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WEATHER

Max: 29.7°C
Min: 17.6°C
RH: 63%
Rainfall: Nil
Forecast: Cloudy sky, with haze. Max/Min temp. 30/18 °C

ASTROGUIDE

Vikari: Dakshinayana
Tithi: Kartika Bahula Vidiya till 7.51 pm
Star: Rohini till 10.44 pm
Varjyam: 2.29 pm to 4.08 pm and 4.26 am to 6.04 am (Friday)
Durmuhurtam: 10.08 am to 10.53 am and 2.37 pm to 3.22 pm
Rahukalam: 1 pm to 3 pm
HIJRI CALENDAR
Rabbi-ul-Awwal 16,1441 AH
PRAYERS
Fajar: 5.17 am
Zohar: 12.10 pm
Asar: 4.05 pm
Maghrib: 5.46 pm
Isha: 6.56 pm
SUNSET TODAY 5.41 PM
SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.20 AM
MOONRISE TOMORROW 6.28 PM
MOONSET TODAY 6.47 AM

Money Bill goes to larger bench

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday struck down the rules formulated by the Centre on appointment and service conditions for members of various tribunals, and referred to a larger bench the issue of examining the validity of the passage of the Finance Act 2017 as a Money Bill.

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COUNTER POINT



No need to worry... all our MLAs are safe!

Aadhaar address change rule eased

New Delhi: The government has allowed migrants to change address on Aadhaar by giving self declaration, a move aimed at helping them open bank account and promote financial inclusion. The changes were made by amending the Prevention of Money-laundering Rules on Wednesday. — PTI

Congress, NCP talk on Maha

Mumbai: The Congress and the NCP on Wednesday started their deliberations on the modalities of government formation in Maharashtra. Both the parties expressed confidence that they will soon form a government along with Shiv Sena, whose chief Uddhav Thackeray met Congress leaders.

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Dual nationality haunts Rajapaksa

Colombo: Two Sri Lankan civil society activists on Wednesday filed an appeal before the Supreme Court against the alleged dual nationality of main opposition presidential candidate G. Rajapaksa. The former president claims to have renounced his US citizenship in April this year in order to qualify to be a candidate. — PTI

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Clean and green



Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales, alights from an electric autorickshaw during his visit to the India Meteorological Department (IMD) at Mausam Bhawan in New Delhi on Wednesday. Prince Charles, who arrived here on Wednesday, is on a two-day visit to India. This is his 10th official visit to the country. — PTI

Inflation rises to 15-month high

Vegetables fuel inflation; RBI may ignore price rise to cut rates

FC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, NOV. 13

Breaching the central bank's four per cent target for the first time, consumer retail inflation rose to 15-month high of 4.62 per cent in October.

Driven by skyrocketing food and vegetable prices, retail prices have raised concerns among household consumers nationally. Food basket prices were the hardest hit, rising by 7.89 per cent, according to government data released on Wednesday. Incessant rain, that prolonged the monsoon and played havoc with farm

Prices of cereals and products were also high at 2.16 per cent against 1.66 per cent a month ago. Vegetables inflation for October stood at 26 per cent against 15.4 per cent in September.

output, is the culprit.

The inflation-based Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 3.99 per cent in September and 3.38 per cent in October 2018. However, food price grew 7.89 per cent in October as against 5.11 per cent in September, according to the data. Core inflation, excluding food and oil, for

October stood at 3.5 per cent against 4 per cent in September.

Prices of cereals and products were also high at 2.16 per cent against 1.66 per cent a month ago. Vegetables inflation for October stood at 26 per cent against 15.4 per cent in September. Besides, pulses and products too recorded high of 11.72 per cent in October against 8.4 per cent in previous month, according to the data.

October also saw exorbitant onion and tomato prices due to unprecedented rains, disruption in supply chain and acquisition restrictions on traders.

However, most economists feel that the rise is temporary and expect average retail inflation to remain below four per cent in the current financial year.

The rise in inflation is unlikely to sway the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), which meets next month.

Rahul Gupta of Emkay Global Financial Services said that the retail inflation hike was a surprise. "We expect the RBI to continue easing on the back of sluggish growth and weak core inflation and cut its repo rate at December meeting," he said.

MUSLIMS CAN'T FORGET BABRI DEMOLITION: MBT

ATHER MOIN | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 13

Majlis Bachao Tehreek president Majeedullah Khan Farhat on Tuesday said the Muslims of India will never forget the Babri Masjid demolition and the injustice done to them. "India was a land of peace and unity till November 9, but the judgement converted it into a hostile land for Muslims," he said.

At a public meeting on Milad-un-Nabi, Mr Khan contended that by exercising the discretionary power conferred under Article 142, the Supreme Court showed that it was a judgement of the state and not of the judiciary.

After the masjid's demolition the P.V. Narasimha Rao Cabinet had resolved for an excavation to establish whether a Hindu structure had been demolished to build the Masjid, the then President, Shankar Dayal Sharma, referred the resolution to the Supreme Court, which observed that an excavation could not be construed as an alternative dispute resolution for deciding the title. He argued that a discretionary power conferred under Article 142 cannot surpass Articles 14, 15 and 21. "I reject the Supreme Court verdict on the Ayodhya dispute," Mr Khan said.

■ Page 5: Muslim leaders gave up, says Khan

TS rejects HC's 3-judge panel to end RTC strike

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHARA | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 13

Sticking to its guns that there would not be any reconciliation and negotiation proceedings with the RTC trade unions, the Telangana government on Wednesday expressed its unwillingness to accept the High Court's proposal for a high-powered committee, comprising three retired judges of the Supreme Court, to examine the issues leading to the TSRTC employees' strike.

Chief Secretary Shailendra Kumar Joshi furnished an affidavit stating the government had seriously and sincerely exam-

ined the High Court's order. However, he expressed the state's inability to accede.

On Tuesday, the division bench comprising Chief Justice Raghavendra Singh Chauhan and Justice A. Abhishek Reddy had offered to constitute the committee to sort out the issue and asked advocate-general B.S. Prasad to respond.

The chief secretary's affidavit said: "There is no provision of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, (for) a high-powered committee of former judges ... or any other dignitaries to reconcile the parties or to refer to adjudicate an industrial dispute."

The CS also prayed that the matter be referred to the labour commissioner, who was seized of the matter but keeping it in abeyance due to the pendency of PILs on the RTC strike.

The Advocate-General (AG) submitted that courts cannot dole out cases as per their choices and that the labour court is the competent authority to adjudicate. Further, he brought to the notice of the bench the Supreme Court finding fault in High Courts appointing committees, particularly in the Group-2 exams matter.

■ Page 5: Unions defend HC's power to appoint panel

PAK TO CHANGE ARMY LAW FOR JADHAV, ICJ

SRIDHAR KUMARASWAMI and SHAFQAT ALI | DC
NEW DELHI/ ISLAMABAD, NOV. 13

Pakistan is planning to amend its Army Act in order to permit imprisoned Indian former naval officer Kulbhushan Jadhav to file an appeal in a civilian court against his death sentence. This is in line with the International Court of Justice's (ICJ) verdict in July. A Pakistani military court had in April 2017 sentenced Jadhav on charges of espionage and sabotage.

Currently, under the Army Act individuals are forbidden from filing an appeal in a civilian court against cases under trial in Pakistani military courts.

Officials in Islamabad said Pakistan's government has already prepared a draft to amend Army Act.

■ Page 6: Pak Army denies any change

Rape victim's baby is a 'gold' swimmer

D. SIVA RAMI REDDY | DC
KURNOOL, NOV. 13

The baby of a rape victim is now a golden girl: a champion swimmer. Pooja — christened so by former President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam — is making waves on the national swimming scene. A gold winner in 200-metre freestyle in the eight-state southwest zonal swimming championship in 2018, Pooja will now represent Andhra Pradesh in the under-17 competition in New Delhi.

Rescued by the Raja Foundation in Mylavaram, Kadapa, 11 years ago, she exhibited an awesome growth of talent despite the absence of parental care. "Eleven years ago, a deaf and dumb young woman was raped on a roadside and made pregnant," said Raja Reddy. "Sitting under a tree one afternoon in Railway Koduru, she gave birth to a beautiful girl in a pool of blood without nursing care or midwife's assistance."

The foundation brought both mother and baby to the Daddy Home on September 5, 2007. "She



was hardly 5 hours old when she arrived, full of blood scars," Raja Reddy said. "Even her umbilical cord was not cut properly."

Raja Reddy wrote to former President Kalam, requesting him to name the newborn. Kalam, as a symbol of religious unity, named her Pooja Eeman (faith/trust in God).

In Pooja's name the foundation started a school in Abdul Kalam Nagar, Chowduru, Kadapa, back in 2008. Raja Reddy said Pooja was active from the beginning. She is intelligent and has good sensory perception. She is a gold medalist in the under-14 swimming competitions in south India. She left for Delhi on Wednesday for the national under-17s swimming championship, representing AP.

MORAL | POLICE

Charminar police claims curbs were imposed to prevent untoward incidents

Prudish cops limit night access to Charminar

MADDY DEEKSHITH | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 13

Tourists go there at midnight to escape the daytime rush and savour the local cuisine. Youngsters from Hi-tech city bike over in the wee hours to grab a bite and generally mellow out. Charminar is more than iconic — it is an after-hours refuge. But bone-headed police prudishness has led to restrictions around Charminar from midnight to 4 am the past

few days. It isn't official, but barricades are erected every late night on a 200 metre radius.

When queried, police claimed the "posh crowd" played loud music in a haze of alcohol, and then, horror of horrors, told the police off. Thus the barricades police deployment at four entry and exit points. It has left tourists disappointed.

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youth has made Charminar a favourite hangout spot. "They booze and make out," insisted a policeman. No official complaint exists, but police claim there were three

cases of "public display of affection" (PDA) in the last six months. Such vigilance, Police said tourists and religious groups gripped, so they curtailed the entry of citizens, including

the "posh crowd", from four sides including Madina, Shalibanda, Laad Bazaar and Sardar Mahal.

A constable posted on duty at Madina road said Charminar had become a favoured night destination for those from the IT corridors. He whispered that couples parked their vehicles and opened the bottle. They also turned on the loud music. "Influential people have been visiting and disturbing tourists with loud music and vul-

gar dance moves with their partners," he said.

N. Buchaiah of the Charminar police station said that restrictions were imposed only to prevent untoward incidents and to safeguard the harmony of the Charminar. "Why should people be allowed in the vicinity when shops are closed by midnight," he asked, forgetting about individual liberty. He reiterated the police's usual booze-and-PDA song-and-dance.



Bangaru Telangana

Congress MLA Jagga Reddy said Telangana was formed to end suicides and deaths due to hunger. The state was formed, deaths haven't stopped.



BJP would showcase its strength in the upcoming elections to urban local bodies

— K. Laxman
Telangana state BJP president

IN BRIEF

Krishnam Raju hospitalised

Hyderabad: Veteran actor Krishnam Raju was admitted in a private hospital in Banjara Hills on Wednesday with pneumonia. The 79-year-old actor is also a diabetic. When contacted, the actor's personal manager said it was a routine check-up and there was nothing serious. "He is suffering with pneumonia. Every winter he is admitted with such complaints and is discharged in a couple of days," she said.

Chiron Behring rebrands vaccine

Hyderabad: Bharat Biotech subsidiary, Chiron Behring Vaccines, on Wednesday relaunched its rabies vaccine in the country under the ChiroRab brand. Earlier, the vaccine was marketed as Rabipur. "The new vaccine is being manufactured using the same technology (as Rabipur) at the same site...we were highly committed in expediting the manufacturing and commercialisation of ChiroRab," Bharat Biotech Chairman and MD Krishna Ella said.

Congress wants deadline extended

Hyderabad: The Congress party on Wednesday demanded extension in last date for submission of applications under 'Driver Empowerment Programme' of Telangana State Minorities Finance Corporation (TSMFC). Led by Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) Minorities Dept chairman Shaik Abdullah Sohail, a delegation comprising of TPCC Spokesperson Syed Nizamuddin, Hyderabad Congress Minorities Dept Chairman Sameer Waliullah and others, met TSMFC Chairman Syed Akbar Hussain at Haj House and submitted a representation. The TSMFC had invited applications from eligible minority drivers for availing financial assistance for purchase of Maruthi Swift Dzire Tour-S vehicle under 'Driver Empowerment Programme and the last date for submission of applications is November 15. However, Abdullah Sohail said many applicants were unable to organise necessary documents from the MRO due to holidays. — *INN*

ICE INDIA'S HQ TO HIRE 100 PEOPLE IN A YR

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 13

Atlanta-based Intercontinental Exchange (ICE), which owns the New York Stock Exchange, plans to hire around 100 people over the next year for its recently inaugurated Hyderabad campus, according to a top official. ICE also operates stock exchanges, commodity exchanges, clearing houses and information services that traders rely upon to invest, trade and manage risk across the global. Speaking to the media on Wednesday, ICE said that the current facility spans 85,000 square feet and has 500 people — outsourced by Genpact — working on the floor. "Before we even had a local presence in the country, we had a strong and healthy relationship with Genpact. However, in future, hiring in the campus will have a multi fold strategy. Other than camping at top colleges in India, hackathon will also play a role in our hirings," Kiranmai Pendyala, head HR, ICE India. The Hyderabad facility was inaugurated on Tuesday and it will focus on ICE Data Services' reference data using new technologies such as machine learning and data analytics.

WORLD DIABETES DAY

People in 30s at risk

KANIZA GARARI | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 13

Experts speaking ahead of the World Diabetes Day, which is observed on November 14, said that people in their 30s are developing diabetes, putting a burden on social, medical and financial services in managing the disease.

The early onset of diabetes leads to early complications in kidney, heart and eyes, which requires proper medical management and financial resources.

Diabetes is not hereditary, but when parents develop it, the likelihood of children also suffering from the disease is high. Poor lifestyle, in the form of wrong eating habits, lack of exercise, stress and working on night shifts are among the factors contributing to the development of diabetes at an younger age.

Dr Shyam Kalavalapalli, a senior endocrinologist said, "We see around 50 diabetic patients every day and almost half of them are in their 30s. This shows that those in the productive age group are suffering from the disease. They need to learn proper medical management and despite medication, after a decade they will need support in cardiac and also kidney care. Later, they will need to monitor their eye sight. Hence, the burden of the disease is very high."

In the West, diabetes is still seen mostly in people over 50 years of age.

Dr Ch Vasanth Kumar, president-elect of the Research Society for Study of Diabetes said, "The incidence of diabetes among the poor is very high because they are the least attended to. They are in the unchecked and non-monitored groups who come to an institution very late. They suffer from diabetes and due to recurrent

infections, develop tuberculosis. Complications among this group are very high, but they are not documented as they are at the fringe."

Diabetes is not covered by the government programme of Aarogya Sri. Hence, patients have to pay for their own medicines. While anti-diabetic drugs are on the National List of Essential Medicines, they are available only in generic stores, which are only at a few places and rarely present in the more remote areas. Most patients are thus dependent on branded drugs which are very expensive.

The treatment can be inexpensive and affordable, but it is not being made so as there is too much dependence on drugs. The disease can be managed by prevention and medication, but instead it has become a treatment-oriented disease. Due to this, lifestyle changes such as exercising and diet modifications are not explained properly to each patient.

Dr T.N.J. Rajesh, consultant of internal medicine at Star Hospitals, said, "There are a lot of misconceptions and a blind following of western diets. Take the recent fad of consuming olive oil, which is good for the heart. But, it is unstable at high temperatures. Indian cooking takes place at high temperatures. It is better only for the Mediterranean diet, which includes salads that don't require cooking. For Indians, rice bran oil is the best option, as it has a good amount of monounsaturated fatty acids and is stable at high temperatures."

WHO ANNOUNCES PILOT PROGRAMME TO PREQUALIFY HUMAN INSULIN

A day ahead of World Diabetes Day (November 14), the WHO announced a pilot programme to prequalify human insulin to increase treatment of diabetes in low and medium income countries.

WHO prequalification of medicines is a service provided by WHO to assess the quality, safety and efficacy of medicinal products.

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people, who suffer from type 2 diabetes in the world, need insulin, according to a WHO release. Yet, only half of them can access it because of high prices. Insulin is needed by type-1 patients for survival.

The decision is part of a series of steps WHO will take to address the growing diabetes burden in all regions.

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 13

Type 1 diabetes continues to place a big financial burden on a patient's family. Also known as juvenile diabetes, patients with it need insulin for survival. And insulin doesn't come cheap — patients have to spend anywhere up to ₹5,000 for sufficient quantities for a month. It is the underprivileged class that suffers the most because of this.

Syed Samdan (14) was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes when he was just nine years old. His family's life has not been the same since. His father Syed Habeeb (42) used to be a cloth wholesaler but had to stop working when he suffered a stroke a couple of years ago.

"I was very worried about getting my son treated. I would be tense all the time about where I would get the money to buy his medicines. I suffered a stroke because of that. I am partially paralysed waist down," he said. There are no breadwinners in the family today; Habeeb's wife passed away last year. They depend entirely on charitable institutions such as the Helping Hand Foundation (HHF) for monetary assistance. Young Syed Samdan has stopped going to school because it was difficult to keep tabs on his diet.

"His friends used to feed him chocolates and other stuff, which would increase his sugar levels massively. Last year, he ate too much sugar and went into a coma. It took him 10 days to recover. I made him stop going to school after that," says his father.

Government hospitals such as Gandhi, Osmania General and NIMS have special programmes that give free insulin, which diabetics need to balance their sugar levels. But Mujtaba Hasan Aksari from HHF said most patients are either unaware of this or simply don't trust

government hospitals. "Government hospitals give free insulin vials, along with providing free consultation. But a lot of the people who come to us for help say they won't go to them. They are distrustful of the bureaucracy there and think the treatment will be inferior in nature," says Mr Aksari who believes that diabetes patients, and not just those with Type 1 diabetes, must be brought into the public health system. "Many people cannot afford insulin injections. Families beg, borrow or steal for them. Since they are so costly, we have seen cases where patients skip doses or take smaller than required doses to save insulin. If the government wakes up to this problem and promotes diabetes treatment, it will be really helpful to everyone," he said.

There indeed seems to be distrust about government hospitals. Nooruddin Mohammed (25) was diagnosed with insulin-dependent diabetes a few years ago. In his childhood, he was afflicted with polio, which has left him immobile. His mother Shaheena Begum said, "My husband is a car driver. We don't have the money to buy insulin. Family members usually help us with the expenses." Mohammed's family takes him only to private clinics. Also, though he is a graduate, he sits at home since his disability and the diabetes are too difficult to manage. "We tried going to Osmania Hospital when he was diagnosed, but they were not helpful. They made us run around from one office to another for four days. For a wheelchair for my son, they charged us ₹200. We spent ₹2,000 on auto rickshaw rides alone. The whole exercise was useless," she said.

In addition to insulin, Mohammed takes a course of Unani medicine. His family was told it would improve his condition.

Dr V.K. Bhargava, chairman of the Telangana chapter of the Research Society for the Study of Diabetes in India, warns against Type-1 diabetes patients subscribing to alternative medicine systems.

Diabetic patients must go for eye check-ups

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV 13

Eye-check up in diabetes is as important as blood sugar. But the problem is that while blood sugar is checked the eyes are given a miss. For this reason, the reduced vision due to the high sugar levels are diagnosed too late.

Ophthalmologists state that people who are suffering from diabetes for 10 years come only after they have developed sight issues for check-ups. Dr P. Muralidhar Rao, senior vitreo retinal surgeon at Maxi Vision Super Specialty Eye hospital explained, "Those who have been diagnosed with diabetes must get their eyes checked once

● Diabetic retinopathy is silent blindness and the vision deteriorates slowly.

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restore their vision. The problem is that people come so late that apart from surgical and laser interventions there are no other options. If they want their sight must be retained annual check-up's will help as the problem can be taken care of quickly."

Diabetic retinopathy is silent blindness and the vision deteriorates slowly. The vision reduces from the sides first and due to that reason the person cannot understand. A recent study by All India Institute of Medical Sciences in 2017 has shown that one in every 46 diabetic is blind and one in seven has some form of vision impairment due to high blood sugar levels.

in a year. Those who have been suffering from diabetes for more than 10 years must check their eyes atleast three times in a year. It is a simple test and will help them

Winged wanderers



Migratory birds arrive at the Gandipet Lake wait for their catch. The lake is a popular tourist destination. Its parks, resorts, and amusement park are a major attraction.

— DEEPAK DESHPANDE

BURNING | LUNGS

GHMC SI allegedly asked complainant to take a picture or record video of offenders

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 12

Residents living within the Secunderabad Cantonment Board precincts have accused the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation board of not being serious about sanitation and clearing of garbage in their areas.

Mr Venkatramana, a resident of Trimulgherry told Deccan Chronicle that he had complained against commercial establishments burning their garbage in the open to Mr M. Devender, GHMC superintendent for Solid Waste Management. But

■ Refutes allegations, SCB said that the issue of garbage disposal is taken quite seriously.

such burning of garbage is continuing adding to the pollution in the area.

The Trimulgherry resident said he had recently come across a sweeper who was burning dry garbage instead of disposing it in a waste bin.

When he was confronted, the sweeper took the stance that burning the garbage is better as it would otherwise scatter due to the wind.

"The waste bin was only a few metres away. He could have easily disposed it of properly. Instead he burnt it causing air pollution. Such violation is happening because of the lethargic attitude of SCB officials. They think they can get away with this behaviour," Mr Venkatramana remarked.

He said when he spoke GHMC superintendent Devender, he was asked to take a picture or record the video of offenders.

"The burden of proof is on us, the common citizens. When I sent him a video, the superintendent casually told me he would

look into it," the angry resident protested.

When contacted, the superintendent maintained that the SCB took the issue of garbage disposal seriously. "We have recently penalised nearly 15 commercial establishments that were burning their garbage in the open. We understand the seriousness of the matter," he maintained. Mr Devender said that since Tuesday was a holiday due to Guru Nanak Jayanti, he could not attend to Mr Venkatramana's complaint. "We will get on to it as soon as possible," he added.

Cement prices in city rise due to doldrums in AP

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV 13

In what can be called a cascading effect, the lack of sand in the neighbouring state of Andhra Pradesh has jacked up the prices of cement in Telangana, a 50 kg bag of cement costing anywhere between ₹350 to ₹400, as against the usual price of ₹250.

According to those in the know of things, the 'cartelisation' of cement traders in both states is due to the lack of construction activity in AP.

"The recent torrential rainfall in Andhra Pradesh has resulted in a lack of river sand available for construction. In a bid to make up for their losses, cement traders are hiking the

prices in Telangana," said a member of Telangana Developers' Association, requesting anonymity. These cartels, he said, are making hay while the sun shines.

The cartels usually hike the prices wherever there is a lot of construction activity. "There is no let-up in construction activity in the city or the whole of Telangana for that matter. Taking advantage of these circumstances, the price of cement has been increased," he adds.

To meet the city's sand needs, he said that the real-estate in the city has developed, hence they are using robo-sand to take up tiling and other menial work.

"These sands cannot be used for slab-work but can be used for laying tiles. So

that is keeping the real-estate booming in Hyderabad," he said.

River sand which is apt for construction is usually procured from the riversides in Andhra Pradesh. However, in a bid to tackle the ongoing crisis, the Andhra Pradesh government has announced that a 'Sand Week' would be conducted from November 14 to 21 to solve the sand crisis in the state.

The average sand demand in Andhra Pradesh is 80,000 tons. Due to floods and sinking of the reaches, this demand could not be met. Over the past week, the situation has improved considerably and the mining has increased to 1.20 lakh tonnes on a daily basis.



A screengrab from a viral video that shows garabage is being burnt and not proper disposal methods are being followed.



Charity, not justice

The prerequisite for peace or love between any two groups is justice an equality. What we've been given is charity, says Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi

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24-hour sanitation will be implemented in 27 tourist places to keep the premises neat and clean.

— Lokesh Kumar
GHMC municipal commissioner

IN BRIEF

LOCOMOTIVE PILOT REMAINS CRITICAL

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 13

The medical condition of locomotive pilot, Mr L. Chandra Shekar, who survived an eight-hour ordeal after the MMTS-Intercity train crash on Monday, remains critical.

He was rescued from the crushed coach of Multi-Modal Transport System (MMTS) train, which rammed the Intercity Express near Kacheguda Railway Station.

Doctors at Care Hospital Nampally said on Wednesday that his condition is improving gradually, but he is still in a critical condition.

On Wednesday, vascular surgeons attended on him and tried to improve blood circulation in the lower part of the body. He is on ventilator support with Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy (CRRT). Depending on how he responds, doctors will decide the next course of treatment on Thursday.

■ **L. CHANDRA SHEKAR**, was rescued from the crushed coach of Multi-Modal Transport System (MMTS) train, which rammed the Intercity Express near Kacheguda Railway Station.

Awareness drive



City police commissioner Anjani Kumar (left) and additional commissioner of police (traffic) felicitate motorists for abiding traffic rules as part of the road safety awareness programme, at the traffic police control room on Wednesday.

— S. SURENDER REDDY

Turn off phones, spend time with kids today

Schools send message to parents to switch off gadgets

ADITYA CHUNDURU | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 13

For many children, being able to spend some time with their parents can be the best gift. A day ahead of Children's Day, on Wednesday, many parents received text messages from their children's schools, asking them to switch off all their gadgets between 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm on Thursday, and spend quality time with their children.

Several schools are participating in the exercise. Vidya Rao, vice principal

of Pallavi School in Alwal, said, "It is important that children spend quality time with their parents.

We have been sending out messages to parents asking them to take some time out and learn what is going on in their children's lives."

Psychologists believe this is a step in the right direction.

Dr Harini Atturu, a psychiatrist who works with major hospitals in the city, said, "This is a great idea. In fact, I would suggest families go gadget-free every day, not just once on

Children's Day." Dr Atturu said the idea stems from a desire to address internet and gadget addiction.

"It is a legitimate behavioural addiction, not unlike smoking or gambling. Parents might be using gadgets for work purposes but they do not realise how much time they end up spending on them," she said.

If a family gets together and watches TV, it doesn't count as family time, she said. "A parent might come home early and be in the same room as his or

her children. But if they are spending time on their own gadgets, it does not count as time spent together. Also, if parents don't make an effort to spend time with their children, the children will eventually forget what it feels like to be together," she said.

Reducing time on gadgets would also be helpful in regulating sleep cycles, the psychiatrist said.

"Overall, this is a great step. Addictions are hard to break, but attempts need to be made," Dr Atturu said.

Now, drive to collect debris

MADDY DEEKSHITH | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 13

After successfully conducting a 10-day special drive to collect scrap, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) is to embark on a drive to collect debris from every household. That apart, the civic body has decided to lay special focus on tourist spots and implementation of 24-hour sanitation facilities.

Corporation Commissioner Mr DS Lokesh Kumar said that in order keep tourist spots clean, they would engage a private agency for upkeep of sanitation. He said a few spots will be handed over on a pilot basis and based on the performance, their services will be utilised in the remaining places.

The civic body Commissioner said that nearly 235 metric tonnes of waste material was collected during the recent special drive. He said bolstered thus, they are planning to take up a special circle-wise drive on debris, which could later be made ward-wise.

Mr Kumar also briefed about various other subjects. **Development of slip roads:** Following instructions from the Municipal Administration and Urban Development Ministry, and as a move aimed at easing traffic flow, GHMC has identified parallel routes/stretches of up to 100kms in the city, which will be made available for commuters by February.

As a first step towards achieving a better traffic flow, they will remove small bottlenecks along the route.

DPR has been prepared with an outlay of ₹200 crore, which has been earmarked for developing these internal and parallel roads like laying roads, providing amenities and signage, among other things.

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Maintenance of main roads of up to 709 kms by private agencies and for a five-year period with an outlay of ₹1,800 crore is in an advanced stage, which is the tender process. It will be funded by the government. As of now, the GHMC's annual expenditure on maintenance of roads is around ₹900 crore.

Double Bed Rooms: Out of the proposed construction of one lakh houses in GHMC, till now 49,000 2BHK houses are nearing completion and the remaining target will be completed in the stipulated period. JNNURM houses that have left over will be allotted to the beneficiaries, shortly.

Rupee term loans: GHMC has received permission to raise up to ₹2,500 crore. As the rate of interest for bonds is more, GHMC is opting to go in for term loan as they could save on interest and there is a two-year moratorium. Although, as of now around ₹9,000 crore worth works have been sanctioned, only works to the tune of ₹300 crore will be on because of limited machinery at the disposal of GHMC contractors.

Transfer stations: In the recent festivals, a lot of garbage has been generated. A day after the festival around 8,200 metric tonnes of garbage was lifted by the GHMC.

The garbage in 14 of 18 transfer stations was shifted immediately to Jawahar Dumping Yard while dryness is maintained in transfer stations

Three tourist spots soon to be developed at Ananthagiri Hills

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 13

Tourism minister V. Srinivas Goud and education minister Ms. Sabitha Indra Reddy on Wednesday said that three tourism centres will be developed at Ananthagiri Hills in Vikarabad district.

Both the ministers held a review in Vikarabad with the officials concerned after visiting the tourist spots located on the Ananthagiri Hills and having the Darshan at Lord Padmanabha Swamy Temple.

They said that the state gov-

ernment has planning to reform the Ananthagiri Hills as Ooty of Telangana and proposed to Temple Tourism, Wellness Tourism and Adventure Tourism Centre on the Hills.

In view of scenic beauty of the Hills and the nature and the air at hills which is noted to cure various prolonged illnesses including the Tuberculosis, the chief minister mooted several proposals to develop turn the Ananthagiri as most attractive tourism destination in the state, the ministers added.

The ministers also reminded that the Vikarabad District Administration has introduced Aero and Water sports and bird watching at tourist spots of Ananthagiri Hills, Kotpally and Sarpanpally Lakes of the Vi districts.

They said that "Ananthagiri hills, one of the most attractive tourist spots in Telangana is the pride of Vikarabad district and Ananthagiri hills, the birthplace of river Musi attract many nature lovers who are enthralled by the mesmerizing beauty of the hills.

Depressed anaesthetist injects himself to death

JAYENDRA CHAITHANYA
T. | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 13

A 36-year-old anaesthesiologist is said to have committed suicide by injecting himself with an unidentified poison at his home in Hayathnagar.

M. Ramesh, 36, a native of Ongole district in Andhra Pradesh, worked as an anaesthesiologist at a private hospital Ongole. He left the job about two months ago and came to Hyderabad to stay with his parents at Lecturers Colony in Hayathnagar.

He was married in 2013 and had a son aged five who lived with his wife, a doctor herself, who lived

■ **RAMESH WAS** married in 2013 and had a son aged five. His wife, a doctor herself, lived separately with the son. Ramesh was said to be depressed after the separation.

■ **POLICE SAID** that Ramesh's father M. Muralidhar Rao noticed his son's body on the rooftop of the house Tuesday. An injection was lying beside the body.

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Two days ago, Ramesh told his parents that he

was going upstairs to rest. When he did not reappear, they thought he had gone out. Only on Tuesday did they find his body on the rooftop.

Inspector K. Satish of the Hayathnagar police said that Ramesh's father M. Muralidhar Rao noticed his son's body on the rooftop on Tuesday at around 7.30 am. An injection was lying beside the body. An autopsy was conducted and the body handed over to the family afterwards.

A case has been registered on the complaint of the father and the investigation is on. Police said they are investigating the case from all angles.

TTD tender to shift coins

DC CORRESPONDENT
TIRUPATI, NOV. 13

The TTD has invited sealed tenders from qualified banks and recognised foreign exchange dealers for lifting and transportation of the foreign coins collected in TTD hundis, which were now kept in the treasury at TTD administration building in Tirupati.

The coins belonging to Malaysia, USA, Europe, Singapore, Australia, Canada,

Lanka, Kuwait, Bahrain, Thailand, Nepal, New Zealand, Qatar and Oman and other nations. Foreign coins can be found in the Srivari Hundi at Tirumala and at the Hundis in other TTD temples too.

The TTD said that sealed tenders would be opened at the office of the Dy EO of Treasury and Inventories at the TTD admin building in Tirupati on November 28.

Interested persons could log on www.tirumala.org for more details.

TALENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR CITY GIRL

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 13

S.V. Krishnadvaita, of the Zilla Parishad High School in Ranga Reddy district, has been named as one of the recipients of the National Cultural Talent Scholarship 2019-20.

She won the scholarship due to her creative writing. Krishnadvaita is the only Telugu girl to have received the scholarship till date.

Krishnadvaita is the daughter of S.V. Krishna and Krishnajayanthi.

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a	Income from Operations								
a	Sales/Income from Operations	6028.99	6606.90	10439.28	12396.99	6030.16	6612.43	10441.25	12409.13
b	Other Operating Income	196.73	172.98	318.12	318.39	196.74	173.04	318.13	318.45
	Total Revenue from Operations	6225.72	6779.88	10757.40	12715.38	6226.90	6785.47	10759.38	12727.58
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional Items)	164.51	271.51	(179.46)	497.36	159.53	264.97	(192.50)	483.92
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items & share of net profit/ (loss) of joint ventures in consolidated results)	164.51	271.51	(179.46)	497.36	166.88	171.58	(179.77)	281.82
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax	118.58	185.17	(97.67)	340.75	120.95	85.24	(97.98)	125.21
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)	83.93	184.19	(166.97)	338.80	86.31	84.27	(167.26)	123.27
6	Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value Rs 2 per share)	696.41	734.28	696.41	734.28	696.41	734.28	696.41	734.28
7	Other Equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Basic & Diluted Earnings Per Share.	0.34	0.50	(0.28)	0.93	0.35	0.23	(0.28)	0.34

Notes:

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Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhara Reddy is not meeting anyone. Why is he not meeting the very people that elected him, asks CPI leader Chada Venkat Reddy

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Traffic Police has been successful in reducing road accidents by 10%.

—Anil Kumar, Addl. commissioner of police, traffic

IN BRIEF

TS GETS FIRST CHILD-FRIENDLY POLICE STATION

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 13

For the first time in Telangana, a child-friendly court is being started by the Rachakonda police in coordination with the Bachpan Bachav organisation at Medipally on Thursday.

The first of its kind police station which would have a play area, books and other amenities like a cot. The child-friendly police station will have staff in civil costumes to attend the children who accompany their parents to the police station.

The child-friendly station will also help in questioning the juveniles arrested in various cases, and ensure that they do not get exposed to the uniformed officials.

The staff will also be given training on the laws related to the children and to address the issues relegated to the children. Since formation of Rachakonda commissionerate, the police have rescued 900 of the 954 missing children, and also had united three children with their families after identifying them with the facial recognition software.

LOCALS DOUSE BLAZE, FIREMEN RETURN

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 13

In what can be called a weird incident, and one that is seen in films where police personnel arrive at the crime spot a tad too late, a fire tender, which was rushing to quash a blaze in Gandhi Nagar near Kavadi Guda, was asked to return to the station. The reason was that the locals had doused the fire!

A fire broke out in a residential apartment in the wee hours of Wednesday, and a frantic emergency call was made to the fire department.

But, according to senior officials, the fire-tender that heading to the accident spot was asked to turn around as residents had put-out the fire.

"We are unsure of the cause of the fire because we did not reach or investigate at the spot. Because of this, we cannot estimate the quantum of damage," said a senior official of the fire department.

Check posts to curtail illegal sand shifting

AVINASH P. SUBRAMANIAM | DC
TIRUPATI, NOV. 13

The Nellore district police resolved to set up eight inter-state/inter-district check posts and nine check posts at the stock yards across the district, in coordination with the revenue and mines department personnel, to prevent illegal excavation and transportation of sand.

Superintendent of Police Aishwarya Rastogi recently took a decision to set up check posts on inter-state, inter-district borders and also at sand stock yards.

Check posts would be set up at the following places— integrated check post at Tada, Jonnawada—Badvel, Sangam—Somasila, Nelaballi on Naidupeta—Srikalahasthi, Venkatagiri—Yerpedu, Sri City—SEZ Point, Thatiparthi—Varadai-palem and Athmakuru—Marripadu.

Also, nine check posts at sand stock points will come up at Pottapalem of Nellore Rural Mandal, Mudivarthi of Vidavalur, Jonnawada of Buchireddy, Palem, Swarnamukhi barrage of Vakadu, Pala-churu Anicut of

Naidupeta, Kota Anicut of Kota, Chillakur of Chinthavaram, Viruvuru of Podalakur and Pada-mati of Kambampadu of Ananthasagaram mandals.

Explaining about the steps taken by the police department in order to control illegal sand mining, the SP said, "All the check posts have been functioning round the clock in three shifts with personnel from the police, revenue and mines departments since October 29, 2019. They will check all vehicles shifting sand and verify the authenticity, quantum of sand and other legal aspects before releasing the vehicle from the sand reaches. Logistic support has already been provided at all check posts."

Special squads have also been formed and these will be moving in the district in vehicles to check illegal transportation of sand. In addition, SHOs and local police will also conduct surprise checking on roads," he added.

According to the official reports, the police booked 117 cases in the district since May 30, 2019 on illegal excavation and transportation of sand and also seized 258 vehicles,

■ IN LIGHT of recent events where a Tahsildhar, Vijaya Reddy, was burnt alive, the Tahsildars' Association has asked the officials to take up precautions to ensure that 400 women tahsildars in the state are bereft of any more such attacks.

Reddy, president of the association, said that there have been instances where the women staffers of the

district offices have been threatened.

"Carrying a pepper spray would act as a deterrent in such situations," he said.

Not just the association, even police chiefs, suggest that women should carry such defensive articles with them. "A woman on the street is entitled to safety. We strongly support women who carry a pepper spray. There are videos of how to make pepper spray on the internet. Women must watch and learn the techniques," said Rachakonda police commissioner, Mahesh M

Bhagwat. Further, the association is now mulling plans to have visitors to the district offices screened before meeting officers.

These measures of stringent security are specifically to keep the tahsildar officials separated and safe from the public as much as possible. Visitors on Tuesday underwent strict security scans and metal detectors at the district collectorates before meeting tahsildars.

Also, all departments would now have proper CCTV surveillance to prevent such untoward incidents, he added.

Sale of pepper spray up after police order

Women can carry it for their defence

T.S.S. SIDHARTH | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 13

The sale of pepper spray in Hyderabad has seen a rise after district heads and sometimes the police have asked women to carry pepper spray along with them.

In light of recent events where a Tahsildhar Vijaya Reddy was burnt alive, the Tahsildars' Association has asked officials to take precautions to ensure the 400 women tahsildars in the state do not suffer any more such attacks.

Speaking to Deccan Chronicle, V. Lachi

Calling for trouble



A school bus driver talks over phone while driving on a busy Begumpet road on Wednesday.

— S. SURENDER REDDY

Road mishaps down 10%: Cops

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 13

Hyderabad traffic police has succeeded in reducing road accidents by 10 per cent. Police is making efforts to make every journey safer and delightful.

These came up at a 'traffic and road safety awareness' camp con-

ducted by the Hyderabad traffic police after it was inaugurated by City Police Commissioner Mr Anjani Kumar. The function was presided over by Addl Commissioner of Hyderabad Traffic Police, Mr Anil Kumar. The department joined hands with a

Multinational food outlet group, which distributed 300 coupons. Police officials said that they will be given as rewards to those riding bikes by maintaining safety norms. They have undertaken several such initiatives in the past 18 months. Safe and responsible riding for six months will be

duly applauded.

Anjani Kumar said "there are approximately 10 million road users in the city."

These types of programs will spread awareness. We hope more companies come on board and help the police to reach out to more people, who swear by safe driving."

Jewellery store staff attacked, ₹30L stolen

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 13

Two bike-borne suspects pepper-sprayed a jewellery store worker at General Bazar in Secunderabad area and fled with a bag containing ₹30 lakh cash on a stolen bike on Tuesday night. It was found that the bike was stolen from the Peddamberpet area of Hayathnagar.

The incident that took place at a stone's throw distance from Mahankali police station, threw a challenge to the city police.

Suspecting that the robbers would have abandoned the bike at a busy public area, the teams from Mahankali police station and Task Force are on the job of searching for the bike at the bus station, railway stations and a team went to the airport to see if the bag was abandoned there.

On Tuesday evening, Ruparam, an employee

■ The incident took place at a stone's throw distance from Mahankali police station.

of Rohit Jewellers, run by Srinivas Varma, went to Navkar Jewellers owned by Anil Jain at a lane in General Bazar close to the Mahankali police station.

Rohit Jewellers manufacture ornaments on demand, and Navkar Jewellers purchase the ornaments and sell them.

Ruparam was given the task to get ₹30 lakh cash from Anil's shop located on the first floor of a commercial complex. After collecting the cash, when Ruparam was getting down the stairs, an unidentified person pepper-sprayed on his face. The suspect snatched the bag containing the cash and fled away along with his associate on a bike.

After coming to his senses, Ruparam informed his employer who in turn alerted the Mahankali police and lodged a complaint. The police registered a case and, subsequently, special teams were put in action, along with Task Force personnel.

According to sources, CCTV cameras installed in the vicinity had footage through which the bike used by the suspects was identified. On verification, the bike was found to have been stolen on the road in front of a wine shop located at Peddamberpet in Hayathnagar on October 21.

Further, the police found that the suspects have been using the bike carefully, ensuring that they do not incur any traffic violation so that the vehicle owner would not receive the message from the Hyderabad traffic police, sources said.

MAN RAPES THREE-YEAR-OLD GRANDCHILD

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA NOV. 13

In a shocking incident, a 59-year-old man raped 3-year-old granddaughter at Bhairavapatnam of Mandavalli mandal in Krishna district on Tuesday night.

The incident came to light on Wednesday.

According to police, the father of the girl returned home at about 9 pm to find his daughter lying unconscious. He took the girl to the Kaikaluru government hospital and the doctors found signs of

the girl being raped.

The father lodged a complaint with the police that his father-in-law had raped the girl.

Gudivada DSP N. Satyanandam reached the hospital and conducted preliminary inquiry.

OBITUARY



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Your Countless memories are in our Hearts
with Sorrowing Hearts
WIFE: N. NAVEENA, MOTHER: N. ANJANMA
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Daughters: Gayathri, Hansika

OBITUARY



KATTA SRAVAN KUMAR
EX-AGM, BHEL
Passed away on 5th November, 2019.
10th day ceremony to be held on
14th November at our residence.
Inserted by: Wife, Daughters, Sons-in-law,
Grandchildren and other family members.
Ph: +91 9959246444, +91 99667 68989

ONE YEAR IN HEAVEN



Philomina Edith Lawrence
Born: 29 August 1936
Left us on: 14th November 2018
Remembering you is easy, we do it every day,
But missing you is a heartache that doesn't go away
Inserted by:
Your Children

40th DAY REMEMBRANCE

"I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7



KOKILA MARIA TURNER
DOB: 04.02.1956 DOD: 06.10.2019
Inserted by:
NORMAN TURNER and
Family Members

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1st DEATH ANNIVERSARY



PASUPULETI EMELIYA INDIRA
W/o. Late: P. Sunder Rao (Ret. Engineer (Rtd) Dept.)
DOB: 23-08-1945 DOD: 14-11-2018
Inserted by:
Son: Dr. Christopher Pasupuleti
Daughter-in-Law: D. Keziya Florence
Grandchildren: P. Samuel Joseph, Dr. P. Chelsea Veronica
Ph: 9666550037 / 9676837894

25th ANNIVERSARY



Smt. P. SIRISHA REDDY
DOB: 16-06-1961 DOD: 14-11-1994
In fond remembrance of
my dearest Sister
Inserted by:
P. Saritha Reddy

SHRADDHANJALI

2nd Anniversary



Late Shree SATISH KUMAR AGGARWAL
Left us on 14.11.2017

*What we once enjoyed
and deeply loved we
can never lose,
for all that we love
deeply becomes
part of us.*

IN LOVING MEMORY

Mrs. Shashi Aggarwal,
Neeraj Aggarwal,
Ishita Aggarwal,
Grand Children and
All who remember and
miss him dearly.

UTHAVANA



SAROJ V MODI
W/o VINODRAY G MODI
EXPIRED ON 13.11.2019
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AT SHANKARWASI JAIN UPASHREY,
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SECUNDERABAD.
VINODRAY G. MODI (Husband)
MANSHIV MODI - BHAVANAM MODI - PREETI MODI - RANVI MODI
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10th day Ceremony

14th November 2019
Ln. Shri. Ananthula Srinivasulu
Rtd. Chief Complaints Inspector SC Rly.



Date of Birth: 20.04.1934
Passed Away on 06.11.2019
Inserted by: Wife, Sons, Daughters in law,
Daughters, Sons in law,
Grandchildren, Great Grand Children
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Smt. RAJESHWARI
Who left us for her heavenly abode on 02-11-2019



(25-09-1936 to 02-11-2019)
From Sunrise to sunset every moment
would have been more wonderful
if you were with us today.
Your memories will never be forgotten.
Missing you Mom!
with profound grief,
Son: Kishore, Daughter-in-law: Aruna
Daughters: Gowri, Leela
and all Grand Children

2nd DEATH ANNIVERSARY



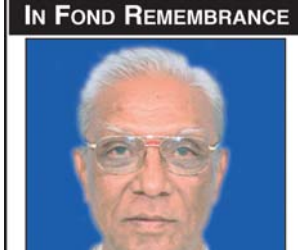
LATE. VELDTHURTHI SANGETHA
W/o. V. VISHWANATH RAO
D.O.B.: 19-04-1962 D.O.D.: 14-11-2017
We miss you every moment of our lives.
You live in the hearts of the loving
family you left behind.
Inserted by: Family Members
Ph: 9849039350, 9000932665.

1st ANNIVERSARY



Jengiti Shobha Rani
DOD: 14 Nov 2018
W/o J.M. Bharath Rao
Your Memories will Always Be remembered
in Our Hearts Forever
Son's & Daughter in Laws, Daughter
& Son in Law Grand Children's
Inserted by: J.M. Prabhakar Rao - Padmavathi
Son's & Daughter in Laws
Grand Children's J.M. Ravinder & Family
Sister & Brother in Law
And All Jengiti Family Members

9th ANNIVERSARY



SHAKELLI HANUMANTH RAO
DOD: 23-11-2010 (Thithi: Vidiya)
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Sunkari Panduranga Rao & Bros.,
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(S/1920/D01230)

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In profound grief
Entire Family Members
Bhatia Wheels (9246348100)

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GANJI SHASHI RAJ
DOD: 12th Nov. 2019
Anthima Yatra today at 11:00
a.m. from Vittalwadi to Goinaka
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TRS govt is illegal. HC should register a suo-motu case and start hearing it

— Mallu Ravi

TPCC Vice-President

IN BRIEF

TS IS NEW SUICIDE CAPITAL, SAYS CONGRESS MLA

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 13

Congress MLA T. Jaya Prakash Reddy (Jagga Reddy) on Wednesday said that the state has become a suicide capital.

Mr Reddy said that during the Telangana movement, TRS chief K. Chandrasekhar Rao had said that if a separate state was formed there would be no suicides. He said that in the present Telangana state, there was no value for the past struggle.

Mr Reddy also described the RTC strike as a fight between a weak person and a strong person. He said the farmers and RTC workers were committing suicide and it was unfortunate that the RTC strike has stretched for 40 days.

The leader also said that even after the High Court expressed its anger on the government, the government was not willing to resolve the issue. He alleged that the employees union leaders are not speaking have become puppets of the state government.

ACCESS TO GOV IS EASIER THAN TO CM, SAYS VENKATA

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 13

CPI State Secretary Chada Venkata Reddy on Wednesday wondered why Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao was not meeting Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan, when she was giving audience to everyone in Raj Bhavan. He said Mr Rao was destroying democracy in the State with his attitude and administration style.

Speaking to media at Sangareddy, he charged that it was this very behaviour that had forced the disgruntled TSRTC employees to go on strike, which is continuing despite his deadlines and warnings. He said the Chief Minister was responsible for the death of around 27 RTC workers.

He asked the State Government to come clear on land records cleaning programme, because most of the records were false and fabricated. He said irrigation projects had come to a grinding halt while the TSRTC was heavily in debts.

Mr Venkata Reddy said it was unbecoming of Mr Rao to blame revenue department officials, whom he had praised recently for doing their jobs well. He alleged that the Chief Minister was taking the State to the brink of bankruptcy.

CONGRESS CALLS MEGA MEET ON SATURDAY

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 13

Saturday will be a decisive day for the Congress as the high command has called for a full-fledged meeting in New Delhi on that day.

All AICC general secretaries, secretaries, Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) presidents and Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leaders have been directed to attend the meeting.

Apart from finalising the proposed agitation in all states against the Centre's policies, the meeting will take stock of the present political scenario, particularly with regard to Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Karnataka. Jharkhand, incidentally, goes to polls on November 30 while the situation in the other two states is fluid.

According to an AICC General Secretary, the party is likely up the ante and go to the people on a more aggressive note while exposing the acts of omissions and commissions committed by the Union government.

Caught in the crossfire



Students wait at a bus stop in Begumpet for buses to reach their educational institutions as the TSRTC employees' agitation continues on Wednesday.

Modi's political 'graph' up, KCR's fell, says Laxman

IREDDY SRINIVAS REDDY
DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 13

President of the BJP's state unit Dr K. Laxman on Wednesday said that Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao's political "graph" has fallen after he came to power for the second time, but Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "graph" has gone up.

Addressing the media at the party office on Wednesday, he said that several TRS MLAs were in touch with him. He said they would like to join the BJP, so that they could work in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

Dr Laxman said that many MLAs of the ruling party were waiting for the people to rebel against the state government. He also said that once the people raised their voices against the current government, many MLAs would leave the TRS.

Dr Lakshman said that the implementation of several welfare schemes, including the Rythu Bandhu, Kalyana Lakshmi and Asara pensions, have been halted due to lack of funds, but the TRS government was misleading the people by projecting false figures.

The BJP leader said that there was no debate on Hyderabad being made "the second capital" of the country.

The BJP leader also said that former Maharashtra Governor Vidyasagar Rao

FIVE LEADERS IN RACE FOR POST OF STATE BJP CHIEF

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 13

The race has begun for the BJP state president's post as the term of Dr K. Lakshman will be over by the end of December. Several senior and young leaders, who are said to be in the race are lobbying in Delhi, emboldened by the party improving its position in the state by winning four seats in Telangana state.

After an improved performance in the Lok Sabha elections, the BJP high command is of the opinion that strengthening the party in the state by bringing in more new faces and senior politicians from other parties would help it grab the power in the 2023 Assembly elections.

According to sources in the BJP, Karimnagar MP B. Sanjay Kumar has a fair chance as he

belongs to Backward Classes and has defeated TRS senior leader B. Vinod Kumar in the Lok Sabha polls.

Mr Arvind Dharmapuri is also said to be in the race. He defeated Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao's daughter K. Kavitha in the LS polls. But sources said he was trying for a plum post at the Centre and the party high command has promised to consider his request.

Former Mahbubnagar MP A.P. Jitender Reddy, former minister D.K. Aruna and MLC Ramachandra Rao are also contenders for the post of the state party chief.

Dr Lakshman is also trying for a second term as the party did well in the state under his leadership, but party sources said the high command was planning to use his services at the national level.

has also become silent about the "second capital" issue.

He said his party was well prepared for the upcoming municipal polls and would contest in all Urban Local Bodies.

He said that like at Nandyal in Andhra Pradesh, where the then ruling Telugu Desam had

won but lost in 2019, in Huzurnagar, though the ruling TRS has won now, it will lose in the 2023 elections. Dr Laxman said that the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) was not under the Union Government and the Centre was not intervening in the strike issue.

State to boost paddy, cotton procurement

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 13

With record production of paddy and cotton in the current Kharif season, the state government is making arrangements to improve the procuring of the crop.

Agriculture minister S. Niranjan Reddy told this newspaper that in the current Kharif season, paddy was sowed in 41.35 lakh acres and they are expecting around 65 lakh metric tonnes of produce compared to 41 lakh metric tonnes in the Kharif season of 2018.

"In view of the record production, we are setting up 3,500 procurement centres across the state and so far, 1,100 centres have already been established and around 1.1 metric tonnes of crop have been procured," the minister added.

He said that ₹1,815 has been fixed MSP for common variety of paddy per bag and ₹1,835 per bag for Grade-A paddy. The recent market rate is ₹1,581 to ₹1,608 per bag of common paddy and ₹1,581 to ₹1,608 per bag of common paddy and



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Mr Reddy said that on 22.11 lakh hectares, cotton was sown and it is expected to produce 54.63 lakh MTs more than the last year and it will be the highest production so far in the history of the State.

He said that the Centre has increased MSP for Cotton from ₹5,450 to ₹5,550. He said that the move could bring down the market prices globally.

The minister said that the director of agriculture marketing in

September submitted proposals to the CMD of CCI, Mumbai for opening of 340 centers in the state in the interest of the farming community. The CMD has finalised 96 AMC centers in the state under which 252 ginning mills would be developed as CCI procurement centers to help the cotton farmers, he added.

He said heavy collection of cotton will begin from November 15 and collection of paddy is also set begin in many of the districts of the state.

MUSLIM LEADERS GAVE UP, SAYS MAJEEDULLAH

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"Though I respect the Court, I respect a judgement which upholds the law. We should not see a judgement from a Muslim or Hindu viewpoint, but we feel that this judgement was not delivered considering the tenets of the law," Majlis Bachao Tehreek president Majeedullah Khan Farhat.

Muslim organisations and leaders surrendered before the judgement, Mr Khan said, saying they would accept whatever judgement might come.

"No one dared to say that we would accept the judgement which upheld the rule of law," he said.

Mr Majeedullah Khan appealed that mosques' sermonizers should highlight this injustice during the Jumma sermon. He also asked advocates to question whether Article 14 and 15 was abolished. "We failed to inform our new generation about the Babri Masjid matter," he said.

Mr Khan pointed out that Muslims ruled this country for more than 700 years and had contributed to its development. They had struggled to liberate India from the British and sacrificed lives for India's freedom, but faced injustice after liberation.

"I can migrate to any country, but I will stay here and fight for our rights," Mr Majeedullah Khan said.

Netas escape in illegal cash cases

Cases booked against only drivers, couriers

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL
DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 13

The Forum for Good Governance, a city-based NGO, has found that politicians from Telangana state and Andhra Pradesh have spent more money on their election campaigns than those from any other state.

The office-bearers of the NGO, Justice Reddappa Reddy, retired judge of the Telangana High Court, M. Padmanabha Reddy and former IFS officer and Captain Dr. V.B. Rao VB Chelikani on Wednesday held a press meet and disclosed data of different surveys and statistics related to the campaign expenditure of different political parties.

The surveys have shown that 90 per cent of those elected either to the Parliament or to various state Assemblies are from very rich families. These people spent huge amounts of money to bribe voters. They also found that politicians of Southern states spent more money on campaigns than those from other states.

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Mr Padmanabha Reddy said that there had been around 640 cases where in a total of ₹84.36 crore were reportedly seized, but FIRs were filed only in 159 cases (₹28.27 crore).

Mr Reddy said that there were instructions not to ask for the source of money when the cash seized is less than ₹50,000.

Mr Padmanabha Reddy said that in cases wherein evidences of illegal transactions have been established had to be handed over to the ED, but it was not done.

"When these amounts were seized, the persons transporting them gave

statements that they had been given to them by political candidates to distribute among voters. But the FIRs were filed against the persons carrying the cash, ignoring the politicians allegedly responsible for it," Mr Padmanabha Reddy said.

"The Bonakal police of Khammam district seized ₹49 lakh while it was being transported to the Telugu Desam office in Khammam. Money seized when the Model Code of Conduct is in operation, implies that it was brought for the specific purpose of bribing the voters. Sec 171 IPC clearly defines the offences relating to bribery, undue influence etc," Mr Reddy said.

Retired Justice Reddappa Reddy said, "There should be a special court to expedite punishment. There are 3 crore cases pending other courts." He said the Forum for Good Governance appeals to the Election Commission to follow up with police officers about the proceedings in the cases so that they could be brought to a logical conclusion before the next election.

RTC unions defend HC's power to appoint panel

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Additional AG J. Ramachandra Rao representing the RTC submitted that the strike was illegal and the High Court had powers to declare it so. The AAG said the strike violated Sections 22 and 24 of the Industrial Dispute Act, which says no employee shall go on strike within six weeks of notice period, and after the conclusion of the conciliation process, employees must wait seven days to go on strike.

Differing with the government's affidavit and the AG's arguments, Rapolu Bhasker, arguing for one of the petitioners, quoted Supreme Court judgments in support of the High Court's right to constitute such a committee.

He said 27 workers have committed suicide during the strike and urged the court to instruct the government to take necessary steps so that the agitation is called off.

Reacting to the AG's contention that the state has

power to invoke the ESMA Act against the striking employees, as it was established under section 3 of the RTC Act and nothing but bifurcated from the APSRTC, the Bench recalled the Central government's submission that TSRTC has no legal sanctity as it was not approved by it under section 47(a) of the RTC Act.

However, the AG differed with the Union government and said that section 47(a) had nothing to do with TSRTC. Telangana state was formed under the AP Re-organisation Act by Parliament's approval under Article 3. Further, the Acts made under Article 3 cannot be questioned.

The PILs were adjourned to Monday as D. Prakash Reddy, senior counsel representing the trade unions sought time for his arguments. The Bench agreed with AG's request to hear the PIL challenging the Cabinet decision for the privatisation of 5,100 bus routes. That case will be heard on Thursday.

ANOTHER TSRTC DRIVER COMMITS SUICIDE

DC CORRESPONDENT
WARANGAL, NOV. 13

A TSRTC driver attached to Mahbubabad depot, A. Naresh, committed suicide on Wednesday by consuming pesticide.

In a suicide note allegedly written by him, he held Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao responsible for his death. He pleaded to the Chief Minister to understand the condition of the workers and their families before making any decision. He said the statement of Mr Rao that all employees have been dismissed deeply hurt him.

After he consumed pesticide, his family members shifted him to a nearby hospital where he died under treatment. RTC employees took out a protest march to the Mahbubabad bus depot.

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Blaming, cursing one another will not help curb pollution

—Prakash Javadekar
Union environment minister

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PAK ARMY DENIES ANY AMENDMENT

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However, it will only be applicable to the ICJ's judgments. The amendment is apparently to help determine the legal procedure of filing an appeal against military court decisions.

But on Wednesday evening, Pakistan Armed Forces spokesperson and director general of Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) Maj. Gen. Asif Ghafoor claimed that while "various legal options for review and reconsideration of the case are being considered", the "speculation for amendment in the Pakistan Army Act to implement the ICJ verdict regarding ... Kulbhushan Jadhav are incorrect".

He added, "The final status shall be shared in due course of time."

Islamabad claims that Jadhav was apprehended by Pakistan law enforcement agencies on March 3, 2016 after he illegally crossed over into Pakistan and that he engaged in espionage, terrorist and sabotage activities aimed at destabilising and waging war against Pakistan. New Delhi has consistently rubbished these claims as false and baseless. India says that Jadhav was kidnapped from Iran, where he was carrying on business after retiring from the Indian Navy, and was then shown to have been arrested in Balochistan on 3 March 2016."

VISVA-BHARATI GETS CISF SECURITY

New Delhi, Nov. 13: The Union home ministry has accorded its approval for deployment of the CISF at the Visva-Bharati University in West Bengal. They said the central paramilitary force will soon constitute a 'board of officers' who will conduct a security audit of the facility at Santiniketan.

An in-principle approval has been given by the ministry of home affairs for deployment of the Central Industrial Security Force personnel at the Visva-Bharati University, they said. Once formalised, it will be the first case of an educational institution or central university to have armed paramilitary personnel stationed permanently on campus. The audit team of the force will assess placement of check points, towers and entry and exit points in the university campus before they project the exact number of troops required to render the task of guarding the facility, they said.

SUPRIYO FACES PROTEST

Namkhana/Fraserganj (WB), Nov. 13: Union minister Babul Supriyo on Wednesday faced massive protests and was asked to go back by a group of people when he arrived in South 24 Parganas district to take stock of the situation in cyclone 'Bulbul'-hit areas.

Supriyo, who said on Tuesday that he had been asked by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to visit the storm-ravaged areas in Bengal, claimed that the agitators were activists of the ruling Trinamul.

Supriyo was shown black flags and was asked to stop playing politics over a natural calamity.

Criticising the Mamata Banerjee-led party for engaging in "dirty politics" over his visit, the Union minister said he would submit a report on the ground situation to Modi.

JNU partially rolls back fee hike



JNU students celebrate after partial roll-back in the fee hike by the University administration at the UGC office in New Delhi on Wednesday. Facing intense agitation for over two weeks, JNU on Wednesday rolled back the hostel fee hike partially for the BPL students not availing any scholarship, a move which failed to satisfy agitating students who dubbed it as an "eyewash", and decided to continue with the strike.

— PTI

MP WOMAN OFFICER TOUCHES MANTRI'S FEET

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC BHOPAL, NOV. 13

A video in which a woman officer was seen touching feet of state public works minister Sajjan Singh Verma in public has gone viral.

The video clip showed commissioner of Dewas Municipal Corporation in Madhya Pradesh, Sanjana Jain, touching Verma's feet in the district headquarters of Dewas. The minister was visiting the gurdwar on the occasion of commemoration of 550th birth anniversary of Sikhism's founder, Guru Nanak Dev.

State BJP vice-president Brajesh Lunawat said, "This is new Madhya Pradesh. Bureaucracy is under minister's feet."

Cattle trader beaten to death in Bihar, probe on

NAYEAR AZAD | DC PATNA, NOV. 13

Nitish Kumar-led government facing attack over rising crime graph was in for another setback after a cattle trader was killed by a group of men for refusing to pay extortion money.

The incident occurred on Monday when a cattle trader identified as Mohammad Jamal was going to neighbouring West Bengal to sell his cows. The police investigating the case feel that the real cause of the incident could be personal enmity between the victim and the accused who is also involved in the cattle trading business.

The incident took place in the presence of Jamal's younger brother who was escorting him to a weekly

market in West Bengal to sell the cattle. Police investigating the case said that FIR against one Sagar Yadav and three others was registered on the basis of complaint filed by the victim's brother.

"We have registered an FIR against those who are involved in the case. Manhunt has been launched and raids are being conducted in the area to nab the accused," the police said.

Sources from Katihar said that Jamal was stopped by motorcycle-borne men who asked him for money. "They attacked him after he refused to pay them. He was rushed to the hospital where he was declared dead".

Meanwhile, local people blamed the district administration for rising crime

graph in the area and demanded immediate arrest of all the accused who has been absconding after the incident. Protesters also demanded a compensation of ₹25 lakh for the family members of the victim.

As per an assessment over two dozen cases of lynching and mob attack have rocked the state in the last couple of months. In view of some of the recent incidents, district administration has been asked to launch a campaign and create awareness to counter rumours leading to violence.

Social activists, however, feel that rivalry between two cattle traders led to the killing of Mohammad Jamal in Katihar and urged the police to arrest all the accused involved in the case.

Putin invites Modi for Victory Day

Brasilia, Nov. 13: Russian President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the Victory Day celebrations in May next year as the two leaders met here and discussed ways to further cement their special strategic partnership.

Modi, who is in Brazil for the 11th Brics Summit which will focus on building mechanisms for counter-terrorism cooperation and strengthen India's ties with the world's five major economies, met Putin on the sidelines of the meeting.

During the bilateral meeting, Modi said that "frequent meetings have strengthened our relations. Our bilateral relations are growing. You have invited me to visit Russia in May for the



PM Narendra Modi with Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of Brics summit in Brazil.

Victory Day celebrations. I am happily waiting that I will get an opportunity to meet you once again," the Prime Minister said.

Putin said that bilateral trade has registered a growth of 17 per cent.

"We have been implementing major bilateral projects and strengthening technical cooperation

and our cultural exchanges are expanding," the Russian President said.

The annual May 9 Victory Day parade in Moscow, where Russia shows off its military might, commemorates the May 1945 allied victory over Nazi Germany.

The two leaders are

meeting over two months after holding extensive talks in Russia's far east Vladivostok city on the sidelines of the Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) during which they discussed ways to further cement the Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership between the two countries.

On September 5, Modi said the friendship between India and Russia was not restricted to governmental interactions in capital cities, but was about people and close business relations. India had announced an "unprecedented" US\$1 billion line of credit for Russia's resource-rich Far East with Prime Minister Modi vowing to support President Putin's "stupendous efforts" to develop the extremely harsh region.

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■ Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal says odd-even scheme can be extended if needed

Smog shrouds Delhi again; schools shut till tomorrow

New Delhi, Nov. 13: The noxious smog resulting from raging farm fires and unfavourable weather pushed pollution in Delhi-NCR towards the "emergency" zone on Wednesday, prompting authorities to order closure of schools till November 15 — a second time in two weeks.

With the Central Pollution Control Board fearing a similar situation will prevail over the next two days, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said the odd-even road rationing scheme can be extended if needed. The Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA) also extended the

restrictions on dirty-fuel based industries in Delhi-NCR, hot mix plants and stone crushers till the morning of November 15, as the MeT department said strong winds are expected from Friday, which will bring down the air pollution levels to the very poor category.

The schools in the national capital will be closed on Thursday and Friday, the Delhi government said.

On November 1, the Supreme Court-mandated panel EPCA declared a public health emergency as air pollution neared the emergency levels and the administration ordered closure of schools till

November 5.

The city's overall air quality index read 456 at 4 pm, up from 425 at 4 pm on Tuesday.

Rohini and Dwarka Sector-8 were the most-polluted areas with an AQI of 494, followed by Nehru Nagar (491) and Jahangirpuri (488). Faridabad (448), Ghaziabad (481), Greater Noida (472), Gurgaon (445) and Noida (479) also choked on extremely polluted air.

In neighbouring Haryana, Hisar and Bhiwani (470) districts reported the worst air quality, followed by Jind (445), Fatehabad (430), Sirsa (415), Rohtak (412) and Panipat (408). In

Punjab, Amritsar's AQI was 362, followed by Bathinda (333), Patiala (285) and Jalandhar (276).

An AQI between 201 and 300 is considered 'poor', 301-400 'very poor' and 401-500 'severe'. An AQI above 500 falls in the 'severe plus' category. The levels of PM 2.5 - tiny particulate matter less than 2.5 microns in diameter that can enter deep into the lungs and even the bloodstream - breached the emergency threshold of 300 micrograms per cubic metre in Delhi-NCR on Tuesday night and shot up to 354 micrograms per cubic metre, around six times the safe limit of 0-60, in the morning.

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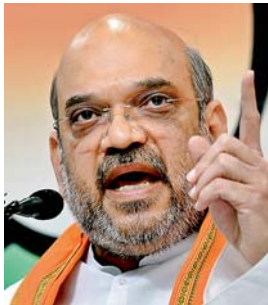
'Sena demands unacceptable'

Shah says Fadnavis-as-CM was made clear

New Delhi, Nov. 13: BJP president Amit Shah on Wednesday rejected the Opposition's criticism of President's rule in Maharashtra as "outright politics" to gain public sympathy, and said Shiv Sena's demands, including sharing the Chief Minister's post, were "unacceptable" to his party.

In his statement and tweets, Shah, also the Union home minister, said he was not in favour of mid-term elections in the state and noted that all parties have six months to stake claim to form government if they manage a majority.

In his first comments on the political crisis in the state, he rejected Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray's claim that the BJP had agreed to share the CM's post with the ally, saying Prime Minister Narendra Modi many times and he "at least 100 times" had said in public during the Assembly elections campaign that Devendra Fadnavis will again head the government if the saffron alliance gets a majority. The Sena never questioned their assertions then but has now put forth



The Opposition's reaction to President's rule in Maharashtra is outright politics. The honourable governor has never compromised with constitutional norms

AMIT SHAH

demands which were unacceptable to the BJP, Shah said.

"We got people's mandate but now our ally has made demands which are unacceptable to us."

He, however, in the statement did not touch on the details of the agreement between the two allies of 30 years, saying it is not

the values of the BJP to bring to public what has been discussed in private.

Shah accused the Opposition of doing "outright politics" over the Centre's decision to impose President's rule in Maharashtra, and asserted that if there was any party which has "suffered" it is the BJP as it has lost its caretaker government.

Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari gave the parties 18 days to stake claim for forming government and then invited them as well but, Shah said in a series of tweets, none of them could prove a majority.

"Even today if any party has a majority, then it may meet the governor to stake claim," Shah said.

"The opposition's reaction to President's rule in Maharashtra is outright politics. The honourable governor has never compromised with constitutional norms," he said.

Shah said he is not in favour of mid-term polls in the state. He said President's rule was necessitated so that Opposition could not accuse the governor of running an "indirect BJP rule" in the state.

Pneumonia kills 1,27,000 kids

New Delhi, Nov. 13: Pneumonia killed more than 14 children under the age of five years every hour in 2018 in India, which was among the top five countries responsible for over half of the child deaths due to the disease globally that year, a study has said.

The study — *Fighting for Breath in India* — by Save the Children, Unicef and Every Breath Counts, said pneumonia killed more than 1,27,000 under-five children in 2018.

In India, one child under the age of five years dies every 4 minutes due to pneumonia, with malnutrition and pollution as the two major contributors, Dr Rajesh Khanna, deputy director of Health and Nutrition, Save the Children said.

Just five countries were responsible for more than half of child pneumonia deaths — Nigeria (1,62,000), India (1,27,000), Pakistan (58,000), the Democratic Republic of Congo (40,000) and Ethiopia (32,000), it said.

"Acute malnutrition is associated with more than half of childhood pneumonia deaths. Indoor air pollution contributes to 22 per cent and outdoor air pollution contributes to 27 per cent of these deaths," he said.

Pneumonia also emerged as the world's leading infectious killer of children, claiming the lives of more than 8,00,000 children under the age of five every year; more than 2,00,000 every day.

In India, 5 per 1,000 live births under five mortality rate due to pneumonia in 2018, the study said.

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■ **IN INDIA, ONE** child under the age of five years dies every 4 minutes due to pneumonia, with malnutrition and pollution as the two major contributors

■ **JUST FIVE** countries were responsible for more than half of child pneumonia deaths — Nigeria (1,62,000), India (1,27,000), Pakistan (58,000), the Democratic Republic of Congo (40,000) and Ethiopia (32,000)

child deaths were due to pneumonia in 2017, and it was the second biggest killer of children under-five in 2017 (after wasting). Pneumonia killed more than 1,27,000 children under-five in 2018 more than 14 children every hour," the study said.

The study further said US\$16 was spent by the government on health per person in 2016 in India.

"Every day, nearly 2,200 children under the age of five die from pneumonia, a curable and mostly preventable disease. Strong global commitment and increased investments are critical to the fight against this disease," Henrietta Fore, executive director of Unicef said.

Pneumonia is caused by bacteria, viruses or fungi, and leaves children fighting for breath as their lungs fill with pus and fluid.

Globally, more children under the age of five died from pneumonia in 2018 than from any other disease.

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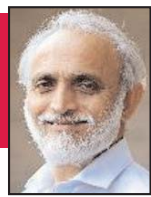


Tourists wear anti-pollution masks amid heavy smog as the air quality further dips to severe category in New Delhi on Wednesday.

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Graffiti painted in a very high spot | The state of living in fear or being subject to laws and policies based on fear

BJP-Shiv Sena cracks a sign of power imbalance



Parsa Venkateshwar Rao Jr

There should not have been any hiccups in the formation of a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-Shiv Sena Maha Yuti coalition government after the Maharashtra Assembly election results. The pre-poll alliance of the BJP-Shiv Sena with its strength of 161 in the 288-member Assembly should have formed its third, and second successive, government without much ado. The demand of the Shiv Sena that the chief minister's post should be rotated has come as a rude reminder that political games are quite unpredictable. The moot point in the unexpected crisis in post-poll Maharashtra is not the imposition of President's

Rule, apparently on the recommendation of governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari, but the break between the two right-wing parties. Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray's demand for a share in the chief ministerial term is, on the face of it, unreasonable. The Sena does not have the numbers to back the demand. Mr Thackeray says that there was a pre-poll agreement on the issue, and the BJP's weak denial makes it curiouser. It can only be speculated that the BJP might have nodded in passing about the arrangement because the party, despite the hyperbolic swagger of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and home minister-cum-party president Amit Shah and their reliance on the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir as the

poll talisman, there must have been apprehensions that the party may not cross the winning line on its own. Of course, these closed-door parleys and arrangements can't be verified because they are not backed by a written agreement. They cannot be. Neither side can produce documentary evidence to prove that the other side is lying.

There is also a clear indication that the BJP was gradually marginalising the Shiv Sena in state politics. The strike rate of the victories of the BJP under the Narendra Modi-Amit Shah duumvirate has led the party to treat its allies from the perspective of a patron rather than that of a partner. The BJP has very nearly emerged as the single dominant party of Indian politics in the past five-and-a-half years, and the space of the allies has been shrinking, whether it be of the Shiromani Akali Dal in Punjab, the Janata Dal (United) under Nitish Kumar in Bihar, and the Shiv Sena in Maharashtra. The irrational demand of Mr Thackeray for the Shiv Sena's turn in the chief minister's post arises from this anxiety to retain its

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position in the political space. Somewhere and somehow the BJP under Mr Modi and Mr Shah have failed to honour what has come to be known as "coalition dharma".

The Sena and the BJP may get back together sometime or the other because the two have much in common in terms of the majoritarian politics of Hindutva, though the friction between the Maratha-led Sena and the Brahmin-led BJP in Maharashtra needs to be smoothened. The BJP has for some years been deftly managing caste equations by falling back on the numerically smaller caste groups in order to fight dominant castes in politics. The question is whether the

BJP can outflank the dominance of Jats in Haryana and Rajasthan, the Yadavs in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, and the Marathas in Maharashtra.

Despite Prime Minister Narendra Modi's desperate attempts to appropriate Dr B.R. Ambedkar, dalits have not been completely incorporated in the wider Hindutva core constituency. The party wants to include Muslims too, but it knows that in doing so it will alienate its Hindutva base. The BJP is then faced with the vexatious task of balancing the caste equations. BJP veteran Lal Krishna Advani's ambition to unite Hindu society under the Hindutva banner to counter Mandal politics remains a distant dream. The Hindu majority in the country is not a monolithic block, and the BJP cannot hope to ride on the Hindutva plank for too long.

The political turbulence in Maharashtra reflects the natural faultlines in the Indian polity. The Shiv Sena will not ever become a dominant player in the state despite it championing the interests of "Marathi mannos" because the party does not have a presence in many other parts of the state,

and it is incapable of articulating the aspirations of regions like Vidarbha and Marathwada, though it has gained a foothold of sorts in Marathwada. The Shiv Sena, like the BJP, is not geared to absorb dalits and Muslims, who form a distinct element in the state's polity.

The two right-wing parties then must review their ideological and political positions if they want to become major players. It is perhaps inevitable that the BJP and Shiv Sena have to learn the Congress' trick of playing the card of "inclusive politics", the much-abused political cliché. In the next election, whenever that happens, the BJP and the Shiv Sena must fight on their own and test their respective voter bases.

In the shorter term, democratic norms would have required that the BJP, which is the single largest party with 105 members in the Assembly, should have formed the government and faced the pinpricks of a numerically larger Opposition, where it would have had to ensure a consensus on administrative and policy measures. That would require greater

political sophistication on the part of all political parties, which they sadly lack. In the United States Congress (comprising the House of Representatives and the Senate), members from each party are found to vote across the aisle whether any one of the two parties have a majority or not.

Meanwhile, it should not cause much consternation that there is a delay in the formation of government. All that the Shiv Sena, the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and the Congress have to ensure is that they do not fall apart soon after they come together. Something similar had happened in Karnataka in May 2018. The BJP, the Congress and the Janata Dal (Secular) there have landed themselves in a mess by filching members from other parties to muster the numbers, as can be seen from the Supreme Court upholding the disqualification of the defectors on Wednesday. There is much that Maharashtra can learn from Karnataka's political shenanigans.

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Hero or double agent? Walesa now faces flak



James Bartholomew

Lech Walesa is probably the most famous of all the thousands — actually millions — who struggled against the oppression of Communist rule in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. The only person with a similar level of fame is Vaclav Havel in what was then Czechoslovakia. Walesa was the leader of the Solidarity trade union which, according to the legend, grew from ten members to ten million in a single year, fundamentally challenging the totalitarian rule of the Communist Party. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1983. He was imprisoned multiple times. But eventually, Solidarity forced the government to allow other parties to compete for office, and this led to the fall of the Communist regime in Poland and contributed to the collapse of Communist rule throughout Eastern Europe. People of my generation remember the TV pictures of the dynamic, good-looking man he once was, addressing shipyard workers. For us, Lech Walesa is a hero.

Meeting him now, he has become a more rotund figure with a slightly puffy face. Apparently, he has not been well, and I was fortunate to get an interview. But it proved a little trickier than I had expected. I asked him about the first time he was arrested. "I don't want to talk about the past," he declared.

He said he couldn't remember the past anyway, and it was more important to talk about the future. My heart sank. I had come all the way to Gdansk on the Baltic Sea. I tried reasoning with him. I said young people in Britain know practically nothing about what happened under Communism and if people do not know such things, they will repeat the same mistakes. He conceded the point but countered that this could be left to historians.

He seemed to enjoy being uncooperative and it got worse. Realising I am British, he announced that Britain had betrayed Poland in 1939. We had promised to help Poland if it was attacked by Germany but we had not done so. Britain and America had again betrayed Poland in 1944. We had let the Russians take over.

As a last resort, I argued that Britain was in no position to fight in 1939. We had not got the armaments or the trained men. We were barely in a position to defend ourselves, let alone Poland. As I got quite animated about it, Anastazia put her head in her hands but stoically continued to translate my words. It was a high-risk approach but thank goodness, it worked. Suddenly everything became calm. Perhaps he'd had his fun. "Now," he said, "I will answer your question".

I asked how he had approached the many interrogations he had faced. He said that he would say to the inter-

rogator things like "You are really gifted but this system is keeping you down. You ought to join us!" and "In my Poland, your life would be much better and you could make more money". He told me how his wife, Danuta, had torn a strip off the secret police when, from time to time, they came to arrest him. She bashed and pulled at them furiously.

He said he was never tortured. By the 1980s, belief in the Communist system was not as fierce and sincere as it had been previously. Everybody knew perfectly well that Poland was doing badly compared to the West. He said that by then many Poles were "radishes" — only red on the outside.

This is an important point. In the early days, the Soviet-dominated Communist regime was brutal. Witold Pilecki, for example, an astonishingly brave man, resisted both the Nazis and the Communists. The Communists tortured him horribly over a long period before executing him in 1948. Later on, resistance was more likely to mean not getting a job and maybe a spell in prison. It was nasty and career-destroying but not as horrible.

While Walesa is a hero to most of my generation, his reputation in Poland is under attack. Some opponents claim he signed a document agreeing to be an informer for the secret police. They say his codename was "Bolek". My posting about the interview soon attracted the response that he was actually "Agent Bolek".

It is impossible for an outsider like me to know the whole truth. But I was struck by a comment by Jacek Taylor, a genial former legal adviser to Solidarity in its glory days. He said that during early strikes in 1970, before Solidarity existed, when 30 strikers had been shot in the street, those who were arrested were often beaten, and some were even beaten to death. It was so terrifying that everybody arrested signed a form agreeing to inform with a single exception. But here is the key point: a great difference exists between signing a form and giving information that damages your comrades.

If Lech Walesa was a Communist agent, he was surely the most spectacularly unsuccessful one of all time — what with leading a trade union that overturned a Communist regime. Taylor, who was there at the time, certainly regards him as having been a major asset to the movement because of his oratory and leadership.

A common view, I suspect, was given to me by the daughter of a man who was shot by the Soviets in the Katyn massacre of 22,000 Polish officers and other members of the elite in 1940. She said, "Walesa is a simple man but a brave one. I thank God for giving him to us".

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SC places focus on '91 law to protect places of worship



Sheena Shukkur

The verdict in the Ayodhya case considered in detail three suits filed by

Nirmohi Akhara (Suit 3), the Sunni Central Waqf Board (Suit 4) and by Ram Lalla the deity (Suit 5). The suit by Nirmohi Akhara was dismissed for being barred by limitation. The deity's suit was decreed with conditions for framing of a scheme and a trust for the construction of the temple at Ram Janambhoomi, the then disputed land, while the prayers in the suit was for a declaration of premises that it belonged to it and an injunction prohibiting the defendants from obstructing construction of a temple. The Waqf Board's suit was partly decreed, despite the Supreme Court finding that "the destruction of the mosque and the obliteration of the Islamic structure was an egregious violation of the rule of law". The court went on to add that "this court in the exercise of its powers under Article 142 of the Constitution must ensure that a wrong committed must be remedied". It further emphasises that "history and its wrongs shall not be used as instruments to oppress the present and the future".

In the wake of the court finding that the "destruction of the mosque was a violation of the rule of law" and holding that "the Constitution postulates the equality of all faiths; tolerance and mutual coexistence nourish the secular commitment of our nation and its people", will the order directing that that "land measuring five acres be allotted to the Sunni Central Waqf Board" be a justifying relief "necessary to provide restitution

to the Muslim community for the unlawful destruction of their place of worship for the Muslims"?

There are reasons for at least the plaintiff, the Waqf Board, to feel that justice was not adequately extended to it while invoking Article 142. Further, the terms, used as "Hindus" and "Muslims", do not appear blissful to be used in all the occasions in the judgment since the parties in the suits may not be treated as the representation of all Hindus or all Muslims in the country for deciding a question of law or a question of fact. Judicial decision-making may call for religious emotions, which the court has adequately considered and perhaps which led to the conclusion of the operational part of the judgment.

In this context, the positive appreciation of the verdict still remains to be observed in the days to come.

The Supreme Court, in its verdict, discussed in detail the Places of Worship (Special Provisions Act) Act 1991 and asserted its significance in the constitutional scheme of things and the responsibility of all to honour it.

Section 2 of the Act defines places of worship and Section 3 enacts a bar on the conversion of a place of worship of any religious denomination or a section of it into a place of worship of a different religious denomination or of a different segment of the same religious denomination. The court endorses this Act by saying that it was enacted to preserve secularism, a basic feature of the Constitution. "The state has, by enacting the law,

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enforced a constitutional commitment and operationalised its constitutional obligations to uphold the equality of all religions and secularism, which is a part of the basic features of the Constitution". The court said, "The Places of Worship Act imposes a non-derogable obligation towards enforcing our commitment to secularism under the Indian Constitution. The law is hence a legislative instrument designed to protect the secular features of the Indian polity, which is one of the basic features of the Constitution".

Further, it observed, "Non-retrogression is a foundational feature of the fundamental constitutional principles of which secularism is a core component. The Places of Worship Act is thus a legislative intervention, which preserves non-retrogression as an essential feature of our secular values".

"In its purest form, the non-retrogression principle holds that government may extend protection beyond what the Constitution requires, but it cannot retreat from that extension once made". The Supreme Court introduced this principle in the judgment of Navtej Singh Johar vs Union of India.

A strict implementation of the Act is demanded thus by the Supreme Court in order to get liberated from any movements that may lead to a threat to secular values and generate

communal unrest by raising entitlements of ownership/possession over existing structures on the basis of alleged historic wrongs.

The Supreme Court remarked that the law has been enacted to fulfil two purposes: "First, it prohibits the conversion of any place of worship. In doing so, it speaks to the future by mandating that the character of a place of public worship shall not be altered," and thus bans the conversion of a place of worship or even a section of it "into a place of worship of a different religious denomination or of a different segment of the same religious denomination".

The second purpose, the court observed, was that the law "seeks to impose a positive obligation to maintain the religious character of every place of worship as it existed on August 15, 1947 when India achieved independence from colonial rule".

Section 6 mandates a three-year "imprisonment and a fine for contravening the provisions of Section 3".

While rejecting the ruling made by Justice D.V. Sharma of the Allahabad high court, who had held that the protection given to the religious structures existing as on August 15, 1947 could be challenged, the court has asserted the protected freedom and rights over places of worship, that historical wrongs cannot be remedied by people taking the law into their own hands. Further by upholding that Parliament has mandated in no uncertain terms that history and its wrongs shall not be used as instruments to oppress the present and the future, the court was again calling for the stoppage of any future conflict regarding places of worship and preserve the character of places of public worship as it existed on August 15, 1947.

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Children's Day: Celebrate the child within you



Francis Gonsalves

When asked about the age of his grandchildren, grandpa explained, "The doctor is five years old, and the lawyer, four". Today, on "Children's Day", instead of moulding our children and grandchildren into clones like us, couldn't we learn to be a little more like them? Said Jesus to his disciples, "Unless you change and become like children, you will never enter heaven". Then, pointing to a child, he added: "Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the sight of God." Humility is the hallmark of children. Purged of ego, children think little of themselves; at most they'll brag about daddy's muscles or mommy's cooking.

Children are avid learners. Psychologists tell us that children learn more quickly in the first four years of their life than at any other given time. The love and care received during childhood makes them develop a healthy sense of self and security, reaping lifelong benefits.

Children never bear grudges but forgive and forget easily. Growing up in Mumbai, an unwritten rule among all our parents was: "Do not interfere in children's fights, for they'll soon be friends!" Indeed, while many boyhood games ended up as boxing bouts, the next day the "fighters" would be the best of friends.

Unless scarred by violence or abuse, children are happy and hopeful — totally trusting in tomorrow while treasuring the here-and-now. Kids know how to celebrate life and love others without prejudices of class, creed or caste. Differences don't matter; everyone is family and friend.

Nehru also said, "I may not have time for adults, but I have enough time for children".

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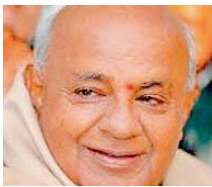
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IN BRIEF

RAJNATH ON FIRST VISIT TO ARUNACHAL

PAWAN BALI | DC
NEW DELHI, NOV. 13

Defence minister Rajnath Singh will begin a two-day visit from Thursday to the sensitive border state in north-east, Arunachal Pradesh. He will review the preparedness of security along the border with China.

He will be in Tawang on Thursday where he is expected to visit the Tawang Monastery. It is the largest monastery in India and second-largest in the world after the Potala Palace in Lhasa, Tibet.

The defence minister will lay a wreath on the Tawang War Memorial which is dedicated to the heroes of Sino-India war that took place in 1962.

Singh will visit the Indian Army post in Bum La area on Friday.

This is for the first time that Singh will be visiting the line of actual control (LAC) as a defence minister. Bum La is the last Indian Army post at the India-China border at an altitude of 15,700 feet above sea level.

He will also inaugurate an important river bridge in the area. This is also Singh's maiden visit to Arunachal Pradesh as defence minister. The area has been in news due to transgressions from the Chinese army. China claims Arunachal Pradesh as part of southern Tibet.

GOVT GRILLED ON BHOPAL GAS TRAGEDY

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC
BHOPAL, NOV. 13

A local court on Wednesday asked the Centre to explain as to why summons issued by it were not served to US-based Dow Chemical in a case related to the 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy, which had left over 15,000 people dead and around one lakh others maimed.

The court directed the undersecretary, internal security-II division, ministry of home affairs (MHA), to appear before it on January 20, 2020 to explain why it has not been able to serve the summons to Dow Chemical in the case.

The court's directive came in the wake of the CBI presenting its status report that despite reminders issued by the MHA to the US department of justice, the summons has not been served and a service report is still awaited. The court had earlier issued summons to Dow Chemical to appear before it in connection with the case.

CHAUTALA GIVEN 11 DEPARTMENTS

Chandigarh, Nov. 13: Haryana deputy chief minister Dushyant Chautala was allocated 11 departments on Wednesday, a day before the first expansion of the Manohar Lal Khattar-led cabinet.

Khattar (65), who took oath as the Chief Minister for the second time on October 27, and Dushyant Chautala (31), who was sworn-in as his deputy, are the only two members of the present cabinet.

On the advice of the Chief Minister, the governor allocated the departments to the existing council of ministers, according to an official order.

The BJP had formed government in the state with the help of the Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) led by Chautala, the great grandson of former deputy prime minister late Devi Lal.

The seven Independents are also supporting the government.

Kerala braces for SC order on Sabarimala

With just 3 days left for pilgrim season to kick in, political parties, social groups await top court order

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With the Supreme Court set to pronounce its judgment in the review petition filed by the Tanthri (head priest) of Sabarimala and others seeking a review of the September 28, 2018 historic judgment allowing entry of women of menstruating age to the hill temple on Thursday, the state is awaiting the verdict with great anticipation.

The government has made it clear that whatever may be the verdict of

the Supreme Court, it will abide by the judgment and implement it.

Earlier this month, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan reiterated in the Assembly that the government was constitutionally bound to implement the Supreme Court verdict. He clarified that since it was not possible for the state government to bring any legislation to circumvent the Supreme Court verdict, all sections should wait for the outcome of review petition.

With just three days left for Mandala Makaravilakku pilgrim season,

the ruling and opposition parties, socio, religious organisations and devotees at large are keeping their fingers crossed over the SC verdict.

The apex court verdict allowing women of all ages to the temple had triggered a major upheaval in the state.

While the government went ahead with the decision to implement the verdict, the opposition parties, including UDF and BJP, came out on the streets along with community organisations like NSS to oppose the entry of menstruating women to the temple.

Verdict on Rafale pleas today

New Delhi, Nov. 13: The Supreme Court is scheduled to pronounce on Thursday its verdict on petitions seeking a review of its judgment giving a clean chit to the Modi government in the Rafale fighter jet deal with French firm Dassault Aviation.

On May 10, the apex court had reserved the decision on the pleas, including the one filed by former Union ministers Yashwant Sinha, Arun Shourie and activist

■ A REVIEW PETITION on the SC judgment was filed by Yashwant Sinha, Arun Shourie and Prashant Bhushan.

lawyer Prashant Bhushan, seeking a re-examination of its findings that there was no occasion to doubt the decision-making process in the procurement of 36 Rafale fighter jets.

The top court is likely to pronounce verdicts on three review petitions

filed by the trio, lawyer Vineet Dhandha and Aam Aadmi Party lawmaker Sanjay Singh.

On December 14, 2018, dismissing the petitions seeking a probe into the ₹58,000 crore deal, the apex court had posed searching questions to the Centre on its deal with France to buy 36 Rafale fighter jets on issues like 'waiver of sovereign guarantee' and the absence of technology transfer clause in the pact.

— PTI

VERDICT ON RAHUL'S 'CHOR' REMARK TODAY

New Delhi, Nov. 13: The Supreme Court is scheduled to pronounce on Thursday its verdict on the criminal contempt plea filed against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi by BJP MP Meenakshi Lekhi for wrongly attributing to the apex court his 'chowkidar chor hai' remark in Rafale case against Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

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Protesting dengue disaster



Police personnel baton charge a BJP activist during a protest against the spurt in dengue cases, in Kolkata, on Wednesday. At least 35 BJP workers were either arrested or detained and around 60 members were injured during a clash that broke between the two sides. As many as 44,852 dengue cases have been reported from Kolkata and its adjoining areas, while 25 people have reportedly died of dengue in West Bengal since January.

— PTI

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Upholding the disqualification orders passed by then Speaker Ramesh Kumar on July 25 and July 28, 2019, a three-judge bench comprising Justices N.V. Ramana, Sanjeev Khanna and Krishna Murari set aside the part of the Speaker's order unseating the 17 for the rest of the Assembly's term.

Calling for the strengthening of the anti-defection law to ensure that "undemocratic practices are discouraged and checked", Justice Ramana said there was a "growing trend" of Speakers "acting against the constitutional duty of being neutral".

The court also lamented that "horse-trading and corrupt practices" associated with defections and change of loyalties for the "lure of office or wrong reasons have not abated".

As a principle, the court said it was the prerogative of a member to resign and he could not be compelled to continue in the legislature.

"Once it is demonstrated a member is willing to resign out of his free will, the Speaker has no option but to accept the resignation" — a point emphasised by the 17 MLAs in the course of the hearing.

Not accepting the disqualified MLAs' argument that the disqualification proceedings cannot be continued if the resignations are tendered, the court said: "Even if the resignation is tendered, the act resulting in disqualification arising prior

If an MLA quits out of free will, accept it, says Supreme Court

All 17 disqualified MLAs to join BJP

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BENGALURU, NOV. 13

Hours after the Supreme Court gave its order allowing the disqualified MLAs to contest the December 5 byelections, the state BJP swung into action to induct all 17 into the party and brainstormed on fielding them as its candidates for the seats that have fallen vacant following their resignations in July.

The former legislators themselves, headed by Ramesh Jarkiholi rushed to the residence of BJP national organising secretary, B.L. Santhosh in Delhi, and discussed with him the formalities of joining the party and later left for Bengaluru where they will join the saffron party on Thursday.

Soon after the verdict, the BJP core committee held a meeting in Bengaluru on Wednesday and decided to induct all the disqualified MLAs into the party.

Although after a lengthy discussion, the meeting chaired by BJP state president, Nalin Kumar Kateel arrived at a consensus on giving tickets to them, there was some indecision

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on Athani, Ranebennur, and Shivajinagar constituencies. BJP senior leader and party core committee member, Aravind Limbavali said the disqualified MLAs would join the BJP Thursday morning and the party would take a decision on fielding them for the bypolls by Thursday evening.

"The disqualified MLAs met our national leaders in Delhi after the Supreme Court verdict and will join the BJP at its state office Thursday morning. The core committee has decided to induct all the MLAs into the party. But it has not yet taken a decision on giving tickets to all the MLAs for the bypolls. The party will announce its candidates for all 15 Assembly constituencies by Thursday evening," he added.

to the resignation does not come to an end."

However, the verdict said that "a member disquali-

fied under the Tenth Schedule shall be subjected to sanctions provided under Articles 75(1B),

164(1B) and 361B of the Constitution, which provides for a bar from being appointed as a minister or from holding any remunerative political post from the date of disqualification till the date on which the term of his office would expire or if he is re-elected to the legislature, whichever is earlier."

Rejecting the plea by the Congress and JD(S) that the entire issue be sent to a larger five-judge Constitution Bench, Justice Ramana said: "The existence of a substantial question of law does not weigh on the stakes involved in the case, rather it depends on the impact the 'question of law' will have on the final determination."

Making it clear there was no "substantial question of law" in this matter which needs reference to a larger bench as sought by the Congress and JD(S), the court said: "If the questions having a determining effect on the final outcome have already been decided by a conclusive authority, then such questions cannot be called as 'substantial questions' of law."

Meanwhile, R. Roshan Baig, one of the 17 disqualified MLAs, is not likely to join the BJP on Thursday along with other disqualified MLAs, with his name missing from the invitation sent out by the BJP which lists the names of 16 disqualified MLAs but omits the name of Baig. This issue was discussed in Delhi, sources said.

— PTI

RTI, Privacy are two sides of the same coin: SC

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"Judicial independence and accountability go hand in hand," said the judges, and added, "Thus, when public interest demands the disclosure of information, judicial independence has to be kept in mind while deciding the question of exercise of discretion. However, we should not be understood to mean that the independence of the judiciary can be achieved only by denial of access to information. Independence in a given case may well demand openness by furnishing the information."

Further, while applying the proportionality test, the type and nature of the information sought is a relevant factor, the judges said.

Concurring with the main judgment but giving separate reasoning, Justice Chandrachud said the judiciary cannot function in total insulation as judges enjoy a constitutional post and discharge a public duty.

Noting that there is a vital element of public interest in knowing about the norms which are taken into consideration in selecting candidates for judicial appointments, Justice Chandrachud

said that if the content of the right to know and the enforcement of right to know law are to possess a "meaningful dimension", certain steps are necessary, and the foremost among them is that the "basis for the selection and appointment of judges to the higher judiciary must be defined and placed in the public realm."

Justice Ramana, in a concurring judgment with separate reasoning, said there should be a balancing formula for right to privacy and the right to transparency, and the independence of the judiciary should be protected from any breach.

Stating that "transparency cannot be allowed to run to its absolute", Justice Ramana added, "We may note that right to information should not be allowed to be used as a tool of surveillance to scuttle effective functioning of judiciary. While applying the second step the concerned authority needs to balance these considerations as well."

"The Right to Information and Right to Privacy are two sides of the same coin. None can take precedence over the other," the court said in a majority judgment.

Finance Act issue referred to larger bench

New Delhi, Nov. 13: In a blow to the government, the Supreme Court on Wednesday struck down in entirety the rules formulated by the Centre on appointment and service conditions for members of various tribunals, and referred to a larger bench the issue of examining the validity of the passage of the Finance Act 2017 as Money Bill which was vigorously opposed in Parliament by Opposition parties.

The questions the apex court framed for consideration included whether the 'Finance Act, 2017', insofar as it amends certain other enactments and alters conditions of service of persons manning different Tribunals, can be termed as a 'Money Bill' under Article 110 and consequently is validly enacted.

The top court held that Section 184 of Finance Act, 2017, which empowers the Centre to frame rules relating to appointment and service conditions of members of various tribunals, does not suffer

from excessive delegation of legislative functions as there are adequate principles to guide its framing.

However, a 5-judge bench, headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi, said: "Tribunal, Appellate Tribunal and other Authorities (Qualifications, Experience and other Conditions of Service of Members) Rules, 2017 suffer from various infirmities as observed earlier."

"These Rules formulated by the Central Govern-

ment under Section 184 of Finance Act, 2017 being contrary to the parent enactment and the principles envisaged in the Constitution as interpreted by this Court, are hereby struck down in entirety."

The apex court directed the Centre to re-formulate the rules strictly in conformity and in accordance with the principles delineated by it.

The bench, also comprising Justices N.V. Ramana, D.Y. Chandrachud, Deepak Gupta and Sanjiv Khanna,

said the new set of rules to be formulated by the government should ensure "non-discriminatory and uniform conditions of service, including assured tenure, keeping in mind the fact that the Chairperson and Members appointed after retirement and those who are appointed from the Bar or from other specialised professions/services, constitute two separate and distinct homogeneous classes".

— PTI

FAKE | CLAIM

Rumours started after farmer claimed he was 'cured' by tree

'Miracle tree' frenzy leaves 11 cops hurt

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC
BHOPAL, NOV. 13

A core area in Satpura Tiger Reserve (STR) in Madhya Pradesh's Hosangabad district on Wednesday turned a battlefield when a swelling crowd grew restless to touch a 'miracle tree', a Mahua tree believed to cure sick people, and attacked the police deployed in the area, in the process, leaving 11 cops injured.

Hundreds of people from various parts of the state thronged the forested village of Nayagaon to worship the 'miracle' tree, leading to a stampede-like situation there.

They turned violent

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when police tried to push them away to control the situation. The irate mob then pelted stones at the police, causing bleeding injuries to 11 cops.

"As many as 11 policemen were injured in the incident," Hosangabad district additional superintendent of police Ghanashyam Malavay told this newspaper.

He said that the tree has been attracting people from the state and outside for the last three months after rumours that it has powers to heal even terminally ill people spread like wildfire in the region. No



People throng the miracle tree in Satpura Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh on Wednesday.

less than 10 lakh people have visited the village so far to worship the tree, police said.

STR sub-divisional offi-

cer Lokesh Nirapure said people were seen carrying infirm and old patients, administered with IV drips, to the tree

with the hope of finding a cure.

"Even a woman who suffered brain haemorrhage was discharged from a hospital in Bhopal and brought to the village in a stretcher by her relatives so that she could touch the tree and get completely cured," he said.

A senior forest officer deployed in the STR told this newspaper that a local farmer, identified as Roop Kumar Singh, was the brain behind the miracle tree. The farmer was heard saying in a video shot by a guard of the STR that he was drawn to the tree when he was passing by it three months ago and then got his limping leg cured when he came in contact with it.



Critical meet

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and President Donald Trump will meet as relations between the two Nato allies are at their lowest point in decades

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We must do more to protect immigrant workers so they can boost economy

— Kamala Harris
Indian origin senator

IN BRIEF

No sign of new govt in Lebanon

Beirut: Main roads across Lebanon were closed on Wednesday in fresh protests after President Michel Aoun angered demonstrators by urging them to end their revolt against corruption among the country's ruling elite. His remarks in a television interview late on Tuesday ignited demonstrations overnight in which a protester was shot and killed after an altercation with Lebanese soldiers at a road-block south of Beirut. The killing marked a bloody twist to the crisis that has gripped Lebanon for nearly a month, escalating tensions in a country ensnared in a deep political and economic crisis.

Car bomb blast kills 7 in Kabul

Kabul: At least seven people were killed and 10 others, including four foreign nationals, wounded in Kabul, when a van packed with explosive targeted a vehicle belonging to a foreign security company, Afghan security officials said. There was no immediate claim of responsibility in the rush-hour attack, that comes a day after the Afghan government agreed on a prisoner exchange with the Taliban insurgents in the hopes of reviving peace talks. Nasrat Rahimi, a spokesman for the interior ministry, said a suicide bomber driving a van targeted an armoured vehicle that belonged to GardaWorld, a Canadian security company that saw four of its staff wounded.

Russell Crowe's home destroyed

NSW: Bushfires raging across Australia's east coast destroyed two buildings on a rural property owned by Russell Crowe, the Oscar-winning actor said on Twitter on Wednesday. The 55-year-old posted a video and pictures on his Twitter feed of a helicopter water-bombing smoke-filled trees near a fence and driveway, commenting 'Top shot son!' Meanwhile, Crowe's neighbours have claimed their houses were left to burn while fire trucks passed by to save the Hollywood star's mansion. The *Gladiator* star lives with his family in Nana Glen in New South Wales, Australia which is currently being ravaged by bushfires.

ISRAELI AIR STRIKES POUND GAZA

Gaza, Nov. 13: Israeli air strikes pounded Islamic Jihad targets in Gaza on Wednesday and militants resumed rocket fire toward Israel after a brief overnight lull, as the death toll rose to 23 Palestinians, including a 7-year-old boy and two other minors, in the heaviest round of fighting in months. The military said, more than 250 rockets were fired at Israeli communities since the violence erupted following an Israeli airstrike that killed a senior Islamic Jihad commander. With the strike, Israel stepped up its battle against Iran and its proxies. The latest fighting brought life in much of Israel to a standstill. Schools were closed in Israeli communities near the Gaza border and restrictions on public gatherings continued as rockets rained down. Air raid sirens continued to wail throughout the day. The fighting was triggered by Israel's targeted killing of Bahaa Abu el-Atta and his wife as they were sleeping. Rocket fire from Gaza reached as far north as Tel Aviv. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told a special Cabinet meeting that Israel has no interest in sparking a wider confrontation.

Venice floods highest in 50 years



People walk across the flooded St. Marks square, with St. Marks basilica and the Bell Tower in background, after an exceptional overnight 'Alta Acqua' high tide water level, on Wednesday in Venice. The region was hit by the highest tide in more than 50 years with tourists wading through flooded streets to seek shelter as a fierce wind whipped up waves in St. Marks Square.

— AFP

IMPEACHMENT HEARINGS GO PUBLIC IN U.S.

Washington, Nov. 13: The US House of Representatives launched momentous televised impeachment hearings on Wednesday as Democrats seek to make the case to the American public that President Donald Trump abused the powers of his office. "There are few actions as consequential as the impeachment of a president," said House Intelligence Committee chairman Adam Schiff, the California congressman overseeing the historic inquiry in the Democratic-controlled House. "The questions presented by this impeachment inquiry are whether President Trump sought to exploit (Ukraine's) vulnerability and invite Ukraine's interference in our elections," Schiff said. "If this is not impeachable conduct, what is?" Trump faces the most perilous challenge of his tumultuous three-year tenure in the White House as the public impeachment hearings began under the glare of live TV cameras. — AFP



Donald Trump

TRUMP WANTED HILLARY INFO ON WIKILEAKS

Washington, Nov. 13: President Donald Trump's 2016 campaign was keen to keep abreast of the release of emails potentially damaging to Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton, reaching all the way to Trump, the Republican's former deputy campaign chairman testified in court on Tuesday. Rick Gates, testifying in the criminal trial of President Donald Trump's longtime political adviser Roger Stone, said he witnessed a call with Trump and Stone related to WikiLeaks website in late July 2016. WikiLeaks disclosed several batches of stolen emails in the months before the election that damaged Clinton. Gates said that within 30 seconds or so of Trump hanging up with Stone, Trump said that 'more information would be coming,' in an apparent reference to WikiLeaks. — AFP

Bolivia Senator stand-in Prez

Opposition Sen. Jeanine Anez declares herself interim president of crisis-torn country

LAST WOMAN STANDING

EVO'S ALLIES WHO HELD SENIOR POSTS FLED, LEAVING ANEZ THE MOST SENIOR OFFICIAL STILL STANDING. SHE DECLARED THAT IT WAS UP TO HER TO TAKE THE REINS OF POWER IMMEDIATELY

- **CONSERVATIVE SENATOR** Jeanine Anez was unknown to many Bolivians before she stepped out beaming and waving a Bible on the balcony of the government palace.
- **A LONGTIME** critic of her leftist predecessor Evo Morales, she stepped into the power vacuum left when he suddenly fled the country to escape a violent crisis.
- **ANEZ IS** a 52-year-old lawyer from the northeastern region of Beni, bordering Brazil.
- **AS SECOND** deputy speaker of the Senate, Anez was sworn in by her allies after all the other officials in line to act as interim president had fled.
- **SHE IMMEDIATELY** made a point of marking herself out from Morales, a socialist who had done away with religious oaths of office.
- **SHE CAST** herself as the only one in a position to lead the country out of its crisis, sparked by claims that Morales rigged his re-election last month.
- **MORALES BRANDED** her 'a coup-mongering right-wing senator.' He said she had "declared herself... interim president without a legislative quorum, surrounded by a group of accomplices."
- **ANEZ BECAME** the South American country's 66th president and the second woman to hold the post.
- **THE LAST** woman to serve as Bolivia's president was Lidia Gueiler, who held the post for less than two years before being deposed in a military coup in 1980.
- **ANEZ PROMISED** to hold fresh elections 'as soon as possible'.
- **ANEZ SERVED** from 2006 to 2008 as member of an assembly that drew up the current constitution. She has been a senator since 2010.
- **SHE IS** a member of a minority conservative political group, Democratic Unity.
- **SHE WAS** named second deputy leader of the Senate in line with a tradition that all parties be represented in the top posts.
- **HER SWEARING-IN**, approved by the Constitutional Court, sparked jubilation in her hometown of Trinidad.



pressure from Bolivia's military chief following the weeks of violent protests fed by allegations of electoral fraud in the Oct. 20 election, which he claimed to have won. Although Anez met with Gen. Williams Kaliman, the armed forces commander, it was uncertain how much support she could count on from other

power centers. Morales resigned shortly after an Organisation of American States audit reported widespread irregularities in the vote count. Bolivia's first indigenous president arrived in Mexico on Tuesday under a grant of asylum. But his resignation still needed to be approved by both houses of Congress, and lawmakers

could not assemble the numbers needed for formal sessions. Anez forged ahead anyway, arguing that Bolivia could not wait and be left in a power vacuum. After Morales quit, resignations by allies left vacancies in the only posts listed by the constitution as presidential successors — the vice president, the head of the

Senate and the leader of the lower house. Anez was a second-tier opposition figure until Morales, Latin America's longest serving leader resigned after nearly 14 years in power. She immediately tried to set differences with the socialist leader. She greeted supporters at an old palace instead of the near-

by modern 26-story presidential palace with a heliport that was built by Morales and that his foes had criticised as one of his excesses. She also carried a Bible, which had been banned by Morales from the presidential palace. Morales said that Anez's 'self-proclamation' was an affront to constitutional government. — AP

■ Jews and Muslims top hate crime victims

HATE | CRIME

Sikhs 3rd most targeted in US

Washington, Nov. 13: Around 60 incidents of hate crimes against Sikhs were reported to the US Federal Bureau of Investigation in 2018, making the community the third most commonly targeted religious group after Jews and Muslims in the US, according to an annual report released by the FBI on Tuesday. A total of 7,120 hate crimes were reported to the FBI by law enforcement agencies around the country last year, slightly down from 7,175 in 2017, the FBI said, adding that this involved 8,496 offenses. The largest number of hate crimes based on religion were reported against Jews (835), followed by Muslims (188) and Sikhs (60). According to the FBI

- **ANTI-SIKH** hate crimes rose by 200 per cent since 2017, making Sikhs the third most commonly targeted religious group
- **THE SIKH** coalition said it was 'disheartening' that hate crimes remain systematically 'under-reported' across the US
- **THE LARGEST** number of hate crimes based on religion were reported against Jews followed by Muslims

report, 91 hate crimes were reported against other religions, including 12 against Hindus and ten anti-Buddhist crimes. Of the 4,047 hate crimes based on ethnicity, the

maximum 1,943 hate crime incidents were against anti-Black or African Americans, followed by anti-White (762) and anti-Hispanic or Latino (485). The FBI reports as many as 148 hate crimes against Asians in 2018, while those against Arabs were 82, anti-American Indian or Alaska Native (194). The Sikh coalition in a statement said it is 'disheartening' that hate crimes remain systematically 'under-reported' across the United States. According to the Federal Bureau of Justice Statistics, Americans experience an average of 2,50,000 hate crimes per year; this latest FBI data, by contrast, only managed to document 7,120 incidents, with less than 13 per cent of law enforcement affir-

matively providing reports of hate crimes, it said. "While hate crimes remained relatively steady nationally, reported anti-Sikh hate crimes rose by 200 percent since 2017, making Sikhs the third most commonly targeted religious group in the dataset," it said. "At the end of the day, this data simply isn't giving us the accurate information we need to effectively counteract hate against targeted communities," said Sim J Singh, Sikh coalition senior manager of policy and advocacy. "It's past time for action. Congress must pass the next generation of common-sense legislation that equips law enforcement to better identify and track hate incidents," he said. — PTI

‘Garbage from India, China floats into LA’

New York, Nov. 13: US President Donald Trump has said countries like China, India and Russia are doing 'absolutely nothing' to clean up their smokestacks and industrial plants and the garbage that they drop in sea floats into Los Angeles. Terming climate change as a 'very complex issue', Donald Trump said he considers himself to be, 'in many ways, an environmentalist, believe it or not'. "So...I'm very much into climate. But I want the cleanest air on the planet and I want to have clean water," he said. He added that the US withdrew from the 'one-sided, horrible, horrible, economically unfair, Paris climate accord that killed American jobs and shielded foreign polluters.' He said the Paris

■ **TRUMP SAID** US withdrew from the horrible, economically unfair Paris accord that killed American jobs and shielded foreign polluters climate agreement was a 'disaster' for the US, adding that the deal would have resulted in 'trillions and trillions of dollars' of destruction to America. "And it is so unfair. It doesn't kick in for China until 2030. Russia goes back into the 1990s, where the base year was the dirtiest year ever in the world. India, we are supposed to pay them money because they are a developing nation. I said, "We're a developing nation, too," Trump said evoking laughter from the audience. — PTI

SHORT TAKES



FB UNIFIES PAY SYSTEM ACROSS ITS PLATFORMS

Bengaluru, Nov. 13: Facebook Inc (FB.O) said on Tuesday it was launching Facebook Pay, a unified payment service through which users across its platforms including WhatsApp and Instagram can make payments without exiting the app.

The social network said the service would allow users to send money or make a payment with security options such as PIN or biometrics on their smartphones.

Chief Executive Officer Mark Zuckerberg said earlier this year the company is planning to unify the messaging infrastructure across its platforms.

He said the company would encrypt conversations on more of its messaging services and make them compatible as direct messaging was likely to dwarf discussion on the traditional, open platform of Facebook's news feed in a few years.

Facebook said the new service will collect user information such as payment method, date, billing and contact details when a transaction is made and that it would use the data to show targeted advertisements to users.

Advertising practices of Facebook have been in the spotlight for the past few years amid growing discontent over its approach to privacy and user data.

Facebook Pay will be available on Facebook and Messenger this week in the United States, the company said in a blog post.

— Reuters

'CHINA HAS NOT ISSUED DIGITAL CURRENCY'

Beijing, Nov. 13: China's central bank said on Wednesday it had not issued any digital currencies nor authorized any asset trading platforms to trade such currencies, denying rumors about the issuance of such currencies.

The central bank is still studying and testing its own digital currency and a timetable circulated online for the roll-out of digital currency is not accurate, the People's Bank of China said in a statement on its website.

— Reuters

MINECRAFT EARTH GOES LIVES IN U.S.

Washington, Nov. 13: Microsoft, in a bet on real-world augmented reality gaming, had announced Minecraft Earth. Now, the game, which allows players to collect blocks and critters wherever they go, has gone live for players in North America, the UK and a number of other areas.

AI-created artworks go up for auction in New York

New York, Nov. 13: Two paintings up for auction in New York highlight a growing interest in artificial intelligence-created works — a technique that could transform how art is made and viewed but is also stirring up passionate debate.

The art world was stunned last year when an AI painting sold for \$432,500, and auctioneers are keen to further test demand for computer-generated works.

"Art is a true reflection of what our society, what our environment responds to," said Max Moore of Sotheby's. "And so it's just a natural continuation of the progression of art," he added.

Sotheby's will put two paintings by the French art collective Obvious up for sale on

Thursday, including "Le Baron De Belamy." The European classic style portrait is part of the same series as "Portrait of Edmond Belamy", which sold for more than 60 times the lowest estimate at Christie's during the 2018 fall auctions.

The paintings were made using a technique called "generative adversarial network," or GAN.

GAN involves feeding thousands of images of the same style into a computer until the machine concludes that it has created a new portrait that it thinks accurately reflects that style.

"Katsuwaka of the Dawn Lagoon" was created in a Japanese style using the same GAN algorithm.

Auctioneers have put mod-

est prices on the two paintings. "Katsuwaka" has a pre-sale estimate between \$8,000 and \$12,000, while "Le Baron" has been priced between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

"We do not expect as big a result as last year," said Pierre Fautrel, one of the three members of Obvious. "We just want to see if there are people who are ready to buy around these prices and if the market will continue to build," he added.

Moore said the sale of "Portrait of Edmond Belamy" showed that there is "a marketplace for this new body of work" but that it's still "in the very early stages." "That will be a good indicator of where the market is," he said.

— AFP

Milk quality can now be assessed in minutes

IIT-G's paper sensor can test milk without any special devices

Guwahati, Nov. 13: Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati have developed a paper-based sensor that can accurately assess the quality and freshness of milk within minutes by changing its colour.

The quality and freshness of milk are decided by the invasion and presence of microbes in the milk, the researchers explained in the study published in the journal Biosensors, and Bioelectronics.

They noted that bacteria and other microbes that grow in milk can not only affect its taste and freshness, but also result in health issues.

Pasteurisation is commonly used to kill the microbes in milk and various tests are used to ensure the effectiveness of the process, according to the researchers led by Pranjal Chandra, an assistant professor at IIT Guwahati.

Commonly used tests such as the methylene blue test, are time consuming, and could take many hours for colour changes to indicate the presence and absence of microbes. Commercial phenol-based tests require sophisticated spectrophotometers and involve multi-step procedures, which necessitates dedicated testing centres and skilled personnel.

The team, includ-

ing scholar Kuldeep Mahato, developed the simple visual detection technique to assess the quality of milk, without the need for special equipment and instruments. "It would be useful if the quality of milk can be tested at the point of collection of milk or even in the home kitchen," Chandra said in a statement, adding that such testing requires easy-to-operate and portable detection kits.

Chandra explained that Alkaline Phosphatase (ALP) is a metalloprotein found naturally in raw milk samples, and is considered an important biomarker in the quality control of milk. It is found in raw milk and is destroyed during pasteurisation. ALP is also found in higher amounts in the case of milk derived from animals with infection in the mammary glands, he noted.

Detection of ALP in milk can thus point to inadequate pasteurisation and perhaps contamination. "Despite ALP's recognisable detection potential in native milk, the multi-step nature, and requirement of sophisticated bulky analytical instruments and trained personnel, to detect ALP, limit their use as a sensor of milk quality in remote settings and in home kitchens," added Chandra.

The researchers used simple filter paper, chemically modified it,

and loaded it with a recognition element — anti-ALP — which captures the ALP present in the milk.

Upon treatment with the colour-forming compound 'BCIP', the captured complex of ALP forms a blue-green coloured precipitate, that otherwise does not give any colour in the absence of ALP. The intensity of the colour indicates the amount of ALP present. The researchers used a smartphone to capture the image of the colour.

They used the RGB filter in the phone to profile the colour obtained, which could be co-related to the concentration of ALP present in the test sample. "Our sensor takes merely 13? minutes to detect ALP, and hence it can be applied for quick onsite analysis," said Chandra.

The researchers successfully tested milk obtained from villages and commercially available milk samples using their paper-based sensor kit, and found that they could detect down to 0.87 units of ALP per millilitre of milk to about 91100 per cent accuracy. This detection limit and accuracy make it possible to discriminate raw milk from pasteurised or boiled milk which contains ALP in ultra-trace amounts, researchers said.

— PTI

AI can categorise mental status

Houston, Nov. 13: Researchers have developed a speech-based mobile app that uses artificial intelligence to categorize a patient's mental health status, an advance that may lead to a tool to assist psychiatrists in diagnosing mental illnesses.

The study, published in the journal Schizophrenia Bulletin, noted that many people in remote areas do not have access to psychiatrists or psychologists, and others can't afford to see a clinician frequently.

The researchers, including those from the University of Colorado at Boulder in the US, said



therapists base their treatment plan largely on listening to a patient talk which they said was an old, subjective and unreliable method.

They developed a machine learning technology that can detect day-to-day changes in speech which hints at mental health decline.

As an example, they said, sentences that don't follow a logical pattern can be a critical symptom in schizophrenia.

Shifts in tone or pace may suggest mania or depression, and memory loss can be a sign of both cognitive and mental health problems, the researchers said.

"Language is a critical pathway to detecting patient mental states," said study co-author Peter

Foltz from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

"Using mobile devices and AI, we are able to track patients daily and monitor these subtle changes," he added.

The study noted that the new mobile app asks patients a 5- to 10-minute series of questions which they can answer by talking into their phone.

The patients are asked about their emotional state, or to tell a short story, or to listen to a story and repeat it.

The app also gives them a series of touch-and-swipe motor skills tests.

— PTI

TESLA TO SET UP FACTORY IN BERLIN

San Francisco, Nov. 13: A new Tesla auto factory to serve the European market will be based in Germany, chief executive Elon Musk said Tuesday.

Musk said during a ceremony at Germany's Golden Steering Wheel awards that the new "Gigafactory" would be "in the Berlin area." He said the company planned the facility "near the new airport" in Berlin and that Tesla would also set up a design center in the area.

"Everyone knows that German engineering is outstanding and that's part of the reason we are locating our Gigafactory Europe in Germany," he said on stage.

"We are also going to create an engineering and design center in Berlin because I think Berlin has some of the best art in the world." The news highlights a further global expansion for the electric car maker, which last month said its factory in China had started production. Musk offered few details, but reports have said the company hopes to begin European production by 2021.

"Giga Berlin," Musk tweeted, bookending the words with heart emojis.

"Will build batteries, powertrains & vehicles, starting with Model Y," he added in another tweet.

Tesla is estimated to have some 30 per cent of the European market for battery-powered cars. Musk's announcement is good news for the German auto industry, according to professor Ferdinand Dudenhoeffer of the Center for Automotive Research at the University of Duisburg-Essen.

Tesla producing electric cars in Germany could wave a checkered flag at the local competition, such as VW, BMW, and Daimler, speeding up innovation in the sector there, Dudenhoeffer said.

Tesla last month announced that it posted a profit in the recently ended quarter instead of taking a loss as analysts expected.

Tesla said it is producing vehicles "on a trial basis" at its recently opened "Gigafactory" in Shanghai, which will help boost global production and sales. Musk was optimistic that the Shanghai factory could begin cranking out Model Y vehicles by the middle of next year.

— AFP

CHINESE SCIENTIST PLEADS GUILTY TO TECH THEFT

Washington, Nov. 13: A Chinese scientist pleaded guilty on Tuesday to stealing next-generation battery technology from the American petroleum company where he worked, the Department of Justice said.

Hongjin Tan, 35, a Chinese national who was a permanent legal resident of the United States, was arrested in December 2018 and charged with stealing trade

secrets. The DoJ said Tan pleaded guilty in US District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma to theft of a trade secret, unauthorized transmission of a trade secret, and unauthorized possession of a trade secret. The market value of the next-generation battery technology Tan was accused of stealing was more than \$1 billion, it said.

— AFP

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Sl.No.	Tender No.	Description	Due Date
1	52196448	Installation and Commissioning of Roof Top Grid Connected Solar photo voltaic generating system	03-Dec-2019
2	67195380	Back stop cast steel machined	03-Dec-2019
3	67195381	MIG / MAG Welding filler solid wire	03-Dec-2019
4	67195438	Set of Rivets for BLCS Wagon	03-Dec-2019
5	67195447	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Inverter based hand plasma cutting machine	03-Dec-2019

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TENDER NOTICE

Short Description:-	
Tender to Engage an independent Agency for taking meter readings of energy meters installed at premises of 11143 no AP consumers of 60 no AP feeders covered under 100% Metering of 1% feeders to compute T&D losses on quarterly basis all over Punjab under Tender Enquiry No. 004/DSM-2019-20.	
Last date for down loading of Specification/Tender documents from https://pspcl.abcpurchase.com	11.12.2019 (up to 11:00 AM)
Last date for Bid Submission	12.12.2019 (up to 11:00 AM)
Bid Opening date.	12.12.2019 (up to 11:30 AM)
Tender Document cost.	NIL
EMD	4.00 Lacs
Payment mode.	By Demand Draft
Payment in favour of	Account officer/Cash, PSPCL, Patiala

For detailed NIT & Tender specification please refer to <https://pspcl.abcpurchase.com>.
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C-455/19
RO : C-7795
Addl SE/DSM,
For CETA & J
PSPCL, Patiala

VIJAYAWADA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (VMC)
INVITATION FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Rc.CE-138418/2019 Dt.13-11-2019

VMC invites Request for Proposal for "Consultancy for Preparation of Detailed project Report for Rejuvenation of Existing STPs and DP Stations to meet Effluent parameters and Installation of Bio gas energy plants as per CPHEEO, MoHUPA, MoEF and NGT norms in Vijayawada Municipal Corporation".

Interested agencies/companies who are having experience in the similar nature of work including financial capability, having latest technical competency to perform this assignment can obtain the details and the Request For Proposal (RFP) documents from the office of the Chief Engineer, VMC, Vijayawada by paying Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) Non-refundable in the form of D.D. drawn in favour of the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Vijayawada payable at any Nationalized Bank in Vijayawada and Rs.1800/- (Rupees One Thousand Eight Hundred only) in favour of Commercial Tax Officer Vijayawada. The RFP can also be downloaded from the VMC website i.e., <https://www.ourvmc.org/engg/gentenders.asp> and payment of Rs. 10,000/- can be made through DD while submission of RFP.

- Available / Issue of Tender - 14-11-2019 at 3.00 P.M.
- Schedules
- Last date for Receipt of Bids - 28-11-2019 at 3.00 P.M
- Opening of Technical Bids - 28-11-2019 at 5.00 P.M
- Opening of Financial Bids - After Technical Bid Evaluation.

If the office happens to be closed on the date of receipt of the bids as specified, the bids will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. Commissioner, VMC reserves the right to reject or cancel any or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof. Any addendum/corrigendum/bid clarifications/time extension shall be issued on the website only. No spare press notification shall be issued.
Address for Correspondence: Chief Engineer, Municipal Corporation, Jawaharal Nehru Buildings, Canal Road, Vijayawada-520 001, Andhra Pradesh. Phone No.0866-2422400 / 2421001; Cell No.: 9014427243, 9866897639.
Sd/-
COMMISSIONER

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
KUNDRATHUR TOWN PANCHAYAT KANCHEEPURAM DISTRICT
R.C.No.208/2019/A1 SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE Dated: 12.11.2019

Sealed Tenders are invited from all the contractors for the following work in Kundrathur Town Panchayat under General Fund 2019-20. Detailed Tender Schedule can be had from the Kundrathur Town Panchayat office, Kundrathur, Chennai - 600 069 and www.tenders.tn.gov.in. Name of the work should be written on the Top of the Sealed Tender Cover and to be send to the Executive Officer, Kundrathur Town Panchayat on or before 22.11.2019 by 3.00 P.M. and will be opened on the 22.11.2019 at 3.30 P.M. in the presence of the Bidders who wish to attend.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Amount Rs. (Lakhs)	Schedule Price Rs.
1	Road Works -28 Nos	320.00	Upto Rs.2.00 Lakhs / Schedule Cost Rs.700/-
2	Drain & Culvert Works - 6 Nos	74.00	Upto Rs.2.00 Lakhs to 5.00 Lakhs / Schedule Cost Rs.1700/-
3	Other Work - 1 No.	3.00	Upto Rs.5.00 Lakhs to 10 Lakhs / Schedule Cost Rs.3400/-
	Total	397.00	Upto Rs.10.00 Lakhs to Rs.25.00 Lakhs / Schedule Cost Rs.6800/-

Condition:- Tender Schedule can be received from the Kundrathur Town Panchayat office on the Payment of Tender Schedule cost by cash in Kundrathur Town Panchayat on or before 21.11.2019 at 3.00 P.M. EMD amount to be paid on or before 21.11.2019 Tuesday before 5.30 pm.
DIPR/453/19/Tender/2019
Executive Officer, Kunrathur Town Panchayat, Chennai – 600 069.

PARADIP PORT TRUST

E-TENDER CALL NOTICE
Name of the work : "Allotment of 01(One) no. of Manual Iron Ore Pellet Plot at PPT". License Fees : Rs.6,87,25,206/- Wharfage Fees : Rs.18,06,826/-. Last date & time of submission of bid : Dt.28.11.2019 up to 13:00 hrs. Date and time of opening (Technical Bid): Dt.30.11.2019 up to 16:00 hrs. Refer our website for details <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> Traffic Manager PPT/PR/453/19-20 Dt.13.11.2019

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HINDU RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT
ARULMIGU SRI SUBRAMANIASWAMY THIRUKOIL (KUMARAGIRI)
THIMIRI, VELLORE DISTRICT, TAMILNADU
TENDER NOTICE
The Executive Officer of the temple invites sealed tender for the work of upgradation of hill road from km.0/0-0.900 of Arulmigu Sri Subramaniaswamy Temple, Thimiri upto 12.00 p.m. on 13.12.2019 from registered contractor of highways department. Tender will be opened for prebid by 12.30 pm and for price bid by 3.00 pm of qualified tenderers in the temple office in presence of tenderer and departmental officers. The total tender value of the work is Rs.3,17,80,870 and period of contract including monsoon is 18 months. Earnest money deposit for the work is Rs.16,90,000 and tender document cost is Rs.17,200. Tender schedule for the above work can be downloaded from the website www.thnrce.org or tender document cost can be remitted through cash in receipt to temple office. All other details of the work can be had from the temple office on any working day during working hours.
EXECUTIVE OFFICER
For CETA & J
Thimiri (Kumaragiri), Vellore, Tamilnadu
DIPR/453/19/TENDER/2019

Sugar mills get 6 more months to repay soft loan

Unsold housing stock overhang eases a bit

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INDICATORS		%
Sensex	40,116.06	-0.57
Nifty 50	11,840.50	-0.61
S&P 500	3,092.10	+0.01
Dollar (₹)	72.18	+0.88
Pound Sterling (₹)	92.75	+1.07
Euro (₹)	79.40	+0.01
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	38,124,404	+1.07
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	\$62.39	+0.33
IN 10-Yr bond yield	+6.528	-0.033
US 10-Yr T-bill yield	+1.872	-0.037

* As of 9:30 pm IST

Jaypee: NBCC, Suraksha asked to give fresh bids

NBCC and Suraksha Realty have been asked to submit fresh bids to acquire debt-laden Jaypee Infratech in an ongoing insolvency process, sources said. Lenders of Jaypee Infratech will meet on Nov. 18 to discuss the bids of NBCC and Suraksha Realty, which are expected expected to be submitted by the end of this week, they added.

Govt extends relaxed norms for onion import



The Agriculture Ministry extended relaxed fumigation norms for imported onions up to Dec. 31, in a bid to improve domestic supply. On Nov. 6, the ministry had liberalised fumigation provisions under the Plant Quarantine (PQ) Order, 2003 till November 30 to facilitate import of the key kitchen staple from Afghanistan, Egypt, Turkey and Iran.

BHEL posts 42% rise in Q2 net profit at ₹121 cr

Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) posted a 42 per cent jump in consolidated net profit at Rs 120.95 crore in the second quarter against Rs 85.24 crore reported in the year-ago quarter. Total income stood at Rs 6,359.68 crore versus Rs 6,934.06 crore a year ago. But BHEL reported a consolidated net loss of Rs 97.98 crore for the first half of the fiscal.

BVR Subbu joins board of Ola Electric

Automotive industry veteran BVR Subbu joined the board of Ola Electric Mobility as a member. He currently manages a strategy-consulting firm, Beyond Visual Range, advising global PE funds. Subbu had previously worked with Tata Motors and Hyundai. He said "Ola Electric is the perfect amalgam of the passion and social consciousness of youth."

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■ Impact of DDT prompting firms to invest in debt Dividend tax burden may shift to investors

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NEW DELHI, NOV. 13

In a bid to goad companies to boost spending and revive foreign fund inflows, India is considering changes to its dividend distribution tax, according to people with knowledge of the matter. The budget statement due February may include a proposal to tax dividends once they are paid to shareholders, rather than the current system where the company pays the levy, the people said, asking not to be identified as the deliberations are private. The move would be the latest in a series of steps from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government to prop up growth from the lowest in six years. Over recent months, authorities have slashed corporate taxes, rolled back a levy on global funds, injected \$10 billion into struggling state banks, and eased foreign investment rules to encourage companies to boost spending. The impact of the dividend tax has been prompting firms to invest in debt



"thereby depriving companies of much-needed equity," to expand, said Daksha Baxi, Mumbai-based head of international taxation at law firm Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas. For investors the tax meant they can't take credit "for taxes paid by Indian companies and secondly, their tax incidence goes up." A spokesman for the Finance Ministry couldn't be immediately reached

for comment. The move is among recommendations of a government-appointed panel, media reports said earlier. Indian companies need to pay 15 per cent tax on dividends declared, which rises past 20 per cent once surcharges are added. Investors, who are also taxed on their earnings, have protested these multiple levies. The dividend distribution tax brings about Rs

60,000 crore to the exchequer each year and the planned changes won't affect collections, the people said. Share of gross fixed capital formation in India's GDP has been falling as companies have refrained from investing. The measure stood at 29.7 per cent in the June quarter, hovering near the record low of 27.9 per cent.

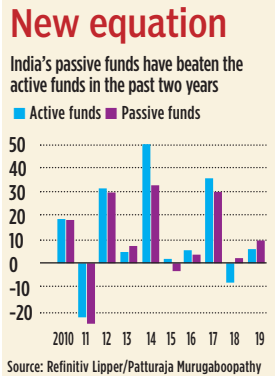
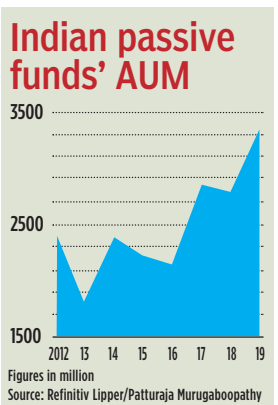
— Bloomberg

Passive funds set to beat active funds for 2nd year

PATTURAJA MURUGABOOPATHY
NOV. 13

India's passive index-tracking equity funds are set to beat their active stock-picking counterparts in returns for a second successive year as fund managers grapple with volatility and the challenges of outperforming benchmark indexes. According to Refinitiv Lipper data, India's passive funds have delivered an average return of 9.6 per cent so far this year, much higher than active funds' 5.7 per cent. In 2018, passive funds posted 2.3 per cent gains, while active funds had negative returns.

Active funds have historically outperformed passive funds in India when share price moves were more broad-based and market inefficiencies helped stock pickers as they hunted for shares whose prices were not truly reflective of their worth. But India's stock market rally has been much narrower in the past two years, with investors preferring some well-established heavyweights over smaller ones owing to broader uncertainties around a slowing domestic economy and the US-China trade war. For instance, the Nifty-50 has risen 9.67 per cent so far this year, but the Nifty Midcap Index has shed 6.2 per cent and the Small-cap Index has slumped 11.4 per cent.



Pratik Oswal, head of Passive Funds at Motilal Oswal Asset Management Company, said 85 per cent of the Indian stock market had become efficient. "Finding mispricings has become harder than it was 5-10 years ago," he said. "A sharp correction in mid- and small-caps, coupled with mega caps becoming larger, has led to underperformance of most active fund managers." Also, the Securities and Exchange Board of India's

(Sebi) rules on holdings of large-cap and mid-cap firms have affected the performance of active funds, analysts said. At the end of 2017, Sebi said a large-cap equity fund must invest at least 80 per cent of its portfolio in large-cap stocks and mid-cap funds must invest at least 65 per cent in mid-caps. Prior to that, active fund managers had the flexibility to allocate larger amounts to other categories to boost their funds' performance. Nonetheless, active funds remain more popular with Indian investors who still haven't taken to index investing, unlike in developed markets. The passive funds' assets under management (AUM) is lower than that of active funds, according to Refinitiv Lipper data. Active funds' AUM stood at \$94.4 billion at the end of third quarter, while passive funds' AUM were just \$3.3 billion. In the US, passive funds' AUM stands at more than half of the active funds' AUM, the data showed. "We don't have a lot of long-term money flowing into index, the way it does in America or other developed markets," said Dharendra Kumar, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Value Research. "Indian investors have become curious and they are beginning to invest (in passive funds). But I don't think it is very big time." — Reuters

Global fund managers see equity as best doing asset class in 2020

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD
MUMBAI, NOV. 13

More than 50 per cent of global fund managers surveyed by Bank of America Merrill Lynch during the first week of November expect equity to be best performing asset class in 2020. According to the survey, recession concerns have vanished and fund managers expect a stronger global economy in the next year. "Over half of investors surveyed (52 per cent)

expect equities to be the top performing asset class in 2020, followed by commodities (21 per cent) and cash (10 per cent)," the survey said. "The bulls are back," said Michael Hartnett, Chief Investment Strategist, of America Merrill Lynch. "Investors are experiencing FOMO—the fear of missing out—which has prompted a wave of optimism and jump in exposure to equities and cyclical," Hartnett said. Investors added risk in

November as their portfolios are no longer explicitly geared to assets that outperform in a low growth & low inflation backdrop, the survey said. Allocation to global equities jumped, indicating the highest level in one year as investor cash levels fell from 5.0 per cent last month to 4.2 per cent in November, the biggest monthly drop since

November 2016 and lowest cash balance since June 2013. Bank of America Merrill Lynch global fund manager survey was conducted between November 1-7 and 230 panelists with \$700 billion of asset under management participated in total. According to the survey, the US dollar is expected to depreciate in the next 12 months, say 37 per cent of

investors surveyed said making it the weakest outlook on the US dollar since September 2007. Trade war concerns (39 per cent) continued to top the list of tail risks cited by investors, followed by a bond market bubble (16 per cent), monetary policy impotence (12 per cent) and a slowdown in China (11 per cent). The dominant concerns of investors since 2011 have been Eurozone debt & potential breakdown; Chinese growth; populism,

quantitative tightening & trade wars. Trade war has topped the charts for 19 of the past 21 surveys, the report said. US tech & growth stocks topped the list of the most crowded trades identified by fund managers, ahead of US corporate bonds. Allocation to commodities fell as trade war concerns slightly subsided and allocation to emerging market equities rose month on month and EM became most preferred region among equity investors.

Logistics demand for auto halves in festive season

SANGEETHA G
CHENNAI, NOV. 13

After a slow Q2, logistics companies saw a slower Diwali this time. While demand from automotive segment was badly hit, even the best of the sectors—e-commerce—saw some slackness in volumes. In September quarter, logistics volumes recorded around 5 per cent drop due to the sluggishness in the economy. Railway freight volumes too dropped by 3.7 per cent in Q2. The sluggishness was evident in most of the core sectors, including coal, cement and steel. The automobile industry witnessed 20-25 per cent decline in logistics demand. "The unorganised sector, which accounts for the larger share of market, saw volumes dropping by 4 to 6 per cent. The organised sector has been gaining market share post GST and e-way bill and hence they registered a growth of 4 to 6 per cent. New-age tech-driven logistic service providers form a small segment of the industry. From a smaller base they have been growing faster. Overall, the logistics sector saw flat to negative volume growth in Q2 against 14 per cent growth in the year-ago quarter," said Shamsher Dewan, Vice-President, Icara ratings. According to industry players, the demand further got squeezed during the Diwali season this



time. "Usually Diwali season sees a spurt in logistics activity and the major contributors are FMCG, industrial goods, white goods, auto and auto ancillary and e-commerce. Logistic demand from the automotive sector would have fallen by around 50 per cent this time. Even other sectors saw volumes de-growing," said Sumit Sharma, Co-founder of GoBOLT. E-commerce has been one sector which has been recording phenomenal value growth during festive season year-after-year. Technology-driven logistic companies, which largely handle the logistics for e-commerce companies, found that despite the growth over last year, volumes did not touch last year's growth levels. "Usually e-commerce companies give us volume projections for the festive season and we prepare ourselves to meet those

projections. Till last year, we always used to over achieve the festive season volume projections. This time, the projections were not met. The projections were under-achieved by 10 to 15 per cent," he said. According to Pushkar Singh, CEO of LetsTransport, the projections of e-commerce companies were lower than the previous years. "This year the projections of e-commerce companies were not as ambitious as last year. E-commerce still performed much better compared to automobiles and other high value goods," he said. The overall slump in demand had influenced e-commerce companies while making projections. Further, with the maturity of the sector, the value of products sold online keeps on increasing every year. This leads to higher value growth compared to volume growth.

Rupee tumbles 62p, could remain weak

FALAKNAAZ SYED
MUMBAI, NOV. 13

The rupee extended its bearish leg against the US Dollar tracking weakness in the Yuan and growing concerns over health of the domestic economy amid soft capital market sentiments and anticipating FPI outflows. The rupee tumbled by 62 paise or 0.87 per cent to breach 72 per dollar mark and ended at over two-month low of 72.09 on Wednesday. After opening lower at 71.75 against the greenback, the rupee fell to as much as 72.10 in intraday deals. On Monday, the currency had closed at 71.47 against the dollar. Forex market was closed on Tuesday for Guru Nanak Jayanti. According to forex experts, the rupee would continue to remain weak on global and domestic concerns. Showing signs of sluggishness in the domestic economy, the industrial production shrank in September from 1.1 per cent contraction in July, data released by Central Statistics Office showed on Tuesday, registering the weakest performance in seven years due to output decline in manufacturing, mining and electricity sectors.



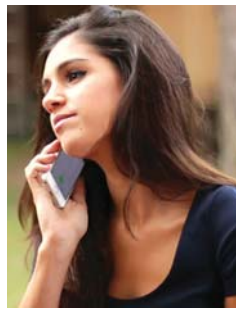
The numbers highlighted the persistent structural slowdown in the economy and firmed expectation of further monetary easing by the RBI. This lowered the demand for domestic assets. Domestic equities ended with 0.60 per cent cut while the benchmark bond yield came lower by 3 basis points to 6.52 per cent. The Dollar Index, which tracks the greenback against a basket of six major currencies rose by 0.02 per cent to 98.32 compared with previous close of 98.25. The greenback gained against major counterparts after the US President Donald Trump said a trade deal with China was "close" but warned that he would "substantially raise" tariffs if the deal collapses making investors con-

cerned over the uncertainty in US-China trade deal. He dubbed China a cheater on trade. Harihar Krishnamoorthy, treasurer with FirstRand Bank said, "All Asian currencies are looking weak. If the US-China trade deal goes through, the US interest rates will rise and some amount of rupee weakness could continue as dollar-index is strengthening. Global capital inflows could fall. The trading range could rise from 71-72 to 71.50 to 73 in the short term. As the rupee weakens, exporters might look to sell the dollars and book their export receivables." Bansal, Chairman, ABans Group of Companies said, "The Indian rupee is under pressure after India's credit ratings outlook was cut to negative from stable by Moody's Investors Service. Growing debt burden and the government's struggle to narrow the budget deficit are the critical reason. A slump in factory production has increased probability of a sharper rate cut by Reserve Bank of India. India's factory output contracted to 4.3 per cent in September (for the second consecutive month), which is lowest since 2012."

DoT tells telcos to clear revenue share as per SC order

New Delhi, Nov 13: The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has issued notice to telecom operators to pay their revenue share dues within three months as directed by the Supreme Court, according to an industry source. The DoT has given option to telecom operators to clear all the dues on a self-assessment basis.

The Supreme Court in its last month's ruling said, "We give three months' time to deposit the amount, which is due and compliance be reported." "...You are therefore directed to make the payment in accordance with the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated October 24, 2019 and submit the requisite documents to ensure the compliance within the stipulated timeframe," said a notice, which is received by the source. According to an internal estimate prepared by the DoT, total dues on the telecom service providers arising out of SC order are around Rs 1.33 lakh crore. As per DoT's estimate, liability of Bharti Airtel Group is Rs 62,187.73 crore, Vodafone Idea is Rs 54,183.9 crore and BSNL and MTNL is Rs 10,675.18 crore. Companies under insolvency like Reliance Communications and Aircel have dues outstanding worth Rs 32,403.47 crore and companies under liquidation Rs 943 crore. —PTI



Govt to push OSH Code in Parliament

New Delhi, Nov 13: The government will push Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (OSH) Code in the Budget session of Parliament for approval, said Labour Minister Santosh Gangwar on Wednesday.

The Code was introduced in the Lok Sabha on July 23, 2019. It is expected to enhance the coverage of workers manifold and also merge 13 central labour laws into a single code which would apply to all establishments employing 10 or more workers.

It will subsume 13 labour laws relating to safety, health and working conditions. These include the Factories Act, 1948, the Mines Act, 1952, and the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970.

"We will definitely bring the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (OSH) Code, 2019, in the Budget Session. Parliamentary standing committee has sought public comments on the Code," the minister said. —PTI

Engineering exports decline 6%

New Delhi, Nov 13: Falling for the fourth straight month, India's engineering exports declined over 6 per cent to \$6.36 billion in September as against \$6.77 billion in the same month last fiscal, EEPIC India said on Wednesday.

The country's engineering shipments contribute 25 per cent to the overall merchandise exports.

A clearly visible global slowdown is biting engineering exports, suffering setbacks in almost all major destinations including the US, European Union, Middle East, South Asia or even CIS countries, with September shipments conceding fourth straight monthly decline and fifth in fiscal 2019-20, the engineering exporters body said.

Engineering exports from the country witnessed over 6 per cent decline in September, dropping in all months of fiscal 2019-20 barring May, it added.

Cumulative engineering exports during April-September 2019-20 dropped to \$38.74 billion from \$40.26 billion a year ago. —PTI

Tata Motors opens R&D unit in Pune

MICHAEL GONSALVES
PUNE, NOV. 13

Tata Motors, India's biggest automaker by revenues, on Wednesday inaugurated a new facility called the Advance Power Systems Engineering Tech Centre at the Engineering Research Centre (ERC) in Pune.

This futuristic tech centre will play a key role in engineering, testing and developing cutting-edge powertrain solutions for all its products, bringing in synergies across passenger vehicles, commercial vehicles and hybrid and electric vehicle businesses.

This new world-class facility will primarily focus on future development of BS6 (Phase 1 & 2), Real Driving Emissions (RDE), CAFE II, Hybrids, Electrification and BS7.

"This facility will act as a hub to develop class-leading powertrain solutions for our vast product portfolio across ICE (internal combustion engines) and Electric," Guenter Butschek, chief executive officer and managing director, at Tata Motors, said.

■ Time needed to clear stock comes down to 30 months from 37

Unsold housing stock overhang eases a bit

SANGEETHA G
CHENNAI, NOV. 13

Cumulative unsold housing stock across top 7 cities dropped 5 per cent at the end of September quarter. The average time needed to clear this unsold stock has reduced to 30 months from 37 months in the year-ago quarter.

The top 7 cities collectively had a total unsold stock of nearly 6.56 lakh units in Q3 2019 end, 5 per cent down from 6.87 lakh units in Q3 2018 and nearly 12 per cent lower than 7.44 lakh units as on Q3 2017.

Bangalore's unsold stock as on Q3 2019 stood at 63,540 units, declining the maximum among top cities by 17 per cent in a year and over 38 per cent in two years. This made Bangalore, the city with the lowest unsold inventory overhang of 15 months as on Q3 2019 from 19 months a year ago and 25 months in Q3 2017.

Hyderabad has the least unsold inventory among top cities at 23,890 units as on Q3 2019. It was over 27,000 units a year ago and a little more than 27,500



units in 2017. Hyderabad's unsold inventory will take 16 months to clear in the present scenario as against 20 months in Q3 2018 and 22 months as on Q3 2017.

"The annual change of unsold inventory overhang in the third quarter of 2019 was fairly better than the previous year. This suggests that builders now are following a laser-focused approach towards clearing their previous unsold stock. Simultaneously,

unlike earlier, builders have now also limited their new supply into the market. No wonder, new launches in Q3 2019 fell by 13 per cent against the year-ago period in the top 7 cities whereas it had increased by 51 per cent in Q3 2018 as against Q3 2017," said Anuj Puri, Chairman, ANAROCK Property Consultants.

However, NCR will take at least 44 months to clear its unsold stock. Back in Q3

2018, it was 58 months while in the corresponding period of 2017, it was 59 months. NCR has also seen a decent decline in its unsold stock over the years – it reduced from 2.1 lakh units in Q3 2017 to 1.90 lakh units in Q3 2018 and then finally to 1.78 lakh units in 2019. Nevertheless, the city still has the second-highest unsold inventory after Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR).

MMR with nearly 2.21 lakh units, saw a mere 1 per cent yearly decline in its unsold pile while on a two-yearly basis, the stock reduced only marginally by 2 per cent. MMR's inventory overhang stood at 34 months as on Q3 2019 end from 46 months a year ago and 51 months back in Q3 2017.

Contrary to the trend, Chennai's unsold stock increased by 4 per cent on yearly and 12 per cent on a two-yearly basis. Though Chennai's unsold inventory overhang has reduced from 35 months in the third quarter of 2018 to 31 months in 2019, it was lowest best at 26 months in Q3 2017.

Centrum expanding foreign operations

ASHWIN J PUNNEN
MUMBAI, NOV. 13

The home-grown financial services major Centrum Group, with diversified fee businesses and lending platforms is expanding its operations in overseas markets like Singapore and Dubai as well as the UK market.

"We see high growth potential in the overseas markets where Indians are in considerable numbers, prompting us to widen the base and offer services to Indians overseas," said Centrum Group's Executive Chairman Jaspal Singh Bindra in an exclusive interview to the Financial Chronicle.

Bindra, a banker with a global MNC career of over 30 years was previously the Asia-Pacific Head of Standard Chartered Bank



Jaspal Singh Bindra

and had also worked with Bank of America & UBS, before joining Centrum group.

Under his leadership, the Centrum Group has diversified its operations from a fee based business to a fee-cum-lending model with the introduction of Housing Finance, SME & Micro Finance businesses.

"We received a license from the Monetary

Authority of Singapore and have started offering wealth management services in the region. Centrum will facilitate inward and outward investment flows. HNIs and family offices in Singapore can take advantage of the innovative investment opportunities in India through regulated AIFs, structured products and be part of India's economic growth. Similarly using the LRS route, Indians can make dollar investments in Singapore. Our current Assets Under Advice are over \$3.2 billion and we expect a growth of 20-25 per cent YoY due to growth in these international markets," he said.

Centrum, founded in 1997, has a pan-India presence in 84 cities.

"We have also received an in-principle approval from

the DIFC to commence similar operations in Dubai from where we will be able to cater to the entire Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, another growing market" Bindra said.

As part of its overseas plans, Centrum has chosen these two geographies specifically for the sizeable Indian population, global acceptance and robust financial regulations there. The group is looking at building a client base in these geographies and eventually cross-sell its services of investment banking, institutional broking and alternative investment management.

Talking about the global plans, he said the next market will be the UK, again a market with strong contingent of Indian population.

Growth in global oil demand to slow from 2025, says IEA

NINA CHESTNEY
LONDON, NOV. 13

Growth in global oil demand is expected to slow from 2025 as fuel efficiency improves and the use of electric vehicles increases, but consumption is unlikely to peak in the next two decades, the International Energy Agency said on Wednesday.

The Paris-based IEA, which advises Western governments on energy policy, said in its annual World Energy Outlook for the period to 2040 that demand growth would continue to increase even though there would be a marked slowdown in the 2030s. The agency's central scenario - which incorporates existing energy policies and announced targets - is for demand for oil to rise by around 1 million barrels per day (bpd) on average

every year to 2025, from 97 million bpd in 2018.

Demand is then seen increasing by 0.1 million bpd a year on average during the 2030s to reach 106 million bpd in 2040.

"There is a material slowdown after 2025, but this does not lead to a definitive peak in oil use," the IEA said, citing increased demand from trucks and the shipping, aviation and petchem sectors.

The IEA has been criticised by groups concerned about climate change who say the outlook underplays the speed at which the world could switch to renewable energy and undermine efforts to keep rise in global temperatures within 1.5-2 degrees Celsius.

This year, the IEA renamed its main scenario "Stated Policies", instead of

"New Policies", to clarify that it reflects current policies. It is one of three scenarios used to show how energy demand could evolve over the next two decades.

This change is an improvement, said Joeri Rogelj of the Grantham Institute at Imperial College London.

But the IEA's most ambitious scenario "remains inconsistent with 1.5 C and several aspects of the Paris Agreement and doesn't present a scientifically consistent narrative", he added.

The IEA outlook sees primary energy demand growing by a quarter by 2040, with renewable energy accounting for half of the rise.

— Reuters

The IEA outlook sees primary energy demand growing by a quarter by 2040

Flexible office growth in non-metros globally may add \$254 bn by 2029

New Delhi, Nov. 13: Increasing migration of flexible office space and co-working locations to areas outside of major metropolitan cities globally could contribute over \$254 billion to local economies in the next decade, according to a study.

Flexible office operator Regus, the operating brand of International Workplace Group (IWG), conducted a study to analyze the socio-economic benefits for local economies by growth of flexible workspaces in secondary towns and cities, and in suburban locations of major cities in 19 countries.

These 19 countries are — Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Philippines, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, the UK and the US.

"The increasing migration of flexible office space and co-working locations to areas outside of major metropolitan cities globally is creating a 'flex economy' that could contribute more than \$254 billion to local economies in the next decade," Regus said.

It revealed that on average 121 new jobs are created in communities that contain a flexible workspace, with an extra \$9.63 million going directly into the local economy.

By 2029, the 'flex economy' in India is expected to contribute an annual value around \$14,663 million per annum (in terms of 2019 prices), of which about \$5,737 million per annum will be retained by local economies.

The study also predicts, there could be a total of over 9,79,000 people working at local flexible work-

spaces across India, providing net additional employment opportunities for local residents amounting to nearly 4,03,000 jobs.

"This rise in local working is being largely driven by big companies adopting flexible working policies, moving away from relying on a single, central HQ and increasingly basing employees outside of the major metropolitan hubs in flex spaces. Most are doing so to improve employee wellbeing by allowing their people to work closer to home, and also to save money and boost productivity," the statement said.

Across the 19 countries analysed, the average individual workspace sustains 218 jobs and in India, the average individual workspace sustains 235 jobs.

This includes temporary jobs created during the fitting-out stage too. —PTI

Global stocks sink after Trump speak

Beijing/Mumbai, Nov 13: Global stocks sank Wednesday after President Donald Trump threatened more tariff hikes on Chinese imports if talks aimed at ending a trade war fail to produce an interim agreement.

Market benchmarks in London, Frankfurt, Shanghai and Tokyo declined.

Trump said on Tuesday that an agreement on the "Phase 1" deal announced last month "could happen soon." But he warned he was ready to raise tariffs "very substantially" if that fails.

The two sides disagree publicly about whether Washington agreed to roll back some punitive tariffs imposed in the fight over Beijing's trade surplus and technology ambitions. The Chinese government said last week that was settled, but Trump denied that.

Trump's comments "served as a reminder of the challenge that the two sides face," said Jingyi Pan of IG in a report. However, she said, investors saw them as "positioning statements."

On Wednesday, US stocks sagged at the open. Investors were also digesting congressional testimony by US Fed Chair Jerome Powell, who predicted a "sustained expansion" but said trade frictions remain a threat.

About 10 minutes into the day's trading, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down less than 0.1 per cent.

In late morning deals, the London stock market index dropped by 0.7 per cent, Paris fell by 0.5 per cent and Frankfurt was off by 0.8 per cent.

In India, bourses saw a broad-based sell-off as weak macro data, stumbling rupee and confusion over US-China trade deal fanned investor worries.

The Sensex settled 229.02 points, or 0.57 points, lower at 40,116.06. The Nifty dropped 73 points, or 0.61 per cent, to close at 11,840.45. —Agencies

SpiceJet posts ₹463 crore quarterly loss

New Delhi, Nov 13: Low cost carrier SpiceJet on Wednesday reported a widening of loss to Rs 462.6 crore in the three months ended September, mainly hit by expenses related to grounding of Boeing 737 MAX planes and changes in accounting norms.

In the year-ago period, the airline's loss stood at Rs 389.4 crore.

Operating revenue rose to Rs 2,845.3 crore in the second quarter of the current financial year from Rs 1,874.8 crore in the same period a year ago.

The airline said the loss of Rs 462.6 crore in the latest September quarter was mainly on account of inflated costs with respect to MAX grounding and a seasonally weak quarter. —PTI

India imperils foreign investment with telecom cash grab

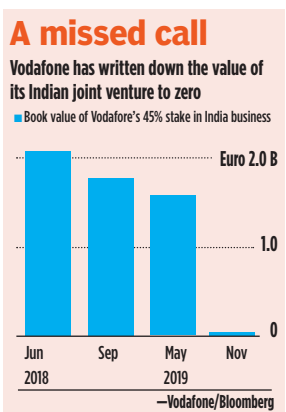
ANDY MUKHERJEE

For Kumar Mangalam Birla's textile-to-telecom empire, adversity is a 100-year-old companion. In 1919, when the Indian businessman's great-grandfather wanted to start a jute mill, the dominant British firm, Andrew Yule & Co., bought all the surrounding Calcutta land. The Imperial Bank, the forerunner of today's State Bank of India, initially refused Birla a loan.

The government of post-independence India stymied the Birla conglomerate with kindness. Soviet-style planning and state socialism protected the family's legacy licensed firms by keeping competition out. But they inhibited growth. Birla's father, Aditya Vikram, went

to Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines because he wasn't allowed to expand at home. "I for one fail to see where the concentration of economic power is: with the big business houses or with the government?" he wondered in 1979.

Fast forward 40 years, and the 52-year-old current Chairman of the group would be justified to reprise his late father's frustration. The liberalising spirit of the 1990s Indian economy has lost much of its force. After dismantling the license raj, a system of strict government-controlled production, and encouraging capitalism, New Delhi is gripped once more by a feverish statism that's making Birla's shareholders nervous. The slide began before Prime Minister Narendra Modi



came to power in 2014, and was one of the reasons why businesses backed his call for "minimum government, maximum governance." But five years later, relations between private enterprise and the government have

turned even testier.

Take telecommunications, the main source of investors' anxiety.

Ever since India opened up the state-run sector in the 1990s, the Aditya Birla Group has been an anchor investor. Partners like AT&T Inc., India's Tata Group, and Li Ka-shing's CK Hutchison Holdings Ltd. came and went, but Birla remained. Currently, the group owns 26 per cent of the country's largest mobile operator by subscribers, Vodafone Idea Ltd., with the British partner controlling 45 per cent. An Indian court last month directed this bruised survivor of a nasty price war to pay Rs 28,000 crore (\$4 billion) in past gov-

ernment fees, interest and penalties. Overall, India wants to gouge its shriveled telecom industry of \$13 billion. The fund-starved government expects operators to cough up more at 5G auctions next year.

How long can the Birla boss hang in? With Vodafone Idea saddled with losses and \$14 billion in net debt, should he even bother?

It's doubtful whether partner Vodafone Group Plc will linger. This isn't the first time it has been clobbered by unreasonable government demands. In 2012, India retrospectively changed its tax law to pursue a \$2.2 billion withholding tax notice against the UK firm. Seven years later, that dispute is far from

resolved, and the unit has now been slapped with a new bill.

In its half-yearly earnings reported on Tuesday in London, Vodafone fully wrote down the book value of its India operations, and warned that the unit could be headed for liquidation. Vodafone's 42 per cent stake in a separate cellular tower company in the country, once sold, will get used largely to pay off the loan it took to pump capital into the main telecom venture. After that, the UK firm will have a little over \$1 billion left to support Vodafone Idea, according to India Ratings & Research, a unit of Fitch Ratings. However, the India business would be required to find \$5.5 billion just for interest—and spectrum-related payments until

March 2022.

Out of the Indian group's 26 per cent in Vodafone Idea, about 11.6 per cent is held by Grasm Industries Ltd., and another 2.6 per cent is owned by Hindalco Industries Ltd. Hindalco, among the world's largest aluminum makers, is battling weak metals demand and a complicated takeover of the US-based Aleris Corp. The bulk of the burden of a telecom rescue — should there be one — would fall on Grasm. It acts as a holding company for Birla's cement and financial services businesses, apart from directly owning factories that churn out wood-based fibre and chemicals like caustic soda used in soap and detergent.

— Bloomberg



Bow
Slovakian Dominika Cibulkova has retired from tennis, at 30



We are like a family and all families have disagreements.
— Gareth Southgate, England coach, on Raheem Sterling's on-field spat with national teammate Joe Gomez

SHORT TAKES

Kabaddi World Cup from Dec. 1

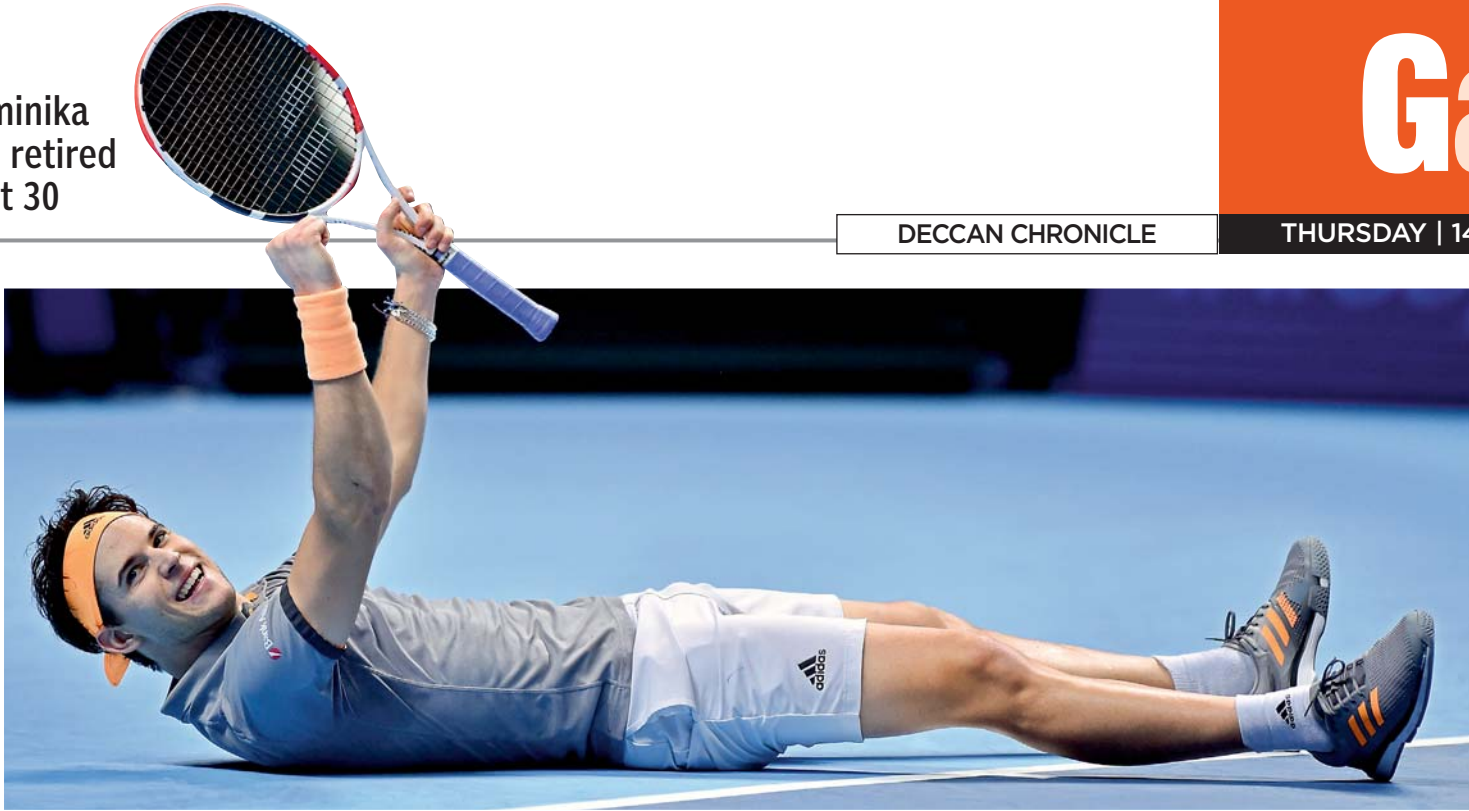
Chandigarh: The 2019 World Kabaddi Cup, to be organised by the Punjab government, will be held from December 1 to 9, state's Sports Minister Rana Gurmit Singh Sodhi said on Wednesday. He also said that this year's tournament would be dedicated to the 550th birth anniversary of Sikh guru, Guru Nanak Dev ji. Sodhi said nine teams — India, USA, Australia, England, Sri Lanka, Kenya, New Zealand, Pakistan and Canada — are expected to take part in the tournament. He, however, informed that Pakistan and Canada are yet to get clearance from the Indian government. "Barring, Pakistan and Canada, all teams have got NOC from the Central Government. The NOC with regard to these two countries is still awaited," he said in a statement. The inauguration of the event would be held on December 1 at Guru Nanak Stadium, Sultanpur Lodhi and four matches would be held that day. The closing ceremony would be held at the Shaheed Bhagat Singh Sports Stadium in Dera Baba Nanak. — PTI

IOA lines up one last shot at CGF

New Delhi: The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) will make a last-ditch effort to bring shooting back on the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games roster when it meets top officials of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) here on Thursday. The IOA brass, including President Narinder Batra and Secretary General Rajeev Mehta, along with Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju will meet CGF President Louise Martin and CEO David Grevenberg to protest shooting's exclusion from the CWG. Shooting has been dropped owing to logistical issues cited by the local organising committee. The meeting was agreed upon following IOA's proposal to the Sports Ministry in July, to boycott the Games over shooting's exclusion. "The main agenda of the meeting is shooting's exclusion from the Birmingham Games. We will strongly put forward our case before the CGF in front of the Sports Minister. We will try to explain it to them how India's medals tally will be affected by shooting's exclusion from the CWG," Mehta said. — PTI

INDIA WARM UP FOR COLD AFGHAN GAME

Dushanbe, Tajikistan: Struggling to find consistency in a winless campaign so far, the Indian football team needs nothing less than a win in its crunch World Cup qualifying round match against Afghanistan to be played in freezing temperatures here on Thursday. India began the second round of the qualifiers with a narrow 1-2 defeat to higher-ranked Oman before a memorable goalless draw against Asian champions Qatar in Doha in September. The good show in the first two matches raised hopes of a possible third round berth but a 1-1 draw against eastern neighbours Bangladesh in Kolkata on October 15 came as a dampener. Had it not been for Adil Khan's last-gasp header (88th minute), the home side would have disappointed the crowd. The team is now at fourth place in the Group 'E' with two points from three matches. With the runner-up in the five-team group not even assured of a third round slot, India cannot afford to lose against Afghanistan. The Afghans, who are 149th in FIFA rankings against India 106th position, are placed third in the group with one win and two losses. — PTI



Dominic Thiem of Austria celebrates his victory over Novak Djokovic of Serbia in their round-robin match at the ATP World Tour Finals tennis tournament at the O2 Arena in London on Tuesday. Thiem won 6-7, 6-3, 7-6. — AFP

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Thiem trumps Djokovic in ATP Finals thriller

London, Nov. 13: Dominic Thiem produced a scintillating display of attacking tennis to beat Novak Djokovic and qualify for the last four at the ATP Finals on Tuesday, leaving the Serbian facing a shootout against Roger Federer. In the standout match so far at London's O2 Arena, the Austrian fifth seed took the fight to the world number two, recovering from losing the first set to triumph 6-7 (5/7), 6-3, 7-6 (7/5). Earlier, Federer put himself back in the mix at the end-of-season event with a 7-6 (7/2), 6-3 win against Italian debutant Matteo Berrettini in their round-robin clash. Federer and Djokovic will face off on Thursday in a repeat of this year's Wimbledon final to determine who else will progress from Group Bjorn Borg. Thiem was forced to play high-stakes tennis against the 16-time Grand Slam winner, taking the breath away with some of his inside-out forehands and single-handed backhands. Forced to play at his limit, he hit 50 winners compared with Djokovic's tally of 27 but also racked up 44 unforced errors. "This was really one of these special matches, what I've practised all my life for, all my childhood for," Thiem said. "Really epic one in an amazing atmosphere, beating a legend of our



France's Fed Cup winning tennis team members Pauline Parmentier (from left), Caroline Garcia, Alize Cornet and Fiona Ferro pose with French President Emmanuel Macron (centre) and the trophy during a reception at the Elysee presidential palace in Paris on Tuesday. France beat Australia 3-2 in the final in Perth, Australia, on Sunday. — AFP

game. And also I've qualified for the semifinals, which is the best. "Coming back from 1-4 (down in the deciding tie-break) was a little bit of luck, but it was an unbelievable match and one I'll never forget. Novak is the best player in the world and I had to do something special," he said. In a captivating first set the players swapped a

break apiece but Djokovic, a five-time ATP Finals champion, edged the tie-break. Undaunted, Thiem broke his opponent at the first opportunity in the second set and, with Djokovic's errors, went on to level the match. Thiem also drew first blood in the decider but cracked in the sixth game as Djokovic levelled the match and appeared to

have engineered a switch in momentum. The Austrian successfully challenged at 30-30 in the 10th game after his forehand was ruled out, preventing a match point for Djokovic and he toughed it out to level at 5-5. He then broke Djokovic to love to earn a chance to serve for the match but stumbled and the decider went to a tie-break.

Still the drama was not finished. Thiem slipped to 4-1 down but battled back to win it on his second match point when Djokovic dumped a forehand into the net. Djokovic is hunting a sixth ATP Finals title to pull level with Federer's record and is also seeking to pip Rafael Nadal to the year-end number one ranking. — AFP

Big teams in fray as race for Euros gathers steam

Paris, Nov. 13: A thrilling crop of young players has Euro 2020 in its sights as the Netherlands prepare for a return to the big stage. Ronald Koeman's side need just a draw at Northern Ireland on Saturday to guarantee a spot at their first international tournament since coming third at the 2014 World Cup. The 56-year-old has revitalised his country's dormant national team with the help of a crop of young players who are putting a famous footballing nation back on the map. Rising stars including Frenkie de Jong, Donny van de Beek and Matthijs de Ligt have joined more experienced campaigners Virgil van Dijk,

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France vs Moldova from 1.15 am (Friday) on Sony TEN 1, HD

Northern Ireland's result to make sure of their place. France are among several big hitters also a hair's breadth away from the Finals. They might qualify before they even take the field against Moldova on Thursday, should third-placed Iceland not beat Group 'H' leaders Turkey. England can rubber stamp what has long looked to be certain qualification with a draw over winless Montenegro, with Gareth Southgate's side another one pushing young players to the forefront. Reigning European champions Portugal meanwhile will have the chance to defend their title with a win over Lithuania. — AFP



Joshua Kimmich takes part in a training session of the German team in Duesseldorf on Wednesday ahead of their Euro 2020 qualifier against Belarus on Sunday. — AFP

Killing fields! Drug cartels and their football kick

Bogota (Colombia), Nov. 13: Former Colombian footballer Faustino Asprilla has claimed a drug trafficker offered to murder ex-Paraguay goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert after an on-field clash between the South American pair. Speaking in a documentary about his life, due to be screened at the end of the week, Asprilla said the extraordinary offer came in 1997. That was just three years after Colombian defender Andres Escobar was gunned down in his home city of Medellin by suspected drug cartel members after scoring an own goal in a 1-2 defeat to hosts USA at the Fifa

World Cup Finals in 1994. "But you're mad! What will happen to Colombian football? It's not possible. No, no, no!" was Asprilla's response, the 50-year-old told the documentary makers. Asprilla and Chilavert had both been sent off during a World Cup qualifier in the Paraguayan city of Asuncion — won 2-1 by Paraguay — ahead of the 1998 tournament. Afterwards, Asprilla says he received a phone call from Julio Fierro, described by Colombia's attorney general's office as a drug trafficker, who invited him to a hotel in Asuncion along with fellow former Colombia

international Victor Hugo Aristizabal. There, Fierro was waiting for them "with 10 people, drunk, and with pure Paraguayan women." "We were annoyed because

we'd lost when the man arrived (and said) 'we need you to authorise these two guys to stay here in Paraguay, Asuncion, they want to go and kill that fatty Chilavert,'" said Asprilla. He told them that what hap-

pens on the pitch stays there and that the issue was over. But the "hitmen" insisted and asked him, "give us the order." Fierro's body was discovered in 2004 in what authorities believed to have been a settling of scores. The 1990s was a sorry period in Colombian football. Several teams, including America, Millonarios and Envigado received mafia funding and were duly punished for it. Before even Escobar was assassinated, the Colombian team had been threatened during the 1994 World Cup. Midfielder Gabriel Gomez left the tournament after playing

one match because threats were made against him and his family should he play in the second game against hosts the United States. The coach Francisco Maturana also received a death threat should he pick Gomez. The team's spokesman at the time said there was nothing uncommon about players receiving threats. Asprilla, known affectionately as "Tino," made his name in Europe for Italians Parma, winning the now-defunct European Cup Winners' Cup in 1993. Three years later he moved to Newcastle in the English Premier League. — AFP

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Sindhu, Prannoy sail; Saina loses

Hong Kong, Nov. 13: World Champion P. V. Sindhu made a positive start to her campaign but Saina Nehwal and Sameer Verma were ousted from the Hong Kong Open after suffering contrasting defeats in the opening round of the \$400,000 event here on Wednesday. Sixth seed Sindhu, who had faltered in the opening round in a couple of recent tournaments, took 36 minutes to see off World No.19 Kim Ga Eun of Korea 21-15, 21-16 to progress to the second round. The Olympic silver medalist will face Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrungphan next. H. S. Prannoy also crossed the opening hurdle, beating China's Huang Yu Xiang 21-17, 21-17 in 44 minutes to a clash with sixth seed Indonesian Jonatan Christie. However, eighth seed Saina, who claimed the Indonesia Masters in January this year, suffered her fifth first-round loss in the last six tournaments, going down 13-21, 20-22 to China's Cai Yan Yan for the

second successive time. She had lost to Cai at China Open last week. World No.16 Sameer fought for 54 minutes before going to Wang Tzu Wei of Chinese Taipei 11-21, 21-13, 8-21 in the opening match. It was his third successive loss in the opening round. Women's doubles pair of Ashwini Ponnappa and N. Sikki Reddy also couldn't cross the opening round, losing 13-21, 12-21 to Denmark's Maiken Fruergaard and Sara Thygesen. World No.6 Sindhu moved to a 8-4 lead early on but Kim managed to turn the tables, holding a 11-10 advantage at the breather. The Indian then reeled off six points at 13-13 to march ahead and seal the opening game. The second game was no different as Sindhu again broke off at 5-5, grabbing seven points on the trot to move to a massive 12-5 lead. The Indian kept moving ahead and eventually shut the door comfortably on her opponent. — PTI

PBL-5 TO BE PLAYED IN 4 CITIES FROM JAN. 20

New Delhi, Nov. 13: Some of the top shuttlers including World Champion P. V. Sindhu will be in action when the fifth edition of the Premier Badminton League (PBL), featuring eight teams, gets underway on January 20. The upcoming season which concludes on February 9 will be staged this time in Chennai, Delhi, Lucknow, and Bangalore. While Kidambi Srikanth-led Bengaluru Raptors had lifted the trophy in the last edition, Hyderabad Hunters, Chennai Smashers, Delhi Dashers, and Hyderabad Hotshots are the other past winners. "India's prowess in badminton has been re-established once again as Sindhu became the first Indian to become the world champion. Sai Praneeth also brought a men's singles medal after 36 years, signifying India's stupendous development in the sport. The fifth season of PBL will give badminton lovers a priceless opportunity to watch these champions live," said Himanta Biswa Sarma, President of BAI. — PTI

Gopi carries on as there's no reserve

Mumbai, Nov. 13: Chief national badminton coach Pullela Gopichand on Wednesday said the reason he continues to coach is that the players need him and there is still no succession plan in place. "Well, to be honest, the reason why I continue to coach and I am obsessed about it is also because I haven't had... I don't see the succession plan come by so easily, it is been tough," said Gopichand. "I wish, now.. to be honest, I feel it like a burden and a responsibility, I can't let go the kind of (performance) we have achieved and the players need me and that becomes a burden internally," he added. He was addressing a seminar 'EDGE 2019' on the theme 'The Power of One' organised by EdelGive Foundation. Gopichand has produced Olympic medallists including Saina Nehwal and P. V. Sindhu. "So in the last few years, I was silently talking to people, in the last few months I have been talking to the press a little loudly about the need for coach education, need for coaches to be empowered and a system to be in place. It is my selfish

desire to rest and relax," he added. The image of a "calm and composed" Gopichand sitting courtside during matches is quite familiar and he revealed that he never intends to put additional pressure on shuttlers when they are already under pressure. "When I am sitting behind the player, I consciously think that my pressure should not add to him, he is already in a pressure cooker," he said. Saying that winning and losing was part of the game, Gopichand said it was important to maintain equilibrium when it comes to displaying emotions. "In a tournament, I have 10 kids playing and six of them have lost on Day One, three of them have lost on Day Two, so if I start feeling bad and miserable each time they lost or feel excited each time they win, then it is not very healthy for me. It is important for me over the years to realise that winning and losing are part of the game. If you get too elated when you win, you will very feel lousy when you lose, just to control it and keep that equilibrium, is important," he stressed. — PTI



Nemesis

Australian legend Adam Gilchrist has described Harbhajan Singh as his nemesis, saying the Indian off-spinner was one of the toughest he faced during his international career



We are missing three players in two players. Shakib *bhai* is two players in one.

— Mominul Haque, Bangladesh captain

SHORT TAKES

Mominul ready for responsibility

Indore: He is new to captaincy but Bangladesh skipper Mominul Haque is confident that the added responsibility will not affect his batting, which will be crucial to his team's chances of upstaging an accomplished India in the Test series starting here on Thursday.

The 28-year-old Mominul has replaced Shakib Al Hasan, who was suspended for two years (one year suspended) by the ICC for failing to report multiple corrupt approaches. "I am not feeling pressure just because I have been appointed captain. The way I batted before captaincy, I will bat in the same way now," he said. "I always try to think about the positive aspects. There are a few positives in being captain as well. Your knowledge about the game increases. You tend to become more responsible as a player. So I think, it will help me improve my performance," he added. Mominul feels that since expectations from his side are not particularly high, the pressure is also a bit less. Asked about India's pace bowling might, Mominul said: "India is such a team that they can challenge different opponents in different ways. — PTI

Pooran banned for ball-tampering

Dubai: West Indies wicketkeeper-batsman Nicolas Pooran was on Wednesday handed a four-match suspension after admitting to ball-tampering in the third ODI against Afghanistan, an offence for which he also issued a public apology. Pooran will now miss the next four T20 International games for the West Indies and will have five demerit points added to his record. The game in question took place in Lucknow on Monday. "Nicolas Pooran has been handed four suspension points after admitting breaching level 3 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel..." the International Cricket Council said in a statement. "Pooran was charged with violating Article 2.14 of the code, which relates to 'changing the condition of the ball' after video footage showed him scratching the surface of the ball with his thumbnail," it added. Pooran admitted the offence on Tuesday and accepted the sanction proposed by match referee Chris Broad. "I recognise that I made an extreme error in judgement and I fully accept the ICC penalty. I want to assure everyone that this is an isolated incident and it will not be repeated," Pooran stated. "I want to issue a sincere apology to my teammates, supporters and the Afghanistan team for what transpired on the field of play." — PTI

Boult to play for Mumbai Indians

New Delhi: New Zealand fast bowler Trent Boult will play for Mumbai Indians in next year's Indian Premier League while domestic pacer Ankit Rajpoot will represent Rajasthan Royals after they were successfully traded by their respective franchises. According to an IPL statement, Boult will play for Mumbai Indians after being traded by his current team Delhi Capitals, while Rajpoot has been traded successfully by Kings XI Punjab. Boult made his IPL debut in 2014 and played for Delhi Capitals in the 2018 and 2019 season. He has 38 IPL wickets from 33 games. Rajpoot, a right-arm fast bowler who joined KXIP in 2018, has played 23 IPL matches and has 22 wickets in his kitty. — PTI

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David vs Goliath

Ruthless India look to overpower Bangla as first Test begins today



Indore, Nov. 13: The action begins with the red cherry but the focus is firmly on the pink ball as a formidable India looks to overpower a depleted-but-gritty Bangladesh in the first Test of a two-match series starting here on Thursday.

The rubber opens here but the buzz and the talk has been consistently centered on the second game in Kolkata, which will be played under lights — a historic first for both the teams. This is also that one series in the World Test Championship calendar, in which Virat Kohli's men, currently in the "pink of form", can steamroll the rag-tag opposition well inside four days.

In fact, on paper, it is difficult to imagine how Bangladesh, without Tamim Iqbal and the suspended Shakib Al Hasan, will even be able to compete in a format, which has been their weakest till date. Having crushed South Africa in their last series, this Indian team, with invariably their greatest-ever pace unit till date, will definitely be too hot to handle for a side whose best batsman — skipper Mominul Haque — has less than 10 Test hundreds (eight).

Although Mushfiqur Rahim and Mahmudullah Riyad are committed cricketers but in the longest for-

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mat, they aren't exactly formidable names. Compare that to India's premier willow wielders — Kohli (26 hundreds), Ajinkya Rahane (11), Cheteshwar Pujara (18). They have 50 plus ton collectively and it will be one hell of a task for the Mustafizur Rahmans, Taijul Islams and Mehidy Hasan Mirajs to stop this line-up.

And before these three even come into play, Bangladesh will have to deal with openers Mayank Agarwal and the indomitable Rohit Sharma, who can make mincemeat of their bowling attack.

Add to it, India's bowling unit with 800-plus scalps, this is one contest where the 'David' looks incapable of slaying the proverbial 'Goliath'. Not to forget that Bangladesh, in their last Test match under the mercurial Shakib's leadership, lost to Afghanistan in a one-off game. Shakib was ousted

from this series owing to a two-year suspension for failing to report corrupt approaches to the ICC.

The Indians, however, do not want to take anything for granted. "Bangladesh is a very good team. We played very well against South Africa but that's past now. With (World) Test Championship, every match is equally important," vice-captain Rahane said. — PTI

THE SQUADS

India (from): Rohit Sharma, Mayank Agarwal, Cheteshwar Pujara, Virat Kohli (captain), Ajinkya Rahane, Ravindra Jadeja, Wriddhiman Saha (wk), Ravichandran Ashwin, Mohammed Shami, Umesh Yadav, Ishant Sharma, Kuldeep Yadav. Reserves: Shubman Gill, Hanuma Vihari, Rishabh Pant.
Bangladesh: Mominul Haque (captain), Imrul Kays, Mushfiqur Rahim (wk), Mahmudullah Riyad, Mohammed Mithun, Liton Kumar Das, Mehidy Hasan Miraj, Mustafizur Rahaman, Naeem Hasan, Saif Hasan, Shadman Islam, Taijul Islam, Abu Jayed, Ebadot Hossain, Al Amin Hossain.

INDIA-BANGLADESH IN TESTS

Venue	Played	Ind won	Ban won	Drawn
In Bangladesh	8	6	-	2
In India	1	1	-	-
Total	9	7	-	2

HIGHEST INNINGS TOTALS

India 687/6 decl. at Hyderabad 2016-17
Bangladesh 400 at Bangabandhu Stadium, Dhaka 2000

LOWEST INNINGS TOTALS

India 243 at Chittagong 2010
Bangladesh 91 at Bangabandhu Stadium, Dhaka 2000

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORES

India 248* Sachin Tendulkar at Dhaka 2004
Bangladesh 158* Mohammed Ashraf at Chittagong 2004

BEST BOWLING IN AN INNINGS

India 7-87 Zaheer Khan at Mirpur, Dhaka 2004
Bangladesh 6-132 Naim-ur-Rehman at Dhaka 2000

BEST BOWLING IN A MATCH

India 11-96 Irfan Pathan at Mirpur, Dhaka 2004
Bangladesh 7-174 Shakib Al Hasan at Chittagong 2010

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INTERESTING TO SEE HOW PINK BALL BEHAVES WITH DEW: KOHLI

Indore, Nov. 13: The pink ball swings more than the red one but how it would behave after getting old, especially when dew will be a factor, is keeping India skipper Virat Kohli intrigued ahead of team's historic day-night Test against Bangladesh.

The pink ball Test is still a few days away but Kohli, on the eve of the series-opener, was busy answering questions related to the second Test starting November 22.

"I think it's a new way to bring excitement to Test cricket. The pink ball I played yesterday, I felt it swings a lot more as compared to the red ball

because there's extra lacquer (quote of paint) on the ball which doesn't go away too fast. And the seam holds upright quite a bit," the skipper's initial observation seemed in sync with what his deputy Ajinkya Rahane had assessed.

"If the pitch has extra help for the bowlers, then they will be in the game, especially fast bowlers throughout the course of the Test match. I don't know how the old ball behaves because with the dew and the lacquer going off, it will be interesting to see how much the old ball does," he said. — PTI

Tilak thumps ton; Harsh makes it double in league

Abhirath, Shaswat and Rajat also do well

DC CORRESPONDENT
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Promising batsman N. Thakur Tilak Varma, Shaswat Rawat, M. Abhirath Reddy and Rajat Dey hit centuries in the BCCI matches while, Harshwardhan Singh batted exceptionally well to score a double century in a Hyderabad Cricket Association's two-day league match here.

In the men's Under 19 Challenger, Tilak of India 'B' slammed 101 off 106 balls smashing 10 boundaries and three sixes to lead his side to a seven-wicket victory over India 'C', for whom Shaswat hit 129 off 119 balls.

Replying to India C's 229 in 47.2 overs, the 'B' side made 230 for 3 in 42.3 overs.

In another match, India 'A' posted 247 in 48.2 overs and later restricted Nepal U-19 to 140 for 9 in 50 overs.

Abhirath was the other centurion. In the BCCI U-23 one-day trophy, he hit 102 off 79 balls as Hyderabad made 323 for 6 in 50 overs against Tripura for whom Rajat hit 187 off 119 balls as the team posted 322 for 5 in 50 overs. Hyderabad won by four wickets.

In a BCCI women's U-23



Tilak Varma



Harsh

T20 trophy match, D. Ramya of Hyderabad hit 52 not out to lead her side to victory against CA Pondicherry. Replying to Pondicherry's 73 for 7 Hyderabad made 76 for 1. In an HCA two-day league match, Harshwardhan hit an unbeaten 201 off 252 balls with 27 boundaries and two sixes as Brothers XI (408) thrashed Osmania (177).

Brief scores:

UNDER-19 CHALLENGER

■ India U-19 'C' 229 in 47.2 overs (Shaswat Rawat 129 — 119b), Vikrant Singh 41, Kumar Kushagara 28, Akash Singh 3/38, Aaqib Abdullah 2/44, Nirmal Kumar 2/37, Atharva Ankolekar 2/53) lost to India U-19 'B' 230/3 in 42.3 overs (N. Thakur Tilak Varma 101 — 106b, 10x4, 3x6), Yash Dhull 86, Divyansh Joshi 22 n.o., Vidyadhar 2/27).

■ India U-19 'A' 247 in 48.2 overs (Yashasvi Jaiswal 33, Sai Bharadwaj 34, Dhruv Jurel 74, K. Nitish Kumar 30, Kritigya Singh 26,

Akash Chand 2/30, Sheer Malla 3/54) bt Nepal U-19 140/9 in 50 overs (Bishal Bikram 71, K. Nitish Kumar 2/21, Sameer Rizvi 2/24).

UNDER-23 ONE-DAY

■ Tripura 322/5 in 50 overs (Bikram Kumar 50, Rajat Dey 187 — 135b), Subham 50, Mickil Jaiswal 2/22) lost to Hyderabad 323/6 in 50 overs (M. Abhirath Reddy 102 — 79b), A. Sai Pranay 47, T. Santosh Goud 69, Rahul Baddhi 33, C. Hitesh Yadav 35 n.o., Subham 2/57, Bikram Kumar 2/45).

Points: Hyderabad 4, Tripura 0.

VIJAY MERCHANT TROPHY Day-2:

■ Hyderabad 261 in 87.5 & 46/3 in 18 overs vs Tamilnadu 127 in 74.2 overs (Wafar 39, Md Sikander 35, Pranay Varma 3/20, Nitin Sai Yadav 2/19, Ashwad Rajiv 2/25).

TWO-DAY LEAGUE

■ Brothers XI 408/9 in 90 overs (Harshwardhan Singh 201 n.o — 252b, 27x4, 2x6) bt Osmania 177 in 31.2 overs (Anish Rao 78, M. Manikant 39 n.o., George Hestern 3/35, Aliga Nitin 4/85). Points: Brothers XI 4, Osmania 0.

WOMENS UNDER-23

■ CA Pondicherry 73/7 in 20 overs (G. Trisha 2/6, Varsha 3/15) lost to Hyderabad 76/1 in 11.1 overs (D Ramya 52 n.o.). Points: Hyderabad 4, CA Pondicherry 0.

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