWS);

Associate Professors: 6 Posts (2 UR, 2 OBC,

1 SC, 1 EWS); Assistant Professor : 2 Posts (2 UR).

For further details, kindly visit the 'Vacancy' section the website of Indian Institute of Mass Communication, i.e., http://www.iimc.gov.in

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**GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH,** WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, WATER RESOURCES & GROUND WATER SURVEY CIRCLE

SIHAVA BHAWAN CAMPUS, CIVIL LINES, RAIPUR (C.G.) **e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE** 

eProcurement Portal: https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in (1st CALL)

SYSTEM TENDER No. 57597/ NIT No. 05 /SAC/2019-20,

KASDOL, DATED: 22.10.2019 Online Tenders are invited for the following works upto 18.11.2019 at 17:30 Hours (IST):-

Name of Work: CONSTRUCTION OF THELKI STOP DAM ON KHORSI NALLA IN BALODABAZAR BLOCK OF BALODABAZAR-BHATAPARA DISTRICT.

Probable Amount of Contract : Rs. 192.56 Lakhs

The details can be viewed & downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement portal (https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in) from date 02.11.2019 at 17:31 Hours. (IST) onwards.

Note:- All eligible/interested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e-procurement portal (https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under centralised contractor/supplier registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process

**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,** Water Resources Construction Division, Kasdol For, Superintending Engineer, Water Resources & Ground Water Survey Circle, Raipur (C.G.)

G-74355/1













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Brazilian squad for their friendlies against Argentina and South Korea next month

Games



It's important for Pepe. When he scores it's good for him and the team.

— Unai Emery, Arsenal coach on Nicolas Pepe scoring against Vitoria Guimaraes in their Europa league

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TAKES

#### **Bumrah, Smriti get Wisden award**

Bengaluru: Premier speedster Jasprit Bumrah and batswoman Smriti Mandhana are the two Indian names among the five winners of the prestigious Wisden India Almanack Cricketer of the Year award which was announced on Friday. The other winners from Asia are Pakistan's Fakhar Zaman, Sri Lanka's Dimuth Karunaratne and Afghanistan Rashid Khan. The seventh edition of the annual cricket publication for 2019 and 2020 also features Mayank Agarwal for his stellar domestic run leading to a successful Test call-up. Mandhana is the third woman to be named 'Cricketer of the Year', after Mithali Raj and Deepti Sharma. Stalwarts Gundappa Viswanath and Lala Amarnath are inducted into the Wisden India Hall of Fame. Cricket Country: The Untold History of the First All India

#### Mithun 'tricks in

Team by Prashant Kidambi has been adjudged the Wisden India Book of the Year. - PTI

Karnataka win

**SUMIT SINGH | DC** Manish Pandey led Karnataka side clinched the Vijay Hazare

Trophy defeating Tamil Nadu by 60 runs through the VJD method in a rain-affected final at the M.Chinnaswamy Stadium on Friday

When rain halted proceedings after 23 overs, the hosts were 146/1 chasing a target of 252 with the par score being 86 runs at that stage with KL Rahul and Mayank Agarwal batting on 52 and 69.

The victory though was set up by the Karnataka bowlers with birthday boy Abhimanyu Mithun who did the major damage with the ball after Manish Pandev won the toss and opted to field. A hat-trick and a five-for (5/34)

Tamil Nadu to 252 after being 148/2 at one stage BRIEF SCORES: Tamil Nadu 252 (49.5 overs): A Mukund 85, B. Aparajith 66, V. Shankar 38, Mithun 5-34; Koushik 2-39 lost to Karnataka 146/1 (23 overs):

K.L. Rahul 52\*, M.A. Agarwal

on his 30th birthday restricted

### **GAMBHIR IS ELATED WITH SANJU IN SIDE**

New Delhi: Cricketer-turnedpolitician Gautam Gambhir is a happy man after Sanju Samson was selected in the Indian T20 team for the three-match series against Bangladesh, saying it was "long overdue"

Gambhir has been advocating for the talented Kerala cricketer's inclusion in the Indian team for a long time. The series against Bangladesh starts November 3. "This is well & truly through the gap by

@lamSanjuSamson!!! Congratulations on being picked in the T20 squad. Soft hands, nimble feet and hopefully a sane head...go Sanju grab ur moment, long overdue, Gambhir tweeted.

Samson played his sole match for India - a T20 - in July 2015 when a second-string team toured Zimbabwe. He was 19 then. Since that high, it has been a roller-coaster ride for the wicketkeeper-batsman, who has been dropped from the Kerala team on disciplinary

grounds. He has not been consistent enough, has had fitness issues but every now and then, he came up with innings befitting his rich batting talent. — PTI

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Arsenal's Gabriel Martinelli (left) heads the ball past Vitoria Guimaraes' goalkeeper Miguel Silva (right) to score the equalising goal during their UEFA Europa league Group 'F'

# **GUNNERS LOAD & SHOOT**

## Super Sub Pepe comes off the bench to lead Arsenal to win at home

Paris, Oct. 25: Nicolas Pepe came off the bench to rescue Arsenal at home against Vitoria Guimaraes with two late free kicks in the Europa League on

Thursday. Arsenal came from behind to win 3-2 and stay perfect in Group 'F'.

They are one of only two teams on nine points from three games, along with Sevilla, who beat Dudelange of Luxembourg 3-0 in Group

Manchester United are one of the teams on seven points and need just one more win to ensure they qualify from Group 'L' after eking out a 1-0 win against Partizan on an

emotional day in Belgrade. Celtic came from a goal down to beat Lazio 2-1 in Glasgow and remain top of Group 'E'. PSV Eindhoven were held 0-0 at home by Linz but still lead Group 'D' Rangers drew 1-1 in

Porto in Group 'G'.

At the Emirates, Arsenal made 10 changes from the team that lost at Sheffield United on Monday in the Premier League. For much of the match, they looked even worse.

Arsenal dominated possession but were outshot

They made the worst possible start, falling behind after nine minutes to a a former by Tottenham player.

Marcus Edwards, once compared by Spurs manager Mauricio Pochettino to a young Lionel Messi, shot

THE RESULTS

Arsenal (Gabriel Martinelli 32, (Marcus Edwards 8, Bruno Duarte 36).

**Eintracht Frankfurt** (Abraham 28, Hinter-egger 73) Standard Liege (Amallah 82).

(Christie 67, Jullien 89) Lazio

**FC Porto** (Diaz 36) Rangers

Brazilian teenager Gabriel Martinelli replied with a header but Vitoria

strikers struggling, Pepe, who had not yet scored a goal from open play for the Gunners. came on in the

In the ninth minute, Emery's men.

Nicolas Pepe 80, 90+2) Vitoria Guimaraes

(Vazquez 49, 75, Munir 78) Dudelange

(Lazzari 40).

(Morelos 44)

Emiliano Martinez.

regained the lead before half time with a goal from Bruno Duarte.

With Arsenal's young 64th minute.

After 80 minutes he curled a free kick inside the far post. He repeated the trick three minutes into added time to secure the victory for Unai



FK Partizans' Sadig Umar (in black and white stripes) vies with Manchester United's Scott McTominay during their Europa league Group 'L' match at the Partizan stadium in Belgrade on Thursday. United won 1-0.

## **RACE FOR NUMERO UNO** IN SERIE 'A' HEATS UP

Milan, Oct. 25: Champions Juventus turn their focus back to maintaining their Serie 'A' supremacy ahead of nearest challengers Inter Milan with both Italian teams riding high after their European suc-

Juventus are just one point ahead of Inter Milan in the Italian league after eight games. Maurizio Sarri's side head to promoted Lecce, while

Antonio Conte's Inter are at home against Parma. Third-placed Atalanta return to the comforts of home against Udinese licking their wounds after a bruising 5-1 defeat to Manchester City.

Carlo Ancelotti's Napoli, one point behind the Bergamo side in fourth and six adrift of Juventus, need a result at relegation-threatened SPAL to keep pace with the leaders

New Genoa coach Thiago Motta's first game in charge of the club where his playing career took off a decade ago will be against Brescia.

"In 2008, Genoa changed my situation. Now I really want to coach the squad and change our fortunes,'

Former Italy international Motta's only previous coaching experience is with PSG's U19 team, which he managed until July. -AFP

## City look to cut gap on the Reds

**London, Oct. 25:** Manchester City have the chance to exert some short-term pressure on runaway Premier League leaders Liverpool this weekend as Manchester United look to end their away day blues.

Jurgen Klopp's side saw their long winning streak ended by a hungry United in a draw at Old Trafford last week but still have a comfortable six-point lead

over second-placed City. Guardiola's defending champions can cut that gap to just three points, at least temporarily, if they beat Aston Villa at home on Saturday.

Frank Lampard's young Chelsea side travel to Burnley on the back of a six-match winning run in all competitions while third-placed Leicester third-placed Southampton on League matches.

Pep Guardiola urged his team to be more clinical after their 2-0 victory last week against Crystal Palace and his team responded by thumping Atalanta 5-1 in the Champions League.

Despite exhortations, City have not been shy in front of goal this season, hitting 29 in just nine Premier

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**Brighton vs Everton** from 7.30 pm

**Burnley FC vs Chelsea** from 10 pm All matches on Star Sports

## **KNOCKED OUT IN QUARTERS**

**SAINA GETS** 

FRENCH OPEN

Paris, Oct. 25: Indian men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty continued their impressive run as they progressed to the semifinals with another stunning win but it was curtains for Saina Nehwal at the \$700,000 French Open here on Friday.

The Indian duo, who had claimed their maiden Super 500 title at the Thailand Open in August this year, shocked World No 8 Danish pair of Kim Astrup and Anders Skaarup Rasmussen 21-13, 22-20 in a thrilling quarterfinal match that lasted 39 minutes here.

Satwik and Chirag will now take on either the Japanese fifth seeds Hiroyuki Endo and Yuta Watanabe or the third seeded Chinese combinations of the combination of the com tion of Li Jun Hui and Liu Yu Chen.

Earlier, a fighting Saina was knocked out after she went down in straight games to Korea's AN se Young in the women's singles quarterfinals.

The 29-year-old Indian, who had claimed the Indonesia Masters in January this year, lost 20-22, 21-23 to World No.16 Young after a 49-minute

Young after a 49-minute thrilling contest.

It was her first quarterfinal appearance since making it to the final eight at the Badminton Asia Championship in April this year.

Satwik and Chirag were clearly the dominant pair on the court as they com-

on the court as they combined well, covering the court and put their opponent under pressure with their angled strokes.

### **HYDERABAD HUMILIATED ON ISL DEBUT**

Kolkata, Oct. 25: Former champions ATK got off to a flying start at home, banging in five goals past debutants Hyderabad FC in their Indian Super League clash at the Saltlake Stadium here on Friday.

ATK probably sealed the deal in the first 45 min-utes itself taking a 3-0 lead with David Williams scoring a brace in the 25th and 44th minutes.

ATK's star Fijian recruit Roy Krishna also got his name on the scoresheet with a goal in the 27th minute before Edu Garcia completed the humiliation, striking twice in the 88th and 90th minutes.

The home side pressed hard from the start and it was Michael Soosairaj who returned unlucky in the 19th minute when his shot ricochetted off the far post from 15-yards out.

Finally they got a well-deserved lead when Javier Hernandez slided an excellent through ball towards Williams, who took one touch and then beat the goalkeeper to give ATK the lead in the 25th minute.

## Virat on board for day & night Tests, says Sourav

Kolkata, Oct. 25: The BCCI president Sourav Ganguly on Friday said that Indian skipper Virat Kohli is open to the idea of playing day-night Tests and it could be a reality in near future. He had a meeting with Kohli in Mumbai on

Thursday where the idea

was floated. I must say that Virat Kohli is agreeable to it. There are reports that he does not want to play day-night Tests which is not the fact. So once the captain of India is agreeable to it, life becomes a lot easier. We will see how we can push it. The game needs to forward. Ganguly said during the sidelines of his felicitation by the CAB at the

Eden Gardens.

The former India captain had been a vocal advocate of pink ball Test in order to bring back the spectators to the stadium. "We all are thinking about this and we will do something about it. I am a firm believer in Day Night Tests. I don't know when will that happen. But till the time I am around, I will be pushing for it,'

However it must be mentioned that if Ganguly's tenure is not extended beyond July, the Day-Night Test might not be reality as India next play five-day games at home only in December 2020 -January, 2021. The home Tests against Bangladesh are

last for this season.

Ganguly said.

Ganguly reiterated the need to have a relook at the Conflict of Interest clause which is making it very difficult for him to get quality cricketers "It definitely needs a

re-look. We lose a lot of cricketers quality they because involved in a lot of other things. Conflict has to be sensible. Nothing is a conflict if you hold an administrator's role in the BCCI. "We need to keep that

simple and take it forward. We don't want to lose the likes of VVS Laxman, Azharuddin, Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Kapil Dev or Sunil Gavaskar helping the Indian cricket,"he added.



M.S. Dhoni (left) and Rishab Pant share a light moment at the former's residence in Ranchi.

#### Not picked in my first trials: Sachin Mumbai, Oct. 25: Batting but the result was not as legend Sachin Tendulkar on Friday revealed that he

was not selected when he appeared for his first selection trials and the rejection spurred him to work even harder on his game.

When I was a student, the only thing in my mind was to play for India. My journey started at the age of eleven," Tendulkar said in Marathi while interacting with the students of Late Laxmanrao Dure school in western Maharashtra.

"I even remember when I went for my first selection trails, I was not selected by the selectors. They had said that he will need to work hard and improve his game. "At that time I was disappointed because I thought I had batted well,

per expectation and I was not selected. But after that my focus, commitment and capacity to work hard increased further. If you want to realise your dreams, then short-cuts won't help," he added.

"For my success in cricket, I owe it to my family—
all the members. I will

start with my parents, my brother Ajit and elder brother Nitin, who does not usually come forward, supported me," he said. 'My elder sister, who now

resides in Pune after marriage, she supported me. In fact, my sister had presented the first cricket bat to me in my life. After marriage (wife) Anjali and (kids) Sara and Arjun and Ànjali's parents supported me," he added.

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