

Tree waste still lying

Some branches of a tree were chopped by GHMC workers on October 6 near the community hall at Esamia Bazaar. Since then, no one has come to cart it away. The waste is causing inconvenience to commuters. — Vellore Sahil

Delays, poor quality repair on display

Repair Syed Jung Lane completely

I was pleased to see my complaint and suggestion printed in Speak Out (Repair Syed Jung lane, October 7). The GHMC has taken some action by filling potholes in a patchwork fashion. This has given some relief to commuters. I request the GHMC to get the road fully repaired.

— Suresh Raichura

Uncleared garbage at PVNR Pillar No. 100

It is very unfortunate that garbage near Pillar No. 100 of the P.V. Narasimha Rao Expressway is not being cleared by the GHMC for days. Despite the many complaints lodged about sanitary issues, the local supervisor does not respond. What is worse, colony residents are throwing garbage though they have been asked not to.

— Mir Ahmed
Hyderabad

Bank visitors occupy Chintalbasti parking

This is the situation beside the Government Degree College at Chintalbasti, Khairatabad. We are facing many problems as employees of the ICICI Bank are parking their vehicles in the narrow lane. In spite of complaining to the bank officials many times, they are allowing this to happen. I request the Hyderabad traffic police to take action and impose a penalty for illegal parking under the Motor Vehicles Act.

— Kadaram Haridhar
Chintalbasti, Khairatabad

Drunks' nuisance near Sitaphalmandi railway cabin

Drunks regularly create a nuisance on the railway tracks between Sitaphalmandi B cabin and the railway station. On November 5, at about 9 pm, they attacked a passerby. When the colony residents went to his rescue, the miscreants started hurling stones at them and then escaped. We complained to the police and the railway cabin staff alerted security personnel at the Sitaphalmandi station but the drunks had fled by then. We are terrified after this incident.

Some residents have witnessed anti-social activities. Girls who are walking alone are being teased. They enter the area through a small passage near Pragathi School. The passage was closed by the railway authorities but has been broken open. Regular police patrolling on the tracks near 'B' Cabin will deter these drunks.

— New Mettuguda Residents Welfare Association

GHMC doesn't allow me to pay tax

The online GHMC property payment website clearly indicates that I have paid the tax in advance and is not accepting payment for two years now. Our repeated attempts to contact the designated inspector at the Secunderabad GHMC office proved futile as there was no concrete response towards fulfilling the tax payment.

The worst is the utter indifference of the GHMC employees. My earlier attempts to inform the GHMC by email also did not evoke any response till date! The owner of an identical flat above mine in the same building has been able to make online tax payments.

— Gopalakrishnan C.S.
PTIN 11xxxxx779



Dabeerpura nala work pending for 6 mths

Work is pending on the big sewerage nala for over six months near Dabeerpura Darwaza, opposite Ali Cafe Main Road. The picture depicts the scene in the area near the Dabeerpura Darwaza. Despite calling the GHMC

and lodging complaints so many times, they are not responding. Because of the narrow road, traffic heading to Noor Khan Bazaar, Purani Haveli, Darul Shifa, Kali Khabar, Yakutpura Bada Bazaar is slowing down at

Dabeerpura Darwaza crossroad. There is also no place to park vehicles. Requesting the corporator or the MLA or the GHMC authorities to look this issue has not been of help. — Abdul Aleem
Hafez Babanagar

Builder on Tilak Road allows water to stagnate

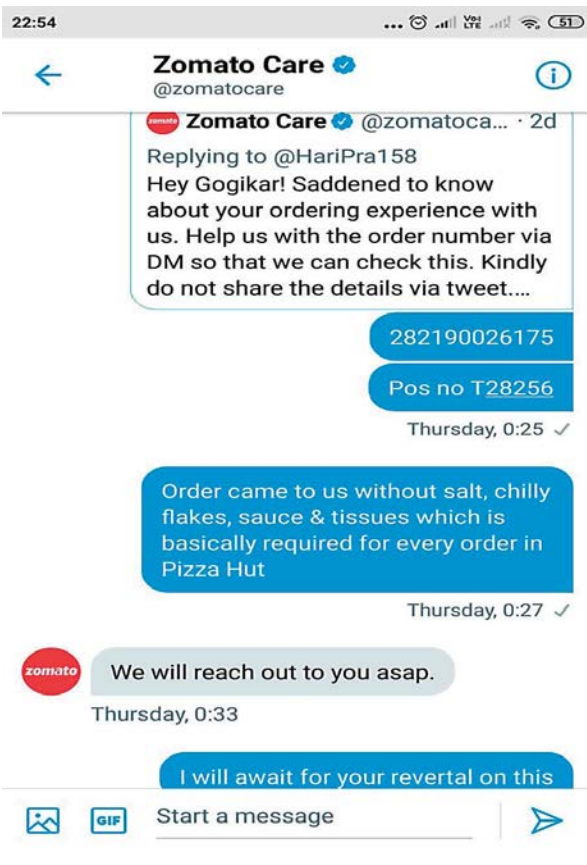
These are pictures of a construction site on Tilak Road at Boggulakunta where water has been stagnating for more than a month. It is causing a foul smell and there is a danger of mosquitoes breeding and spreading dengue. We have made many requests to clear the water but there has been no action. Please help.

— Ramesh Rahul

Ashoka trees cause of much trouble

The Ashoka trees on Street No. 15, Himayatnagar, in the Red Cross lane are becoming breeding places for mosquitoes. No one is trimming the overgrown trees despite our complaints to both the electricity department and the GHMC. We are also face a problem of dried branches which may fall on passersby and injure them. I request the officials through our ever reliable and evergreen paper to take up the matter without delay.

— Ramachander Rao
Hyderabad



Pizza Hut, Zomato combo is slow and cold

I had ordered pizza from Pizza Hut through Zomato for ₹700 (Order No. 1918017045). The pizza box was not properly packed and the delivery executive was carrying it on the petrol tank of his motorcycle.

He said that was the condition of the parcel given by Pizza Hut. He was not ready to cancel the order as the payment had been made online. It took more than one hour to deliver the order, and the pizza was so cold came without sauce, salt or pepper with it. I complained to Zomato and Pizza Hut customer care but they have not responded.

— Hari Prasad Gogikar
Hyderabad



How green was my park

This is the pathetic conditions of Vengala Rao Park on Road No. 1, Banjara Hills. I request officials to clean it up immediately.

— Basharat Mohammed Ali Khan
Banjara Hills



Open book stalls at Metro stations

Metro Rail commuters who want to buy newspapers or magazines while travelling cannot do so as there are no vendors. There is a need to open a book stall and a coffee shop at all Metro

rail stations to cater to the needs of commuters. I request the management of Hyderabad Metro Rail to look into the matter.

— Syed Nissar, Malakpet

Gayathreenagar road not swept for 3 months

The road in front of Gayathreenagar Residential Apartments, TSIC Colony, Jeedimetla, Hyderabad, has not been swept clean by the GHMC for three weeks. The road sweeping staff engaged by the GHMC are not seen now. The condition is pathetic with garbage strewn on the road which is posing a health hazard to the residents. We have lodged complaints with the GHMC via their customer care phone number 040-21111111 and even called their area supervisor but to our dismay there was no proper response. I request DC to highlight this issue in the 'My Issue' column and bring it to the attention of the GHMC for their prompt and immediate action.

— Dinesh Joshi
Gayathreenagar Residential Apartments, Jeedimetla



Garbage, open nala constrict Tolichowki road

This is in Tolichowki, 7 Tombs road. The volume of traffic has vastly increased after the closure of the Shaikpet Nala road. There is an open drain and there is a lot of garbage lying on the road. The 80-foot road has turned into a 20-foot road, which restricts traffic flow. The roads are in a very bad condition leading to a huge traffic jam every day. I request the authorities to look into this matter immediately and please remove the bottleneck.

— Akshit Agarwal
Tolichowki



A woman met with an accident while crossing the road near Metro Rail pillar A840 opposite a two-wheeler showroom in Kukatpally and died. I request the authorities to provide traffic lights or close the crossing – Maddukuri K.

PEOPLE HAPPY TO BREAK RULES FOR PARKING

Outsiders occupy parking space

I live in Red Hills where the roads are narrow and parking space is limited to the people who live there. But cars and auto trolley drivers are parking their vehicles on the road, which is blocking the one-way road. This is not just a problem for the people who live here but also for those that use the road daily. Sometimes they are stuck for 30 minutes or more. Imagine if a police car or an ambulance is stuck. The officials should take this issue seriously and take action.

—Syed Shamsuddin Maghrabi Red Hills



Parked cars occupy road near Thumkunta lake

The 18-feet approach road to the community having more than 150 apartments is always blocked due to the unauthorised parking of cars from a workshop on Hitec City Road, near Thumukunta lake. They even park at the blind turn and on the steep slope, blocking the view completely for the drivers and bike riders. We have tried all possible measures to stop this including filing multiple police complaints.

— Ragini Ravikiran K. Hyderabad

Vodafone, return my money!

I have been using the Vodafone network for 11 years. From January, my balance is being deducted every month. In spite of lodging many complaints, the deductions are still being done. I want my money back.

— Jabeen, 9966992137

Toxic foam ruining our gadgets, utensils

We residents of Siddhartha Colony are facing a lot of problems due to improper sewage and the toxic polluted foam that is forming in the water. Because of the pollution, utensils and electronic gadgets are getting spoiled. We have informed the officials regarding the situation but no action has been taken. I request you to please highlight the issue.

— Rajan Mansi Sounder, Siddharthanagar Colony, Dammaiguda

Booze shop at Bandlaguda 700m from main road

A liquor shop has been opened almost a year ago, 700 metres from the main road. People have complained to the local police about this but to no avail. Every day, we see drunken women and men fallen on road.

When we try to interact with people, they are afraid of complaining against the owner so he seems to be well-connected.

The AIMIM and TRS corporator offices are just 300 metres away from the bar but even they are quiet.

I contacted the commissioner's office and they suggested that I download the Hawkeye app on my mobile and upload the pictures and lodge a complaint. I did so but no action has been taken.

— Imran Khan Patel Nagar, Bandlaguda



Dogs make it difficult at P&T Colony

I want to bring to your notice the dog menace haunting the residents of P&T Colony, Bandlaguda Jagir. Our colony has upgraded from gram panchayat to municipality. Many of us have tried to report the issue of dogs but they have fallen on deaf ears.

There are at least 20 stray dogs on the roads and they make it difficult for residents, especially women who travel on bikes, to commute. There are many kids who wait for their school bus in the morning and senior citizens who take their morning walk who also face trouble.

Unfortunately, instead of taking precautions by controlling this dog menace, the municipality is waiting for some incident to happen after which this issue might get controlled. My request for you is to bring highlight this nuisance that has been causing the residents trouble.

— Zubair Razack Hyderabad



A year on, Kanajiguda road is still incomplete

The GHMC has taken up construction of a cement road from Kanajiguda main road (Indian Oil petrol pump) to Telecom Colony arch (Kaman). Work started in January but has still not been completed, and about 100 metres still needs to be done. Due to this, it has become a nightmare for the residents of Telecom Colony, and surrounding colonies like Muthyam Reddy Colony, Shiva Nagar Colony, Padmavati Colony, who use this road.

Further, RTC bus on Route No 23T to our colony has been stopped as the drivers say they cannot drive on the road. It has become very difficult for children, women, senior citizens, disabled people of the locality who depend on RTC buses.

— Ashwin Kumar Telecom Colony, Kanajiguda, Alwal

Even educated people spit in the park

While walking in the park, what I saw aggravated my feelings and prompted me to make an appeal. One of the members of a laughing club came aside a few steps from the group, spat on the turf and rejoined the exercises. Next, I observed a man with a long, white beard spat on tiles next to the walking track. These two are senior citizens, apparently educated.

Very frequently, while travelling by autorickshaws and taxis, I have noticed the drivers spitting in the open. Upon inquiry, it is noticed that the reason for their spitting is use of gutka.

I used to tell them to stop the habit as it is harmful. The old and even the young are accustomed to 'gutka' and paan and spit in the open indecently, unmindful of the harm of spreading TB and other diseases.

In the old days, Hyderabad was notorious for paan spittle on the roads and corners of the office steps etc. The authorities attempted to prevent the practice by displaying religious symbols.

The practice is reduced nowadays to a certain extent. On account of this obnoxious and indecent practice, our Telugu states rank high in TB incidence. May wisdom dawn on all to stop this bad habit in the interest of public health and the image of the nation.

— P. Yellamanda Narayanguda

How are trucks allowed on Patny flyover?



Are trucks allowed on the Patny flyover in Secunderabad in the day time? Making this dangerous situation worse, a stone truck is overtaking a sand truck from the left on such a narrow flyover. Please stop playing with our lives!

— Pramod Y. Hyderabad

Tirumala price hike unacceptable

The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam has recently increased room rent from ₹500 to ₹1,000, which is a huge burden on the devotees.

I request the TTD management not to increase the room rent as thousands of devotees comes from different parts of the country for darshan. Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam authorities should first provide accommodation and darshan to the devotees.

— Padmavathi Vikram Raj K.N., Kacheguda

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Now, civic polls

MIM president Asaduddin Owaisi tells cadre to gear up for the upcoming municipal elections in the state

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KCR does not have the least bit of humanity in him. He is like a dictator

— Ponnala Lakshmaiah
Congress leader

IN BRIEF

WOMAN SLITS LOVER'S WIFE'S THROAT

DC CORRESPONDENT
ANANTAPUR, NOV. 10

In a bizarre incident, a woman attacked her lover's wife and slit her throat, at Erranela Kottala in Anantapur on Sunday. The victim, B Maheswari, has a one-year-old son and is five months pregnant with another child. She was badly injured and had to have 32 stitches to her throat and is battling for life. Police said V. Srinivas, a labourer living in Erranela Kottala had an affair with Reshma who lived in the same colony. However, he married B. Maheswari and the couple had a son.

Reshma, according to the police, wanted the affair to continue.

She told Maheswari to leave Srinivas and threatened her several times over the phone. Maheswari warned her to keep away from them.

Thinking she could eliminate the wife, Reshma barged into Srinivas' house on Sunday when he was not there, carrying a sharp blade with which she attacked Maheswari and slit her throat.

Neighbours took the injured woman to hospital and contacted Srinivas by phone. Doctors at the hospital said Maheswari required 32 stitches.

The police have registered a case against Reshma based on Maheswari's statement and have arrested her.

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Public in General are hereby informed that our clients are intending to enter into Joint Venture Transaction with Esplanade Developers Private Limited, (formerly Millennia Properties Private Limited) and Incor Central Park Properties Limited in respect of land to the extent 2.49 acres and 0.99 Acres of Commercial area comprising 3.42 acres out of total land measuring 11.452 Acres in survey No. 1009 of Kukatpally Village and Mandal, Medchal - Malkajgiri Dist. Telangana State bounded by: North: by 24 Meters wide Road, South: by 18 ft. wide Road, East: By One City Residential Project, West: By Road to Hi-Tech City.

If any Person has any objection for the above said transaction, he or she may submit his/her objections along with relevant documents within 15 days from the date of this publication to the undersigned at the address given below.

Please note that in case no objections are received from anyone, our clients shall be treating that there are no claims against above property and above parties will go ahead with the proposed transaction.

In such event any claims or objections at later stage, will not be entertained.

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That my client Mr. M.A. Sattar, S/o. G.M. Mahmood entered into a registered MOU with G. Shyam Prasad Reddy, S/o. G. Ranga Reddy, R/o. Alluri Mewods, White Field, Cyberabad, having paid huge amount to him and who has agreed to transfer 600 square yards in the proposed gated community venture in survey No. 218/11 part, 218/12 part and 218/13 situated at Kondapur Village, Serilingampally Mandal, Ranga Reddy District.

Therefore the general public are hereby informed not to enter into any agreement or sale deeds in respect of the above said property with G. Shyam Prasad Reddy otherwise they shall be doing so at their risk. Further my client is initiating legal proceedings shortly to protect my client rights.

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Drunk techie's car kills two on flyover

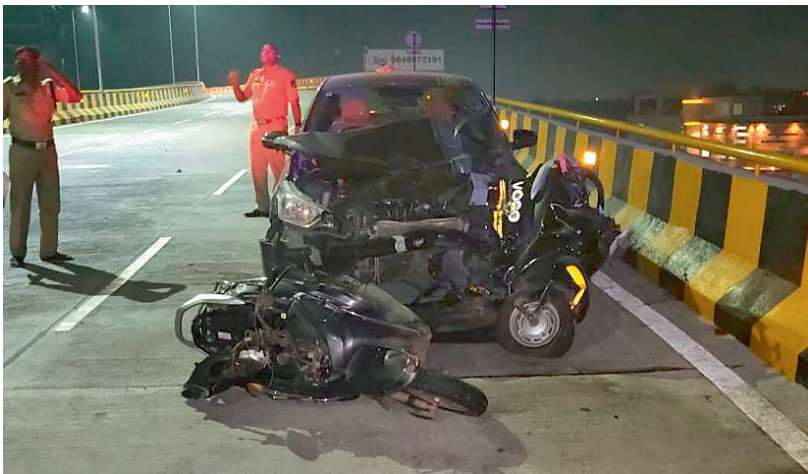
Victims were taking selfie when mishap took place

JAYENDRA
CHAITHANYA T. | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 10

A drunk techie who was driving a car mowed down two youngsters who were taking selfies on the newly-inaugurated Biodiversity junction flyover at Raidurgam around 12.45 am on Sunday.

Four others, who were also on the flyover around the same time suffered injuries but are stated to be out of danger. N. Sai Vamshi and his friend V. Praveen Kumar, both 22, were heading towards Gachibowli and stopped near a curve on the flyover. They were taking selfies after parking their bike on the left side of the road.

At the same time, cousins C. Sai Krishna and C. Pavan Kumar were pushing their bike that had a punctured tyre towards Gachibowli while two others P. Muralikrishna



Newly-inaugurated Biodiversity junction flyover where the accident took place late on Saturday night.

and G. Subhash, were travelling on a bike on the same route.

Meanwhile, P. Abhilash, 28, a software engineer working with an MNC, and resident of Kukatpally, rammed his speeding car (TS08 FY 1069) into Sai and Pavan, and then Vamshi and Praveen, and before

the came to a halt after hitting another bike.

"The impact of the crash was so horrifying that Vamshi and Praveen were thrown to the ground below the flyover. They died on the spot, while the remaining four sustained minor injuries," said Raidurgam inspector S.

Ravinder. Abhilash has been taken into custody. His blood alcohol content was recorded at over 200 mg.

A case has been registered against him, the inspector said. Vamshi worked as a salesman with a mobile carrier company while Praveen was a photographer.

Photo of murder suspect released

DC CORRESPONDENT
TIRUPATI, NOV. 10

The Madanapalle subdivision police on Sunday released the picture of a suspect, believed to have kidnapped and murdered a five-year-old girl in Angullu village in Kurabalakota mandal, Chittoor district, a couple of days ago.

The girl, E. Varshini, was attending a wedding at K.N.R. Convention Centre in Kurabalakota mandal on November 7 with her parents Sidda

Reddy and Usha Rani, who are from Guttapalayam village in B. Kothakota mandal of Chittoor district. Varshini is suspected to have been abducted by an unknown person hours before she was killed.

The incident sent shock-waves across the state amidst reports that the five-year-old could have been molested and murdered.

Madanapalle police have formed special teams to nab the accused at the earliest.

MROs don't work without taking bribe, farmers allege

IREDDY SRINIVAS
REDDY | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 10

The brutal killing of Abdullapurmet mandal revenue officer K Vijaya Reddy has unleashed a slew of allegations against revenue department staff.

Farmers across the state who frequently visit revenue offices for pattadar passbooks and land mutations, accuse revenue officers of not doing their work unless they are bribed. Ms

Latha, wife of K. Suresh,

prime accused in the killing of Vijaya Reddy, said her husband had told her that he had killed the revenue officer because she had demanded money for issuing a patta for his land. Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao has several times referred to the corruption in the revenue department and said he wants to weed it out by enacting a new revenue law.

It is not surprising that data from the Anti-Corruption Bureau reveals that of the 207

cases of bribery, it has booked in past two years, 50 cases are against revenue department staff and officers. In these cases, most of the employees named are in the ranks of revenue divisional officer, tahsildar, deputy tahsildar, village revenue officers and revenue inspectors and they demand bribes ranging from ₹5,000 to ₹5 lakh. According to the ACB, a revenue official working within the periphery of Hyderabad Outer Ring Road demands a bribe in lakhs.

Hoarding caused Amberpet wall collapse

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They were immediately rushed to Osmania General Hospital, where Krishna, Sohail and Suresh succumbed. The woman was dead on arrival. Majeed fractured his left leg, left hand, and ribs.

K. Lalitha, the bride's mother, was shocked. "The celebrations were on and the guests left for the dining hall," she said. "We heard a loud noise and the stage shook. There was dust everywhere. A few minutes later, we heard about the injured."

The groom's father, K. Sadanand of Narsimha basti in New Nallakunta, said, "We could not find a function hall nearby and booked this one for ₹41,000. The wall was not present in September and some work was in progress. The owner assured me the work would be completed before the wedding. After the renovation, this was the first wedding here."

The groom's family and relatives were shifted to the bride's house at New Nallakunta, said K. Srinivas, a cousin of the bride. He runs a beauty parlour.

East Zone DCP M. Ramesh promised to register a case against the owner of the wedding hall and other responsible persons.



A rescue team clears the debris of the collapsed wall under which four people died, at the Pearl Garden function hall on Sunday.

Vijaya Laxmi was a neighbour of the bride in Narsimha basti. She and her husband Yadagiri had proceeded for lunch. She finished and went to sit in auto to rest; her husband was about to emerge from the hall when the wall collapsed. "My mother was resting in the auto and wanted to go home," said daughter Sailaja, of Kukatpally. "But the wall collapsed and she was crushed."

Mahesh, brother of

Krishna and a resident of Miyapur rushed to hospital but was shocked to learn that his sibling was dead.

"I got a call from my parents that Krishna was injured and in hospital," said a sobbing Mahesh. "I rushed from Miyapur along with cousins and saw him dead."

The accident was caused by the building owner's massive hoarding, which was dangerously installed.

The collapse is just the

tip of the iceberg. An estimated 99 per cent of building owners in the city are renovating without clearing structural stability with qualified engineers.

Citing lacunae in building permission rules, property owners are changing original structures at will in the name of renovations. To save money, they are hiring local masons unaware of structural stability who cannot be regulated by the Greater Hyderabad

Municipal Corporation (GHMC). Authorities claimed they cannot interfere and enforce with the building owners during renovations after giving building permission. Also, the corporation cannot check structural stability during renovation since the builders were merely renewing an old structure.

K. Srinivas Rao, chairman for the Telangana chapter of the Institute of Town Planners India, said the building owner's greed (to save money) resulted in the tragedy. He said the property owner was erecting a mega-hoarding with the function hall's name on it, but the beam could not take the load and the wall collapsed.

"Any building undergoing renovation would face similar danger since the property owner would only concentrate on beautification, ignoring the vital stability part," Rao said. "No nodal agency has the authority to penalise or check the structural stability of the old building since it already had building permission. These loopholes allowed property owners to indulge in malpractices." Another grave concern was brick quality. Rao said most building owners compromised on construction material.

5th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

K. SATHEESAN
(Retired TATA COFFEE/ SIFCO Employee)
D.O.B: 11.11.2014
"Ever since you left us, five years have passed but your memories are still fresh in our hearts". Not a single day passes without remembering you.
Inserted by: Family Members
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DRUNK MAN CLIMBS TV TOWER

Hyderabad: Gangadhar Goud, a 37-year-old car driver, climbed up TV tower in Malakpet in an inebriated condition on Sunday evening.

He stayed up there for nearly two hours, until he was

coaxed into coming down by the police.

Malakpet Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP), N. Venkata Ramana, said Goud was a resident of Asmaraghar locality located close to the TV tower.

SHRADHANJALI

SRI. SANJAY KADAKIA
S/o. Late. Rajnikant & Jayawanti Ben Kadakia
D.O.B. 08-07-1963
D.O.D. 08-11-2019
We will miss you
Inserted by:
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Ashit & Mamta
Sanjay & Shrefali
Kanubhai & Meenakshi
Kakul Bhai & Rita
Rajesh & Smurthi
Rajesh & Anupa
Nilesh & Shruti
Shoba & Late Pradeep
Anil & Preeti
Gopal & Sangita
Ashesh & Nipa
Dharmesh & Deepali
Lalo & Pinka
Tinu & Swati

BESNU

SRI. SANJAY KADAKIA
S/o. Late. Rajnikant & Jayawanti Ben Kadakia
D.O.B. 08-07-1963 D.O.D. 08-11-2019
Besnu Today 11-11-2019, at Sindhi Salsang Bhavan, P.G. Road, Secunderabad. Between 5.00 To 5.30 P.M.
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11th DAY CEREMONY

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1st Death Anniversary

Late Sri Kesani Raji Reddy
1979 - 2018
On Monday, 11-11-2019 from 12 noon onwards
Laxma Reddy Garden, Near Inner Ring Road, Champapet. Ph: 9948954699, 9885511603
Wife: Kesani Sushmitha Reddy
Father: Kesani Anji Reddy
Mother: Devendramma and Family
MARUTHI CONSTRUCTIONS

17th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Shri K. BALRAJ
(Addl. SP Retd.)
Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed, and very dear.
Wife: K. Uma Balraj
Sons and Daughter
Daughters-in-law, Son-in-law, Jahanvika, Anikka, Arjun
(CA-3064)

8th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Dr. RAGULA JEEVARATNAM
DOB: 26.01.1925 DOD: 11.11.2011
"We still cherish your memories"
Inserted by:
Mrs. R. Padma Jeevaratnam
Children, Grand Children & Great Grand Son

10th DEATH ANNIVERSARY
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Ps. 23:6

Mrs. P. VIOLET BHUSHNAM
W/o. M.P. Bhushnam (Retd. Dy. Collector)
Slept in the Lord: 11-11-2009
Ever since you left us. Years passed by but your memories are still fresh in our hearts not a single day passed without remembering you.
Inserted by: M.P. Bhushnam & Family
Ph: 9440809072 / 8008049872

IN FOND MEMORY OF

P. SURYAKUMARI REDDY
W/o. Late P.B. Venkat Reddy I.F.S.
Conservator of Forests
DOD: Nov. 01, 2019
11th DAY CEREMONY on Monday, 11th Nov. 2019 at residence, 1302/A, Road No. 65, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad.
With love Lalitha & Sethu
Pranav, Suparna, Vishal, Pavitra
Mob: 9573739010

OBITUARY

M. KRISHNA
D.O.D: 11.11.1982
Inserted by:
M. Ranappa, M. Ganesh, M. Kalavathi
(B/1920/D00129)

SHRADHANJALI

SANJAY R KADAKIA
We pray god to provide peaceful abode to the departed soul and give courage to the bereaved family
MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE.
MISS YOUS
BHASKER BHATT, SURESH AGARWAL, VASANT KHERKAR, KETAN SHAH, PRAKASH SHAH, JITU BHAI PATEL, JAYESH MODI, RAKESH SHAH

THANKS GIVING SERVICE
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Ps. 23:6

CLEMENT DOMINGO
Maint.Engineer KPMC, Riyadh (KSA)
Slept in the Lord: 11-11-2018
Prayer meeting will be held on 11-11-2019 at their residence Janapriya Heavens, Lalpet, Sec'Bad at 6 pm
Inserted by:
Rekha Clement (Wife)
John Livingston Clement (Son)
Ph: 7730084533

17th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Late Sri C.V. Raghava Chari
DOB: 18-04-1915 DOD: 20-10-2002
"You always remain in our hearts and thoughts"
Inserted by:
C. Vasudevan (Son)
Saroja, Vimala & Geeta (Daughters)
Srinivas (Son-in-law)
Raghuram (Grand Son-in-law)
Murali Krishna & Abhishek (Grand Sons)
Gayatri & Aishwarya (Grand Daughters)
Ananya, Aniket & Anurag (Great Grand Children)



For martyrs

British envoy Andrew Fleming marks Remembrance Sunday, lays wreath at World War 1 memorial at Chaderghat



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— B. Vinod Kumar
TS Planning Board vice-chairman

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10 am to 1 pm: Heeranagar, Sainagar, Pavan Garden, KRKM Garden, Shivbagh, Maheshnagar, Roof Garden, B a l a j i n a g a r, Satyanarayananagar, Gudimalkapur, VBG Garden, Navodaya Colony, Sabernagar, Huda Colony, Alinagar, Priya Colony, Jayanagar, Ushodaya Colony, Mandulaguda, Priya colony

10 am to 2 pm: Jwala PT Line, Nirdosh Line, Hanuman temple area, area around K.R. Suresh Reddy residence; VLCC, LG Showroom area, around Kiran Kumar Reddy's house.
2 pm to 5 pm: MLA Colony, area behind Apollo Hospital, Darga, area around Rajendra Prasad house, area surrounding D. Rama Naidu's house, BSNL area; Jubilee Hills Road No. 86, MLA Colony, Huda Heights, area behind house of Rajendra Prasad; area opposite Masjid, area around residence of N. Raghuvveera Reddy; Santhoshnagar, SBI Colony, Amba Garden, Gudimalkapur, Kranthinagar, Jeevan Kalyan Nagar, Hill Colony, Vijay Apartments, Sai Apartments, Huda Colony, Sai Gardens, Devarathna Apartments, Vijay Susheela Apartments, Ganesh Residency. Balajinagar, Satyanarayananagar, Crystal Garden, Gudimalkapur, Heeranagar, Sainagar, Pavan Garden, KRKM Garden, Shivbagh, Maheshnagar, Roof Garden.

IN BRIEF

MILAD-UN-NABI CELEBRATED WITH FERVOUR

ATHER MOIN | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 10

Milad-un-Nabi, the birth anniversary of Prophet Muhammad, was celebrated across the city with religious zeal and fervour on Sunday. There were processions and rallies in different parts of the city. Hundreds of people participated in the processions holding green flags and raising slogans in praise of the Prophet.

Streets, roads, bazaars, shopping centres and private buildings were beautifully decorated and illuminated with lights, colours, and banners bearing writings about the celebration of Milad-un-Nabi.

Police had deployed additional forces in communally sensitive areas in the old city in the wake of the verdict delivered by the Supreme Court on the Ayodhya dispute. Personnel of the Rapid Action Force and City Armed Reserve Force were deployed near Mecca Masjid and Charminar. Several community organisations held blood donation camps in the twin cities. Special dishes prepared at home by individuals and organisations were given free to the poor and fruits were distributed in hospitals. Conferences and special events were arranged to pay homage to the messenger of Islam.

The biggest congregation was held at Exhibition Ground, Nampally, organised by the All India Taamir-e-Millat. Eminent scholars addressed the gathering.

Renowned Islamic preacher Moulana Kaleem Siddiqui exhorted Muslims to follow the teachings and life of Prophet Muhammad, who overcame crises with peace. He said India is a country for Muslims as much as for other communities, and called upon the community to maintain good relations with fellow countrymen, adding that when Islam started spreading, it spread the message of peace.

Forum for Cultural Upgradation & Social Service (FOCUSS) commemorated the birthday celebrations of the Prophet Muhammad in a big way under the patronage of Maulana Dr Ahsan bin Mohammed al Hamoomi Imam of Royal Mosque, Nampally. It conducted two major blood donation camps, at Central Library, Afzal Gunj, and Eidgah Balamrai, Secunderabad.

Tough approach averted rioting

We were prepared by Dec. 6, '92: Rao

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 10

AYODHYA FLASHBACK



As the city received the Supreme Court judgment on the Ayodhya case with calm, memories went back to the tumultuous events after December 6, 1992, when Hyderabad and undivided Andhra Pradesh remained relatively peaceful when compared to some of the other states.

The man of the moment then was former DGP M.V. Bhaskar Rao, Hyderabad police commissioner at that time. Mr Rao shared his memories with *Deccan Chronicle* about how the police effectively handled the situation.

“Our advance preparedness helped us a lot to minimise the damage. Though there were hundreds of deaths in other metros, Hyderabad recorded only two fatalities and that too in police firing.”

Rioting and clashes were quickly quelled. Mr Rao had taken the hot seat when Hyderabad was reeling under communal rioting and hundreds of people had been killed from September 1989 to the middle of 1991.

In this tinderbox atmosphere here came the killing of additional superintendent of police, Krishna Prasad, and his gunman by terrorists during a raid on November 29, 1992. Emotions still raw in a smouldering city, the unprecedented demolition of the Babri Masjid on December 6 threatened to trigger a conflagration. The police in a sense began preparing just three days prior. “As soon as we received information of kar sevaks reaching Ayodhya in large num-

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— M.V. BHASKAR RAO
Former DGP, who was heading AP police in 1992

bers from across the country, we started our precautionary measures from December 3, 1992,” Rao recalls.

Police rounded up about 2,800 persons who had a history of communal rioting and each of them were capable of mobilising up to 50 people with just one call. These persons were distributed across 60 police stations in the city. They would ultimately stay in the police stations till normalcy was restored.

Three days later, when news of the demolition began filtering in, Mr Rao recalls being “really under tremendous pressure and tense.”

“We anticipated huge violence in the city keep-

ing in view past experience,” he said. The day passed off in a sullen quiet.

The next day, at about 9.45 am, he received information over the police radio of a huge mob that had gathered in the Charminar area and was pelting stones. “I ordered firing at ‘12 o’clock,’” he said, referring to police-speak to fire at the chest rather than in the air. Two people were killed and the mob dispersed.

“Soon after the firing we imposed curfew, which continued till December 23,” Mr Rao recalls. Police exempted medical shops and gave one-hour relaxations every day from 5 am to 6 am so that people could buy milk and essentials. “Officers were ordered to issue curfew passes preferable to women so that we could avoid having more men on the roads,” he said.

The police force was boosted in the restive south zone of the city which then had a population of more than 17 lakh Muslims. “I remained in my office in the Old City all those days,” he said.

By the time it all ended, a total of eight persons were killed in police firing and six others were stabbed to death in post-demolition riots. In the rest of erstwhile Andhra Pradesh, the toll was about 15. The death toll across the nation was more than 1,100.

He said that after normalcy was restored, parliament appreciated then chief minister Kotla Vijayabhaskar Reddy, for maintaining law and order in Hyderabad given its communal bloodletting just a year earlier.

Amid firing, cop learnt power of persuasion

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 10



Former DGP Anurag Sharma, who was the deputy commissioner of South Zone during December 6, 1992

I told the ACP it was looking awkward, as if they had isolated themselves from this society. I ordered the team to remove the barricades. Ayub Khan asked me for some time so that he could persuade the locals to remove the barricades themselves. By the next morning, he had succeeded.

— ANURAG SHARMA
Former DGP

We were patrolling Tappachabutra. As soon as our advance party crossed the area, a huge mob surrounded us and started pelting stones at our vehicles. We started a lathicharge and opened fire in the air. Kesava Reddy and I sustained injuries

— SUDHEEP LAKHTAKIA
Former DGP, NSG

thrashing mobs and opening fire at many places. When I reached Talabkatta, one of the most communally sensitive places, I noticed that A and B Colonies of Amannagar had been barricaded. I was not in a mood to either the

thrash those who put them up or open fire as I was damn tired,” he recalled.

Annoyed, he asked Ayub Khan, assistant commissioner of the City Armed Reserve, about it. After asking people, Khan reported back that the locals had put them up to protect themselves from mobs.

Sharma recalls, “I told the ACP it was looking awkward, as if they had isolated themselves from this society. I ordered the team to remove the barricades. Ayub Khan asked me for some time so that he could persuade the locals to remove the barricades themselves. By the next morning, he had succeeded.”

Sharma added: “This experience taught me a lesson that persuasion is more useful many times than using force.”

Another cop who came with a memory, albeit of a different kind, is Sudheep Lakhtakia, former DGP of the National Security Guard.

Lakhtakia was DCP, West Zone, injured during the stone-pelting in Tappachabutra area of Old City along with Kesava Reddy, then principal of the Police Training Centre at Amberpet while they were on patrolling.

After the demolition of the Babri Masjid, curfew also clamped in Tappachabutra, Asif Nagar, Humayunnagar, Habibnagar, Kulsumpura, and Mangalhat police stations of the West Zone. Lakhtakia, recalled, “We were patrolling Tappachabutra. As soon as our advance party crossed the area, a huge mob surrounded us and started pelting stones at our vehicles. We started a lathicharge and opened fire in the air. Kesava Reddy and I sustained injuries.”

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Bishop M. A. Daniel (Hyderabad Resident Bishop), greets members on the annual Thanksgiving day at the Centenary Methodist Church on Sunday.

— P. SURENDRA

METHODIST CHURCH MARKS THANKSGIVING

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 10

Centenary Methodist Church at Chapel Road celebrated Thanksgiving on the second Sunday of November. The church was decorated with fruits, vegetables and flowers. Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. The tradition was started in the United States by the first pilgrims and puritans who emigrated from England in the 1620s. The first crop that they harvested was offered to God. Bishop M.A. Daniel said the day gives Christians an opportunity to share the joy of the blessings received throughout the year. Church-goers put up on sale foodstuffs and the proceeds will go to charity.

ORR service road still haunts motorists

MADDY DEEKSHITH | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 10

THE CYBERABAD POLICE after conducting a ground level survey instructed the HMDA to instal LED lights from Kokapet to the Financial District on priority

BAD service roads on the Outer Ring Road (ORR), from Nanakramguda to Wipro lake are giving nightmares to commuters using the route

secretary Arvind Kumar to see that repairs were carried out on the stretch of road immediately.

Echoing his concern, Mr Ajay Reddy, another commuter who goes past Wipro Lake, said this stretch has become an arterial road especially for two-wheelers who cannot travel on the

ORR. Though a complaint was registered with the municipal authority six months ago, the authorities are yet to take note of it.

Mr Reddy said that the officials were not even responding to the grievances posted on social media.

Reacting to these complaints, ORR chief general manager B.L.N. Reddy said that HMDA had started work on repairing the roads. He said that impatient commuters are posting videos of bad roads on social media though work is in progress.

Asked whether tenders have been invited for the road work, constructing speed breakers and installing streetlights, Mr Reddy said that the municipal authority that the tenders for Kokapet service

road maintenance will be finalised on November 25 and the work order will be given within a week of that.

The Cyberabad police after conducting a ground level survey instructed the HMDA to instal LED lights from Kokapet to the Financial District on priority. The police specifically asked the municipal authority to instal LED lights at an underpass near Vertex Panache apartments for the safety of women.

To safeguard the lives of two-wheeler riders, it has asked the HMDA to construct scientific speed breakers to restrict the speed of four wheelers. The Cyberabad police also told the HMDA to instal amber flash lighting at Kokapet rotary and near the vehicle underpass.

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IMAGES AND MEMORIES

We wrapped up our celebrations to mark the 75th anniversary of Deccan Chronicle on May 15, by bringing a special compilation of seventy-five stories filled with intrigue and delight from the final days of the Nizamshahi, titled *Hyderabad: Images & Memories*

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Saraswati event

Congress MLA Jayaprakash 'Jagga' Reddy, party leader K. Jana Reddy attend Sapta Saraswati Mahotsavam in Sangareddy



I asked Lord Venkateswara for the happiness, welfare of Telugu states

— Sathyavathi Rathod
Tribal welfare minister

BRIEF

KTR invited to India-Oz meet

Hyderabad: IT and industries minister K.T. Rama Rao has been invited to the fourth annual Australia India Leadership Dialogue (AILD), to be hosted by the Australia India Institute (AII) in Melbourne from December 5-9. According to a press release from the minister's office, the prestigious Leadership Dialogue is AII's annual flagship event and a pre-eminent forum for government and non-government exchanges between influencers and decision-makers from both nations. Established in 2015, the Dialogue is held in each country in alternate years and covers a range of bi-lateral subjects, including governance, geopolitics, water security, trade, economics and business, education and health.

Vasavi parents lead fee fight

Hyderabad: The Vasavi Engineering College Parents' Association held a get together on Sunday at the Sundarayya Vignana Kendra at Barkatpura here to celebrate Supreme Court's judgment on regulating the fee being collected by the college. Association president N. Narayana said private engineering colleges can collect fee only as fixed by the Telangana Admission and Fee Regulatory Committee (TAFRC). The private college had hiked the fee, burdening parents of the students. When parents protested, the college got a favourable judgment from the High Court. The parents challenged this judgment in the Supreme Court which, Mr Narayana said, gave a judgment in favour of parents' association instructing that colleges return the fee collected in excess of that fixed by TAFRC. There are 201 private engineering colleges in the state. Ms Geetha, an advocate, said the get-together is to enlighten parents of students belonging to other engineering colleges, so that they too could fight injustice of colleges that collected high fee.

CITY DOC WINS VIJAYAWADA 21K RUN

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA NOV. 10

Dr Jaganmohan Reddy from Hyderabad won the 21-km half-marathon in 1 hour 26 minutes at in the Vijayawada Marathon 2019, organised by Vijayawada Runners here on Sunday.

Hundreds of citizens enthusiastically participated in the run. Children, youth, women and veterans from all corners of the city participated in all the categories, including 5K, 10K and 21K. The run was flagged off by Krishna collector A. Md Imtiaz.

Mr Imtiaz appreciated organiser T. Manideepak for the marathon that he said would transform the capital city into a healthy Amaravati.

Creating awareness with a slogan 'Health for All' is a good initiative, he said, and added that by organising these events, they would create awareness about the importance of walking, jogging and exercise for good health.

He said that creating health consciousness among people is very important. Eating a balanced diet will keep one fit and healthy, he added.

CID DIG, N.V. Trivikram Varma and Vijayawada Runners chairman T. Mani Deepak spoke. All the participants were given medals and participation certificates.



RTC employees and activists of Left parties burn an effigy of Chief Minister K. Chandrababhan Naidu in protest against lathicharge on RTC employees during the 'Chalo Tank Bund' programme, near Charminar crossroads on Sunday.

— GANDHI

RTC has to immediately pay out ₹2,210 crore, TS tells HC

Government tries to turn the screws on stricken corporation

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 10

The state government has informed the Telangana High Court that the strike-ridden Telangana State Road Corporation, which is grappling with financial issues must address its immediate and long-term liabilities.

Chief Secretary S.K. Joshi filed an affidavit before the High Court stating that in so far as immediate liabilities are concerned, the outstanding payments, including statutory payments, which TSRTC has to pay immediately, amount to ₹2,209 crore.

He explained to the court that out of the ₹2,209 crore, ₹1,521.25 crore is towards employees' salaries. In addition to the above liabilities, the TSRTC has incurred cumulative losses of ₹5,269.25 crore as on August 31, 2019.

He asked that if the RTC continues to operate in losses like this, how are they going to service their outstanding loans to banks and other organisations? The unions are fully aware about it and cannot feign ignorance, the Chief Secretary added.

While terming the RTC workers strike as illegal, the Chief Secretary told the High Court that the attitude of the unions

Subject	Amount (in ₹cr)
Employees Provident Fund	788.30
Credit Cooperative Society	500.95
Leave encashment the years 2014 to 2018	180.00
Retired employees settlements	52.00
Motor Vehicle Tax for the years 2017-18 and 2018-19	452.36
HSD oil bills payment at regions	34.45
HO/Region/Zone payments/Others	36.40
Hire charges for private buses	25.00
Payment for fabrication of bus bodies	0.60
Payment to chassis suppliers and bus builders	74.60
Loan repayments for Oct 2019 and Nov 2019	65.00
Total outstanding payments	2209.66

and contemptuous acts could be gauged from the fact that when it was well known that the Supreme Court will announce the Ayodhya verdict on November 9, and the country would be on high alert, the Joint Action Committee aggravated the situation by holding an agitation.

He asked that when the High Court has kept the hearing of the PIL on November 11, which was just four days from the last hearing, what was the hurry for the JAC to continue their programme of Chalo Tank Bund, when it is known that Hyderabad is a sensitive place and the police will be engaged in

maintaining peace and harmony in the city?

He submitted that the RTC workers went ahead with their programme of Chalo Tank Bund, putting extreme strain on law and order machinery and playing with the security of people.

He said that the unions, knowing that RTC was in such a grave financial situation and that the strike would further deteriorate the financial health of the corporation, went ahead with the illegal strike against public interest, thinking that by deliberately causing inconvenience to the common man, the government will succumb to their pressures.

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 10

The Joint Action Committee of various staff unions of the TSRTC and the Congress Core Committee on Sunday called for a 'sadak bandh' on November 18 as a part of their ongoing strike.

Congress leaders Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, K. Jana Reddy, V. Hanumantha Rao, Ponnampalathi, Sampath Kumar, Vamshichand Reddy, Vinod Reddy and Kusum Kumar participated in the meeting of Joint Action Committee, which met to hold discussions on intensification of their strike.

After the meeting, Mr Bhatti told reporters that it has been decided to hold dharnas opposite the houses of ministers and ruling party MLAs on Monday, RTC JAC convener E. Ashwathama Reddy and other leaders will hold hunger strikes in front of RTC depots across the state on Tuesday.

The Congress Legislature Party leader condemned the house

■ **ANGERED BY the arrest of party leaders ahead of the Million March on Saturday, Congress and RTC JAC decide to crank up the ongoing corporation employees' strike**

■ **CLP LEADER Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said Congress activists would hold dharnas at the houses of ministers and TRS legislators throughout the state today**

arrest of opposition party leaders to prevent them from attending the Million March. He said the Congress has constituted a committee with AICC secretary Sampath and Mr Vamshichand Reddy to look into the attacks on women during the Million March and register complaints with the National Human Rights Commission and National Women's Commission.

TS' low GST ceiling hits traders

ADITYA CHUNDURU | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV 10

Mr Satyanarayana owns a shop selling hardware supplies and minor power tools in Chikkadpally. His turnover is between ₹20 lakh and ₹25 lakh. His margins are thin; his gross profit is generally less than ₹8 lakh. But he has to pay huge amount every month to an accountant to file his GST returns.

The stories of several small business owners in Telangana are largely the same. And their troubles are partly because of the state government.

It may be recalled that in January 2019, the GST Council meeting decided to raise the GST exemption limit for goods traders from ₹20 lakh to ₹40 lakh in big states (non special category states). However, two states — Telangana state and Kerala — decided to maintain status quo. This implies that any business with a gross turnover of more than ₹20 lakh has to register in the GST network. Businesses in other states are spared the hassle of paperwork as long as their turnover is below ₹40 lakh.

Registering in the GST network can indeed be quite a hassle. The complexity of



The difference in tax amounts won't be much if the exemption limit is increased. The limit would have been changed in Telangana as well if the state government and Centre got along.

PAWAN BANSAL, president, Garments Manufacturers and Wholesalers Association

GST laws forces the businessmen to hire accountants who can charge upwards of ₹3,000 a month just to file the returns. Internal audits and other services cost much more. For many small businesses, these numbers can be overwhelming.

Mr Alok Agarwal, a chartered accountant specialising in indirect taxation, said the current GST regime was indeed taking a toll on small businesses. "Under the earlier VAT (value-added tax) system, the returns form was a one-page affair. The exemption limit was only ₹5 lakh but businessmen could file the returns on their own. Today, GST returns are so complex that businesses need accountants like me," he said.

Accountants seem to be having a field day thanks to the complicated nature of GST. "Earlier, many accountants would specialise in income tax or other direct taxes and not deal with indirect taxes at all. Today, they

have started offering a new line of service because there is such a high demand for it," said Mr Agarwal.

There is one other piece in this puzzle that makes it more confusing. The exemption limit of ₹20 lakh is valid only in intra-state trade in goods. When goods are being traded between two states, the business owner has no choice but to register under the GST even if his/her turnover is just ₹1 lakh. This can be quite expensive for many businesses that are starting out or expanding their operations.

Harshitha, who owns a small fashion boutique in Ameerpet, started her business in 2017. She has struggled to navigate complicated legalese. Though she declined to reveal her turnover, she said, "I don't really understand GST. I have had to hire an accountant for documentation. It is quite expensive and makes for a considerable chunk of my income."

Other small business owners that *Deccan Chronicle* spoke to had the same views.

Why the Telangana state government has not changed the exemption limit is anyone's guess. Mr Pawan Bansal, the owner of a garments business and the president of Garments Manufacturers and Wholesalers Association (TS), felt it was because the TRS government and the BJP-led Central government weren't getting along.

"It is the cost of paperwork that is a hassle. The difference in tax amounts won't be much if the exemption limit is increased. The limit would have been changed in Telangana as well if the governments got along," he said.

Mr Agarwal said the reason is hard to know. "Perhaps the state government wants to wait and see how the change in exemption limit affects tax collection in other states. It could take a decision in the future. Another reason could be the Telangana government's desire to increase the tax-base. In any case, if all other states have changed the limit, there is no reason why these two states (Kerala and Telangana) should not. Having different limits defeats the purpose of a uniform tax code," he said.

Why is Advani not punished: Owaisi

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 10

A day after a highly publicised critique of the Ayodhya judgment, MIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi asked why BJP leader L.K. Advani and others were being not punished if the demolition of the Babri Masjid was illegal as per the Supreme Court.

Addressing a public meeting on Saturday night, Mr Owaisi said, "If Babri Masjid was legal then why was it (land) handed over to those who demolished it? If it was illegal then why is the case going on? If it is legal then give it to me."

He said he was not satisfied with this judgment. "Babri Masjid is my legal right. I am fighting for the masjid and not the land," Mr Owaisi said, according to PTL.

On Sunday, Mr Owaisi continued his criticism of the judgment with his posts on Twitter: "...what does a Muslim see today? That there stood a mosque, for so many years, which has been demolished. Now the court is allowing a building to come up on that site, on an alleged finding that the land belonged to Ram Lalla."

"We are being insulted by giving (alternate) land. Don't treat us like beggars... We are respectable citizens of India. The fight is for legal right," Mr Owaisi said in another post.

"... we asked for justice, not charity. If your house is demolished and you go to an arbitrator, whether the house should be given to you or not. Should it be given to the demolisher," he asked while reiterating that he was not satisfied with the judgment.

Claiming that even today BJP and RSS have a list of several mosques which they want to "transform," Mr Owaisi said they (Muslims) should fight for the Masjid. He also questioned the Samajwadi Party, Bahujan

LAXMAN: OWAISI UNABLE TO DIGEST CELEBRATIONS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 10

BJP state president Dr K. Laxman on Sunday slammed Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (MIM) president Asaduddin Owaisi for stating that the Muslims do not require government land as charity for the construction of a masjid in Ayodhya city.

He also indirectly criticised the Telangana Rashtra Samiti for not responding to the Supreme Court's verdict on the Babri Masjid land dispute.

Speaking to reporters, he pointed out that the Owaisi brothers take government land for their own hospitals and colleges but they want to refuse land for the Babri Masjid in Ayodhya.

He said that Mr Owaisi does not know the world as he is confined to Darussalam and doesn't respect the courts.

Dr Laxman called the Supreme Court's verdict on the Babri Masjid a "historical judgment", and said that November 9, 2019 will be "written in golden words in history".

He said Mr Owaisi was unable to digest the fact that "the entire country, irrespective of religion has welcomed the Supreme Court's verdict".

Samaj Party, Nationalist Congress Party on their "silence" over the apex court judgment.

Asserting that he would inform the coming generations of the Babri Masjid demolition, Mr Owaisi urged youngsters of the community to take part in politics and support his party.

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Prefer schools, hospitals

All we need is a clean place. We don't need a masjid for that. We must build schools, hospitals and colleges on the five-acre land, said veteran screenwriter Salim Khan



On November 26 we will decide whether to take 5-acre land as directed by the SC

— Zulfar Farooqui
UP Sunni Central Waqf Board

SHORT TAKES

NC CONDEMNS CURBS AT HAZRATBAL

Srinagar, Nov. 10: The National Conference on Sunday condemned the Jammu and Kashmir administration for disallowing religious gatherings at the holy Hazratbal shrine on the occasion of Milad-un-Nabi, saying such a measure tantamounts to violation of people's religious freedom.

Authorities sealed all roads leading to the Hazratbal shrine here which houses the holy relic of the Prophet as a precautionary measure to maintain law and order in view of the Supreme Court ruling in the Ayodhya case and Milad-un-Nabi.

While taking exception to the curb on holy shrine, the party said never in history have such festive and auspicious occasions turned violent.

"There was no reason for the government to disallow the annual gathering at various shrines. Earlier, the authorities did not allow the devotees to offer prayers on the occasion of 'Khawaja Dighar' as well. Such acts are deplorable and we denounce these measures in unequivocal terms," it said.

— PTI

COP DIES HIT BY STUDENT CAR RACER

DC BUREAU
CHENNAI, NOV. 10

A 45-year-old head constable died on the spot when his two-wheeler was rammed by a speeding car driven by an engineering student at GST road near Tambaram in the early hours of Sunday.

The deceased has been identified as Ramesh, a resident of Lakshmiapuram, New colony, Chromepet. He was attached to the Selaiyur police station and was returning home from duty in his two-wheeler at 12.30 am when the accident happened. Coming out of a private petrol bunk near Kadaperi after filling fuel, his bike was hit by a speeding car from behind and he was thrown off his bike. He succumbed on the spot to grievous injuries.

On information, Chromepet traffic investigation police immediately rushed to the spot and sent his body to Chromepet government hospital for post-mortem.

It was found that the student had been racing against another car. Ramesh is survived by his wife Sumathi and three daughters.

ASSAM ORDERS PROBE INTO MID-DAY MEALS

MANOJ ANAND | DC
GUWAHATI, NOV. 10

Bogged down by growing complaint of poor quality food, Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has directed principal secretary of food, civil supplies and consumer affairs department Biswaranjan Samal to conduct an inquiry into allegations of the mid-day meals being of poor quality and submit a report within one month.

Restoring the old practices of preparing and distribution of mid-day meal among children, Mr Sonowal has placed the new system of handing over responsibility to NGOs user suspension.

The implementation of mid-day meal scheme in Assam has been in the thick of a major controversy after state education department decided to engage NGOs to prepare and supply midday meals to schools.

Mid-day meal workers, involved in schools across Assam, had vehemently opposed the move and strong launched protests.

In Faizabad, no festival at mosque

Main mosque of twin towns does not take out Milad-un-Nabi procession protesting SC verdict

AYODHYA
GROUND ZERO

VIKRAM SHARMA | DC
AYODHYA NOV. 10

Even as a sense of dejection prevailed among the Muslim community in the twin towns of Ayodhya and Faizabad following the Supreme Court verdict on Ayodhya title suit, the Jama Masjid Tatshah mosque in Faizabad — the main mosque in the twin towns — chose not to take out the Bara Rabiul Awwal procession, traditionally taken out on Milad-un-Nabi celebrations, as a mark of protest.

The district administration, however, claimed that they had assured the mosque committee of providing complete security for the procession.

According to officials, about 200 small and big processions are taken out every year across the district to commemorate the birth anniversary of Prophet Muhammed.

Though in the rural areas, small processions were taken out, the Tatshah mosque and a few other mosques chose not to. Among those who confirmed the cancellation of processions in Ayodhya was prominent Muslim cleric Shamsul Qamar Qadri. He said: "The main reason was to maintain peace and secondly it was to express our sorrow at the Supreme Court judgment. We celebrated the occasion inside the mosque."

Within the city, he said that about 50 processions used to be taken out every year but this time around, celebrations took place inside the mosque.

When contacted, Ayodhya SSP Ashish Tiwari said: "The administration had not banned any celebrations. Across the district, which includes rural areas, close to 200 processions have been taken out today." He said that though they had assured complete security to the Tatshah mosque for the procession, they said they would not take out a procession and chose to celebrate it within the mosque.



Slabs and pillars are ready at the Ram Janmabhoomi Nyas (Trust) workshop in Karsevakpuram, Ayodhya.

■ With November 9 and 10 passing off with no violence or even protest reported anywhere, the district administration is chalking out strategies to tackle the massive rush for the Karthik Purnima mela on November 11 and 12.

■ Several lakhs of people will gather in Ayodhya from different parts of the state and country to take a dip in the Saryu River on the auspicious occasion.

■ Devotees who have already started arriving are likely to stay back in the temple town for a few days, which will be yet another challenge for the district administration which has had back-to-back events over the last one week.

■ It started with Chaudah-Koshi parikrama on November 5, which was followed by Panch-Koshi parikrama. As the administration was gearing up to ensure a smooth Milad un Nabi, came the Ayodhya title suit verdict on November 9.

Speculation on who scripted the verdict

PARMOD KUMAR | DC
NEW DELHI, NOV. 10

The day after Ayodhya judgment was pronounced, the legal circles are agog with the speculation 'who is the author' of the 1,045-page unanimous Ayodhya judgment by the five-judge Constitution Bench which gave the disputed site for the construction of Lord Rama's temple and rejected the Sunni Central Waqf Board's claim to the title of the 2.77 acres of the disputed site.

Of the 2.77 acres — the core area is 1,500 sq. yard. The question that is making round is who among the five judges — Chief Justice Ranjan

Gogoi, Chief Justice designate Justice S.A. Bobde, Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, Justice Ashok Bhushan and Justice S. Abdul Nazeer is the author of the judgment that was pronounced by the CJI Gogoi on Saturday.

Coupled with this, a game of guess is making round as to which judge is the author of 116-page addendum at the end of the judgment.

None in the legal fraternity could recall a similar instance where an important judgment — though none could be as important as one on Ayodhya — being pronounced without disclosing the name of the judge who authored it. Analysing the style of

writing the judgment by the five judges, each one of them have authored a large number of judgments, it is being ventured that the format of Ayodhya judgment could be traced to Justice Chandrachud.

It is being pointed out that the style of Ayodhya judgment starting with Index having the table of contents could be traced to Justice Chandrachud's style of writing judgment.

One can see this style of judgment starting with a table of contents in Justice Chandrachud's judgment holding privacy a fundamental right pronounced on August 24, 2017, judgment decriminalising homosexuality

pronounced on September 6, 2018, Aadhaar judgment pronounced on September 26, 2018 and others.

At times former Chief Justice Dipak Misra too used this format of writing judgments starting with table of contents.

The identity of the judge who wrote the 116-page addendum too could be traced from the font that has been used while writing it.

From this font one can trace to some of the divergent or concurring views expressed by the said judge in earlier judgments. It appears that he is not one of the first three judges that had pronounced the Ayodhya judgment.

Bulbul claims 10 in West Bengal

RAJIB CHOWDHURI | DC
KOLKATA, NOV. 10

Cyclone Bulbul has claimed at least 10 lives and affected as many as 2.73 lakh people in West Bengal after killing two people in Odisha on Saturday night. This has prompted Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to postpone her tour to North Bengal. On Monday, she would go on an aerial survey of the worst-affected parts of Sundarban delta in South 24 Parganas followed up by a visit to another district North 24 Parganas to take stock of the damage.

West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar mourned the loss of lives. He also praised Ms Banerjee, her government and Central agencies for their efforts to tackle the cyclone. Five out of the ten deaths were reported in North 24 Parganas. One each happened in South 24 Parganas and East Midnapore. Most of the deaths were due to either uprooting of trees or house collapse. On Sunday, Ms Banerjee tweeted, "Due to the severe cyclonic storm Bulbul, I have decided to postpone my North Bengal visit in the coming week. Instead, I would undertake an aerial survey of the affected areas around Namkhana and Bakkhali tomorrow."

She added, "Later, I would take a meeting at Kakkdip with the administration to review relief and rehabilitation measures of the cyclone-affected people. I am also planning to visit the areas of Basirhat of North 24 Parganas on 13 November, 2019." State

CYCLONE CLAIMS 2 LIVES IN ODISHA, DESTROYS CROPS

AKSHAYA KUMAR
SAHOO | DC
BHUBANESWAR, NOV. 10

Two people died in Odisha as Cyclone Bulbul passed through the coastal parts of the state on Saturday night, wreaking havoc and causing damage to thousands of houses, uprooting trees and affecting hundreds of phone towers, reports said on Sunday.

Two deaths were reported from Odisha's Kendrapara district — one while drowning and the other in a wall collapse case.

A total of 5,500 houses got damaged and 870 trees uprooted after the land-fall of the cyclone in West Bengal.

Odisha's four districts were severely affected due to the impact of the cyclone.

As many as three lakh hectares of paddy crop were damaged.

disaster management minister Javed Ahmed Khan informed that around 2.73 lakh people were affected while 2,473 houses were totally destroyed in nine districts.

Out of the 2.73 lakh, 1.78 lakh people were accommodated in 471 relief camps and 373 temporary kitchens were to prepare food for the affected people. Around 46,000 tarpaulins were distributed even as 15,000 civic volunteers have been pressed into relief operations.

Will wait and watch: NCP

SONU SHRIVASTAVA | DC
MUMBAI, NOV. 10

In order to get support for formation of the next government in Maharashtra, Sharad Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) on Sunday said that the Shiv Sena would have to break away from the BJP-led NDA before thinking of support from NCP.

NCP spokesperson Nawab Malik said that the Sena should decide and make an announcement that they are breaking ties. "Unless it leaves the NDA, we will wait and watch the developments. The Sena needs to ask its minister to resign from the Union government. Besides this, we have not received any proposal from the Sena," said Mr

BJP ANNOUNCES FIRST LIST OF 52 FOR JHARKHAND POLLS

AGE CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, NOV. 10

The Bharatiya Janata Party announced on Sunday its first list of 52 candidates for the Jharkhand Assembly polls. Chief minister Raghubar Das will contest from Jamshedpur (East), while the BJP's state unit president

Lakshman Gilua has been fielded from Chakradharpur.

BJP working president J.P. Nadda on Sunday said, "The Raghubar Das government has been successful in changing face of politics in the state. The state which was once famous for corruption is now known for stable governance.

Malik.

He further added, "Before extending support, the Sena-led government should decide on the core areas of work and functioning (in

Maharashtra)." The NCP said that it would also take Congress in confidence.

The NCP will be organising a meeting of newly-elected legislators on Tuesday to discuss the

issues. A final call verdict would be given after the meeting on whether the NCP would extend support to Sena or not, the NCP leader added.

Meanwhile, Congress general secretary Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday met the party's newly elected MLAs from Maharashtra, who are staying at a resort in Jaipur, to discuss the political situation in the state while NCP chief Sharad Pawar met some of his party leaders in Mumbai.

Mr Kharge also met the MLAs informally to ascertain their views on what stand the party should take over government formation in Maharashtra. It is being said that he will then convey the sentiments of the legislators.

KARNATAKA ALL SET FOR DEC 5 ASSEMBLY POLLS

DC CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU, NOV 10

Ahead of the model code of conduct coming into effect from Monday in the 15 Assembly constituencies where bypolls are scheduled, Chief Electoral Officer Sanjiv Kumar said the preparations were afoot for the smooth conduct of elections on December 5.

The MCC comes into force from November 11. According to the new schedule, the date for filing of nominations starts from Monday and the last date is November 18. The date of scrutiny of nominations is November 19 and the last date for the withdrawal is Nov. 21.

Former CEC is widely credited for ushering in electoral reforms

END OF | AN ERA

Seshan, who took on politicians, dead

DC CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI, NOV. 10

Former Chief Election Commissioner T.N. Seshan, the man behind India's electoral reforms, is no more.

He passed away on Sunday at 9.30 pm at a home in Chennai. He was 86.

Tirunellai Narayana Iyer Seshan was appointed CEC on December 12, 1990. He is widely credited for ushering in electoral reforms which altered the face of Indian elections. Implementing the Model Code of Conduct, laying down a list of do's and don'ts for leaders and political parties ahead of elections, was among his



T.N. Seshan

Magsaysay Award for government service in 1996.

In 1994, as Election Commissioner, he had asked the then Prime Minister to remove two of his sitting Cabinet ministers — then welfare minister Sitaram Kesari and food minister Kalpnath

Rai — stating that they were involved in influencing the voters and violating the model code of conduct that was in place ahead of the elections. In 1997, Seshan had unsuccessfully contested the Presidential election against K.R. Narayanan.

"Saddened to know about the demise of T.N. Seshan, a stalwart for free and fair elections. His legendary contribution to democracy will be always remembered. My condolences to his family and many admirers," West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said.

Union minister Nitin Gadkari called Seshan a true legend. "Saddened by the demise of Shri TN

Seshan. He was a true legend. His contribution towards election reforms will be the guiding light for years to come. My deepest condolences. Om Shanti!" he tweeted.

Congress MP Shashi Tharoor said Mr Seshan was a pillar of India's democracy.

"Sad that former Chief Election Commissioner TN Seshan has passed away in Chennai. He was my father's classmate at Victoria College, Palakkad. A courageous and crusty boss who asserted the Election Commission's autonomy and authority as no CEC before him had done. A pillar of our democracy," he tweeted.



Under pressure

Bolivian president Evo Morales said he would call new general elections, following an OAS report invalidating the previous poll



IAEA inspectors must be allowed to conduct their critical work unimpeded —Mike Pompeo US secretary of state

BRIEF

'Bulbul' kills six in Bangladesh

Dhaka: Cyclone 'Bulbul' lashed Bangladesh overnight, killing six people and leaving relatives in a desperate search for 36 missing fishermen, though prompt evacuations saved many lives and the worst was over, officials said on Sunday. Some 30 people were injured and around 6,000 homes were partially or fully damaged. Five of the six victims were killed by falling trees, including a 52-year old woman who had spent the night in a shelter. She was killed when a tree crashed on her house. Another victim, a 60-year old fisherman, had refused to evacuate.

Beatles lensman Freeman no more

London: Photographer Robert Freeman, who helped define the image of The Beatles with some of the band's best-known album covers, has died aged 82. A statement on The Beatles' official website announced Freeman's death, but didn't give a cause. Born in 1936, Freeman began his career as a photojournalist for London's Sunday Times and captured portraits of leading jazz musicians before working with The Beatles. He shot the black-and-white cover for the 1963 album 'With The Beatles', picturing the Fab Four's faces in part-shadow. It became a defining image of the group and was used for the 1964 US album 'Meet The Beatles!'

Spain: First case of dengue by sex

Madrid: Spanish health authorities confirmed a case of a man spreading dengue through sex, a world first for a virus which until recently was thought to be transmitted only by mosquitoes. The case concerns a 41-year-old man from Madrid who contracted dengue after having sex with his male partner who picked up the virus from a mosquito bite during a trip to Cuba, said Susana Jimenez of the Madrid region's public health department. His dengue infection was confirmed in September and it puzzled doctors because he had not travelled to a country where the disease, which causes severe flu-like symptoms such as high fever and body aches, is common.

EINHORN, MUSK IN WAR OF WORDS

New York, Nov. 10: Tesla Inc chief executive officer Elon Musk and noted short-seller David Einhorn mocked each other in open letters published on Twitter, trading barbs clothed in polite language. Einhorn on October 30 had told his investors at Greenlight Capital that his fund had lost money on Tesla. Greenlight bet against the electric carmaker, and shares rose in the second quarter. Still, he told investors that Tesla 'appears to continue to spin positive PR ahead of the safety and fair treatment of its customers'. Musk, who has a history of being playful on Twitter, began an exchange by posting an open letter on Twitter addressing Einhorn as 'Dear Mr. Unicorn (fabulous name btw)'. Einhorn means unicorn in German. Musk further added that Einhorn made numerous 'false allegations' against Tesla and offered 'sympathies' for a drop in assets under management. Meanwhile, Tesla upended expectations by posting a third-quarter profit. The electric vehicle maker did it by cranking up deliveries and cutting costs.

Spouses of H-1B holders can work

Indian women benefit from Obama-era rule

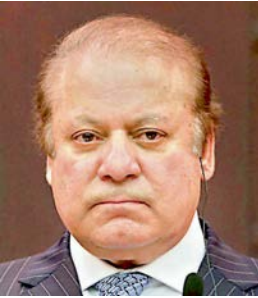


A 2015 rule issued by former US president Barack Obama allowed work permits for certain categories of H-4 visa holders, primarily spouses of those having H-1B work visas waiting for their Green Card

Washington, Nov. 10: In a temporary relief to thousands of Indians living in America, a US court has refused to strike down, for the time being, an Obama-era rule that allowed spouses of H-1B visa holders to work in America. The H-1B visa is a non-immigrant visa that allows the US companies to employ foreign workers in specialty occupations. A 2015 rule issued by former US president Barack Obama allowed work permits for certain categories of H-4 visa holders, primarily spouses of those having H-1B work visas waiting for their Green Card, to work in the US. Indians, in particular women, were the greatest beneficiary of this rule, which has been challenged by several US workers with the current Trump administration supporting their cause, saying that it wants to rescind the rule. A three-judge bench of the US courts of appeals for the district of Columbia circuit sent the case back to a lower court noting that it is "best to remand" to give the district court an opportunity to thoroughly assess and finally determine the merits in the first instance. "Accordingly, we reverse the district court's grant of summary judgment and remand for further proceedings consistent with this opinion," the federal court said in its order on the lawsuit filed by Saves Jobs USA, which comprises American workers who claim that they have been laid off due to the policy of the Obama administration to provide work permits to H-4 visa holders. By making H4 visa holders eligible for lawful employment, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), which oversees immigration, sought to 'ameliorate certain disincentives that currently lead H1B non-immigrants to abandon efforts to remain in the US while seeking (lawful permanent resident) status, thereby, minimising disruptions to US businesses employing such workers', the court said. It noted that the government has explained that H1B non-immigrants and their families often face long delays in the process of obtaining permanent residence, and H4 visa holders' inability to work during these delays leads to 'personal and economic hardships' that worsen over time, 'increasing the disincentives for H1B non-immigrants to pursue lawful permanent resident status, increasing the difficulties that US employers have in retaining highly educated and highly skilled non-immigrant workers'. —PTI

PAK TO ALLOW SHARIF TO TRAVEL ABROAD

Islamabad, Nov. 10: Pakistan will allow ailing former prime minister Nawaz Sharif to travel abroad for urgent medical treatment, the country's foreign minister said on Sunday. Sharif, Pakistan's longest-serving premier, was ousted from his third term in office in 2017 and later jailed on corruption charges. His health deteriorated while in prison and he suffered a minor heart attack last month, his party said, while his doctor claimed on Twitter that the ex-leader was 'fighting for his life'. Sharif was bailed for health reasons and remains at a hospital in the eastern city of Lahore, but a travel ban prevented him from leaving the country. Foreign minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi said that 'legal obstacles' to Sharif's departure were being removed as doctors had said that medical treatment abroad was needed to save his life. "The government has given importance to the doctors' opinion," Qureshi said in Multan, days after Sharif's relatives petitioned Pakistan's interior ministry for the travel ban to be lifted. —AFP



Nawaz Sharif

53bn barrels oil field found: Prez

Tehran, Nov. 10: Iran has discovered a new oil field in the country's south with over 50 billion barrels of crude, its president Hassan Rouhani said on Sunday, a find that could boost the country's proven reserves by a third as it struggles to sell energy abroad over US sanctions. The announcement comes as Iran faces crushing American sanctions after the US pulled out of its nuclear deal with world powers last year. Rouhani made the announcement in a speech in the desert city of Yazd. He said the field was located in Iran's southern Khuzestan province, home to its crucial oil industry. Some 53 billion barrels would be added to Iran's proven reserves of roughly 150 billion, he said. "I am telling the White House that in the days when you sanctioned the sale of Iranian oil and pressured our nation, the country's dear workers and engineers were able to discover 53 billion barrels of oil in a big field," Rouhani said. Oil reserves refer to crude that's economically feasible to extract. Figures can vary wildly by country due to differing standards, though it remains a yardstick of comparison among oil-producing nations. Iran currently has the world's fourth-largest proven deposits of crude oil and the world's second-largest deposits of natural gas. It shares a massive offshore field in the Persian Gulf with Qatar. The new oil field could



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HASSAN ROUHANI, Iran President

become Iran's second-largest field after one containing 65 billion barrels in Ahvaz. The field is 2,400 square kilometres with the deposit some 260 feet deep, Rouhani said. Since the US withdrew from the 2015 nuclear deal, the other countries involved — Germany, France, Britain, Russia and China — have been struggling to save it. However, they've offered no means by which Iran can sell its oil abroad. Iran since has gone beyond the deal's stockpile and enrichment limits, as well as started using advanced centrifuges barred by the deal. It also just began injecting uranium gas into centrifuges at an underground facility. —AP

SURVIVING | BLAZE

World's best wine-growing regions escaped massive flames unscathed

Despite fires, California wine tastes fine

Healdsburg, Nov. 10: If you're worried that wildfires might have created shortages of Northern California's 2019 cabernet sauvignon, or even just imparted it with an undesirable smoky flavour, you can relax. The wine is just fine. For now. Despite a late October blaze that raged through one of the world's best-known wine-growing regions, forcing evacuations in two mid-sized towns, wine production in Sonoma County escaped largely unscathed. Limerick Lane Wines, for instance, avoided serious damage despite flames that licked at two sides of

its property in the Russian River Valley just south of Healdsburg. Limerick's grapes were already harvested, crushed and stored in tanks and barrels. The winery's sealed cellar prevented smoke damage to its inventory, said owner Jake Bilbro, although its tasting room now has an acrid smell. "I have to thank the people who planted our vineyards and built our house 100 years ago," Bilbro said. "Our buildings are all surrounded by vineyards, and vineyards are excellent fire breaks." Overall, vintners estimate that the region lost only about five percent of



THE VINTAGES, after the 2017 wildfire, were rumoured to be have smoky taste and wine making were not taking any chances this year

its harvest to fire and smoke — not a perfect outcome, but better than in 2017, when wildfire struck



A molotov cocktail is thrown by protesters in a residential area after a rally in the Tseung Kwan O district of Hong Kong. — AFP

Hong Kong protesters vandalise subway station and storm mall

China for tough security laws

Hong Kong, Nov. 10: Protesters smashed windows in a subway station and a shopping mall on Sunday and police made arrests in areas across Hong Kong amid anger over a demonstrator's death and the arrest of pro-democracy lawmakers. Authorities closed the subway stop in the Sha Tin district in the northeast after protesters broke windows and damaged a ticket machine. Police were seen arresting three men at a residential complex elsewhere in Sha Tin but the reason wasn't clear. In Tuen Mun, about three dozen people dressed in black stormed through the Citywalk shopping mall. Most were peaceful but one used a club to smash windows while others overturned

tables in a restaurant. Spectators on the street outside shouted Cock-roaches! at police. In Tsuen Wan in the west, police fired tear gas

that oversees Hong Kong. The statement by Zhang Xiaoming, director of the Hong Kong and Macau affairs office, acknowledged that governance in the semi-autonomous city must be improved, saying factors such as high housing costs and a growing wealth gap had contributed to the unrest. But Zhang also backed a firmer hand, saying laws outlawing subversion and other challenges to Chinese central government

control were needed, and stressed that the territory's leader and legislature must be patriots loyal to Beijing. Efforts by Hong Kong's Beijing-controlled government to introduce tough security laws in 2003 caused major protests before being shelved. The lack of such legislation 'is one of the main reasons for the intensification of activities of local radical separatist forces', he said. —AFP

ELECTION CAMPAIGN

UK candidates asked to avoid Kashmir reference

London, Nov. 10: The Kashmir issue, against the backdrop of the Indian government's revocation of Jammu and Kashmir's special status, has found its way into the general election campaign in the UK, with candidates warning against bringing the divisions of the sub-continent into play ahead of the December 12 poll. Social media messages and chat groups are being used by some Indian diaspora outfits to try and influence voters, with the Opposition Labour Party facing the brunt of the attacks for its perceived 'anti-India' stance since it passed a resolution favouring international intervention in Kashmir. "I don't think we are made better off as a country by continuing the divisions of our homelands, instead we should focus on Britain. Kashmir is a matter for the people of Kashmir and all conflicts must be resolved within the law and Constitution of India," said Virendra

UK CONSERVATIVES GAIN OVER LABOUR, FINDS POLL

London, Nov. 10: Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Conservative Party has gained versus the opposition Labour Party over the past month, a poll published by the Independent showed on Sunday. The opinion poll put the Conservatives on 37%, up from 31% a

month earlier, while the opposition Labour Party saw their support rise to 29% from 26%. Support for the third-placed Liberal Democrats dropped to 16% from 20%. Polling company BMG surveyed 1,504 British adults between Nov. 5 and Nov. 8. —Reuters

Sharma, a veteran Indian-origin Labour MP. Sharma hopes to win again from his Ealing Southall constituency from west London — a seat he has held for the party since 2007. "This election is about making a decision about the kind of Britain we want to live in," he said. Some of the anti-Labour messages doing the rounds on WhatsApp and Twitter include attacks on the party as being 'anti-

Hindu' for not condemning protests organised by pro-Pakistani groups in London. A video in circulation depicts a controversial right-wing British journalist being heckled by protesters during the so-called 'Free Kashmir' rally on Diwali, in an attempt to accuse Labour of blindly supporting 'Pak propaganda' over India's abrogation of Article 370 to convert J&K into union territories. —PTI



Donald Trump

UKRAINE DEAL: OFFICIALS SMELT A RAT IN JULY

Washington, Nov. 10: Two White House national security officials sounded alarms about improper pressure on Ukraine in early July, well before President Donald Trump's bombshell phone call with Ukraine leader Volodymyr Zelensky, according to impeachment testimony released on Friday. Fiona Hill and Alexander Vindman told House investigators that on July 10, they reported concerns to White House attorney John Eisenberg over top Trump allies pressuring Kiev for political help for the US leader. That was two weeks before Trump spoke to Zelensky. Hill said she did so at the instruction of then national security advisor John Bolton, who was adamantly opposed to the efforts to seek dirt from Ukraine on Trump's Democratic rivals. She and Vindman both said acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney and Trump-appointed ambassador to the European Union Gordon Sondland were behind the pressure on Ukraine to investigate Democratic presidential contender Joe Biden. They said Sondland specifically pushed Ukrainian officials in July 10 meetings for a Biden-focused investigation in exchange for a high-profile meeting between Trump and Zelensky. Bolton was furious over the effort and halted the initial meeting that day, Hill said. —AFP