

DC wishes its readers a happy and prosperous Diwali



Devotees light thousands of earthen lamps on the bank of the Saryu river during Deepotsav celebrations, on the eve of Diwali, in Ayodhya on Saturday. – PTI

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RTC's talks with striking

\STROGUIDE

Vikari; Dakshinayana Tithi: Ashwayuja Bahula Chaturdashi till 12.24 pm Star: Chitta till 3.16 am (early hours of Sunday) Variyam: 12.58 pm to 2.23 pm Durmuhurtam: 4.11 pm to 4.57 pm Rahukalam: 4.30 pm to 6 pm HIJRI CALENDAR Safar 26,1441 AH PRAYERS Faiar: 5.12 am Zohar: 12.10 pm Asar: 4.12 pm Maghrib: 5.54 pm Isha: 7.01 pm SUNSET TODAY 5.48 PM SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.13 AM **MOONRISE** TOMORROW 4.09 AM MOONSET TODAY 4.40 PM

TEWARI: CONFER BHARAT RATNA ON BHAGAT SINGH

New Delhi, Oct. 26: RAJESWARI PARASA I DC Congress leader Manish Tewari has urged Prime HYDERABAD, OCT. 26 Minister Narendra Modi The Telangana State Road to confer the Bharat Ratna on freedom fight-ers Bhagat Singh, Transport Corporation Rajguru and Sukhdev. In a letter to Mr Modi, he also requested him to formally confer the hon-orific title of Shaheed-E-Azam on them and dedicate the Chandigarh airport to the memory of Bhagat Singh. talks alleging that the "I would like to draw committee comprising the your kind attention towards the fact that managing director, Sunil Sharma, and CM's secre-Shaheed Bhagat Singh, tary, Sandeep Sultania, Rajguru and Sukhdev among others, was not inspired an entire generlooking for solutions but ation of patriots by their was merely buying time to unrelenting resistance to satisfy the High Court, British Imperialism and later their supreme sacrifice on the 23rd of March, 1931," the MP from Anandpur Sahib in Punjab said. "It would be in the fitness of things that if on S.A. ISHAQUI | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 26 26th of January, 2020 all three of them are honoured with the 'Bharat Ratna'. This gesture would touch the hearts Chief Minister K. Chandrand souls of 124 crore Indians," the Congress leader said, in his letter thank dated October 25. His suggestions come in the wake of the BJP unit in Maharashtra Mr demanding that the meeting at Huzurnagar after TRS candidate S. Bharat Ratna be conferred on Hindutva ideo-Saidi Reddy won the byelection by 43,358 votes against the Congress' logue Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, which trig-gered a row. -PTI

staff hit merger block which had instructed it to huddled outside and then initiate talks.

Only 21 demands were tabled while the JAC

Reddv

said they were not ready for further discussion, Mr Sharma said.

Khattar to head coalition regime

To take oath of office as Haryana CM today, Dushyant Chautala to become his deputy

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, OCT. 26

The BJP-Jannayak Janata Party coalition government will take oath on Sunday, a day after BJP president Amit Shah announced his party's alliance in Haryana with the Jat-dominated party. Interim chief minister, Manohar Lal Khattar, will be sworn-in as the next chief minister of the state, while the JJP's Dushyant Chautala will be his deputy.

After facing severe criticism over seeking support of controversial leader Gopal Kanda, the BJP was forced to clarify that it will not take the support of the Haryana Lokhit Party legislator. Kanda is facing two abetment of suicide cases, including that of a former female employee and her mother.

"I want to clarify one thing — the BJP is not going to take the support of Kanda," said Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad on Saturday. He was in Chandigarh for the BJP's legislative meeting as a Central observer. In the just-concluded Assembly polls in the state, the BJP bagged 40 seats, six short of a simple majority. Other than the JJP's 10 MLAs, the BJP also has the support of seven Independent MLAs. Earlier in the day, the BJP legislative party met in Chandigarh and elected Mr Khattar as the legisla-

Dy CM's dad to be released on parole

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, OCT. 26

Immediately after Dushyant Chautala's Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) extended its support to the BJP, its founder Ajay Chautala has been granted furlough for a period of 14 days.

Ajay Chautala is the father of Dushyant Chautala. He was lodged in the Tihar jail after he was convicted in a teacher recruitment scam in 2013 along with his father and former chief minister and INLD leader Om Prakash Chau-tala and 53 others, includ-

ing two IAS officials. After being expelled from the Indian National

Sena seeks share in CM's tenure

DC CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI, OCT. 26

Newly-elected Shiv Sena MLAs on Saturday demanded written assurance from the BJP on sharing the Chief Minister's post for two-and-a-half years each. They also pushed the case of Aaditya Thackeray for the Maharashtra CM post. "We want the BJP to give us in writing how power would be shared. In earlier discussions, it was decided that chief ministership would be shared equally. We want the chief minister's post for a period of two-and-a-half years. Uddhav, however, will take the final call. We have passed a one-line resolution, giving him full powers to take decisions,' Shiv Sena MLA Pratap

Sarnaik told reporters, after Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray met newly-elected party MLAs on

Lok Dal (INLD) in 2018, Mr Dushyant Chautala and

his father Ajay Chautala

Dushyant Chautala is

the great grandson of for-

mer deputy prime minis-ter Chaudhary Devi Lal.

Ajay Chautala is sched-

uled to leave the Tihar jail

on Sunday. According to a

prison official, Ajay Chautala has been granted a two-week furlough and it

will start from the day he

will step out of the jail

The development comes on a day the BJP staked claim to form the govern-

ment in Haryana after Mr

Chautala's party offered support to the BJP.

founded the JJF

premises.

Saturday He said Uddhav also made it clear to them that he had "other options", but was not interested in exploring them since the BJP and the Sena are bound together by the 'Hindutva ideology' The Congress and NCP leaders have also started making overtures to the Sena, though both parties do not want to take an initiative in holding talks Reacting to the Sena's demand, Congress leader Vijay Wadettiwar said, "It is up to Shiv Sena to decide if they want a fiveyear CM or wait for the BJP's response on 2.5-year CM demand.



I got these at throwaway price from a party office that lost polls!

IMD rain alert for next 2 days

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 26

Heavy rain and thunderstorms have been forecast for the next two days, possibly making it a wet Diwali in the city and environs. The Indian Meteorological Department said there is a likelihood of thunderstorm and lightning on October 27 and 28 due to a depression in the Bay of Bengal and the impact of Cyclone Kyaar in the Arabian sea.

Weather expert, Rajani-kanth Poolla, said, "The cyclone has led to a change in the wind patterns. It has also led to moisture being pulled in from the Bay of Bengal due to which TS and AP are seeing a strong movement of clouds. There will be more thunderstorms due to the change in the wind's direction.'

demanded a discussion on (TSRTC) joint action comall 26 demands, during the mittee (JAC) announced two-hour meeting. It yieldthat the RTC strike will ed no results and the deadcontinue, as talks initiated lock continued with the walkout by JAC leaders. by the management at Errum Manzil failed on Of the four JAC leaders Saturday. The RTC JAC leaders allowed in the meeting, Ashwathama emerged midway from the alleged the government

had no intention to resolve the issue. "The JAC wanted a discussion on the TSRTC merger as well, which is impossible and is not listed in the 21 demands, Sunil Sharma said. "When we told them this, they

The JAC is planning a "Chalo Collectorate" on Monday and a large-scale public meeting for RTC employees, political leaders and the general public in Saroornagar on October 30. In several depots, RTC employees and their families sat on hunger strike on Saturday.

On Diwali, teacher A. Narsi Reddy, an MLC, will sit on hunger strike from 9 am at Dharna Chowk near Indira Park as well, demonstrating the support of the teachers' unions.

tive party leader. He then met Haryana Governor Satyadeo Narain Arya and staked claim to form the government in the state. Mr Chautala accompanied him. "The governor has invited us to form the government on Sunday," Mr Khattar said after meeting.

The oath-taking ceremony will take place at 2.15 pm on Sunday, the day Diwali will be celebrated across the country.

Mr Khattar said that Mr Chautala will also take oath as the deputy CM.

KCR thanks Huzurnagar with ₹100cr

He kept off politics, say-ing he would not speak asekhar Rao on Saturday gave a ₹100-crore gift hamper ahead of Diwali to much about Opposition leaders and their politics voters in Huzurnagar for handing as it was a happiest occaout a thumping victory for the party in the byelection. sion. Mr Rao announced ₹25 Rao made the crore for the Huzurnagar announcement at a public municipality and ₹15 crore

Nallamada Padmavathi Huzurnagar municipality will get ₹25 crore Reddy, He had to cancel a and Nereducharla ₹15 crore for development campaign visit due to the

Each of the 134 gram panchayats in the constituency will get ₹20 lakh. Seven mandals will get ₹30 lakh each. Huzurnagar will become revenue division and

would get a subordinate court. lakh. An outer ring road

would be built for Huzurnagar and tank bund for the lake in the town. He said the constituency

would be declared a revenue division and a subordinate court would be set up in Huzurnagar after consultation of the Chief Justice. For the consider-

able tribal population, Mr Rao promised a residential school and a Banjara Bhavan.

He said about 600 lift irrigation schemes which being controlled by the Irrigation Development Corporation, societies, individuals and NGOs will be taken under the direct control of the government to relieve the burden on Across India, sales the farmers. The governdipped by 30%. ment would supply water from the Krishna and Godavari water as soon as possible.

DROP 50% Gold sales have halved in Hyderabad on Dhanteras due to high prices and economic uncertainty in the country.

DHANTERAS

GOLD SALES

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DIWALI BLUES

Retailers say people have curtailed spending, wholesalers are not offering them credit Festive season fails to bring cheer to traders

ADITYA CHUNDURU | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 26

across the twin cities, in Badichowdi, Abids and General Bazaar. Traders, In Kushal Market, a tradiboth retail and wholesale, tional marketplace in Koti, complained that business men who have for decades was slow for months. sold clothes worth lakhs, September, with the major this year lie in wait for cusfestivals of Diwali and tomers. But on the day Dasara, was similarly disbefore Diwali, most were appointing. Most activity glued to YouTube on their in these markets was on hunting for videos. There the roads: customers perused the flowers and watchable videos. There was no 'festive rush' here. earthen lamps, but ignored It was the same story the shops behind.

Badri, owner of an apparel shop in General Bazaar, said, "Dasara is usually the busiest time in Telangana, more so than Diwali. However, business was slow even then. We had expected this. We didn't think the market would pick up." Other traders agreed. "It has been slow for nearly two years. Dasara was disappointing. We didn't expect sales for Diwali," said a readymade

for Nereducharla. Each of

the 134 gram panchayats

in the constituency is to

get ₹20 lakh, and the seven

mandal headquarters ₹30

garments' retailer near Gokul Chat in Koti.

Akshath, who owns a saree and dress shop in Badichowdi, claimed his business had dropped 40 per cent from two years ago. The market had not been the same since demonetisation and the GST implementation, both within a span of six months. "Customers are fewer," he said. "I don't have liquidity for my busi-

ness anymore. It is difficult for retailers like me to get credit from wholesalers. They don't trust us. They ask us to pay for supplied goods as soon we can, often in less than two months." Earlier, wholesalers gave them more leeway, he added. "Today, I only take goods that I am sure of selling. I am not taking risks,' he said.

Akshath added that factors like the TSRTC employees' strike and the of the Garments Manufa-Metro construction in Badichowdi had also affected his business.

A hosiery shop owner in Abids claimed he had trouble getting regular supply. "The stocks aren't selling as quickly as they used to. Wholesalers are not supplying goods, for they know we cannot sell it in time for our payment schedules," he said. Pawan Bansal, president

cturers and Wholesalers Association (TS), admitted that wholesalers had made credit lines tighter. This was because of the reduced buying power of cus-tomers. "Earlier, when we supplied to a retailer, we were sure of getting our money within 60-75 days,' he said.

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mobiles.











Route check

Metro Rail MD N.V.S. Reddy inspects Kukatpally-Nanakramguda junction for Elevated Bus Rapid Transit System



While this is so, the

HMDA is sitting on another

safety notification, this

time from the Cyberabad police. Citing the risk posed to two-wheeler riders on

the ORR service roads, the

Cyberabad police after con-

ducting a survey, had instructed HMDA to install

LED lights from Kokapet to Financial District on prior-

ity. It specifically informed

the municipal authority to install LED lights at an underpass near Vertex Panache Apartments, con-sidering the safety of women. It also has asked

the HMDA to construct sci-

entific speed-breakers to



If the RTC can be merged with government in AP, why not in TS?

— Suravaram Sudhakar Reddy **CPI leader**

ASTROGUIDE

Monday, 28 October 2019 Vikari; Dakshinayana Tithi: Sravana Bahula Amavasya till 9.09 am, Kartika Shudda Padyami till 6.13 am (Tuesday) Star: Swati till 1.02 am (Tuesday) Varjyam: 8.21 am to 9.48 am, 6.12 am to 7.41 am (Tuesday) Durmuhurtam: 12.22 pm to 1.08 pm, 2.40 pm to 3.26 pm Rahukalam: 7.30 am to 9 am **HLIRI CALENDAR** Safar 27,1441 AH PRAYERS Fajar: 5.12 am Zohar: 12.10 pm Asar: 4.11 pm Maghrib: 5.53 pm Isha: 7.01 pm

Durgam Cheruvu project gets award

Hyderabad: Durgam Cheruvu was conferred the Green Standard award instituted by the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC). Its landscaping was done by the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) in association with the Raheja Group. The lake was built during the Qutb Shahi rule (1518-1687) as a water source. In 1970, the public works department renovated it.

Inter exam fee dates extended

Hyderabad: The Telangana State Board of Intermediate Education (TSBIE) has extended the date for pavment of exam fees of the Intermediate Public Examinations to be held in March next year from October 29 to November 4. The change is applicable for both first and second year regular, failed and private candidates both for general and vocational courses. After collecting the fee, the

principals of junior colleges have to remit the examina tion fee amount through internet banking via the gateway provided on the TSBIE website by November 5, according to an official release here on Saturday.

Festive spirit



Bhagyalakshmi Temple, adjacent to Charminar, has been decorated with special lightning for Diwali celebrations on Saturday. - P. SURENDRA

Hyderabadis to cheer the poor this Diwali

festival.

T.S.S. SIDHARTH | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 26

Bursting and burning crackers in Hyderabad is passe and with the Supreme Court banning polluting firecrackers, residents of the city are ensuring that the spirit with of Diwali is continued in

other ways. One such is what VVM Trust is doing. It has started collecting unused But over the years, we have begun to give them crackers and sweets on an individual basis," she or old items from houses in Sainikpuri, A. S. Rao Nagar and surrounding areas. "We collect these said. Similarly, in western parts of the city, like unused or old items and

EVEN THE cyber "There are many children who miss out on the world has crowd-funding joy of Diwali, like how I campaigns for making miss out on walking. Diwali a more inclusive Even this year, we gave a organised gifts—com-prising sweets, crackers and clothes—for these ident of Sainikpuri, is also finding joy in shar-ing the light of Diwali children. I have made it my aim to spread smiles among children," said underprivileged children. "Earlier, we used to have a mela of Narsing Rao, who has been confined to his sorts for these children.

> years. Even the cyber world has crowd-funding campaigns for making Diwali a more inclusive festival. Saying many and Meerpet,

> > brighter.

HC order on streetlights falls on deaf HMDA ears

Dark ORR service roads pose threat to commuters

MADDY DEEKSHITH | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 26

Some officials of the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority are using a petition being heard by the High Court to effectively ignore orders on pedestrian and motorists safety on the service roads leading to the Outer Ring Road

The High Court had instructed the HMDA to install streetlights on service roads leading to the Outer Ring Road on the city's outskirts. The order was issued on October 21 considering commuter safety and to minimise commuter accidents on the service roads.

Asked about the street-lights, an official claimed

AMEENPUR LAKE HAVEN FOR WINGED GUESTS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 26

In a phoenix-like resurrection, the picturesque Ameenpur lake, which seemed destined to lose out to encroachers and had almost become a cesspool that had to be shunned, is gradually regaining its lost glory. Now home to over 250 species of migratory birds, it is finally justify-ing the biodimentity dor ing the biodiversity deritage tag conferred on it. This transformation is

being celebrated the most by bird-watchers. Around 40-odd proba-tionary IAS and IPS officers, who visited the lake last week, had a first-hand experience of the achievement. They were told about the importance of saving and preserving biodiversity. "Not only has there been an increase in the number of winged visiwheelchair for the last 23 tors to the lake, the various species that have begun flocking it, are a feast for the eyes. From the common egret to something as rare as the spotted billed pelican, many beautiful crea-tures can be seen," said children are denied the opportunity to celebrate, groups like Youngistaan Mr Sriram Reddy of the Hyderabad Birding Pal Foundation are contact-ing people of the city to (HBP). According to a report published by the come forward and assist in making someone's life **Environment Protection** Training and Research (EPTRI), the lake, measuring 93.15 acres, is con-sidered small but is known for harbouring rare and threatened birds to the point of emerging as a natural reserve or 'hotspot'. This, birdwatchers This, birdwatchers insist, is because the birds have become more confident of dwelling at the Ameenpur lake, compared to Osman-sagar, Himaya-tsagar or Nizamsagar. This is, essentially, thanks to the relentless efforts of the locals and that of TS spe-cial protection force chief, Tejdeep Kaur Menon. The officer conducts walks around the lake, speaks to locals to identify and nullify all possible threats to the birds. "The lake has been developed to such an extent that birds like the rare greater flamingo are regular visitors, said Mr Rajeev said Mr Rajeev Khandelwal of HBP.

OFFICIAL SOURCES said that the court order pertaining to streetlights had reached the municipal authority on Friday, but officials

were yet to see it. **THE ORDER was** issued on October 21, considering commuter safety.

that though the judges had pronounced the order, the HMDA was yet to receive written orders from the court.

However, official sources restrict the speed of four wheelers. The Cyberabad police asked the HMDA to said that the court order pertaining to streetlights had reached the municipal



Women celebrate Diwali with their families on – DEEPAK DESHPANDE Saturday

50 pc fall in gold sale on Dhanteras Customers who would usually purchase for ₹1 lakh bought only for

₹36,870 for 10 grams on

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 26

There was a 50 per cent drop in the sale of gold ₹10,000 this year. for Dhanteras ahead of noted across all sections Diwali as compared to of society, the people were last year. Regular cusextremely cautious in tomers who buy gold on their buying of gold. The gold price stood at this auspicious occasion gave it a miss as the markets do not have sufficient Saturday and could have liquid cash. Mr Vijay

been one of the factors for Kumar suppressed the purchas-Aggarwal, president of the Twin City Jewellers es. Mr Mahender Dayal, president of Hi-Tech Jewellers Association, Association, said. 'Customers who came to said, "Regular customers the shops purchased gold came in our part of the for the sake of formality town too but the sales to mark the occasion. have been the same as last There was no enthusiasm year. It has not been

authority on Friday, but have amber flash lighting officials were yet to see it. vehicle underpass to caution motorists.

The HMDA has been avoiding taking any action on the police notification, claiming that the issue pertaining to lighting on cen-tral medians on the ORR was pending with the High Court. The two issues are not related, sources said, but the HMDA had muddied the situation to make it appear that the matter was still in court. This would justify their inac-tion. When questioned, an official ignored the Cyberabad police notifica-tion completely, and said the municipal authority would float fresh tenders next week after receiving the court orders.

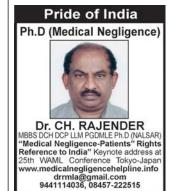
ACB NABS FIREMAN FOR TAKING ₹1,500 BRIBE

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 26

A fireman working at the Maheshwaram fire station was arrested by the Anti-Corruption Bureau officials on Saturday for demanding and accepting ₹1,500 from a person to give permission to sell firecrackers.

According to the ACB, Manthena Guruvaiah, a lead-ing fireman, had demanded the bribe from one K. Durga Prasad to process and hand over the permission papers

for selling firecrackers. The fireman was caught while accepting the bribe at the fire station. A similar situation was



Garbage vehicles to be monitored

Hyderabad: The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has decided to set up a dashboard to monitor the movement of vehicles carrying garbage. In order to curtail irregularities and enhance its transparency, the corporation has decided to geo-tag the vehicles. The movement of the vehicles could be monitored through the dashboard and would be put in the public domain. A GHMC official said that they had already notified 1975 Swachh auto-tippers from a total 2,450. The civic body will notify the vehicles and geotag them apart from setting up manual check mechanism from 2 pm to 5 pm daily in each zone at designated locations. They will also monitor 532 vehicles, which transport the garbage from transfer stations to the Jawaharnagar dump yard.

hand them over to desti-Balapur Bongurla Narsing Rao of Wonder on Wheels tute children who live or Wonder on Wheels Foundation is going scamper around the railway station near Neredmet," said Seeta Agarwal, a member of the trust.

around on his wheelchair handing out gifts and sweets to deprived Deepa Shailender, a reschildren.

Owaisi greets Syedna



AIM president Asaduddin Owaisi called on the Dawoodi Bohra community spiritual head, Dr Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin, at Husaini Villa, Nampally, on Saturday and greeted him on his anointment as 53rd spiritual leader of the community. Earlier, the Syedna felicitated MIM legislators and Madina Education Centre secretary K.M. Later, in the evening the Syedna inaugurated the Masjid-e-Burhani at Hussaini Alam, named after his father.

BOLD MOVE **Refined methods of protest get positive responses from authorities** Lessons from Nizams on tackling protests



t a time when the state is reeling under The impact of the strike called by workers of the Road Transport Corporation, it would be instructive and interesting profound to recall a instance of unjustifiable

public demand and the gov-ernment of the Nizam meeting it with aplomb and humility. During the tenure of Sir Asman Jah, (Amir-e-Kabeer, the highest noble) as Sadar-ul-Mahaam (Chief Minister) of Hyderabad State (1888-1894), a situation arose wherein the populace of Shahalibanda, near Charminar, deliberately stopped payment of the nominal cess imposed for piped water being supplied

from the Jalpally reservoir.

The reason for levying the

cess was the additional

THE COUPLET while referring to the heinous incident of blocking access to water of the Euphrates to members of the Prophet's grandson and his family in Karbala by the ruler of Syria, taunts that his son has become 'Amire-Kabeer' who stopped water from Jalpally.

expenditure the state had to incur for construction of a water tank to cater to the needs of a larger area.

ne Jalpally

Amir-e-Kabeer

Asman Jah ordered dis-connection of water supply. Syria, taunts that his son has become 'Amir-e-Kabeer' Aggrieved by the action, a rather bold poet composed a couplet (sher) and sent it across to the Sadar-ul-Mahaam. It read:

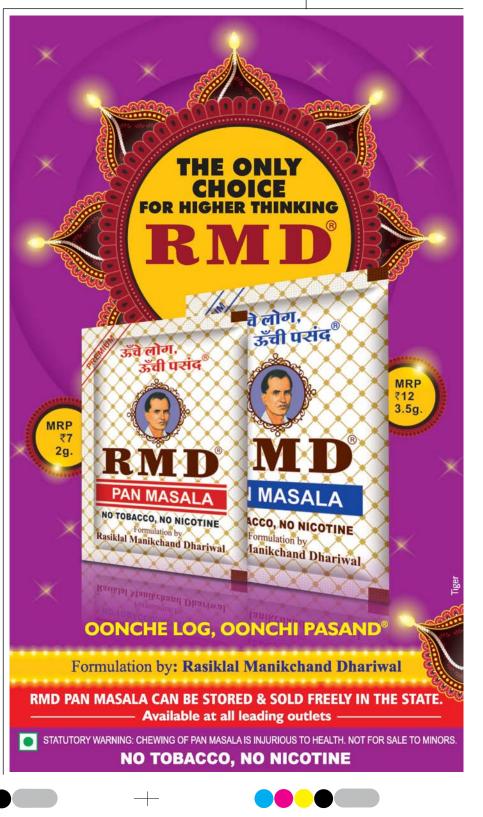
Faraat us ne kiya band is Amir e Sham ka beta bana

The couplet while referring to the heinous incident of blocking access to water of the Euphrates to members of the Prophet's grandson and his family in Karbala by the ruler of

who stopped water from Jalpally. This couplet did the trick and water supply was ordered to be restored. The incident is an example of how people did not

shy away from openly condemning the actions of the powers-that-be, and how the authorities responded in a positive manner to such refined methods of protest. It should also make us ponder on how, early times, Hyderabad citizenry was availing of piped water.

to buy gold. nıgn. (S/1920/D01070)



Festival funds

Minister Satyavathi Rathod thanks KCR for sanctioning ₹75 crore for the Medaram Sarakka-Saralamma jatara





Anyone encroaching on Wakf land will face strict action

> — Koppula Eshwar Welfare minister

IN BRIEF

MAN DUPES CUSTOMERS OF ₹13L, NABBED

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 26

A former employee of a private company which works with the SBI Credit Card division was arrested for obtaining credit cards using the identification proof of customers and purchasing a bike and jewellery.

Police said Nemalapalli Sreedhar, 25, a resident of Kukatpally, was arrested on Saturday for duping SBI Cards and Payment Services Ltd to the tune of ₹12.66 lakh.

Sreedhar, while working at Axis Securities, Bengaluru, had collected identification documents of bank customers who had not applied for a credit card and used them to get credit cards. Sreedhar fur-nished his mobile numbers in place of the contact numbers of the customers so that they are never alerted about the credit cards. In this manner, he obtained as many as seven credit cards. He used them to purchase jewellery in Bengaluru and Hyderabad, and a bike, mobile phones and watches, all worth ₹12.66 lakh. Bank officials who learned of this during internal checks, lodged a complaint with the cyber crime police, who nabbed Sreedhar Kukatpally. from

SRI CHAITANYA PRINCIPAL HITS BOY IN BELLY

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 26

Principal, Hari Babu, of Sri Chaitanya IIT Academy in Kukatpally has been booked for punching a student in the stomach on Friday. The Intermediate first year student, who is 16 years old, was studying Physics when the principal allegedly punched him in front of the class, said student's father, Mr Santosh Kumar, a private company employee, in his complaint. Mr Kumar told the police: "The principal was doing rounds in the college. He came to my son's study table and started punching him. After this, my son called from the college and asked his mother to take him home. He felt humiliated." Mr Kumar said he did not get a satisfactory response from the college The college management did not respond to calls from this reporter. Kukatpally inspector, B.L. Narayana Reddy, said the police would find out why the principal punched the student. Balala Hakkula Sangham activist Achyut Rao said the case was booked as a bailable offence, which is not fair "Students can be questioned or warned but physical abuse is not acceptable," he said.



RTC driver dies mysteriously

Was among the striking employees and had attended the funeral of a colleague

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 26

A striking Telangana State Road Transport and was one among them. Corporation driver, who went to attend the final rites of his colleague, was found dead under suspicious circum-stances at Narketpally in Nalgonda district, on night. Saturday morning. According to the Narketpally police, the deceased person, identidren and cut the call. fied as Α. Venkateshwarlu, 53, a native of Kattangur village, was working as a driver with RTC at Narketpally depot. On Friday, a driver, Jameel, of the same

Venkateshwarlu, father of two, had married off his daughter by taking loans. He was facing financial issues and also did not receive his salary for the month depot, died of cardiac of September, like all arrest. Several RTC other employees on

driver loses life

employees, who are on strike. He was also said to be strike went to his house under stress with the ongoing issues around to attend the final rites Venkateshwarlu the strike.

On Saturday morning, He had taken ₹500 from his wife and left the locals noticed Venkateshwarlu's body home informing her that he would return by by the roadside, on the outskirts However, he did not Narketpally. They alertreturn home but called ed the local police who his family members during the evening, rushed to the spot and sent the body for the reportedly told his wife post-mortem examination (PME) at a governto take care of the chilment hospital.

When contacted, the Narketpally police said that a case of suspicious death has been registered and only after receiving the PME report, they would be able to confirm the reason of death.



been asked to reinvestigate the case and nail the cul-prits. The 16-year-old girl was a Class X student when she was killed. Police, led by DSP Vinod Kumar, had taken into custody the

REINVESTIGATION ORDERED INTO RAPE, MURDER OF TRIBAL GIRL school officials — Vallapureddy Janardhan school Reddy and his sons Diwakar Reddy and Harsha Vardan Reddy. The victim's parents were allegedly pressurised by the police to withdraw the case but they persisted. The investigating officer

had even questioned the social status of the victim and claimed that she could not be labelled as tribal, as if that would have had made the crime less gruesome. DIG Venkatarami Reddy is learnt to have given the contours of the case to the ASP.



TRAFFIC POLICE that analysed the

him

mobile phone away.

Police arrested a group of seven youngsters, including two students,

No parking lights, HYDERABAD, OCT. 26

DC CORRESPONDENT

who took to robbery

7 HELD FOR ROBBING TO SMOKE GANJA

GAMING SHOP OWNER HELD OVER BETTING

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 26

A gaming shop owner, who was organising betting on the toss of a cricket video game, was arrested along with 12 others by the Task Force police on

Saturday. Police said Md Ghouse, 24, was collecting bets of ₹100 from each punter at a video game store in Musheerabad. The punters bet on which of the two teams will win the toss in the computer-generated video game.

A press release of the Task Force police mentioned that Ghouse and the 12 punters were handed over to the Musheerabad police, along with ₹49,810 cash that was seized during the raid, a TV, a PS2 gaming box and 15 mobile phones.

the tyre of his lorry proved fatal for its driv er when he was run over by a truck at Raikal Toll Plaza on National Highway 44. near Shadnagar, a week ago.

DC CORRESPONDENT

Not turning on parking

lights while changing

HYDERABAD, OCT. 26

A team of Cyberabad traffic police, which analysed the reasons for various accidents, has found that accidents largely take place on national highways when road users do not take the required precautionary measures while parking their vehicles

In this case, at around 1.30 am, on October 18, a speeding truck (RJ 19 GB 8332) ran over Rai Ali, 30, who was changreasons behind accidents had buy ganja. found that accibikes and an auto-rickdents largely take shaw were seized from them.

place on national highways when road users do not take the required precautionary measures while parking their vehicles.

A TEAM OF

CYBERABAD

and submit a report to higher-ups for taking the required preventive measures

Following a complaint, the police inves-tigated and identified 'Erecting signage using cones, boards, the said way," DCP S.M. Vijay



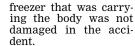
Police said the

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 26

freezer that was Two sisters travelling carrying the body with the body of their was not damaged in relative were killed the accident while when a truck rammed into their ambulance two sisters were near Bakri Chepayala killed and five othon Saturday. The vicers were injured tims, K. Sunitha and M. Rani were heading to Husnabad from the city. Shameerpet. The accident occurred Five others in the ambulance survived when a speeding truck with injuries, said a rammed into the ambu-Siddipet (Rural) police lance from the rear. official. Siddipet (Rural)

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Both the vehicles overturned and Sunitha and sub-inspector Srinivas Reddy said Rani were killed on the Sunitha, 35, was a resispot. The truck driver dent of Alwal, and Rani, escaped from the spot. 41, of Thurkapally, in The official said the



In another accident in Nalgonda, two labour-ers were killed when the truck in which they were travelling, with a load of plants, overturned near Chikatigudem at Nalgonda on Saturday. Police said the van, coming from Vijayawada, was travelling at igh speed.

Two labourers, identified as Nageshwar and Ramulu, sleeping in the van, were thrown on the road and killed on the spot.

Gov's greetings

Governor Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan will accept Diwali greetings today between 11 am and noon at Raj Bhavan



DECCAN CHRONICLE

SUNDAY | 27 OCTOBER 2019 | HYDERABAD



GHMC will to spray larvicide on 385 km on nalas to control mosquitoes

— Lokesh Kumar **GHMC** commissioner



MD ILYAS I DC VIJAYAWADA, OCT. 26

The Telugu Desam is being subject to another round of poaching of its leaders by both the BJP and the YSRC. The pressure is so severe that the party may split, according to sources. The manoeuvres of Telugu Desam supremo N. Chandrababu Naidu may not be enough to stanch the flow of leaders away from the party.

Sources said Mr Naidu had dropped hints about allying with the BJP and the Jana Sena to create a 2014-like coalition to prevent the party leaders from leaving, but it was having little success. Worse, BJP leaders have repeatedly rebuffed Mr Naidu by quoting party president Amit Shah and saying the "doors are closed" for him.

Besides, Mr Naidu called for statewide protests against the sand crisis on October 25 hut many top leaders skipped the programme.

The BJP has given Rajya Sabha member Y. Sujana Chowdary the task of bringing TD and YSRC leaders into the party fold. He has started off by meeting TD leaders including legislators Vallabhaneni Vamsi

and Karanam Balaram. Interestingly, Mr Vamsi is being wooed by the YSRC as week. Ministers Kodali Venkateswara Rao and Perni Venkataramaiah contacted Mr Vamsi to strengthen the party in Krishna district and met YSRC president and Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. Mr Vamsi is being offered the district party presidentship and a Legislative Council seat. Mr Vamsi without refuting rumours of party change said that he would announce his decision after the Diwali amavasya.

Opposition legislators and leaders are worried about protecting of their supporters and followers against the attracbein nised by the BJP and the YSRC for the next four and a half years without power. A TD leader said, "We could do something for our followers if we were the ruling party." According to reliable sources, 10 leaders including four MLAs are readying to quit the TD after Diwali. Mr Reddy has directed Assembly Speaker Tammineni Sitaram to disqualify legislators who try to join the YSRC without quitting their parent party. To circumvent this, TD legislators are planning to form a separate group and defect to avoid disqualification. This holds a bigger danger to the TD as it would split the party. A political analyst said that when YSRC and the BJP are trying to net powerful leaders of the TD, the party would be in grave peril Asked about the poaching, AP BJP president Kanna Lakshminarayana said that Mr BJP Naidu was living with the fear of corruption cases which was damaging the morale of TD leaders and cadres. He said there was no future for the TD due to its corruption and anomalies in the past five years.

Huzurnagar win silences TRS rebels

Record byelection victory strengthens the leadership's hand after LS poll setback and RTC strike

Arvind. At the last

minute, he was persuad-

ed to reverse his decision

S.N.C.N. ACHARYULU I

HYDERABAD, OCT. 26

TRS. Mr Rajendar was Winning the Huzurnagar reacting to speculation byelection with a record majority has helped the about his continuance in the Cabinet after he was TRS leadership screw the lid shut on dissidents in the party. There is a sullen silence in the ranks of the rebels. blamed for leaking details of a meeting that Chief Minister Chandrasekhar Rao had with officials. For the first time in the

Mr Rajendar notably recent past, dissidents found support from party had raised their voice in MP V. Lakshmikantha the party after the TRS Rao and legislator in the Lok Sabha elec-tions, Bodhan TRS MLA performed poorly in the Lok Sabha elections in April-May this year. Rasamayi, among other leaders.

Rajendar came out open-

ly and said he was also

one of the owners of the

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Then, in the midst of When he was under rumours that the BJP, attack within the party, health minister Etala then on the ascendant after winning four seats

BJP MLC N. Ramchan-der Rao said Mr Chandra-

sekhar Rao's promise to give funds was hollow. "If

he really releases the

funds, how can he indulge

in partiality? Funds for

development should be

released for every village in the state," he said.

drasekhar Rao had failed

to fulfil his earlier promis-

es of providing double

bedroom houses to the poor, drinking water to every household and had

He claimed Mr Chan-

ETALA RAJENDAR had spoken up in the past and was supported by V. Lakshmi-kantha Rao and Rasamayi. Shakil Amir had almost left the TRS. While the TRS managed to persuade the dissidents, the Huzurnagar bypoll victory will weaken the

Mohammed Shakil Amir

almost left the party and

held discussions with

MP Dharmapuri

dissidents.

BJP

after the Huzurnagar result, no one will leave the party not raise their voice against the leadership. Before the 2018 Assembly elections, some

MLCs had left the TRS and joined the Congress. There was speculation that TRS president and Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao has lost his grip over the party. The TRS did not win as

and stay on with the ance in the Lok Sabha elections was unexpect-edly poor. Besides the presence of the BJP on party. TRS leaders said that the sidelines strength to the dissidents. The Congress restarted its campaign that the TRS was losing its hold on the

many seats as it had tar-

geted in the Assembly

elections. Its perform-

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people. Then came the RTC staff strike. It was against this backdrop the the Huzurnagar byelection was held. The BJP lost its deposit and the Congress gave up a seat that it held for three terms. And it maun vrat for the dissidents.

H'nagar, final straw for TD

byelection. It appeared to be

eyeing the votes of 50,000 'settlers' of AP origin and

11,000 voters of the Kamma

community who stay in the

Huzurnagar constituency.

The party even fielded

Chava Kirnanmavi who

belongs to the Kamma com-

munity in a bid to cash in

The idea was that the

party will receive a substan-

From an expected revival,

the Huzurnagar byelection

may well bring down the curtains for the TD as a seri-

ous contender in the state.

Telangana TD leaders are of

the opinion that it will not

possible to restore the party

than it was in the erstwhile

Seemandhra. The BC voters

were its backbone in the

After bifurcation, the TD

leadership concentrated on

AP and neglected the TS

which greatly weakened the

After the dust of the

launched the Telugu Desam

political parties

Telangana region.

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DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 26

The Kukatpally story has repeated in Huzurnagar for the Telugu Desam. In a constituency that has a strong presence of 'settler' voters of Andhra Pradesh origin and those of the Kamma community, its traditional supporters, the party still managed to lose the byelec-

tial number of votes from these two groups, from tion. It was a throwback to the 2018 Assembly elections in the state. The Telugu Desam which it can build itself. That was not to be. The votcontested 17 seats in alliance with the Congress ers it was wooing overwhelmingly rejected the party. Ms Kiranmayi could get just 1,827 votes and lost

but could win two. The TD leadership thought that the Kukatpally Assembly constituency was an open and shut case. This constituency is dominated by 'settlers' and Kamma community voters. To make victory certain, the party fielded N. Suhasini, granddaughter of the late N.T. to its lost glory in the state. Ironically, the TD was stronger in the Telangana region of undivided AP Rama Rao.

TD president N. Chandrababu Naidu and actor Balakrishna too carried out a strident campaign in the constituency but to no avail. The constituency went with Mr Madhavaram Krishna Rao of the TRS in the December

2017 elections. The impact of the defeat TD leaders in Telangana state started migrating to in the Assembly elections was such that the Telugu Desam in an unprecedented manner did not contest the other Lok Sabha elections in

Telangana state. This was the first time Huzurnagar byelection had that the party had sat out an election after it was founded settled, someone comment-ed that in 1982 NTR had by NTR.

Then, in a surprise move, the TD leadership decided to contest the Huzurnagar in Telangana, and it was disappearing in the state after 35 years.

RETAIL TRADERS

FACE TRUST

DEFICIT

FROM PAGE 1

COPS SEIZE 110 QUINTALS OF PDS RICE

DC CORRESPONDENT RAMAGUNDAM, OCT. 26

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Ramagundam police on Saturday seized 110 quin-

Public Distribution Sys-

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"Today, if given the same leeway, they will pay us only after seven or eight

BJP: Huzurnagar rally deceptive

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 26

Telangan state BJP spokesperson Krishna Saagar Rao said that the Huzurnagar public rally of Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao was not a "gratitude rally" but a "deception rally" as he

made many promises which he would never deliver. Mr Krishna Saagar Rao said the TRS government in six years has not given funds to any gram panchayat.

welfare. "Today KCR promised ₹20 lakh to each village and ₹30 lakh to each man-BJP leader Rakesh Reddy said that the Chief Minister has misled the dal in Huzurnagar. How people and played with should anyone believe their these shallow promises," he asked. If Huzurnagar trust. "He makes big promises but closes the door of the was not developed, he asked, wasn't the Chief camp office when people Minister responsible as come to meet him and ask about his promises," Mr Rakesh Reddy said. the TRS was in power for six years.

BJP gears up to give a tough fight in civic polls

AVINASH PUJARI I DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 26

After losing its deposit in the Huzurnagar bypoll, the BJP is preparing itself for the upcoming municipal elections and hopes that the Gandhi Sankalp Yatra will be a good medium to reach the people.

The yatra is the party's outreach to the people to mark the 150th birth anniversary Mahatma Gandhi.

not looked after farmer While party president Amit Shah flagged off the yatra on October 2, the Mahatma's birth anniversary, it will start sentiments and on October 31 with a

padayatra in the state. The padyatra will be focused on municipali-ties and towns, keeping in view the upcoming elections. All the leaders and members will be

All 42 gates of Sriramsagar lifted

Central schemes will be promoted during the BJP campaign

covering at least 150 kilo-metres in a fortnight. Former MP A.P. Jithender Reddy said, "Since 2014, Prime Minister Narondra Modi

We will be discussing the schemes with people and how they connect with Gandhiji's ideals of cociel welferer."

which has good health to

paign. Through this, the BJP aims to remind people of Mahatma Gandhi's ideas and how the foundation of the country was laid and discuss the growth

said.

"During the Gandhi Sankalp Yatra, we will

women and Swachh drasekhar Rao which Bharat Mission which have not been fulfilled."

social welfare. Mr Jithender Reddy

said that Central government schemes like Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana brought LPG cylinders and

and development of the nation under Mr Modi, he said. BJP MLC N. Rama-chander Rao, a national

executive member, said clusters meetings will be held in all the municipalities. One round of tours by the party lead-ers had been done, he

ensured that all houses had toilets will be pro-moted during the cam-

explain to the people the initiatives of the Central government and expose the promises made by Chief Minister K. Chan-

Minister Narendra Modi has launched multiple flagship schemes that have impacted upon and improved people's lives.

KOTAMREDDY **READY TO DIE FOR JAGAN**

DC CORRESPONDENT NELLORE, OCT. 26

Nellore Rural legislator Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy has vehemently denied the reports in social media that he is revolting against the Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. Speaking to this newspaper, he asserted that he is an ardent follower of Mr Jagan and he is ready to sacrifice his life for the YSRC Chief.

The ruling party MLA's outburst on Friday against irregularities in the supply of sand from the Pottepalem sandreach in his constituency and his warning that he would launch an agitation against the sand mafia raised doubts over his intentions.

ramsagar project (SRSP) Pochampad in Nizamabad district on Saturday. Around two lakh cusecs of water is being released into the Godavari. Purna and Aasna, tributaries of the Godavari, are in spate in neighbouring Maharashtra, resulting in a heavy flow in the river.

NARENDER PULLOOR | DC SRIRAMSAGAR PROJECT,

OCT. 26

According to sources, Maharashtra and Telangana state level irrigation officials situated in Mumbai and Hyderabad are monitoring the flood situation in the Godavari at the Telangana-Maharashtra border. The Gaikwadi and Vishnupuri dams are at full reservoir level and released floodwater into downstream. Outflow from SRSP has turned mandatory to balance the flood situation in Maha-

rashtra. For the last six days, SRSP officials released around 15.329 tmc flood



After three years, all the 42 crest gates of Sriramasagar project were lifted at Pochampad in Nizamabad on Saturday. Around two lakh cusecs of water is being released into the Godavari. Elsewhere, the water level at the Srisailam dam on the Krishna continues to rise. Flood monitoring officials predict that though no rains have been reported in the upper reaches, the flood flow from the Priyadarshini Jurala project continues to be steady.

by lifting the gates. 2.531 released so far. In view of other hand, 5,500 cusecs tmc for Kakativa canal. 0.071 tmc for Saraswathi canal and 1.134 tmc lifted all 42 gates, releas-

water into the Godavari through escape gates was ing 2 lakh cusecs. On the escape gates, 2,500 cusecs around 1.50 lakh cusecs of for the Kakatiya canal, inflow, officials gradually 800 cusecs for the Saraswati canal, through

water inflow continued. Total outflow stands at cusecs 1.58.800 on Saturday evening.

months. The retailers are more worried about meeting their own needs than paying us. We have no option but to change how we operate," he said.

Bansal claimed demand is low all over, not just in the clothing industry. "There is an economic slowdown. People are spending conservatively. There was no activity in

the malls," he said. A garment trader from General Bazaar also blamed the TSRTC strike. 'When buses are running people are mobile. Only then will they enter our shops," he said.

Signs don't bode well for

27th October, 2019.

Music (Male Singer).

CPRO/RRC-05

state of Maharashtra. The rice was being smuggled out in a DCM vehicle from Manthini mandal of Peddapalli district. According to police com-missioner V. Satymissioner V. Saty-anarayana, the task force police team led by circle inspector Raj Kumar intercepted a DCM vehicle with number TS 02 UA 1517, heading towards Gunjapadu in Sironcha mandal of Maharashtra state, carrying 110 quintals of PDS rice illegally. The police

seized the rice and arrest-

ed two persons involved in

Young

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the illegal transport.

the industry. India Brand Equity Foundation report said, it is the second largest employer in the country, after agriculture.



WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

Walk-in-Interview for engagement of Young Professional-II (01 position), Senior Research Fellow

(01 position) & Office Assistant (01 position) on purely

contract basis (temporary) will be held at the Academy

The qualifications required and other details like date and

time of interview for engagement are available on

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MURDER MOST FOUL Cops accused of helping land-grabber who killed bizman HC no to cops' plea against probe

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHARA |

HYDERABAD, OCT. 26

The Telangana High Court turned down the impeccable character and their primary duty is to pleas of three police offienforce the law by nabcers to stall departmental bing the offenders. They were hand in glove and had maintained a cordial disciplinary proceedings against them for allegedrelationship (with the accused)," Justice Rao ly associating themselves with a known offender. K. Rakesh Reddy, the prime said. accused in the murder of "There are allegations businessman made against some of Chigurupalli Jayaram and alleged land-grabber. them that they advised the accused to abandon Justice P. Naveen Rao the body of the deceased dismissed the petitions of somewhere in AP," the DSP S. Malla Reddy and judge observed. inspectors Mallaraset The officers questioned the start of the discipli-Rambabu and S.

Srinivasulu. All the three officers are under suspension. Justice Rao made it clear that there is no need to wait for the conclusion start. The employer is

of criminal proceedings required to follow due to initiate departmental process, they said. proceedings. "The police

Justice Rao said disciofficials should have plinary proceedings and criminal proceedings were different aspects. On establishment of charges against the employees, appropriate punishment can be imposed by the employer. "In domestic inquiry to establish charges, circumstantial evidence can be taken into consideration to hold the charge as proved and to impose appropriate punishment. On the contrary, criminal law requires that the charges levelled against a person must be proved nary proceedings against beyond reasonable doubt and burden lies on the them when the criminal proceedings initiated prosecution to establish against them were pendthe charges. Any defi-ciency and element of ing and trial was yet to doubt in evidence will go

against the prosecution," the court said to explain differentiation the between the two.

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station Rambabu as house office of Raidurgam was accused of maintaining a close association with Rakesh Reddy despite knowing of his criminal activities. January 31. requested had Adibatla station house officer R. Govinda Reddy to help the accused in a land encroachment case.

Police said Rambabu and Rakesh Reddy had called each other 224 times and conversations 19,568 seconds (about 5.43 hours) between May 2018 and

January 31, 2019. Srinivasulu, when he was SHO, Nallakunta, met Rakesh Reddy twice. They exchanged 61 calls sles

totalling 8,275 seconds (2.29 hours) in nine months till January 31.

DSP Malla Reddy when he was posted as ACP. Ibrahimpatnam, and Rakesh Reddy spoke 141 times on the phone for 11,989 seconds (3.33 hours) from June 2018 to

Rakesh Reddy is accused of having lured NRI businessman C. Jayaram to his flat in Jubilee Hills Road No. 10 using a few people including a mimicry artiste and killed him in a bid to extort money. Police is investigating a claim that Jayaram owed Rakesh Reddy ₹4 crore.

The body was disposed of in Andhra Pradesh to cover the tracks and to create jurisdictional has-



NRI









Never travel on roof and foot boards.

MIND POWER

FREDERICK THE GREAT MAX BORN

Diplomacy without armaments is like music | I am now convinced that theoretical physics is without instruments | actually philosophy



No humour please, we're Indians using Facebook

ho doesn't love food. Or who doesn't have clueless friends, for that matter. A well-meaning buddy of mine, not a particularly bright www.inatter. A wein-meaning buddy of mine, not a particularly bright one, though, recently included me on this Facebook group, 'WineDineMine', dedicated to all things food, liquor and, I guess, ore. Only thing, it was meant exclusively for those who live north of the Vindhyas. And I live in a quaint little town called Madras, which is 50km or so north of the historic Chinese city of Mahabalipuram, India's hub for placeting for plogging.

Well, anyway, every day, I got into checking out things like "Can you rec-ommend a good place for baba ganoush in Gurgaon?" to "I need a caterer for 50 people asap to serve authentic Indian-Chinese food for Japanese tourists". It was an active, buzzing site. Made my day a bit lighter. And hungrier.

Recently there was this post: "Hi, Friends... wanted master cook who can prepare Mughlai dishes for my restaurant in Patna. Anyone interested, please respond.'

Two days later, when I checked out of curiosity, there was not a single response. I felt bad for the gentleman, one Mr A. Gupta, and decided to respond. I had been part of this group for a year and hadn't engaged even once. I thought maybe it was time for me to step up to the plate. (You saw what I did there? I said 'plate' and this is a food-related group. LOL!)

"I am interested," I said mate and the "I am interested," I said. "Please give details," he said. Me: What details? AG: Your bio, etc. Me: I write non-best-selling books, like R.D. Burman songs and long walks on the beach when the Velankanni festival is over and done with. I have good hair but I dye it. What about you?

AG: Thanks for those details. But could you please tell me about your catering/cooking experience?

Me: Sure. I could do that. I don't want to have any secrets from you. AG: Okay... er... I'm wait-

ing. Me: Well, I cater to middlebrow readers. The Bengali and Mallu bigwigs of Delhi publishing won't give me time of day. As for cooking, I'm quite good at chopping onions really fine. I do it whenever our cook doesn't turn up.

AG: You own a restau-rant? Me: Why would you Why would you

think that? AG: You just said your cook..

Me: I'm talking of Devaki, the lady who makes our grub at home... AG: Can she cook

Mughlai?

Me: No. She is from the deep south. She can make a killer Gobi Manchurian, though.

AG: Which part of Patna are you from? Me: I'm from Besant Nagar, Chennai. I just told you about the Velankanni festival. ROFL! Why would you think I'm from Patna?

AG: Then why are you talking to me at all? I don't see how any of this has to do with my requirements...

Me: But you said "Anyone interested, please respond".

AG: So you ARE interested? Me: Of course I am. Why would I respond otherwise? I'm not mad or jobless,





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'Please give details,' he said. Me: What details?





DECCAN CHRONICLE

Maharajah can rule, given a fair chance

State of the Union

Air India, has long been vilified as the poster child of what ails India's public sector undertakings. For the last 20 years, government after government has mulled over disin-vestment. The United Front Government in 1997 and then two NDA governments from 1998 to 2004 attempted to sell Air India. However, the United Progressive Alliance government for 10 long years tried to revive the airline through financial infusions and a merger between Air India and Indian Airlines that failed

to get off the ground. The sell-off effort was revived again by the NDA/BJP government in 2017 but found no takers. Once again the current government is in the process of formulating an Expression of Interest to find a possible suitor. However, it is erroneous to view Air India from the prism of an ailing public sector enterprise in India. In fact, it should be seen as symptomatic of the tion sector in India that warrants institutional reform. This malaise in the aviation sector has affected public and private players alike. The irony is that over the last four years, India's aviation market has grown at a yearly average rate of 20 per cent, among the fastest in the world. Despite this, all major airline players are in dire financial straits. A product of India's "open sky" policy introduced in the early 1990s, Jet Airways, India's largest private airline at one time, is the most recent among 10 privately-promoted airlines that have collapsed in less than 30 years. Other carriers that have suspended operations include the East-West Airlines, Damania Airways, Śahara Airlines, ModiLuft, Air

The last one still has not paid its employees. Together, these airlines left unrecovered dues to the tune of ₹100,000 crores before going belly up. There is no empirical evidence that suggests that the private sector can run an airline better.

One of the key determinants of an airline's success or failure is the price of aviation turbine fuel. Its cost accounts for roughly 40 per cent of an airline's operating costs. Airlife's operating costs. High taxes on aviation turbine fuel in India — one of the highest in the world — make Indian car-riers less competitive against global players.

charges to airport operators, both private airports and Airport Authority of India-operated airports, for landing, parking, route navigation and royalty. Other than these charges, airlines have to send their planes abroad due to lack of repair, maintenance, and overhaul facilities in India, but get no input credit for taxes paid abroad. The regulatory work in the aviation sector is hurting competitiveness of Indian carriers. Till 2016, the government had a self-defeating rule of 5/20, which meant an airline had to operate for five years in India and have 20 aircraft to be able to fly overseas. This constrained airlines revenue generation capacity. Airlines now need to operate only 20 aircraft on local routes to start flying abroad. Further, the Centre allows 100 per cent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in airlines, but has strangely has capped it at 49 per cent if foreign carriers wants to invest in an Indian aviation company. Since aviation is a highly capital-intensive business, FDI curbs prevent it from acquiring new technology and best practices. The Indian market expanded rapidly in the Deccan and Kingfisher.

first decade of the 21st century after the launch of no-frills carriers such as SpiceJet, GoAir and and restructure the air-line? Air India has prime real estate all over the world, bilateral rights, prominent parking slots at most international air-Indigo. Low cost carriers entering the market dis-rupted business models of ports, fifth freedom rights in some cases and proffull-service players such as Jet and Air India, eatitable subsidiary compaing into their market share. With a rapidly nies. The whole package has an enterprise value over five lakh crores if changing business model in the aviation sector, properly valued and not along with severe regulathe 20,000 odd crores or tory constraints that even much less that the government wants to hawk it off at to some favoured oligarch. That would be the scam of the hamper the competitive-ness of Indian carriers, it's not surprising that not only Air India, no airline is doing well in India. century and no minister A prudent analysis in

in charge or Group of Ministers would ever be able to live it down. fact shows that Air India is actually doing better than most. In fact, it is already on a fast recovery The government has a pitiable track record of track. A junior civil aviacorrectly valuing public enterprises. It recently found out that IRCTC, which it valued at just over ₹5,160 crores might tion minister informed the Lok Sabha that Air India made an operating profit of ₹105 crore and a net loss after tax of actually be worth twice ₹3,836.77 crore in the 2015that amount after draw-16 fiscal. Air India's opering an oversubscription of 112 times the offer of ₹645 crores. It's making a ating profit is expected to swell to ₹700-800 crores in fiscal 2019-20. With proper policy support from the government, the Maha-rajah is capable of emergsimilar error with Air India. Therefore, the government must rethink its decision to sell the Maharajah. A wiser deci-sion would be to appropri-ately value Air India, restructure the airline, ing as India's number one carrier again within the next five years. If Air India is shuttered,

the world's fastest growreform policy and then ing aviation market will give the airline a chance just have a single full-serto turn profitable. vice carrier that is also a collaboration between Singapore Airlines Ltd

If the government wants to reduce its equity stake in Air India to even 26 per cent or less, a better way would be to divest the equity in the market and make it a shareholder-owned company driven by an independent board and liberated from the clutches of the civil aviation ministry completely. This is the new norm globally. The minister concerned has spent a lifetime in government service as a distinguished diplomat, probably flying Air India around the world. He must cast tive for disinvestment. why not absorb the debt around for more innovative options than just a heavily discounted garLETTERS

SHINE TRAGEDY

The authorities wake up only after a tragedy and lives are lost. The Shine hospital case is the latest. The boat tragedy in Godavari was another recent incident. Earlier when City Light hotel collapsed the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation swung into action and notices were served on many dilapidated buildings. After the fire accident in a coaching cen-tre in Surat the authorities sealed around 300 coaching centres in the twin cities. In most of the cases, owners are arrested or penalised and a few offi-cials down the line are made scapegoats. But the higher officials relaxing in air-conditioned chambers, who are supposed to implement the guidelines on the ground, go scot-free.

Varghese George Secunderabad

NEW REVENUE ACT

During general elections, Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao had announced that soon he will bring the New Revenue Act to fix malpractices and corruption in MRO offices and do justice to the pattadars who are victimised. It's more than 10 months now but the new Act has not yet been taken up. The delay is making land-grabbers flourish at the cost of pattadars with all support from corrupt MRO offices and the sleeping RR district collector office which has gone into hibernation. I request Mr Rao to bring the promised new Act at the earliest.

R.S. Murty Hyderabad

HUZURNAGAR LESSON

The result of the Huzurnagar byelection has a lesson for the Congress and the BJP. The TRS is difficult to be defeated even with high-pitch criticism of the dictatorial attitude of Chief Minster K. Chandrasekhar Rao. The Opposition should focus on evolv-ing manifestoes with focus on vot-ers to attract them instead of banking on anti-incumbency.

M.V. Nagavender Rao Hyderabad

APT CARTOON

Mr Subhani's cartoon (DC, Oct. 19) correctly depicts the state of the banking system in India. Though the present dispensation at the Centre has l n nower een than five years, it still blames the UPA government for every malady in the financial sector, ignoring the ill effects of demonetisation on the economy. A spurt in deposits (due to demonetisation) had shrunk the profitability of banks as lending cannot increase overnight. This directly affects the profitability of banks and in turn their shareholders. Instead of strengthening the loan recovery system with provision for punitive action against defaulters, we are writing off bad loans to project a better balance sheet and this will send wrong signals to honest borrowers. Depositors also feel unsafe.



Manish Tewari

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you know.

AG: Sorry... I am confused. Are you a Mughlai cook? Or is this Devaki person one? And you don't mind moving here?

Me: Neither. I just told you I'm a writer. And why would Devaki move to Patna? Don't get ideas, okay?

AG: Then why the f@#k are you having this conversation, you moron? Me: Hey, listen, Mr Gupta. No need to be rude, okay. I was interested. So I contacted you.

AG: Saalaa ... whathef@%&k are you interested in? Tell me, man!

Me: I'm interested that you are in Patna and want a Mughlai cook. I want the backstory. What happened to your previous cook? Did you have a previous cook at all? Or is this your first brush with Mughlai? When did you start your business? What are the challenges of making Mughlai food in Patna? Do you think you are better off setting up a Chinese restaurant? Are you lonely? Are you a dog person or a cat person? Who do you think suited Dev Anand better? Kishore Kumar or Rafi? That kind of thing.

AG: Give me your phone number. I'll call and explain in detail, you #\$% ... Me: Bfn. Someone is at the door.

I tell you, people can be so rude.

Krishna Shastri Devulapalli is a humour writer, novelist, columnist and screenwriter

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and the Tata Group. Incidentally, it is making losses, too. Whether government-owned or pri-vate-owned is not the issue, moot is a comprehensive overhaul of the regulatory framework in this sector, a restructuring of Air India's operations and a redefining of its market position. If the government has to write off Air India's debt before making it attrac-

A prudent analysis in fact shows that Air India is actually doing better than most. In fact, it is already on a fast recovery track... Air India's operating profit is expected to swell to ₹700-800 crores in 2019-20.

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Exit Nadda, enter Baluni?

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to opt for a Cabinet reshuffle soon. The BJP is set to have J.P Nadda as its full-time party chief before the year-end. In the process some leaders from the party are set to join the government while there is a possibility of few leaving the government and opting for party work. Mr Nadda, for instance, is himself a Union minister. Anil Baluni, a young Rajya Sabha member and BJP functionary from Uttarakhand, is likely to join the goverment as he is seen as a challenger to Uttarakhand chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat.

INC under I-T scanner

The Congress recently survived a major scare. It so happened that income tax department officials reportedly came knocking asking some 24 Akbar Road staffers some

Priyanka to power Udaipur awakening

By WAQYANAWIS

practical suggestions. Party insiders

say January 2020 may see the

searching questions regarding finan-cial transactions. While everyone in the party is tightlipped about it, some see the income tax department investigations as "routine" and a part of the ongoing investigation against the chief accountant of the party.

Congress regrouping

 $B^{\rm uoyed}_{\rm Haryana}$ and Maharashtra, the Congress leadership is toying with the idea of holding an All India Congress Committee session in Udaipur in Rajasthan. Congress chief Sonia Gandhi has recently constituted a group to sharpen the party's ideological stance on key socio-economic and political issues. Priyanka Gandhi Vadra is part of the panel and reportedly giving out some substantial and Rajasthan unit of the party hosting the jamboree.

Kanda is in luck!

 $\mathbf{F}_{ ext{for Gopal Goyal Kanda, a contro-}}$ versial Independent MLA from Harvana, accused of rape leading to the death of an airhostess. In 2009, Mr Kanda had teamed up with the Congress when the Bhupender Singh Hooda-led Congress had hurriedly merged Haryana Janhit Congress to have another term in office. Mr Kanda was made minister till controversy had him arrested and removed from the ministerial chamber.

Interestingly, the Congress tally in 2009 had come down from 67 seats while the INLD had jumped from nine seats to 31 in 2009. The mandate was

clearly against the Congress, but they still managed to form government with the support of Independents and the Haryana Janhit Congress

'Protectionist' Pawar

Would Sharad Pawar contemplate Congress Party with the Congress Party? Apparently, Rahul Gandhi and Mr Pawar are serious about coming together and Sushil Kumar Shinde is working out the details. But there is a catch. Mr Pawar and the NCP are willing to consider a political reunion but are unwilling to transfer assets such as buildings, properties and so on that are carefully guarded by a variety of trusts. This hiccup is leading to a yawning trust deficit...

> The writer is a keen observer of the goings-on in backrooms of power



Bombay unrolls red carpet to moon

BOMBAY, Oct. 26

heroes The moon Armstrong, Edwin Aldrin and Michael Collins and their wives were received at Santa Cruz airport her this afternoon with a thunderous applause by thousands of Bombayaites.

The American Presi-dent's White House jet carrying the moon trio touched the Santa Cruz airport at 2.45 pm.

The crowd estimated to be over 15,000 including 5,000 children, got up and gave a standing ovation to the three astronauts as they appeared at the exit of the plane waving.

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French writer Louis-Ferdinand Céline, largely remembered for his 'misanthropic' Journey to the End of the Night, was decorated for bravery in the First World War. He wrote anti-Semitic pamphlets in the run-up to WWII and was jailed for collaborationist sympathies.

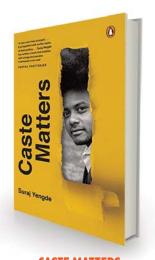
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A millennial's perspective on annihilating caste overcome social prejudices of





CASTE MATTERS by Suraj Yengde Penguin. ₹599

Yengde's Caste Matters is a remarkable book providing a millennial perspective and compelling proof for the continued prevalence of casteism in modern India. It has by now received raving reviews, and also a few brickbats, the latter, paradoxically, from his own brethren. Seven students of Jawaharlal Nehru University accused Yengde to be opposed to Ambedkarism. It is not the content of their accusation, which may be easily trashed by any reasonable reader, that matters but the very fact that it comes from a collective of the millennial dalits, indicating the hope-less disorientation of the dalits at a time when they face the

worst crisis in modern times. Autobiographical accounts of dalit lives generally evoke prurient interest among non-dalit readers. From the earliest autobiography, Baluta, by Daya Pawar, to Juthan by Omprakash Walmiki to the recent one, Interrogating My Chandal Life by Manoranjan Byapari, an important addition to the galaxy of dalit writers from the unlikely state of West Bengal, the story has been much the same. The vivid description of abject poverty, squalid surroundings and the uninhibited lives of the subjects make captivating reading for the non-dalits and to most dalits it reminds of their own past. Caste Matters is not exactly an autobiography but it might be mistaken as one as it launches itself from the very personal memoir of the author in the introduction. The scathing exposure of pervasiveness of caste is what makes the book stand out. Yengde describes it as "an ethnography of the sociality of caste in the

Yengde notices the rise of a certain 'Ambedkargodism' among

dalits: 'Ambedkar has become a fairytale hero who has solution to every problem.' He laments that the iconoclast Ambedkar being cast into the godhead and worshipped in Hindu style.

moment of social justice and prejudice".

The book is divided into six chapters. The first chapter 'Being Dalit" juxtaposes dalits against the non-dalits, particularly the Brahmins, and illuminates the difference between them along such dimensions as love, humour and universalism. Its narrative is replete with profound observations such as, "Dalit love is a juxtaposition of possibilities and deep pain" (p. 49), "the situation that Dalits live under is akin to an open prison" (p. 52), "the idea of contemporary India is a Brahminical project designed by Brahmins"(63), and so on. The main argument of the chapter is that Dalı́ts are culturally distinct. The self-pride with which dalits are depicted smacks firstly of treating them as a homoge-nous people, which they are not, as he himself explains in the third chapter and secondly, they are made of some different stuff. The compartmentalised lives of different castes and communities in India are bound to reflect some cultural specificities but within the overarching caste

culture. The second chapter "Neo-Dalit Rising" is an exposition of the ways caste operates in India.

Yengde characterises the Indian state-society as an entity of brahmin supremacy." (p. 71) and faults the constitutionality of the state for not "explicitly talking about the unequal stakes inherited by the traditional power brokers..." The Indian Constitution is fraught with high-sounding dictums but lacks in basic accountability of the power holders who enjoy unlimited impunity (p. 73). Yengde has narrated how dalits at every echelon of society are discriminated against. Justice C.S. Karnan, a dalit sitting judge of a high court, who was incarcerated for six months, is one such case. (p. 74). Yengde is inspired by the youth fury over institutional murder of the Rohith Vemula to see a neo-dalit rising. Sadly, this reaction had not even lasted up to the first anniversary of Rohith's anniversary Rohith's martyrdom. The third chapter takes stock

of many categories of dalits, acknowledging the changes that befell the community. One one hand, it reflects the progress the community made but on the other, a loss of community itself. It also notices the rise of a cer-"Ambedkargodism" tain amongst dalits. Yengde boldly points out: "Ambedkar has become a fairytale hero who has solution to every problem". (p. 146) He laments that the iconoclast Ambedkar being cast into the godhead and worshipped in Hindu style.

The fourth chapter deals with the phenomenon of the dalit middle class and brings up the question of reservations. It notes that although reservations have benefited many individuals, it has not uplifted the community. (p. 164) This upwardly mobile middle class, unable to

the upper castes, falls back on the community to meet its social needs. Yengde observes how the dalit middle class upholds the Ambedkarite dictum — "becoming the ruling class" revived by Kanshiram, but will convenient ly ignore his vision of socialism. The next chapter on "Dalit Capitalism" presents an interesting comparison between Booker T. Washington, who formally established the National Negro Business league in 1990 with an intent of creating a cap-italist class among the Black population in the ŬS and Web Du Bois, who wanted the Black population to acquire positions of eminence in arts, literature, academia and other forms of cultural, moral and intellectual endeavours. Du Bois wanted to elevate Black people from their enforced subservience. This is similar to the idea of Ambedkar who wanted Untouchables to leave hamlets that were the site of traditional caste-mandated occupations (p.210). The folly of the fad of Dalit capitalism is thus disposed of. The last chapter "Brahmins

against Brahminism" acknowledges the contributions of people of the brahmin caste to anti-Brahminist struggles of the

oppressed castes. The book boldly confronts most of the contemporary most issues facing dalits, largely successfully. However, it has certain logical angularities. As it classes people by caste, it necessarily feeds into caste identities, which the author detests to start with.

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How Jagmeet Singh, Canadian MP, failed to love his father fully

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he personal is political" and not surprisingly, the memoir of Jagmeet Singh, elected as the first visible minority face to lead a major federal political party in Canada, was

released during an election year. He led Canada's New Democratic Party (NDF) to win 24 seats in the recently concluded general election and was briefly set to play "kingmaker" to Justin Trudeau's Liberal Party.

The title of the book, Love and Courage, his signature political catchphrase, emerged as a response to a heckler who typecast people sporting turbans as Muslim and accused them of being terrorists. Whenever he was faced with Islamophobia, Jagmeet Singh never replied, "I'm not a Muslim", because "hate is wrong, no matter who it is aimed at". "We must respond to hate with love and courage," was his message.

Can you separate the personal from the political, especially when you belong to a visible minority community with very vis ible religious symbols as markers of your identity? Singh, like so many other non-Caucasians, faced stares and taunts like "Dirty", "Paki", "diaper-head", what with society, including the media, broadcasting the image of a terrorist as "brown skin-plus-young male-plus-beard-plus-turban". "Carding" and "profiling" were more widespread among black and indigenous people, often termed as "routine procedure". Bouncers at clubs targeted brown-skinned people. Violence against cab drivers was common

and the lives of brown people were deemed less valuable. Jagmeet (which means friend to the world) became an activist in addition to his law practice and participated in anti-poverty and pro-human rights demonstrations. He regularly organised "Know your Rights" workshops and soon went on to form the first Western Sikh student association.

This book is, in fact, his journey from being Jimmy to Jagmeet. It was a life-changing moment for our hero when at the end of his second grade he made two big decisions - to change his name from Jimmy Dhaliwal to Jagmeet Singh and to stop cutting his hair. This memoir is also a window to some basic Sikh theological beliefs and practices in everyday life. With some core values like *Ikk-Onkar*, God is one, *Chardi Kala* (to remain in high spir-its against all odds), *Gurbani as* a source of strength, gurdwara as a gateway to enlightenment, seva (service), sacrifice, charity and sarbat-da-bhala, it can be said that Jagmeet Singh has truly embraced the "Sikh way of life". There are pieces of Sikh histo-ry and culture as well in the book and these include references to Maharaja Ranjit Singh, the Akali movement, the British Sikh Army, the Punjabi language as a bond between Jagmeet and his parents, Operation Blue Star and the 1984 riots. Jagmeet writes that Canada is home to him and it is a country that respects human rights and dignity of life.

Initially, Jagmeet was so shy that he couldn't even pick up the phone to order a pizza. Incidentally, he had turned into a vegetar-ian just to win an argument. Jagmeet also faced sexual abuse from his trainer when he was part of a "special programme" that only the very best were allowed to participate in. It required a lot of courage to come out on this incident that had kept Jagmeet in a shell for a long time. Jagmeet Singh is the first Sikh with a turban to sit as a provin-

cial legislator in Ontario. Chosen by *Toronto Life* magazine as one of the five youngest rising stars and featured in the top ten bestdressed people of 2013, Jagmeet Singh's image as a style icon is also related to his attempts to meet stares and unfriendly looks thrown at him because of wearing the turban. To dress sharp was a part of his socialisation process when his father discovered it as a way "to belong". "As people of colour, we couldn't afford not to look good he believed. His father said one cannot control th colour of his skin or his country of birth, but one can control what one's wardrobe says to the world - so Jagmeet made sure his clothing never gave anyone a reason to think he didn't belong. The use of simple language in his work immediately builds a bond with Jagmeet's readers. Jagmeet's story, intersecting many social and political issues, inspires one in myriad ways. His first meeting with Walid Mansour stays with you and brings a smile to your face. It is difficult not to remember Jugnu, his dog, who proved to be the only link among and source of solace for all familv members. But the real hero of the book turns out to be Jagmeet's father, and not Jagmeet himself. Born in Punjab and armed with a medical degree, Jagtaran Singh Dhaliwal had landed in Canada to start a new life. Working as a security guard at night and studying for the Medical Council of Canada examination in the library, it was a struggle but failure was no option. From providing an affluent lifestyle to his family to giving them exposure to various activities and hobbies like horse-riding, skiing, snowboarding and golf, he made sure his children got the best upbringing. Alas his drinking problem proved to be his nemesis. Despite Jagmeet seeming to see his father as part of every single problem and defending his mother and siblings' harsh treatment of him, your heart bleeds for him and you end up seeing what Jagmeet failed to notice. Though his mother complained to the authorities against him, Jagtaran never received a single complaint from any patient. Always sober at work, he used to help out with psychiatric services and provided treatment to needy. Though he was addicted to alcohol, he was also the family's sole breadwinner and supported the children's college educations. He got fancy cars and separate apartments for all his children. It breaks your heart when he was not allowed to live in his own apartment. Ask who you remember the most after reading *Love and Courage* and it is definitely the father whose story inspires you, pierces your soul and becomes a part of your memory. Though Jagmeet Singh loved and cared for his father, albeit in pieces, how I wish he would have shown more courage to love 🦉 him — right at the start.

Anxious Kolkata girl loves anew with family blessings



Lata Ghosh is a bit of a moaner. This is her default mode: "Lata fell back onto the mattress and covered her face with the crook of her elbow. The exhaustion of last year, things staggering to a stop after the final break-up with Ari (after which she went through the excruciating block-unblock-block-unblock saga for months). The

years, the answer is a firm no as well. Both Lata and Ronny have had other loves in between, and no tortured bouts of yearning for each other. In fact, more than Lata, it's her family members who look forward to her getting back with Ronnie, now a famous award-winning filmmaker, who currently is in a relationship with the young daughter of a leg

endary Tollywood star.

The most charming romance in this book is the one that blossoms between sarcastic, no-nonsense Aaduri and her seemingly earnest boss with a spoofy, dead-seriouseditor sort of name: Hem Shankar Tiwari. Only, Hem and Aaduri are not writing poignant editorials on poverty alleviation or award-win-

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from UP, but no one can tell the difference). This integration between Bengalis and Marwaris (almost, or not) is a nice, warm touch, considering that Marwaris have been a part of West Bengal for ages. Kolkata is dutifully and beauti-

fully paid respect to. If you had

lived there during the seventies.

eighties or nineties, you'd proba-

bly sing along

ushing forty, divorced, and disillusioned even further after a failed livein relationship in London, management consultant Lata Ghosh goes on a little holiday to Kolkata to meet her mother, the lovely but annoying Manjulika Ghosh, who would visit her every year in London, urge her to freeze her eggs, and try to lure her back to Kolkata with tales of friends who were doing astonishingly well there. It's not easy to argue with a woman like this: "Manjulika Ghosh taught history and geography in middle school. She also only wore the finest Dhakai saris on her annual journey to London, where unlike the other passengers who emerged from Heathrow looking like crushed paper towels, she glided out like Aparna Sen on set."

Once in Kolkata, Lata's friends from Presidency college pop up (including Ronny-an ex) and you can look forward to squeals of joy, cheerful banter, laughs and loveor maybe not. The problem is,

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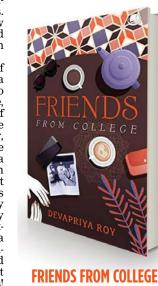
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nnoving clients. the terrible Tinder dates, the daily commute the wetness of weekends that followed the terrible Tinder dates. The long journey from Heathrow to Dum Dum. Everything seemed to rise around her like a river in flood. She was sinking.'

Moan and groan, ad nauseum. If Lata were a character in a Wodehouse novel, rest assured no one would holler "Hail to thee, Blythe Spirit" on catching sight of her. Dear me, no-she is more like Coleridge's Ancient Mariner, "Alone, alone, all, all alone/Alone on a wide wide sea!/And never a saint took pity on/My soul in agony." Which, actually, is perfect for chick lit. Unfortunately, Lata is far too beautiful (Helen of Troy was a moniker thrust upon her by the Head of the Economics department when she failed to answer a question) and intelligent and competent to be a chick lit heroine, and not witty enough besides-her best friend Aaduri has all the best lines! Before you think we're treading

into Jane Austen's Persuasion

where old flames meet after



by Devapriya Roy Westland, ₹299

common seas?

defence deals-they work in the digital space where memes, hits, etc are the things that stress them out most. It's terribly embarrassing when young, just-out-of-some-USuniversity trainees know more on the subject of digital media than their bosses!

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ning

Satire is what makes you turn the pages of this book: Ronny leads to hilarious takes on Tollywood, and his agony over his new script is painful. He chops and changes and rarely meets deadlines, which makes his almost-Marwari assistant, Bobby Bansal, feel like tearing her hair out

Bobby is only the first of the almost-Marwaris you meet in this book. Her cousin is engaged to Lata's cousin Molly (who organises her wedding by ordering almost everything online, which is so smooth). As the final tiresome and troublesome offline wedding preparations finally kick off at Ghosh Mansion, you meet the entire strict vegetarian almost-Marwari family (who are actually

with Lata when she bursts into of the most loved non-Bengali songs during those decades, Dolly Parton's yowly 'Jolene". It doesn't matter if you've lived in Kolkata or not, though. The characters are alive, the one-liners are fun, and the observations are witty. If a happy ending is what you're after, you may be disappointed. Lata finally has a valid reason to feel depressed, but take heart-there's a silver lining too!

While Lata's mother may not think Friends from College is a worthy book, she would perhaps agree that it is a pleasant and comorting read. Feel free to ignore Manjulika Ghosh's stricture on books to read while travelling: 'You bought a new book to read on a journey-and mind you, no potboiler or whodunit either. A worthy book. To accompany your worthy self."

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Is there no field in which the Jewish mindset doesn't excel?

David Crane

review

His people, the question 20 than might not exist, but for years ago, George Steiner, those who cannot go down that road meditating on Lebrecht's urgent and mov-2,000 years of persecution ing history provides a difand suffering, posed the ferent and stirring answer. 'taboo' question that no one dared ask: "Has the sur-'Between the middle of the 19th and 20th centuries, vival of the Jew been worth Genius & Anxiety opens, a the appalling cost?" It was few dozen men and women not just the horrors of the changed the way we see the pogroms or of Auschwitz world. Some of their names that 'enforced' the question are on our lips for all time. for Steiner, nor the cen-turies of exclusion and vio-Marx, Freud, Proust, Einstein, Kafka. Others lence but — equally destructive — "the fear, the have vanished from our collective memory, but degradation, the miasma of their importance endures contempt, latent or explicin our daily lives. Without it," which has been the Karl Landsteiner, for ins-tance, there would be no hereditary birthright of every Jewish child "across blood transfusion or major the millennia". "Would it not be preferable," Steiner surgery; without Paul Ehrlich no chemotherapy; asked, "if he was to ebb without Siegfried Marcus

no motor car; without Rosalind Franklin no into assimilation and the For the Orthodox believmodel of DNA; without Fritz Haber there would er, armed with the certainnot be enough food to susties of God's covenant with tain life on earth.

I don't know if Lebrecht actually buys into so simple a description of scien-Norman tific progress, or whether it is just a good, combative kick-off to a book, but either way the main thrust of the argument is ines-capable. For the best part of the past 200 years a small and threatened minority has exerted a creative influence out of all proportion to their numbers, and whether they flaunt it like a Disraeli or a Bernstein, or convert like Mendа elssohn, whether they hate it like Marx, are religious or atheist, Orthodox or Reform, assimilist or Zionist, the one thing they share is their "Jewishness". While it seems a difficult thing to define with-

out slipping into tautology — a "Jewish joke" takes one as close as one is probably going to get — the one quality, for Lebrecht, that

distinguishes the "Jewish mindset" is the rabbinical, counter-intuitive ability to think "outside the box". He is quick to refute any suggestion of Jewish "exceptionalism", but whether in the end it is a matter of culture, hereditary experience or the eternal, driven angst of a people who could only fear the worst, the western world has every reason to be grateful to this astonishing explosion of talent.

But Lebrecht is not blind to the paradox at the heart of political Zionism, nor the realities of Israeli state power. In 1978, the Nobel Prize-winning novelist, Isaac Bashevis Singer, on a visit to his son in Israel, was invited to tea by a fellow Warsaw Jew, the prime minister, Menachem Beg

in. "Tell me," says Singer, "why did you have to reinvent Hebrew when we have such a beautiful Jewish mother tongue in Yid dish?" Begin explains that Yiddish is unfit for government. It has no administrative terms and its elaborate courtesies are unsuited to military situations. To order 'shoot' in Yiddish, an officer would have to speak a full sentence to indicate the possibility of a shot being fired. "Why," cries Begin, "Yiddish has no word for weapons, no word even for army''' Singer surveys the Israeli PM with sad grey eyes. He raises a forefinger in the air and utters a single Yiddish syl-lable. "Oh!" says Singer meaning just imagine a world without such things. "The two men," Lebrecht adds, "never speak again."

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Prime move

Centre has asked former PM H.D. Deve Gowda to vacate his guest accommodation in Lutyens' Delhi





ROTECTION OF SLOPE OF HIGH EMBANKMENT

E-Tender Notice No.: LMG/Engg./113 c 2019 Dated: 23-10-2019. Works tender through "E" Tendering system for and or behalf of the President of India are invited fo the works as detailed below: Brie

Description of Item: Protection of slope of High Embankment at KM 110/4-7 in betw Jatinga Lumpur-New Harangaiao o

Lumding-Badarpur Jn. Hill section including

treatment of formation under the jurisdiction of DEN/SPL/LMG (Two packet system)

Kashmir is on way to development after Art 370 revocation

> — Amit Shah **Union minister**



New Delhi, Oct. 26: The disabled and people over 80 years of age can now cast their vote through postal ballot, the government said on Saturday, in a move that will help increase voter turnout.

At present, voting through postal ballot is available to armed forces and those assigned poll duties. On the recommendation of the Election Commission, the ministry of law and justice has amended the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, on October 22, allowing senior citizens and person with disabilities in the absentee voter list.

The absentee voter refers to a vote cast by someone who is unable to go to the polling station. Officials said that in both these categories there are people who are unable to reach the polling stations and thus are unable to cast their votes.

"This will enable people from these two categories to cast their votes with ease and will also thus increase the voter turnout," an official said. The poll officer will attest the

absentee voter in the case of senior citizens and person with disability in the form 13A.

In the last Lok Sabha elec-tions, about 60.14% of absentee voters voted through e-postal ballot while in 2014, this figure was just 4 per cent.

U.S. LEADERS UP ANTE ON KASHMIR ISSUE DC CORRESPONDENT

with agency inputs NEW DELHI, OCT. 26

Davs after the US government sought a roadmap from India on political and economic norin Kashmir and asked the Indian government to immediately release all the political detainees, six US Congressmen have written to the Indian ambassador asking some uncomfortable questions. In a letter to Indian envoy Harsh Vardhan Shringla, the American lawmakers have said that many of their constituents have portrayed a much different picture in Kashmir compared to what the Indian ambassador had told them on October 16, when he briefed members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. The six US Congressmen -David N Cicilline, Dina Titus, Chrissy Houlahan, Andy Levin, James P McGovern and Susan Wild — have asked the Indian government if 100 per cent landlines have been restored in Jammu and Kashmir or there are any remaining outages. They also asked when mobile networks, including Internet, will be restored. The lawmakers also asked about the number of people detained under the Public Safety Act.

BJP wants to keep home, revenue

Fadnavis to be sworn in by Nov. 3; Sena likely to revisit 1995-formula on portfolios

SONU SHRIVASTAVA MUMBAI, OCT. 26

Even as the Shiv Sena is mounting pressure on the Bharatiya Janata Party to share the Chief Minister's post for 2.5 years each, the later has started preparations for Devendra Fadnavis's swearing-in ceremony. A senior party leader on Saturday informed that Fadnavis is likely to be sworn-in as the Chief Minister for the second time on November 2 or 3

at Wankhede stadium. The senior BJP leader said, "The swearing-in ceremony of the new government is likely to be completed by November 3. Meanwhile, the discussion over sharing of portfolios would be held with Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray." Interestingly, the BJP leader added that the party had earlier planned

to hold the swearing ceremony at Mahalakshmi Race Course — if it had managed to get a majority

on its own. With the BJP short of 40 seats to form the government, it will have to take the Shiv Sena on board.



The Maharashtra BJP has convened a meeting of its MLAs on October 30 to elect the leader of the House. This will be a mere formality since Narendra Modi and Amit Shah have already declared Fadnavis as the BJP's chief ministerial face during the polls.

Meanwhile, the BJP has

tive party meeting at the

Vidhan Bhavan on October 30, to elect its leader in the new legisla-

Fadnavis would be elect-

ed as the BJP legislative

party leader in the meet-

sent by the Delhi leader-

The BJP leader added

that this will be a mere

tive Assembly.

ship.

The Amit Shah-led party won 105 seats, while its Shah will speak with Mr Thackeray," the BJP Thackeray," the BJP leader said on the condiwon 105 seats, while its ally, the Shiv Sena, won 56 seats in the recently-contion of anonymity. cluded election. With the BJP registeralso called for a legisla-

ing a below-par performance in the polls, the Sena is reportedly playing hardball and is batting for a 50-50 formula (rotational chief ministership and meatier portfolios). "A team of senior state BJP leaders including Sudhir Mungatiwar, ing before the party observer, who would be

Chandrakant Patil, would accompany Amit Shah for the meeting with the Sena chief. However, only during the polls. Sources said that the BJP has been holding internal discussions to deter the Sena from being allocated the home, revenue and finance portfolios. The Sena, sources said,

is drafting its charter of are likely to get ministeri-al berths in the new demands keeping in mind the portfolio distribution exercise undertaken in Haryana government. Among seven independ-1995.

formality since PM Narendra Modi and the party president had

In the first saffron government, the BJP, then a junior partner in the government, had been allo-cated home, water resources, rural development, civil supplies, public health, transport, public works, finance and planning but not revenue and urban development.

Vij, who was the health minister in the previous In the present dispensation, the chief minister term, is the senior most has kept several imporleader of the party to tant portfolios such as the have been elected for the home department with sixth term from Ambala himself. However, a jun-Cantt. ior minister in the home department represents rounds for ministerial berths are Mahaipal Dhanda, Ghanshyam the Sena Deepak Kesarkar.

Vij, Trikha likely to already declared Fadnavis as the BJP's chief ministerial face be in Khattar team

Mamal Gupta, Subhash Sudha and Deepak Mangla, the sources said. Haryana Gor Satyadeo M Satyadeo M Chandigarh, Oct. 26: Six-time MLA Anil Vij, Banwari Lal, Seema Trikha from the BJP, while Dom Kumon

Kumar Ishwar Singh from the JJP are Saturday invited the BJPamong the probables who led coalition to form the next government in the state.

BJP working president J.P. Nadda, Union minisents who are supporting ters and the chief ministers of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh are likely to attend the swearthe BJP-led coalition which will be sworn in on Diwali day here on Sunday, late Devi Lal's son Ranjit Singh ing-in ceremony of Manohar Lal Khattar as the Haryana chief minisisterial post, party sources said. ter here on Sunday, party

sources said. Some BJP MPs will also attend the event at the Haryana Raj Bhawan in the afternoon.

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Replying to a question who will take oath as ministers in the new government, Khattar said this will be made known on Sunday. - PTI

Tender Value: ₹41,09,86,441.88. Earnest Money: ₹22,04,900/-. Date & time of closing of tender: 15.00 hrs. of 18-11-2019 and opened at 15.00 hrs. of 19-11-2019. Fo details please visit our website WWW.ireps.gov.in DRM/Works, Lumding NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY Serving Customers With A Smile

🔞 EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🙆 e-Tender Notice

e-Tender No. 2019/WP/Engg/KRNT/WT 06(open). e-tender(open) are invited on behalf of the President of India with following details. (1) Name of the work and its location : Transportation of P.Way Materials, Provision of Low Height subway (LHS) for elimination of manned level ossing gate No. 129 C, Extension of LHS 131 between Alampur Road and Kurnool Town stations and Extension of Bridge 439 440 including panel Room a with setting up of CMLR Kurnool. (2) Approximate cost of the work : Ŕs.13,50,11,562.25 (3) Earnest Money to be deposited : Rs. 8,25,100/- (5) Date & Time of closing of Tender : 26.11.19 at 15.00 Hrs. (6) Website particulars and notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and downloaded Tender can only be down loaded and Bided from IREPS website: www.ireps.gov.in For any other information please contact office of Chief Engineer-1/Workshop Projects, Indian Ralways, Chambei Bhawan, 4th floor (Engg. Deptt.), J.C. Road, Patna -800001.

Dy. CE/KRNT Workshop Projects, Patna PR/1525/WP/Engg./T/19-20/36

Festive lights



'RAM TEMPLE CONSTRUCTION FROM DEC. 6'

while Ram Gautam and

Chautala is among the

frontrunners for the min-

Other BJP MLAs doing

Unnao (UP), Oct. 26: Controversial BJP MP Sakshi Maharaj on Saturday claimed that the construction of Ram temple in Ayodhya will start by December "The construction of Ram temple will com-mence before December 6. I want to thank the Supreme Court as it has heard non-stop for 40 days the matter that was pending for 150 years and after serious-ly hearing both the sides has reserved the judgement," he said.

'I feel that soon we will get the verdict by the Supreme Court and it will be in favour of the Ram temple and its construction will start by December 6," he said

It was on December 6, 1992, that the disputed छत्तीसगढ़ शासन, जल संसाधन विभाग कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता, जल संसाधन संभाग, पेण्ड्रारोड जिला-बिलासपुर (छ.ग.)

निविदा निरस्तीकरण आदेश

आदेश क्रमांक 2264/व.ले.लि./2019-20 पेण्ड्रारोड, दिनांक 23.10.2019

निविदा सूचना क्रमांक : 01/व.ले.लि./2019-20 दिनांक 05.10.2019 (प्रथम आमंत्रण), निविदा सिस्टम क्र. 56970, चांपी जलाशय योजना के मुख्य नहर आर.डी. 0 मी. से आर.डी. 16080 मी. तक (पुरानी लाईनिंग कार्य को छोडकर) एवं 10 नग माईनर नहरों (बिरगहनी माईनर, मोहदा माईनर, जमुनाही माईनर, लालपुर माईनर, घासीपुर माईनर क्रमांक 1, क्रमांक–2 एवं रतनपुर माईनर क्रमांक 1 से कमांक 4 तक) की सीमेंट कांक्रीट लाईनिंग, 4 नग नवीन व्ही.आर.बी., 3 नग नवीन हेड रेगुलेटर एवं आउटलेट फिक्सींग का निर्माण कार्य साथ ही मुख्य नहर एवं 10 नग मार्डनर नहरों की परानी लार्डनिंग एवं संरचनाओं का मरम्मत कार्य एवं निविदा कार्य की लागत रु. 1679.23 लाख को अपरिहार्य कारणों से निरस्त किया जाता है।

> कार्यपालन अभियंता जल संसाधन संभाग पेण्डारोड (छ.ग.)

Forest Management Information System (FMIS), Raipur (C.G.)

Aranya Bhawan, North Block, Sector-19,

People stand near a diya (an earthen lamp), claimed to be one of the biggest earthen lamps in the world, that was lit during Diwali celebrations at Digholi Pukhuri in Guwahati on Saturday. The lamp is about 8 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height, and has a storage capacity of about 200-litre oil.

in civic body polls besides

councilors.

EVMs.

going for indirect elec-

tion of mayors and

chairpersons of munic-

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corporations by the

The cabinet which

met under the chair-manship of chief min-

ister Bhupesh Baghel

approved the recom-

mendations and issued

an ordinance accord-

ingly. Baghel defended

his decision to return to

ballot paper in civic

polls, saying majority of

voters did not under-

stand the functioning of

For local polls, C'garh

opts for ballot papers

body polls in Chhattisgarh, sched-uled to be held in

December, a spokesman

of Chhattisgarh gov-

ernment told this news-

paper. This was the first time

in last 15 years, ballot papers would be used in

local body elections in

Chhattisgarh. Last two

Chhattisgarh were held through EVMs. Last week, a cabinet

sub-committee consti-

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NORTHERN RAILWAY 'E'-TENDER NOTICE

Dv.CSTE/Project/UMB/NR acting for & on behalf of President of India invites E- tenders in Two packet system from the experienced & established contractors having sufficien experience in similar work and satisfying minimum eligibility criteria for the under noted work:

1	Name of work	f work Design, supply, installation, wiring, testing & commissioning wit supply of materials for the Electronic interlocking of Ambala Can station on Ambala division of Northern Railway and trenching laying, termination of Signaling Cables along with part supply of material for shifting of Signaling Gears from old Relay Huts t new Relay Huts at UMB/RRI in connection with DFCCIL Utilit Shifting.							
2	Approximate	Rs. 17,71,71,455.46/- (Rs. Seventeen Crores, Seventy one							
	cost of the work	Lacs, Seventy one Thousands, four Hundred & fifty five and paisa							
		forty six only)							
3	Earnest money	Rs. 10,35,900/- (Rs. Ten Lacs, thirty five Thousand & nine							
		Hundred only)							
4	Completion Twelve Months from the date of issue of acceptance								
	period	telegrams.							
5	Closing date	15:00 Hrs. on 15.11.2019							
6	Validity of offer	60 days from the date of opening of tender.							
Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date & time only.									
Bids are to be submitted online only. Manual bids/offers are not allowed against this									
tender, and any manual offer received shall be ignored.									
The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E - Procurement system									
(IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system. Necessary									
changes, Corrigendum/addendum, if required, would be posted on this web site only.									
No. NR-SNTUMB-03 Dated : 25.10.2019 3456/2019									
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE									

Boy slips further into borewell as rescue operations continue

effect.

Friday

Municipality

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC BHOPAL, OCT. 26

Chhattisgarh is all set

to dump Electronic Voting Machines (EVM)

to return to ballot paper

in the civic body polls

with the governor Anusuiya Uike ratify-

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The governor on late

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Act

in the upcoming civic paper in the ensuing

J. V. SIVA PRASANNA KUMAR | DC TIRUCHY, OCT 26

Hopes of rescue receded as two-year-old Sujith Wilson slipped further to about 100 feet depth into the borewell in his father's corn field at Nadukattupatti village near Manapparai near here even as multiple expert agencies and teams continued efforts to retrieve him for the second day on Saturday.

"Despite our best efforts and the hard work of various organisations, the boy could not be retrieved so far and has in fact slipped further to about 100 feet. He has not been responding to our calls and there is no sign of any movement in him since 5.30 this morn-

ing. He did respond with feeble 'hmm' noises even at 3.30 a.m., but has fallen silent since then. Also, mud

has slipped from the walls of the narrow borewell to walls and fallen on him," health minister Dr C. Vijaya Baskar said. the boy.

He has been camping at the mishap site since Friday evening.

After the failure of over six different expert teams coming from various parts of the state and elsewhere, along with their machines and innovative gadgets to rescue the kid, a group comprising the ONGC and NLC experts began work late Saturday night to dig a pit parallel to the borewell pipe and a little deeper than Sujith's position at 100 ft.

A volunteer from the state fire service has been drafted to don special outfit, including focus light and tunneling equipment, drill a four-inch diameter tunnel to reach

> "We first thought of digging the pit about one metre from the borewell but decided to do it three metres away to prevent caving in of the soft mud or the vibration if we hit a rock which could harm the kid and the borewell. These experts are experienced in doing such deep tunnels, such as the underground Metro Rail works", said minister Vijaya Baskar, adding that he hoped the boy would be reached by the brave fireman in about three hours.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (CIVIL), CSPGCL, Shed No. 2, Dangania, Raipur-492013 Phone No. 0771-2574562, Fax :- 0771-2574579, website <u>www.cspc.co.in</u> E-mail:- <u>civilprojectcmg@gmail.com</u>

No.04-04/W/2093 Raipur, date 22,10,2019

E-TENDER NOTICE

Online bids with Reverse Live Auction are invited through MSTC E-procurement portal from contractors registered in appropriate class in CSPGCL in three part tendering system. The unregistered contractor having similar work experience in Govt./Public Sector Undertaking/Local bodies/ Power Generating Companies in India only may also be nsidered on submission of experience certificate for following work :

SI.	Tender	Development	NIT value		Completion	Event No.		
No	Specification	Description	(Rs.) i/c	EMD (Rs.)	period (incl.	Event No.		
	No.		GST 18%		Rainy season)			
1.	CEC/HTPS-	Raising the height of Pond No. 1 -A from RL 310.00M	460.25 Lacs	4,60,300/-	06 Months	CSPGCL/C		
	KW/W/	to 313.00M of ash dyke of 1x500 MW Extn. unit	400.25 Lacs			ECG/22/19-		
	2019/255	Dindolbhata at HTPS, CSPGCL, Korba West.				20/ ET/ 30		
2.	CEC/HTPS-	Utilization of pond ash by transportation of pond ash			03 Months	CSPGCL/C		
	KW/W/	from Lotlota Ash dyke to VUP (Vehicle Under Pass) at		3,09,200/-		ECG/23/19-		
	2019/256	CH 40+600 for filling in ongoing Bilaspur Patharaplai	309.18 Lacs			20/ ET/31		
		road construction of (NH-130) NHAI from HTPS,						
		CSPGCL, Korba West.						
3.	CEC/HTPS-	Resurfacing of tar ro ad situated in colony complex of		1,16,700/-	02 Months	CSPGCL/C		
	KW/W/	Zone AB & CD at HTPS, CSPGCL, Korba West.	116.65 Lacs			ECG/24/19-		
	2019/257					20 /ET/32		
4.	CEC/HTPS-	1st stage raising of Lagoon -II from RL 308.00M to RL		4,34,600/-	06 Months	CSPGCL/C		
	KW/W/	313.00M at Ash bund village Jhabu at HTPS, CSPGCL,	434.60 Lacs			ECG/25/19-		
	2019/258	Korba West.				20/ ET/33		
5.	CEC/DSPM-	3rd stage raising of Lagoon-I of ash dyke at village		4,31,000/-	08 Months	CSPGCL/C		
	KE/W/	Gorhi/Pandripani from RL 316.00M to RL 319.00M at	431.00 Lacs			ECG/26/19-		
	2019/259	DSPM-TPS, CSPGCL, Korba East.				20/ ET/34		
Cos	t per tender forr	n is Rs. 1180/- i/c GST. Last date & time for subm	ission and o	pening of tec	hno commercia	bids 13-11-		
		Irs) & 13-11-2019 (at 16:00 Hrs) respectively. Vie						
		Hrs) and 07.11.2019 (10:30 Hrs) respectively. In ca						
clause D-iv. The tender document can be viewed and downloaded online from MSTC e-procurement portal. http://								
www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/cspgcl. Note:- Twelve Months maintenance period is required for work at								
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//Save Electricity// CSPGCL, Raipur								

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

FMIS Invites Expression of Interest for web based online software for operation & effective management of Chhattisgarh Biodiversity Board & other sections of the Forest Department from eligible firms/agencies/companies. Further details can be downloaded from the website www.fmisonline.org. Conservator of Forest, FMIS, Nava Raipur Atal Nagar (C.G.) reserves the right to accept/reject any or all proposed in full/part without assigning any reasons. Last date for submission of proposal is 25.11.2019 till 1 P.M.

Sd/- Dy. Conservator of Forest G-74428/3



e-TENDER NOTICE

Regional Director (P&S), HRPSU, Nuclear Fuel Complex, ECIL Post, Hyderabad 500062 invites online tenders as given below

- . (a) Tender Enquiry No.: DPS/HRPU/NFC/PT/TPT/CAP/11027 (b) Description Manufacture, Inspection, Supply, Erection and Commissioning of Cold Swaging Machine - 1 No., details as per tender specifications (c) Date or Pre-Bid Meeting: 21/11/2019 @ 10.00 AM (d) Last Date for Submission of Bid Online: 23/12/2019 up to 2.00 PM (e) Tender Fee: NIL (f) EMD: ₹ 20,00,000/-
- (a) Tender Enquiry No.: DPS/HRPU/NFC/PT/GEN/15227 (b) Description: Supply of Plastic Bags of various types - 6 Items, details as per tender specifications (c) Last Date for Submission of Bid Online: 07/11/2019 up to 2.00 PM (d) Tender Fee: NIL (e) EMD: ₹ 1,08,000/-.
- (a) Tender Enquiry No.: DPS/HRPU/NFC/PT/GEN/15230 (b) Description: Supply of Derby Type Industrial Safety Shoe with Steel Toe of various Sizes - 8 Items, details as per tender specifications (c) Last Date for Submission of Bid Online: 07/11/2019 up to 2.00 PM (d) Tender Fee: NIL (e) EMD; ₹1.11.900/-
- (a) Tender Enquiry No.: DPS/HRPU/NFC/PT/GEN/15232 (b) Description: Supply of Vests and Briefs of various Type/Size - 15 Items, details as per tender specifications (c) Last Date for Submission of Bid Online: 06/11/2019 up to 2.00 PM (d) Tender Fee: NIL (e) EMD: ₹ 1,11,506/-
- (a) Tender Enquiry No.: DPS/HRPU/NFC/PT/GEN/15235 (b) Description Supply of Protective Cloth [Pant/Shirt] for Workmen - 2 Items, details as per tender specifications (c) Last Date for Submission of Bid Online: 05/11/2019 up to 2.00 PM (d) Tender Fee: NIL (e) EMD: ₹ 1,93,800/-
- (a) Tender Enquiry No.: DPS/HRPU/NFC/PT/ENG/16735 (b) Description: Supply of Split Type Cylindrical Roller Bearing for Crankshaft - 15 Sets details as per tender specifications (c) Last Date for Submission of Bid Online 04/12/2019 up to 2.00 PM (d) Tender Fee: NIL (e) EMD: ₹ 1,28,280/-

Visit https://etenders.dpsdae.gov.in for details [DPS/HRPU/NFC/1920/26]









Rare honour

London's Natural History Museum said a minute species of beetle is being named Nelloptodes gretae in honor of climate activist Greta Thunberg





As bishop of this diocese, I ask forgiveness from those who have been offended by this — Pope Francis on Amazon statue theft

BRIEF

Death toll climbs to 42 in Iraq

Baghdad: The death toll from protests in Iraq has climbed to 42 after a senior government official in the country's south said 12 pro-testers died in a fire they started while storming the office of powerful militia during a rally there a day earlier. The anti-government protests erupted after leaderless, spontaneous revolts were violently quelled earlier this month in the war-torn country. The southern official says that in Diwaniyah town, bodies were being removed from a building belonging to a powerful militia where the protesters set it on fire. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't allowed to talk to reporters. In Baghdad, pro-testers gathered again in the central Tahrir Square but there were no immediate reports of violence.

Fire danger for millions in CA

San Francisco: Millions of Californians were preparing to live in the dark again as the state's largest utility warned it may cut power for the third time in as many weeks because of looming strong winds and high fire danger. Pacific Gas & Electric will decide whether to blackout 8,50,000 homes and businesses in 36 counties for 48 hours or longer throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, wine country and Sierra foothills. The two previous shutdowns were done amid concern that gusty winds could foul or knock down power lines and spark devastating wildfires. Weather forecasts called for record strong winds to lash much of the region over the weekend, with some gusts hitting 85 mph. PG&E's warning came as firefighters battied flames in Northern and Southern California. A blaze destroyed at least six homes in the Santa Clarita area near Los Angeles and prompted evacuation orders for up to 50,000 residents, although some were allowed back home after Santa Ana winds began to ease.



As many as a million Chileans protested peacefully in Santiago in the biggest rallies yet since violence broke out a week ago over entrenched inequality in Chile.

Deja vu for Indians

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When Chileans woke up on October 20, they were under their first curfew since 1987. The cascading effect began on October 4, when the government announced a hike in the subway and bus fares. This echoes happenings in India, where people are vociferous about sky-rocketing prices and the curb-ing of civil rights.

Pablo Residents like Abufom of the Solidarity Movement recount to Deccan Chronicle: "High school students began organizing what they called a 'massive evasion', freely move and assemble,

US

Mark Esper said.

ground is different.

collective fare-dodging in subway stations. From October 14th, more joined their protest, and by the 17th the subway service was suspended several times during the day. By the 18th, almost the entire subway network — 136 stations, transporting approximately 2.6 million peo-ple daily — were suspend-

neously protesting in the streets of the capital Santiago and several stations set ablaze. The president declared a state of emergency in the city, restricting some civil liberties like the rights to

Pablo Abufom

Masses were sponta-

eties reacting to this matter? Several Human Rights organizations (National Human Rights Institute, Instituto Nacional de

Humanos, Derechos INDH) are offering daily reports of people injured, killed, and detained. As of Thursday, the Association of Physicians

of Universidad de Chile have confirmed 24 people killed (13 shot by armed forces), 39 severely wound-ed by gunshots, 23 severely wounded (hit by cars), 62 severe eye trauma, and 5.845 arrested since October 18th (the night Emergency was declared). Forces comprised 19,461

police and military members deployed throughout Chile, as per the Ministry of Interior, National Association of Physicians, and the National Attorney Office.

Pablo Abufom, an activist for a new pension system, says: "The government's response has been twofold: Emergency (including deployment of military and curfew, which resulted killings and illegal arrests) and an att-empted "National Agreement" with conservative and centrist political par-

Despite these efforts, bourhood assemblies people in several cities, organize their sat especially Santiago, have protests, and supplies.

defied curfew and have implicitly rejected the agreement by calling for new demonstrations and continuing to march. Today a new march was called by the National Confederation of Trade

Unions. Today, people were mulling gathering downtown for a new march. It was expected to be a massive demonstration today. There has also been a call for a constituent assembly. and several neighbourhoods in Chilean capital Santiago and other cities are establishing neighbourhood assemblies to organize their safety,

NAWAZ SHARIF SUFFERS ANGINA ATTACK

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Lahore, Oct. 26: Former Pakistan prime minister Nawaz Sharif on Saturday suffered angina pain while undergoing treatment at a Lahore hospital, according to a media

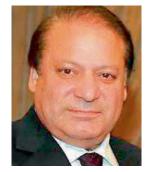
report. Angina is a type of chest pain caused by reduced blood flow to the heart. Sharif suffered angina pain in the morning while undergoing treatment at the hospital, Dawn News reported quoting Services Ins-titute of Medical Sciences Principal Dr Mahmood Ayaz. Ayaz refuted reports in

a section of media that the 69-year-old Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader has suf-

fered a heart attack. Earlier in the day, Sharif's lawyer Khawaja Haris claimed that the former premier had suffered a "minor heart attack" last night and that his "life is in danger".

Ayaz said Sharif's platelet count is now rising. He is administered around 16 injections of intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIg) every day. The Lahore High Court granted bail to Sharif, who is undergo-ing treatment, after being diagnosed with an acute immune disorder, which reduced his blood platelet count to danger-

ous levels. The three-time pre-mier was in Kot Lakhpat jail but early this month was sent to the custody of the National Acc-ountability Bureau (NAB), which is probing the Sharif family in the Chaudhry Sugar Mills case. Sharif's daughter Maryam Nawaz, 45, is also under treatment at the same hospital.



Nawaz Sharif

DIWALI IN U.S. IS RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: DON

Washington, Oct. 26: Sending Diwali greetings to Hindus, Jains, Sikhs and Buddhists, US President Donald Trump said that the observance of the festival of lights throughout America is an important reminder of the significance of the country's core tenets — religious liberty. A day earlier, Trump celebrated Diwali in the Oval Office with a small group of Indian-Americans.

'The observance of Diwali throughout America is an important reminder of the significance of one of our Nation's core tenets — religious liberty," Trump said in a statement ahead of the Diwali celebrations in India, the US and across the world.

"My Administration will continue to defend the rights enshrined in our Constitution that enable people of all faiths to worship according to their beliefs and conscience," he said.

"As Diwali commences, Melania and I wish those observing the Festival of Lights a blessed and happy celebration," said the President. For many Hindus, Jains, Sikhs, and Buddhists in the US and around the globe, this sacred period is an opportunity to commemorate the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance, he said.

"Throughout this holy time, members of these faiths engage in prayer, light diyas and lanterns, and partake in traditional feasts and other festivities with friends and family," he said.

US troops going to Syria oil fields



Mark Esper

tain and complicated as Bradley armoured Though Trump repeatedinfantry carriers and posly says he is pulling out of Syria, the reality on the sibly tanks. This would introduce a new dimen-Adding armoured reinsion to the US military presence, which largely has been comprised of forcements in the oil-producing area of Svria could mean sending sevspecial operations forces eral hundred US troops, not equipped with tanks even as a similar number or other armoured vehiare being withdrawn cles. Meanwhile, Russia from a separate mission acc-used the US of "inter-national banditry" after closer to the border with Turkey. Esper described Washington announced the added force as "mechits intention to protect anised," which means it Syria's oil fields which likely will include armoured vehicles such are controlled by Kurdish forces. -AF



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Bidding for the huge project, known as Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure, or Jedi, pitted leading tech titans Microsoft, Amazon, Oracle and IBM against one another. The giant contract has attracted more attention than most, sparked by

speculation early in the process that Amazon would be the sole winner of the deal. Oracle and IBM pushed back with their own bids and also formally protested the bidding process last year. Oracle later challenged the process in federal court, but lost . Trump waded into the

fray in July, saying the

will store and process vast amounts of classified data, allowing the US military to use AI to speed up its war planning and fighting capabilities.

A cloud strategy docu-ment unveiled by the defense department last year called for replacing frequently expressed the military's "disjointed and stove-piped informa-tion systems" with a comhis ire for Amazon and founder Jeff mercial cloud service "that will empower the warfighter with data and Washington Post is critical to maintaining our military's technological advantage." The Pentagon empha-

administration would sized that the process was "take a very long look" at fair and followed procurement guidelines. It noted the process. Trump has frequently that over the past two expressed his ire for Amazon and founder Jeff Bezos, who also owns the

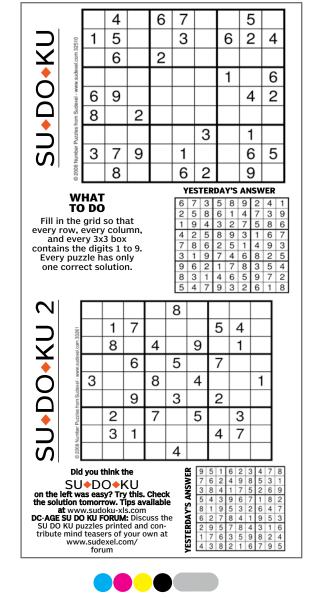
years, it has awarded more than \$11 billion in ten separate cloud-com-Washington Post. At the puting contracts, and said the Jedi award "continues nies told him that the conour strategy of a multitract "wasn't competitive-ly bid." The JEDI system vendor, multi-cloud envi-ronment." — AP

RELEASE MUELLER DOCUMENT: JUDGE

Washington, Oct. 26: A US judge validated the legality of the Democratic-led impeachment inquiry aga-inst President Donald Trump and ordered his administration to hand over an unredacted copy of former special counsel Robert Mueller's report detailing Russian

election. US district judge Beryl Howell, handing a major victory to the House of Representatives, undercut an argument that Donald Trump's fellow Republicans have made attacking in the impeachment inquiry. -Reuters

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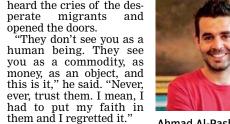


HUMAN | SMUGGLING | Migrants gamble their lives as safer routes are closed Ex-refugee recounts dangers of trafficking

London, Oct. 26: Ahmad heard the cries of the desperate migrants opened the doors. Al-Rashid knows what it was like for the 39 people perate who were found dead in the back of a truck in southeastern England this

week. He's been there. The 29-year-old Syrian refugee found himself gasping for breath inside a refrigerated shipping container with a group of migrants and a load of frozen chicken when a planned trip across the English Channel turned into hours of terror in 2015. The truck hadn't even left the French port of Calais when someone

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Ahmad Al-Rashid

This week's tragedy sealed trucks and leaky brought the terror of his own experiences flooding back, he said. rafts because safer routes have been closed to them. Rashid told his story to They take risks because. The Associated Press so he said, they feel like they people understand that have no other choice. "No one puts their life in danger for no reason," migrants and refugees gamble their lives in

Rashid said. "People do

Police investigating the deaths of 39 people in a truck near London said they had arrested three more suspects on suspicion of human trafficking amid signs that some of dead may be

Vietnamese. As forensic experts began the process of iden-tifying the victims, the the southeast Asian coun-

were growing concerns at least 10 of the victims could have been from Vietnam. Hoa Nghiem the truck container was en

route from Belgium to Britain.

nationalities of victims had not yet been confirmed. -AP



from Human Rights Space, a civic network based in Vietnam, said that Pham Thi Tra My, 26, had sent a text message to her mother saying she could not breathe at about the time

Beijing has said the



Vietnamese embassy in London said families from

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try had got in touch about missing relatives. There

VICTIMS IN UK TRUCK

Defence woes

Pep Guardiola insists Manchester City will not buy a player in the January transfer window despite admitting he is concerned about his team's growing list of injuries in defence





Honestly, by the time I got to the (WTA Finals), I was just so tired. - Naomi Osaka, World No.3 women's tennis player, on the season-ending WTA Finals tournament.

SHORT TAKES

AFC recognises

ISL as top league

New Delhi: The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) on Saturday recognised the Indian Super League as the country's premier competition while recommending the AIFF to "open a pathway" for two I-League clubs' entry into ISL by the end of 2020-21 season. The AFC's executive committee approved All India Football Federation's (AIFF) proposed roadmap for the country's sport during a meeting in Vietnam. In a release on Indian football's roadmap, the AFC stated, "In season 2019-20, the ISL will attain the status of premier league competition in Indian football. Another key recommendation

by the AFC is to open a "pathway for two I-League clubs' entry into the ISL by the end of the 2020-21 season, subject to the criteria being fulfilled" The top continental body will allow the winning ISL club to represent India in the AFC Champions League play-offs, and the I-League winner will get to play in the AFC Cup play-off. — PTI

New York Knick

past Brooklyn

Los Angeles: The Nets, out to make Brooklyn the center of New York City's NBA universe, edged the Knicks 113-109 Friday, but not before a fourthquarter dogfight. Brooklyn's new star Kyrie Irving didn't match the 50 points he dropped in a heartbreaking season-opening loss to Minnesota, but his 26 points included a step-back three-pointer with 22.4 seconds to play that gave the Nets a 111-109 lead that they wouldn't give

Allonzo Trier's 22 points helped the Knicks erase a 19point deficit and take a threepoint lead with 3:41 to play. LeBron James and the Los Angeles Lakers, who lost their season-opener on Tuesday to their upstart cross-town rivals the Clippers, bounced back with a 95-86 victory over the Utah Jazz James scored 32 points with 10 assists and seven rebounds. - AFP

FOXES HUNT IN PACK

Manchester, Oct. 26: Manchester City closed the gap on Premier League leaders Liverpool to three points as Raheem Sterling inspired a 3-0 win over Aston Villa on Saturday. Pep Guardiola's side survived a tame opening peri-od as second half goals from Sterling, Kevin De Bruyne and Ilkay Gundogan put Villa to the

sword. City's second successive league victory lifted them above Leicester into second place and put pressure on Liverpool to beat Tottenham in Sunday's clash at Anfield.

The only frustration for Guardiola was a red card for Fernandinho, who was dismissed after earning a second booking when he tugged at Keinan Davis in the 87th minute.

City were upset by Wolves in their last league fixture at the Etihad Stadium, but Guardiola had never lost back-to-back home league games as a manager.

Sterling's latest virtuoso display came just days after his second hat-trick of the campaign in City's Champions League demo-lition of Atalanta.

Earlier, Leicester City went into the Premier League record books on Friday with a 9-0 hammer-ing of Southampton that equalled the biggest ever win in the history of the division.

Ayoze Perez and Jamie Vardy both hit hat-tricks as Brendan Rodgers' side moved second with a huge win that continued their superb start to the season. The rout equalled Manchester United's 9-0 demolition of Ipswich at Old Trafford in March

1995 Leicester are just five points behind league leaders Liverpool.



Leicester blank Southampton 9-0 in English Premier League

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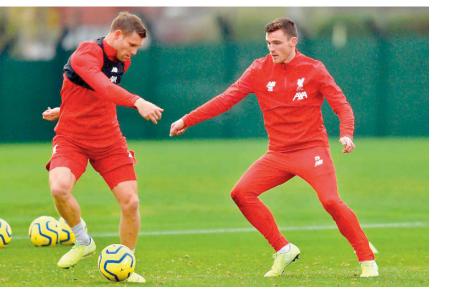
Leicester City's Jamie Vardy (centre) celebrates after scoring his third goal during their English Premier League match against Southampton at St Mary's Stadium in Southampton on Friday. Leicester won 9-0.

Liverpool brace for Spurs battle

Liverpool, Oct. 26: The comprehensive midweek defeat of Red Star Belgrade raised hopes Tottenham Hotspur have turned the corner after a dismal start to the season but their revival will face a stiff test when they face Liverpool at Anfield on Sunday.

It will be the first meeting between the two sides since their confrontation in the Champions League final in Madrid in June, which since Jurgen Klopp's side have pushed on from their victory and took control of the early Premier League running. Tottenham coach Pochettino Mauricio admitted on Friday that defeat has weighed heavily on his players and has

bled into their miserable early season form that suggests June's final was a



Liverpool's James Milner (left) and Andrew Robertson train ahead of their Premier - LIVERPOOL League match against Tottenham Hotspur at Anfield on Saturday.

coach added. Meanwhile, Manchester

Back then Ron Atkinson Live on

Sindhu bows out of French Open

Paris, Oct. 26: Ace Indian shuttler P.V. Sindhu failed to stop her recent-run of early exits after the reigning world champion crashed out in the quarterfinals of the French Open after a three-game defeat to top seed Tai Tzu Ying of

The fifth seeded Indian went down 16-21, 26-24, 17-21 to the World No.1 Tai Tzu Ying in a hard-fought match that lasted one hour 15 minutes.

Chinese Taipei here. The fifth seeded Indian went down 16-21, 26-24, 17-21 to the World No.1 shuttler in a hard-fought match that lasted one hour 15 minutes on Friday night. This the 10th time Sindhu had lost to Tzu

Ying, who now enjoys a dominant 10-5 record over the Indian.

Sindhu had last defeated the Asian Games gold medallist on the way to World her maiden Championship title in August. The 24-year-old

Indian had also got the better of Tzu Ying during 2016 Olympics before knocking out the number one women's singles play-er in the World Tour Finals last year.

This was also world number six, Sindhu's fourth successive early exit from a tournament since claiming the World Championship at Basel, Switzerland in August. The Indian has struggled to find form since then.

Tiger surprises himself at Zozo

Inzai (Japan), Oct. 26: Tiger Woods surprised himself with a second straight 64 Saturday for a two-stroke lead over Gary Woodland at the halfway stage of the rain-delayed Zozo Championship in Japan.

"I'm surprised that I was able to score as well as I admitted Woods, have. who is playing his first tournament for two months after having arthroscopic knee surgery.

"It usually that takes a little bit of time. I've been able to strike my irons pretty well this week so far and that's been nice," he added.

The 15-time major winner lit up the back nine in five-under 31 to take control on an empty Narashino Country Club course, closed to spectators for safety after soaking up more than six inches (150mm) of rain during

Fridav's washout. "I had made a couple putts today and I went to put my hand up and I'm like, don't put your hand up, there's no one clapping," said Woods.



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and that's been nice. - TIGER WOODS after grabbing lead at the Gary Woodland

Chasing recordequalling 82nd PGA Tour victory, Woods had bounced back from bogey-Woods had ing his opening three holes to shoot a mesmerising 64 with nine birdies in Thursday's first round. -AFP

LEWIS FIFTH IN SECOND PRACTICE

Mexico City: Lewis Hamilton's hopes of wrapping up his sixth drivers world title this weekend dimmed on Friday when he languished in fifth place behind Sebastian Vettel and Ferrari after second free practice at the Mexican Grand Prix. After topping the times in the opening session, the defending five-time champion was unable to resist the pace of his main rivals as four-time champion Vettel delivered a best lap in one minute and 16.607 seconds. "It wasn't good enough," said Mercedes boss Toto Wolff, whose team clinched an unprecedented sixth championship double last time out in Japan, On an overcast but warm day

at the Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez, the outright pace of the Ferraris ruled on the main straight with Max Verstappen, winner of the last two Mexican races for Red Bull, also showing competitive pace. The Dutchman was second, just one-tenth down on Vettel but four-tenths ahead of Charles Leclerc with Hamilton's Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas fourth. - AFP

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We said at half time, keep your speed in the game and we have to punish them. We have

to come out of the boy zone and play like men and respect the game. They are very talented and learning to be ruthless.

- BRENDAN RODGERS Leicester City coach

nign-water mark 'It means a lot for the club to reach the final of the Champions League but for the players or the coaching staff we felt empty after the game," Pochettino said ahead of the trip to Merseyside.

"Now we have full energv and we have recovered from that situation and now it's the moment to build again our confidence and trust and start to show our real talent and

potential," the tottenham

New Delhi, Oct. 26:

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was sacked to pave the United travel to Norwich way for Alex Ferguson's Sunday hoping the arrival at Old Trafford, promising performance to but United's executive vice-chairman hold Premier League lead-Woodward has ers Liverpool last weekemphatic in his belief that end proves to be a turning point in their season Ole Gunnar Solskjaer is rather than another false the man.

A 1-1 draw against the European champions still left United just two points above the relegation zone in 14th place after their Europa Thursday. worst start to a league season in 33 years.

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE Ed Arsenal vs Crystal Palace been Liverpool vs Tottenham

Solskjaer managed to avoid matching another unwanted club record of 12 away games without a win with a 1-0 victory at Partizan Belgrade in the League e on — AFP

OPENER TAMIM TO NOT BE A PART OF **INDIA'S TOUR**

from 10 pm

Hotspur

from 10 pm

Norwich City vs

Manchester United

from 10 pm

All matches on Star

Sports

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Dhaka, Oct. 26: Bangladesh opening batsman Tamim Iqbal has pulled out of next month's Twenty20 and Test tour of India on personal grounds, the Bangladesh Cricket Board said on Saturday. The 30-year-old Tamim – Bangladesh's top run scorer in all formats had indicated he would likely miss part of the tour to be with his wife as they expect their second child, chief selector Minhajul Abedin said.

Bangladesh are scheduled to play three Twenty20 internationals and two Tests in India in November, starting in Delhi on November 3.

Tamim missed Bangladesh's recent tri-series Twenty20 tournament after a dip in form. The left-hander also struggled in the World Cup in England, where he scored only 235 in eight innings, a 29.37 average.

The 30-year later made interim captain for a three-match one-day international series in Sri Lanka in the absence of injured regular skipper Mashrafe Mortaza. But the leadership role failed to bring out his best. -PTI

Double trouble



Tímea Babos (left) and her doubles partner Kristina Mladenovic walk the ramp before the start of the season-ending WTA finals in Shenzen on Friday.

FEDEX DISPATCHES tsitsipas in Basel

Basel (Switzerland), Oct. 26: Roger Federer defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas in straight sets 6-4, 6-4 to make his 15th final at the Swiss Indoors on Saturday.

Earlier, Australia's Alex de Minaur survived a barrage of 26 aces from American giant Reilly Opelka to battle to a 7-6 (7/2), 6-7 (4/7), 7-6 (7/3) win the other semifinal of the Swiss Indoors.

The world number 28 is the first Australian to reach the Basel final since Mark Philippoussis finished runners-up in 1997

De Minaur, who measures up at 1.80m compared to Opelka's towering 2.11m, set up victory with a passing winner for four match points.

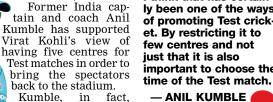
Opelka saved the first with an ace but was caught out on the second as his opponent sealed the win. Agencies











Kumble, in fact, wants the BCCI to go back to the old tradiformer Indian captain 1 tion of the 80s and 90s Kolkata of course," he where Test matches

at specific centres added. Earlier this week, the were held during final Test between India festivities. During the 80s and 90s the and South Africa witnessed lukewarm а BCCI calender used to response from the Indian have Tests on New Year crowd in Ranchi, promptin Kolkata and in ing Kohli to suggest the Chennai at the time of idea of five permanent Test centres for future home series, similar to the

'I think that has certainly been one of the ways of promoting Test cricket. By restricting it to few centres and not just that it is also important to choose the time of the Test match," Kumble was quoted as saying by CricketNext.

Pongal.

are the centres where you are going to play Test match cricket in prior to 'We all remember that in the festival time, the start of the season so during the festival of that you can market Test Pongal, the Test cricket and you can make match used to hapsure that the crowd come pen in Chennai. in," Kumble said. "When I was the coach, I And the start of the season used think we played in six difto be in Delhi, ferent centres, they were Bengaluru would have a all new centres and the match, Mumbai one centre it was packed Гest

would have a Test match,

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back to coaching again, this time as director of cricket operations at Kings XI Punjab, also lent support to the idea of

India playing day-night Tests. "I think day-night Test cricket will certainly bring in the crowds towards the latter half of that game," Kumble said. 'You also need to choose

because we've seen in daynight ODIs, the ball gets really wet because of due. So, you may have to choose the venue and time

of the year," he added. World No.1 India, put up a dominant effort in all departments to whitevisitors South wash Africa 3-0 in the recentlyconcluded Test Series after winning their last two overseas series in the West Indies and Australia. They also lead the World

Test championship with 240 points. "Yes, I believe so and even three years ago when

I was the coach, I did mention that this team certainly has everything in them to dominate world cricket," he said. -PTI

atmosphere was brilliant it is in the heart of the city that was one of the reasons that the crowd could come in irrespective of the time of the day,"

The 49-year-old, who is the right time of the year